

# Desert Hawk

# X



## Wendover Air Base

16 June - 23 June

2012

## Senior Staff



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Wilkins  
Deputy Commander



Captain Mettmann  
Encampment Commander



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Forbes  
Commandant of Cadets



Lt. Colonel Kirkland  
Finance/ Gliders



TFO Budd  
Safety Officer



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Buckner  
Logistics Officer

## Senior Staff



Major Owens  
Medical Officer



Lt. Colonel Stewart  
Medical Officer



Lt. Colonel Maughan  
Chaplain



Captain Todd  
Communication Officer



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Latter  
Emergency Services



Major Rowley  
Foods Officer

## TAC Officers



Captain Passe



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Leckman  
Chief TAC Officer



Major Livergood



Flight Officer Fernandez



1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Cope



Captain Fernandez

# Cadet Executive Staff

## Command Staff



**Command Staff**  
 (Center) Commander: C/Maj. Skylar Caldwell  
 (Left) Executive Officer: C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bret Coleman  
 (Right) Command Chief: C/CMSgt Jake Dodge

## Squadron 1 Command Staff



**Squadron 1 Command Staff**  
 (Left) Squadron 2 Commander: C/Capt Hardcastle  
 (Right): 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant: C/MSgt Lowe

## Squadron 2 Command Staff



**Squadron 2 Command Staff**  
 (Left) 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant: C/SMSgt Medlock  
 (Right) Squadron 1 Commander: C/1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Facemeyer

## Support Staff



C/A1C Hunt  
Kitchen Staff



NCO In Charge of  
DFAC  
C/CMSgt Laura Allard



C/SSgt Cerros  
Kitchen Staff



C/A1C Christensen  
Kitchen



C/A1C T. Christensen  
Kitchen



C/SMSgt Cherrington  
Kitchen Staff



C/MSgt Leitch  
Kitchen Staff



C/SrA Trujillo  
Kitchen Staff



C/SSgt Bracken  
Kitchen Staff

## Support Staff



C/MSgt Haskins  
Logistics



C/SSgt Wilkinson  
Safety



C/MSgt Simpson  
Logistics



C/CMSgt Facer  
PAO



C/CMSgt Meanea  
PAO

## Alpha Flight

Flight Sergeant  
C/MSgt Willden



Flight Commander  
C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Pettit



C/Amn Bennett, C/Amn Cameron,  
C/Amn Heneveld, C/Amn Jacob, C/A1C  
Lindgren, C/Amn Nelson, C/A1C Norman  
C/Amn Wilcox, C/Amn Wilde

## Bravo Flight

Flight Sergeant  
C/SSgt Connelly



Flight Commander  
C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Call



C/A1C Bishop, C/Amn Brooks, C/Amn  
Henrie, C/A1C Hogan, C/Amn Mednick,  
C/Amn Olson, C/SSgt Passe-Carlus,  
C/Amn Slinger, C/Amn Solt, C/SrA  
Stowe, C/A1C Whitney

## Charlie Flight

Flight Sergeant  
C/SSgt Norris



Flight Commander  
C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Lindgren



C/SrA Franson, C/Amn Fowden, C/A1C  
Hubbard, C/Amn Kelleher, C/Amn  
Konold, C/Amn Mabey, C/A1C Nelsen,  
C/Amn Proulx, C/Amn Swan, C/A1C  
Wood

## Delta Flight

Flight Sergeant  
C/SMSgt Willden



Flight Commander  
C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Wilkins



C/Amn Cole, C/SrA Davis, C/A1C De  
Jesus, C/Amn Gillingham, C/Amn  
Haskins, C/Amn Hays, C/Amn O'Brien,  
C/SrA Proulx, C/A1C Villareal, C/CMSgt  
Wynn

## Echo Flight

Flight Sergeant  
C/MSgt Forbes



Flight Commander  
C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Hansen



C/Amn Burg, C/Amn Bernoudy, C/SrA  
Cabading, C/Amn De Jesus, C/Amn  
Leonard, C/Amn Orison, C/TSgt Ortega,  
C/Amn Pugmire, C/A1C Spiller, C/Amn J.  
Solt, C/Amn Vandam

