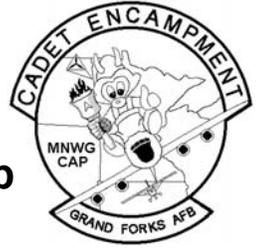




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The Day in Review

As usual, cadets awoke at 0500 hours for P.T., today led by C/Lt Col Keelan Diehl. After breakfast the cadets prepared their living quarters for future inspections. The cadets were then informed of their inability to meet the standards by their commanding officers. However, the morning was relatively uneventful until after lunch.

Following lunch was a program presented by the Grand Forks AFB historian on the history of the missile building in which the cadets are staying. The program was very informative and featured photographs from the past decades.



KC-135

Immediately after the history presentation, cadets were driven out to the Grand Forks AFB flight line to tour a KC-135 tanker. MSgt Soderman led the tour and introduced cadets to the airplane. Cadets were able to tour the cockpit as well as to lay in the boom control, where a NCO "flies" the refueling boom to the airplane being refueled.

This evening was the first night of the Volleyball competition. Bravo Flight won three games and was the squadron champion. The competition was filled with motivational chants, cheering spectators, and action-packed volleyball. This event concluded the night's activities.

*"A pint of sweat will save a
gallon of blood."*



Squadron Volleyball Competition

SDS Report

Hello from the SDS! Day 5 was very eventful. One of the main things we did was flight shadowing. The purpose of this was for us to watch the flight commanders and ask them questions. This was helpful because they have experience that we can benefit from.

We were also put in charge of the flights on the KC-135 tours. This was our chance to demonstrate what we have been taught. We all did awesome.

We are having a volleyball competition tonight with the rest of the CTG.

Overall the day went great for the SDS.

-C/CMSgt Ryan McKeen



Motivated Cadets

Tomorrow's Schedule

Confidence Course
RAPCON/Tower
Pass in Review Practice
Squadron Inspection
Adopt-a-Flight



Yet another mural taken from the Missile Building walls.

The following is taken from Col. Larry R. Donnithorne's
The West Point Way of Leadership

West Point believes there are clearly times when leaders have the responsibility to tell subordinates exactly what they have to accomplish, and subordinates have the responsibility to do exactly as they are told. Leaders want their plebes to concentrate utterly on what they hear. They want them fully focused on the job at hand, not daydreaming about what they're having for dinner or their friends back home or what they wish they were doing instead. They must focus on why they are being asked to do at that moment—and then they must act, swiftly, surely, decisively. What plebes must learn is to listen. Listen carefully and intensely, listen to every order at a gut level, as if their lives depended on it...

West Point does not teach cadets to listen merely for the good of their souls. It does so because a cadet's success depends on his understanding of the demands being placed on him. After all the briefings and all the practice and all the lecturing is over, the responsibility rests squarely on the cadet's shoulders. The Academy sends him out to do the job, fully expecting that he will accomplish everything he sets out to do. This is the key: The cadet is expected to succeed. There is "no excuse, sir," for lesser performance.

-Col. Larry R. Donnithorne, *The West Point Way of Leadership*, Doubleday 1993, p.24-25



MNWG Encampment Volleyball Competition

Yesterday, through several enticing matches, flight took on flight in the Annual Minnesota Wing Encampment Volleyball Competition. The end result of three games was Bravo Flight, under the leadership of C/1st Lt. Prose, as their Squadron's champion. Bravo then challenged the Cadet Staff Development Squadron to a match and reigned victorious once again. In the other squadron, matches led up to an exciting Delta win over Echo flight. Delta's flight commander, C/1st Lt. Kevin Kroll was reported as being very proud of his cadets and excited for the group championship. Next, not only will Delta and Bravo match up for the Group Championship, but Cadet Staff will play Senior Staff as well.

-C/1st Lt Andrew Atkins

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