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October 10 marked a very important day on the Wing’s first semester calendar: Warrior Day.

It was a day chock-full of learning and progression as leaders for the AS100 and AS200 cadets. The primary objectives that cadets were tasked with were an assortment of knowledge tests and leadership problems in fields that are essential knowledge for future Air Force Officers. Some stations worked in technical areas, while others involved the need for a creative leader to step up and conduct the flight through a formidable problem. The day was designed for GMC to step up and be these creative leaders necessary for each station, and it was a massive success from this aspect. Captain McGan spoke to the AS100s, stating how pleasantly surprised she was to see many of them step up and welcome these leadership roles. Colonel Torrens stated that what he saw was not necessarily surprising, but rather we performed at a high level as he expected. High standards are set for future Air Force Officers, and it is our jobs as cadets to uphold these standards. Great job to everyone who participated, and continue to aim high Wing.
On October 19th and 20th, Detachment 875 held its first Physical Fitness Assessment for the school year. The cadets bundled up and braved the unexpected freezing weather both days in order to demonstrate how we adhere to “excellence in all we do” when it comes to physical training. Waist measurements, push ups, and sit ups fortunately happened in the warm Rector Field House, but the run happened out in 28 degree weather on the 19th and 33 degrees on the 20th. Though no one expected or wanted to perform in such cold weather, everyone pushed through it leading to a wing average score of 94.9.

From here, we will continue to strive for excellence and boost our scores higher. A makeup PFA will happen later in the semester for those who had conflicts or want to improve their scores.

Det 875 proudly recognizes the accomplishments of Cadets Ryan Bishop and Walter Gonsiewski as well as the accomplishments of one of our NCO’s, Staff Sergeant Ahnjala Palmer.

Cadet Bishop received the Daedalian Foundation AFROTC Scholarship. This award was given in recognition of Cadet Bishop’s outstanding performance as a pilot candidate in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program.

Cadet Gonsiewski received the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for his exceptional achievements in the ROTC program and his contributions to Detachment 875.

Staff Sergeant Palmer was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal giving her the first oak leaf cluster for meritorious service from 8 January 2012 to 17 August 2015. Staff Sergeant Palmer distinguished herself by her exceptional performance and dedication to Detachment 875 which greatly contributed to the success of our unit. Staff Sergeant Palmer has seen the commissioning of over 100 second lieutenants during her time here.

She has mentored many from Det 875 and we congratulate her on her achievements.

Being the #1 large detachment in the southeast region, this performance is usually expected. Our detachment is proud of the accomplishments these leaders have achieved and we look forward to many more successes to come.
Cadet Highlight: C/ Crittenden

Our very own Cadet Sean Crittenden has been nominated for Outstanding Airman of the Year. C/ Crittenden is currently a Senior Airman in the Virginia Air National Guard working as an F-22 crew chief out of Joint Base Langley-Eustis.

This award is given to twelve enlisted airmen across all AFSCs throughout the Air Force. Airmen receive nominations from their MAJCOM, separate operating agencies, or direct reporting units for qualification. C/ Crittenden was nominated for this award for the following reasons: excellent scores on all quality assurance inspections, receiving below the zone status with promotion to SrA., supporting and enabling 50 sorties for pilots to train for combat, finishing his 5 level CDCs ten months early, training first term airmen, upholding military and professional excellence while on job and at school while maintaining a positive attitude, holding multiple volunteer leadership positions at school, and balancing life as a guardsman and full time student.

C/ Crittenden says this award represents the hard work and dedication he puts into his work and career in the Air Force, and would be honored to receive this.

A Quick Shout Out! C/ Ragan

Sometimes our courage can be tested when we least expect it. For C/ Shumate, a test of courage for him ended up saving the life of a stranger. While at West End, he noticed a student was choking on her food. After another student unsuccessfully tried to perform the Heimlich maneuver on the student, C/ Shumate stepped up and helped out. With the proper execution of the Heimlich, C/ Shumate stopped the student from choking.

When it comes down to helping someone else in need, no matter how big or small the task, having the courage to step up can take us a long way. Maybe even saving a life. Thank you, C/ Shumate, for your courage and upholding standards of excellence from Det. 875!