## Foxtrot Flight

Flight Sergeant  
C/SSgt Garcia



Flight Commander  
C/CMSgt Lemmon

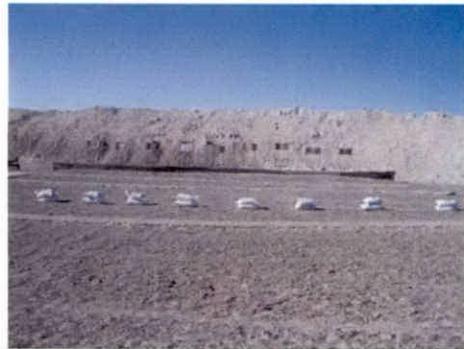
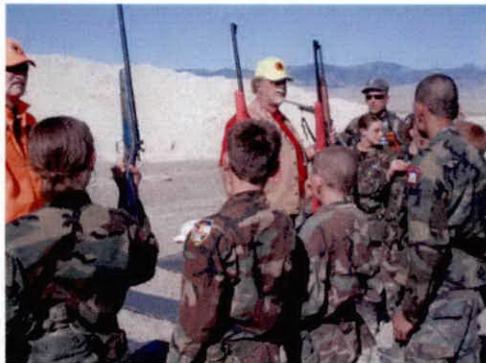


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C/Amn Carbine, C/Amn Chappell, C/TSgt  
Cone, C/Amn Hope, C/SrA Leitch, C/Amn  
White, C/Amn Wvmer

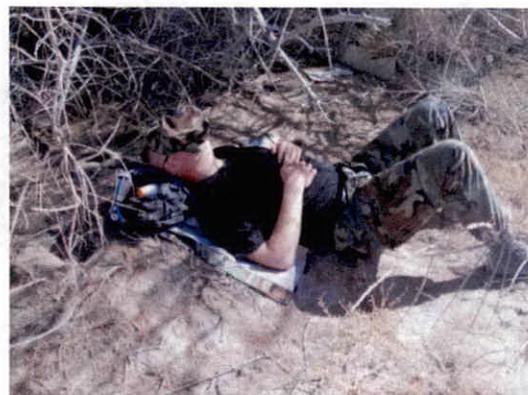
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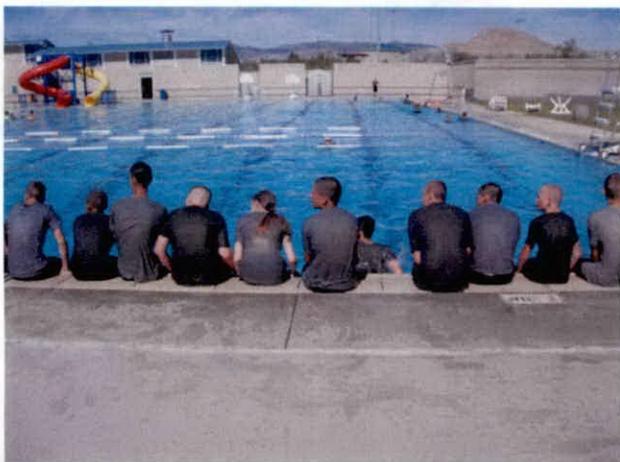
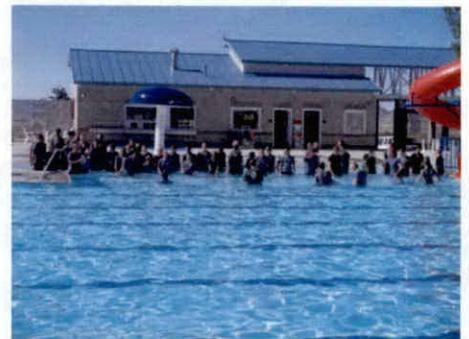
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# SAREX



