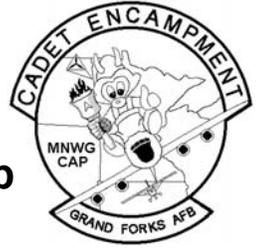




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The Day in Review

At 0500 on this beautiful day cadets awoke to their Flight Sergeants and Commanders motivating them to wake up. After a healthy P.T. (Physical Fitness Training) session, cadets then dressed for the day and went to morning formation. Following this, cadets ate breakfast and drilled.

During the morning cadets either attended church or cleaned the barracks. In the afternoon the cadets attended a Moral Leadership session led by Chaplain Priest. The topic of discussion was "Conflict Resolution."

Drill and Ceremonies continued to be emphasized as cadets learned new drill movements such as "To the Rear, MARCH".



Also, guidon bearers from each flight were selected and trained by C/Lt Col Jack Houck. There is no doubt that Drill and Ceremonies will be a staple of the cadets' educational diet.

This evening the cadets experienced their first inspection. The inspection followed in the footsteps of MNWG Encampment's Inspection program legacy of toughness and firmness. This week cadets will be even further challenged by more thorough inspections and higher standards to meet.

-C/Capt Jared Thompson, Cadet Public Affairs Officer

Food for thought from C/2nd Lt Pomerleau:
"Don't be so open minded that you are empty-headed."



Interesting wall murals adorn hallways throughout the building

Reflections on Being a Basic Cadet

Exactly two years ago today I stepped off the transportation bus into a torrent of confusion and fear, much like what some of you may have went through yesterday. I was a basic cadet in Alpha Flight, Third Cadet Training Squadron, 2nd Cadet Training Group. I was scared and intimidated by my new surroundings. Why was everybody yelling? Why couldn't I just stop and catch my breath? Over the week the reasons would become more apparent.

At first I only survived in the encampment. The first day quickly flew by with drill and ceremonies and getting accustomed to the dining procedures. That night the "Welcome" by the Encampment Commander gave me some hope to live with. Even so, I often wished I could retreat into a protective shell and shut out the outside world. However, I managed to stay confident enough to last until the middle of the week. Then things began to clear up and my focus became clear. Things which did not at first make any sense now seemed as ordinary as blue sky.

Hang in there; it will only get better. You will have many wonderful opportunities and will learn to excel as a basic cadet. Good Luck!

-C/Capt Jared Thompson, Cadet Public Affairs Officer



The C/CCMSgt reports to the CTG Commander at formation.

And You Thought YOU Were Having a Bad Day

In 1976 a twenty-two-year-old Irishman, Bob Finnegan, was crossing the busy Falls Road in Belfast, when he was struck by a taxi and flung over its roof. The taxi drove away and, as Finnegan lay stunned in the road, another car ran into him, rolling him into the gutter. It too drove on. As a knot of gawkers gathered to examine the magnetic Irishman, a delivery van plowed through the crowd, leaving in its wake three injured bystanders and an even more battered Bob Finnegan. When a fourth vehicle came along, the crowd wisely scattered and only one person was hit - Bob Finnegan. In the space of two minutes Finnegan suffered a fractured skull, broken pelvis, broken leg, and other assorted injuries. Hospital officials said he would recover.

-Jim's Humor Archive, <http://www.galisteo.com/>

SDS Assigned to Work on Out-processing Plan

Today in the SDS, the cadets worked on Out-processing. The project has been assigned to the Cadet Staff Development Squadron instead of traditionally being assigned to the Executive Officer. Maj Mandel (Commandant of Cadets) brought the SDS through a class about projects similar to Out-processing, and made it clear that because we have much of the week to plan for it, Out-processing should exceed the standards.

The SDS, (for those who don't know) is a program to help cadets who wish to hold positions in future CTG's. A class was held today to help the cadets better understand the positions available. Cadets involved with the SDS were told positions by C/CMSgt Hewitt, C/Lt Col Diehl, C/Maj Emily Hellmuth, C/Lt Col Houck, C/Capt Flack, C/Capt Sobolewski, and C/1st Lt Dalbec. These cadets did very well sharing their past experiences.

*C/SMSgt Matt Dunlevy
Staff Development Squadron*

Motivational Quotes

"The path to greatness is along with others."
-Baltasar Gracion, *Spanish Priest*

"Teams share the burden and divide the grief."
-Doug Smith

"Team: Trust is the emotional glue that holds every team together...in times of trial, it transforms a group of individuals into a team of individuals committed to each other."

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you are right."
-Henry Ford

"Borders? I've never seen one, but I've heard they exist in some people's minds."
-Thor Heyerdahl, *Norwegian Explorer*

"We are continuously faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problem."
-Lee Iacocca

"Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment."
-Tom Watson



Cadets "walking it off" after morning P.T.

Tomorrow's Schedule

Physical Training
Classes
Moral Leadership
Drill and Ceremonies
Second Inspection of Uniforms and Barracks
Briefing on the Minnesota Integrated Leadership Program

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