Editor’s Note:

This would not have been possible without the fearless cadets of Det. 255. With one Flightline under our belt and another in the near future, we are excited to see what the cadets can bring to the table in the second half of the semester. Due to the abundance of topics, we hope we have hit the key points and interests of our readers as well as highlighted the best parts of the first half of Spring 2018 at Det. 255.

From your Public Affairs Officer and Staff:
Cadet Stephanie Bries, Cadet Kalli Christensen, and Cadet Evan Carmean
Change of Command happens twice a year at the end of each semester. It is a chance for a new Wing Commander to step up, with a new staff, to bring changes to the Detachment while allowing it to run smoothly. As the Wing Commander promotes, all active cadets find themselves in new jobs and training opportunities to aid in the growth of the Detachment alongside their fearless leader.

To become the Cadet Wing Commander, all POC eligible apply and then board and interview for the position. After deliberation Cadre make the final decision and cadets attend a Change of Command and Awards Ceremony during the last LLAB of the semester where Flights and outstanding Cadets are recognized, and the new Wing Commander takes command.

Cadet Theulen

Fall Semester

Post Semester Thoughts:
“For me personally the semester went about how I expected it to go. The job taught me so much that I know I’ll use in the coming years, and I’m so grateful that I was given the opportunity to do it. There were a few speed bumps along the road that was last semester, but my staff and I were able to get over them. I was happy with the changes that I made, and to see the progress that I helped build.”

Det. 255’s Ranking for the Semester:
“Within the AFROTC Northwest Region, Det 255 placed pretty averagely. The thing with the rankings is that they just evaluate quantitative data (PFA and GPA). While I think we should always be working to do better within the rankings, there are other aspects of the det that I know we’d place very well in if they could be measured. An example that comes to mind is the culture within our cadet wing. There are dets I’ve seen or heard about where the POC will not interact with the GMC outside of PMT, and even then it’s a very locked-on environment. At Det 255, ever since I’ve joined, I’ve always felt like there’s been a good relationship with the POC/GMC.”

Cadet Straughn

Spring Semester

Goals for Upcoming Semester:
“My goal for this semester is to really empower the GMC and 300s into making their own decisions and to own where they are at. I think we all have the tendency to get caught up in what positions we are in for the semester or what our jobs are or who we’re in charge of. In the real world, you don’t always get to choose your dream job or who you’re in charge of or who you report to. You DO, however, use the same skills in each of those situations: communication, making decisions and sticking to those decisions, working under the pressure of deadlines and suspenses, working with difficult or unmotivated people, embracing workplace culture, etc. I want people walking away this semester feeling confident in their abilities to start working on being a better them no matter the circumstances. I also really want to increase our PFA average and increasing our rank in the region. C/Wagner has been killing the PT game, so I’m eager to see where we stand in April!”

Current Semester Progress:
“I think the first month and a half of the semester has been going pretty well. I have some awesome people on Wing Staff that not only excel in their jobs, but also do a great job at giving me advice or offering their perspective. It’s extremely important that leaders be able to have a wide view perspective, not just tunnel visioned in their job. I also have to give a HUGE shoutout to the 100s, 200s, and 300s that make this detachment run. C/Schmidt and I are your "Top 2," but we just provide our oversight and make sure things run smooth. You guys are the ones that make it actually happen. It doesn’t happen without you guys. I’m really excited to see how everyone grows this semester, especially the 300s. They’re the big dogs next semester, so I’m eager to see them grow into our "senior" leaders by May!”
Cyclone Awards

The Cyclone is an award given weekly to a person who is voted by the Detachment for having the most embarrassing moment in the week. Voting takes place during LLab on Thursday mornings. Moments nominated and voted on can be anything appropriate that happens in the week, in PT, LLab, around the Detachment, or anything done by a Cadet that is seen by another Cadet.

Week 2 - Cadet Patrone
Won because of a marching mistake. Called a column right and the AS100 class marched right while he turned left.

Week 3 & 4 - Cadet Theulen
Our previous Wing Commander can't seem to catch a break, winning the Cyclone award two weeks in a row. For the first week, he won with an embarrassing PT joke, while the next week he won because he didn't own up to the first moment and wear the shirt for the week of PT sessions.

Those Who Came Before

This edition of the Flightline features a short biography of an Air Force UIowa Alumni. Featured in this edition is General Horner. To see more about some notable Iowa Alumni who are in the Air Force, check out our Facebook page at "University of Iowa AFROTC".

General Horner:
General Horner was Commander in Chief of North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U.S. Space Command and Commander of Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. He also oversaw defending airspace for the United States of America and Canada and was in command for the United States and their allies Air assets throughout the course of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. General Horner is a University of Iowa Alumni who graduated from our Detachment in 1958 and earned his pilot wings in the fall of 1959. He was awarded with 12 different Major Awards.

Education:
1976 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington D.C.

1974 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington D.C.

1972 Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk VA

1972 Master of business administration degree, College of William and Mary in Williamsburg VA

1967 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB in Atlanta GA

1958 Bachelor of Arts degree, University of Iowa in Iowa City IA