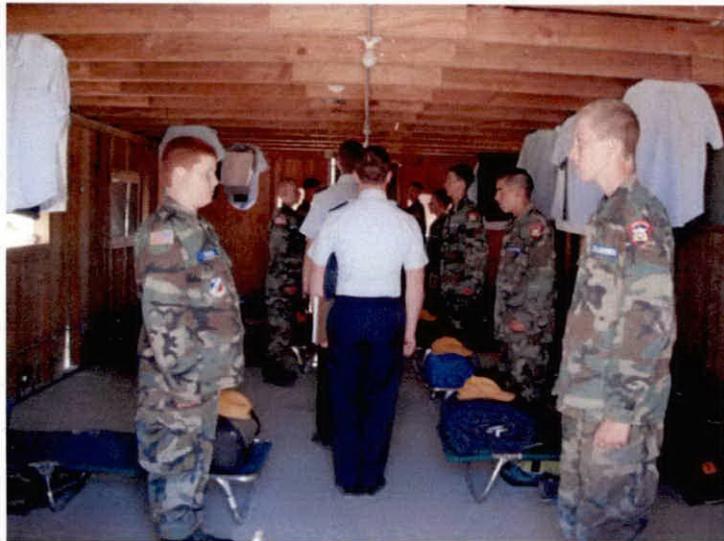
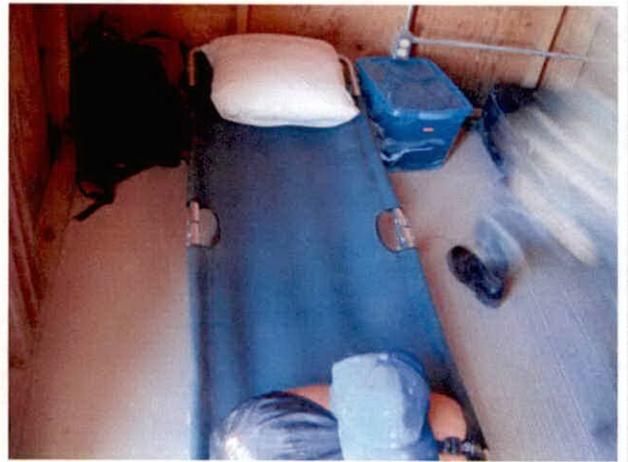
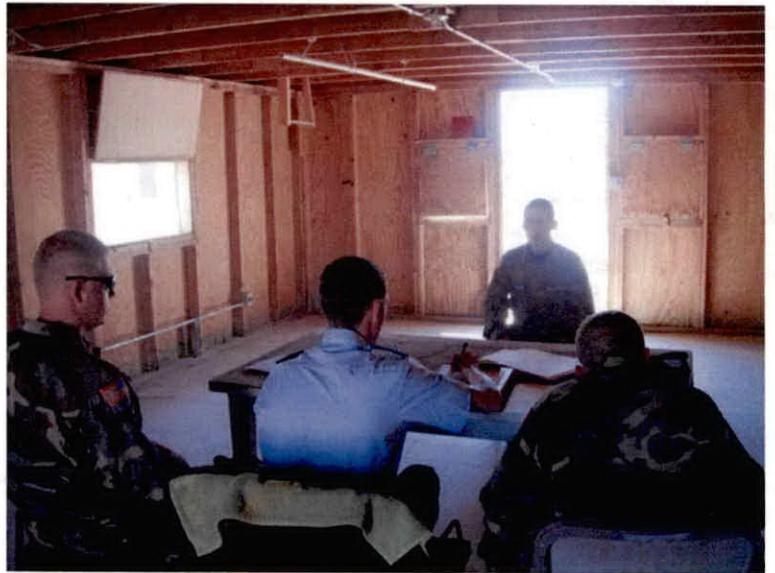
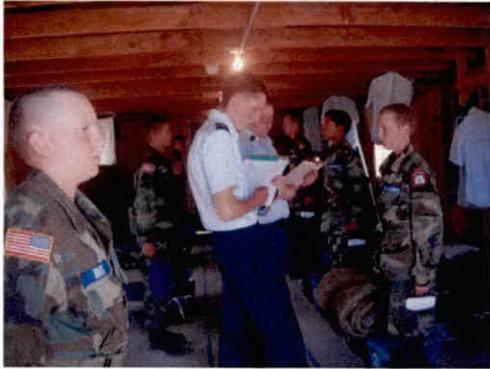
# Pool PT/ Survival



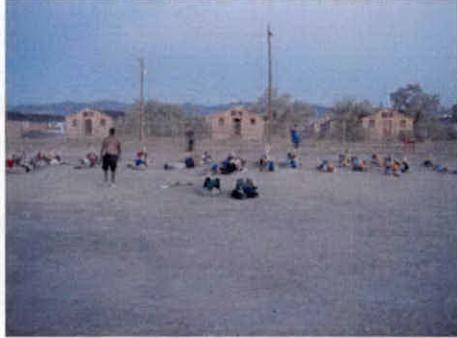
# Cadet Competition Physical Division



# Cadet Competition Mental Division



# PT



# Life as a Cadet...



Who doesn't love PT in the dark?



Look! I'm having fun!



Haven't you ever heard of "Rise with the sun"?  
Not before it!



Just drilling, oh drilling, along!



You want me to keep it this clean?



Whееее!



Was this included in the fee?



I thought we got out of school last month!



Sure hope this isn't radioactive..

