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STRENGTH

Current Unit Strength: 20
Projected Losses: 0/ **Projected Gains:** 1
Projected Unit Strength: 21

DRILL

Saturday 11 June

UNIFORM – ACU's w Patrol Cap

1100-1105 ALL	First Formation
1105-1130 ALL	Prep and Movement to Parade Site
1130-1200 ALL	Parade Staging/Prep
1200-1415 ALL	Security
1415-1530 ALL	March in Parade
1530-1550 ALL	Movement to Amory
1550-1600 ALL	Final Formation
1600 ALL	Dismissal

FUTURE EVENT/DRILL DATES

24-31 JUL – Fundraiser, EAA Airventure Parking
 15-18 AUG – Drill, TBA
 17 SEP – Fundraiser, Quarry Quest Parking
 18 SEP – Open House, Recruiting/in-processing
 26-30 OCT, Schools, Basic Cadet Training,
 19-20 NOV, Drill, Nuclear Biological Chemical Training
 22 NOV, Event, Appleton Christmas Parade, Security and Marching
 17-18 DEC, Drill, Combatives, First Aid (Combat Lifesaver Course)
 18 DEC, Event, Wisconsin Army Cadets Holiday Party

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Greetings Strykers! We are heading into our summer months and that means we start into fundraising mode. Please note the dates for EAA and Quarry Quest. These events generate a large portion of our funding. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to assist at these events. Anyone over the age of 14 can help. Both are a great time! We will be distributing a sign up for the fundraisers soon. We will also be releasing all the required forms within the coming month. We do plan on having a drill in August this year but the dates/times are still undetermined. I apologize for this as I know it is inconvenient. We are planning a special event for August and will get this information out as soon as we can. Please continue your efforts of introducing new youth to the program. I have been getting calls all week from parents asking questions so whatever you are doing is working! Keep it up. Look forward to a great summer.

BRIGADE COMMANDER – COL Brian Blahnik

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California Sister Unit

Just this past month COL Blahnik and LTC Grimm were invited to come to Indio CA to share program experiences and operations with the Army Cadets of California, Indio which is a former unit of the US Army Cadet Corps, the program our unit withdrew from this past year. The Army Cadets of California, Indio is a unit of approximately 48 Cadets and Officers housed out of the CA National Guard armory in Indio, California, a small town sitting in the desert next to the San Andreas Fault Line.

During their time in California they exchanged program ideas, concepts and materials. COL Blahnik and LTC Grimm had a chance to speak with many of the units personnel learning about their structure and local environment. Both units operate on a very similar platform which lends to the ability to share common elements between the programs. The option of a future Cadet exchange with our sister unit in California is a distinct possibility. We look forward to sharing and working with the California Cadets.



Jefferson Award Announcement

We are very proud to announce that LTC David Grimm was recently awarded the Jefferson Award for Public Service, a prestigious national & local recognition honoring community and public service in America. Started by Jacqueline Kennedy Onasis, Senator Robert Taft Jr. and Sam Beard in 1972 this award was presented to recognize LTC Grimm's service in the Wisconsin Army Cadets for the past 18 years. Nominated by Verizon Wireless for his efforts with Cadetting, LTC Grimm received a plaque and certificate for his years of hard work. Congratulations to LTC Grimm, this was well deserved!

BRIGADE COMMANDER CONTINUED**Armed Forces Weekend**

THANK YOU Cadets & Officers for your hard work this past Armed Forces Weekend at Fort McCoy. The unit supported Armed Forces Day at Fort McCoy by providing the ever popular grenade obstacle course which included a grenade toss, 100 foot running and crawling course and plenty of smoke and sound effects. Over 400 youth ran the course during the day while Cadets provided motivation and supervision. In addition, we hosted an indoor display that promoted our program and provided information on how to join. The Cadets enjoyed a pizza dinner and bowling at the end of the day.

S1 - PERSONNEL – LTC Dave Grimm
Email: N/A**FROM THE PERSONNEL OFFICER**

The transition from USAC to WIARC was pretty seamless in regards to training, but the paperwork is still in progress. Auditing of each personnel file has begun to ensure that everything is up to date and that it reflects the our program. I will be sending out letters to the parents if there anything is needed. So far, I have notice some incomplete forms and a few signatures here and there.

