Veteran’s Day Vigil

This past Veteran’s Day, the Wing took part in one of our greatest and most respected traditions – the Veteran’s Day Vigil. Everyone from cadets, to commanders, to commandants stood guard over the Rock for an entire twenty-four hours to honor those who have served from this University. At all times, at least two cadets proudly stood guard on upper quad to uphold this tradition.

Every year Robert Femoyer Service Squadron organizes this event by setting up the schedule, and getting the volunteers from Detachment 875. Even some of the ROTC cadre and Corps of Cadets Commandants Staff participated.

The Rock represents the Corps’ pride in our alumni who have served their country. It has eleven names from those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. In fact, all cadets salute the Rock as we pass it out of reverence for the heroes who have come from this University.

We are all proud of the history that it represents and the traditions that we uphold with it. Being able to guard the memorial of those who have gone before us reminds us why we work so hard to become the best possible officers. We are proud to have come together to guard the memorial of our veterans.
There is very little that is more motivational than Wing PT events, such as this year’s extremely successful Halloween Run. This event combined ingenuity, holiday spirit, and PT in a creative outlet to test the bravery of Det. 875.

Overall, it was a great time for everyone involved. The wing was challenged to complete a distance run at night, whilst being chased and scared by frightening zombies, killer clowns, and demon children. There were even iconic movie characters such as Leatherface, Mike Myers, and Jason Voorhees. Events like this would not be possible if it was not for the responsive volunteers as well as those willing to organize fun challenges. This allows the wing to step out of the normal PT routine.

Morale boosting experiences such as this run are valuable because it helps make the Wing a tight-knit group of cadets. This is why Detachment 875 is so great! Here’s to more exciting PT challenges to come!

Det. 875 proved themselves to truly be the best alive by receiving the #1 Large Detachment award in the Nation this semester! We came in top for production with commissioning 40 2LTs and 5 Distinguished Graduates. Thanks to our PFO’s and everyone’s hard work at PT, we also got first in PFA scores among senior military colleges. Academically, we came in with an average GPA of 3.197, another score to top other detachments. This is no easy task, and everyone in the wing should be proud of the accomplishments they have made individually and especially what we’ve accomplished collectively.

While the hard work of the cadets helped us get here, this wouldn’t be possible without the guidance of our cadre. None of these accomplishments could have been made without their continuous commitment and support. We have been extremely fortunate as cadets to have leaders who don’t just set the example, but give guidance in developing ourselves as future officers.

However, the work doesn’t stop here; we should take pride in our accomplishments while continuing to strive for excellence in all that we do. There’s always more work to do in Det. 875!
High Morale at Dining-In  C/ Kelly

On the evening of 14 November, Detachment 875 got together for a fun filled night at the biannual combat Dining-In. Cadets braved cold temperatures and formed up for the warrior run to the Virginia Tech Airport. Despite the cold, cadets arrived full of motivation and high spirits. They dressed to look tacti-cool with their LBVs, Kevlar, and face paint.

Once at the hangar, the detachment was given a very motivational and informative speech by a retired Army colonel, Brian Lindamood. His speech put into perspective the sincerity of the business that we will be a part of in the near future through his experience in the Army.

Afterwards, an arm wrestling competition and mechanical bull provided a time for fierce competition and good camaraderie. While eating some delicious burritos, cadets Stone and Shumate did an outstanding job roasting the commissioning cadets. One of the biggest hits of the night was the lip syncing battle that had cadets representing their respective squadrons, and the cadre staff showing the detachment their hidden talents. Overall many months of planning by C/Warrell and his staff paid off with a great night of fun.

Highlight: C/ Brenderabrandis  C/ Ragan

This month we’re excited to recognize C/ Brenderabrandis as part of our Cadet Highlights for his amazing effort of organizing the incredibly successful Kipp’s Elementary School service projects! C/ Brenderabrandis is a member of RFSS who works as the Service Coordinator. Aside from these two projects, he’s also organized five others throughout this semester as well.

The Kipp’s Elementary School service projects started with their fall festival. C/ Brenderabrandis worked with teachers from the school, and organized the countless number of volunteers from the wing. Cadets helped with certain activities at the festival having a lot of interactions with the kids. Then, C/ Brenderabrandis got a second response from the school to help with their book fair because of the great work done during the festival! Again, C/ Brenderabrandis was quick to get the wing excited about the opportunity and organize volunteers for another great event. Both parents and teachers were amazed at the overwhelming and incredible help from Det. 875.

C/ Brenderabrandis’s hard work epitomizes the Air Force’s core value “service before self”. Thanks to his efforts, he was able to extend amazing opportunities to the wing while giving back to the community. Keep up the great work, and continue to pursue excellence!