Welcome back to your second subscription of the Soaring Warrior! In this edition we will go over some of the highlights of October as well as talk about some things to come.

Welcome Back Detachment 205!
Throughout the weekend of October 11-13, cadets of Arnold Air Society, Harper Squadron Detachment 205 attended the Area 7 Area Conclave (YOUBETCHACON 2013) hosted by cadets of Arnold Air Society, Fleming Squadron Detachment 410 of The University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. Over 100 students and cadets traveled to the Southern Illinois Region to help both Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings convene, discuss, and plan a multitude of things including Community Service Projects, Recruiting and Awareness Events, as well as the status of Area 7. Furthermore, we had the distinct pleasure of meeting and speaking with distinguished guests such as Lt. Col. Musselman and Major General (Ret.) Barry about their different Air Force careers and leadership experiences. ARCON was a fun experience that offered many networking opportunities with cadets from other detachments and many new learning opportunities.
Recruiting

BY: Cadet Hess

Recruiting is one of the most important jobs at this detachment and also the easiest to get involved with. It’s important because we need to maintain a steady flow of cadets coming into AFROTC and ultimately the Air Force in general. So far we have had 11 recruiting events at both SIU and SEMO leaving numerous people interested in the ROTC program. At a single event we may have as many as 20 people come up and talk to us. Of those 20 people, about 10 are usually very interested in ROTC and the military. Thankfully, we now have a large, and organized recruiting team of 30 cadets who are all eager to talk to others about ROTC.

For the first time in the history of our detachment we have our very own recruiting officer LT. Landon. LT. Landon has been helping to improve our recruiting efforts, taking a more quality over quantity approach to recruiting. Taking this approach means that there will be less recruiting opportunities this semester. To compensate for this, the requirement for the recruiting ribbon has been reduced from 5 events to 3. More events are being planned for November including local high schools. Hometown recruiting is also something we hope to see more of as the semester progresses. Hometown recruiting consists of cadets going back to the high school they graduated from and talk to friends about ROTC.
We hope to have at least 11 more events by the time the semester is over. If anyone has any ideas for future events feel free to contact me or my two assistants C/Scott and C/Johnson.
Field Training Exercise

BY: Cadet Atkisson

This year our detachment hosted another FTX training. This years FTX was a little different than the previous trainings. Focusing on the skills you will need to be successful at Field Training, there were several stations that required a lot of leadership skills, such as the patrol, land navigation, and the motor to name a few. Every station was geared toward making you a better cadet and preparing you for what it will be like at Field Training, and during active duty. Below are a few pictures from FTX that show our cadets in action.

Here you see GMC taking aim at their fellow POC in the Motor Station

Cadets on the Patrol get ambushed and come on line
Cadets on the IED walk run into some suspicious characters out in the woods.

LUNCH TIME! Time to feed the army of cadets

Cadets celebrate after completing the Truck Pull Challenge
GMC Vs. POC Football Game

BY: Cadet Atkisson

Incase you missed it, this month we had the legendary GMC Vs. POC Football Game. Both GMC and POC teams clash on the field once again to see who will reign supreme. This year the GMC put on quite a show, but yet again the POC adapted and over came the GMC to win the game. It was a close game and both teams had to work hard for every touchdown. Below are some pictures of the action that took place.
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I've got it stuck in my head, sir.

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Dude, the microwave in the break room is on fire!

There's a fire extinguisher in there! Use it!

I would, but my online training for that expired a month ago and I haven't been able to recomplete it.
Encouraging Words from the Wing Commander
BY: Cadet Welch

Can you believe how fast the semester has flown, we only have 3 LLabs left after today! We've done a great job and have accomplished many things this semester. I want to share some stats that prove our Wing is a force to be reckoned with. As of Oct 28 we've presented colors for over 15 events including the Rams/Packers game in STL and we've marched in 3 parades. The Aerospace Club has raised over 150 dollars, we procured a new printer and new computers (coming soon). Cadets, for the first time took inventory of the stock in the dungeon. We've held over 45 PT sessions and our PFA Average as a Wing is 92.91. I'm so impressed with the Wing and I am proud to be your commander!
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