THIS MONTHS HIGHLIGHT: MEDICALS

It is very important that the medical form is updated yearly. This form is required to be completed by a licensed physician or practitioner yearly. This form is required to be notarized by our unit by-laws. To ensure that the immediate and proper care is provided without parental presence, please have these forms notarized. Since each State differs in this law, the notary will support any out-of-state treatment as well. Your financial institution will usually perform this service free of charge.

Furthermore, when listing allergies on the medicals, please be specific. Listing something as "allergic to insect bites" will not suffice. Does this include mosquitoes? Our youth will be participating in events where they will be introduced to various vegetations, insects, foods, etc. Food allergies should be listed item by item. Our staff and parents prepare meals for our youth and need to know if an alternate meal should be created or planned.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

S4 - LOGISTICS – 2LT Bryan Winker
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We will be performing an inventory of the conex shortly in preparation for summer fundraising events. If you would like to help please contact myself or Cadet Jensen. Also please go through your gear and ensure you have everything you are supposed to. We have our summer events coming and you need to make sure you are outfitted properly. If you are missing equipment or were never issued something please contact your first line leaders so they can compile a list and we can take care of these deficiencies.

PROMOTIONS –

The following cadets are eligible for promotion based on time in grade and time in service requirements. All you need is a passing record APFT, knowledge test and if applicable a board of review

Miller
Rusch
Casper
Jolly
McCrary
Weber

Please contact your first line leader to setup a time for testing/board

EXPLORING –**Fall Exploring Rendezvous**
September 17th and 18th

Gardner Dam Camp, White Lake Wisconsin

This 2 day event is open to all Explorers and will be a fun-filled experience with activities such as Ultimate Frisbee and dodgeball competitions, geo caching, kayaking, mountain biking and ropes/COPE course. A dinner and dance will be held Saturday evening including a bonfire. Sunday breakfast and lunch provided. All Posts must have at least 2 leaders who are 21+ years of age in attendance.

Check-in is from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday; check-out is noon on Sunday. Medical forms must accompany each person upon arrival. Travel permits should be turned in with registration by September 1.

Contact Sarah Graper at 920-734-5705 ext 141 or sgraper@lflmail.org with questions.

FINANCE – Tracy Blahnik
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Thank you to those cadets and families that have paid their enrollments fees in full. Cadets with remaining balances will personally be contacted over the next few weeks.

PARENT COMMITTEE – Missy Casper
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Hello Parents,

June 11th is coming up quickly; it's the Appleton Flag Day Parade. The cadets will be providing security and a minimum of 15 people are needed so we really need your help. Please set aside this date and make sure your cadet is there. Contact me with any questions you may have. Captain Winker is also in the process of putting together some publicity materials at the armory. If you have any photographs of our cadets within the last year you can upload them onto our gallery at the cadet website www.gocadets.org.

Can you believe another summer is upon us and yes, it's time to start thinking about EAA. As some of you are aware, it is a huge undertaking and one of our largest fundraisers. For this reason we need many volunteers to help park cars, make meals, and supervise. EAA is during the week of July 25th - July 31st so please keep these dates available. If your cadet is not yet 14 years old; we could still use your help. (14 year olds cannot park cars but can help in other ways) The more volunteers we have, the more money we make. Please start asking relatives and friends if they would be willing to volunteer for a day or even a few hours. We are in the process of inventorying the materials we have so we have a better understanding of what we need. Details will follow at the next parent meeting at the end of June.

Thank you again for all you do to help make our cadet unit one of the best in the nation. Your involvement continues to strengthen this organization and your continued support is appreciated more than you know. See you on June 11th at the Flag Day Parade.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION – 2LT Jeremy Rose
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No new information at this time.

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The obstacle course that was set up at Armed Forces Day continues to be a big draw, not only for the younger kids, but also for some of the parents too. This has been another successful event, supported by the Fox Valley Army Cadets.

Thanks to all of you for your dedication to be there to help support this yearly event, and your hard work to make this happen.

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