# Daily Newsletters From The Chiefs



# Chiefly Tired and Dusty

## Desert Hawk X Daily Newsletter

Day 1: 16 June, 2012

### Picture of the Day!



Today's picture is of a few support staff cadets who in this picture are learning

how to correctly raise the American flag. They were taught by the one and only Cadet Major Caldwell, encampment cadet commander.

### Micco Blog Post- 15 June, 2012

For those of you who are confused about what and who Micco is, you should read this because it'll hopefully help you out. Micco is the mascot for Desert Hawk X encampment. Micco is a Desert Hawk (Desert Hawks are not real; we're just using it as our mascot). The PAO staff has used this character, Micco, to present a blog to cadets' relatives and friends to keep them updated on how the week is going.

### Safety Tips

- It's going to be a hot day, so put on sunscreen

### Weather for Today

High: 90° F

Mostly Sunny

Windy (7 mph)



### Activities of the Day

- *Cadet In-Processing*
- *Orientation*
- *Welcoming basic cadets*

### Honor Flight

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- For basic cadets, if you go anywhere away from your flight (given that you have permission), don't forget to take your battle buddy with you.

- **Don't forget to keep hydrated!**

### What Happened Yesterday???

Yesterday, 15 June 2012, staff members of Desert Hawk X encampment were welcomed by the Commandant of cadets, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Forbes.

Cadet Major Caldwell taught a class on CAP myths

and legends along with SOP training and practical drill. Also, encampment commander Captain Mettmann arrived at the encampment site.

Basic Cadets, welcome to Desert Hawk X encampment! It would be a good idea to get to know your staff really well and pay close attention to everything that they teach you.

## Encampment

It may be the first day you've ever left home and been away from your family, or it may be the twentieth time. Whatever the case may be, encampment should be a place where you learn followership, leadership, practical drill, teamwork, how to fall into a unit formation properly, how to report properly, how to run a mile (hopefully that part shouldn't be too hard), how to be professional, and many more things. Encampment should be fun, but you should also take it seriously and be professional at all times. A few items to be especially aware of include always keeping hydrated and putting on sunscreen

because it does get really hot out here in Wendover. Just remember, you're here to learn but also stay positive and enjoy it as best you can!

It's always important to know your chain of command. As a basic, it's usually easy to know who your flight sergeant and flight commander is, but it gets harder as you go up the chain of command. The man in the picture to the right is the cadet commander of this encampment. You should know who he is. (Hint: Cadet Major Caldwell)



# Chiefly Tired and Dusty

## Desert Hawk X Daily Newsletter

Day 2: 17 June, 2012

### Picture of the Day!

Today's picture is of the cadet encampment welcome and safety briefing, given by Captain



Mettmann and Flight Officer Budd. Everybody is listening intently, and that's what we like to see here!

### Micco Blog Post- 16 June, 2012

After being checked in to encampment, setting up their barracks, meeting their flight sergeants, and eating some hot chow, the cadets were treated to a welcome and safety briefing by Captain Mettmann and Flight Officer Budd. The cadets continued into flight time which is directed by their sergeants, studying standard operating procedures (SOP), practicing drill, and settling in.

### Safety Tips

- **It's going to be a hot day, so put on sunscreen!**
- **For basic cadets, if you go anywhere away from your flight (given that you have permission), don't forget to take your battle buddy with you.**

### Weather for Today

High: 99° F

Mostly Sunny

Windy (22 mph)



### Activities of the Day

- *Chaplain Services*
- *Air Force History*
- *DHX Flight Emblems Class*
- *Drug Abuse Awareness*

### Honor Flight

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- As always, keep hydrated!
- Check your feet for blisters or hotspots every day.

### What Happened Yesterday???

Yesterday, all basic cadets arrived at Desert Hawk Encampment X. Cadets were introduced to the staff, their flight sergeants, their living quarters, and how they will be living for the next seven days. Once all of the cadets had been processed into the encampment, a delicious lunch was served by Major Rowley and our spectacular support staff. Once chow was consumed, cadets were dismissed to flight time where their sergeants taught them drill, etiquette, how to keep their barracks, and how to study an SOP. Welcome to encampment!

### *Did you know...?*

Did you know that your memorization work from the SOP is required to graduate this encampment?

## Good Morning Cadets!

Day two. Hope everybody had an enjoyable wake-up call this morning! I hope you get used to it, because this is going to happen every morning! Aren't you all excited to get up and do some PT? Good. Let's get out there and get moving. Remember, all of your sergeants and staff are doing it with you, so don't think we're just putting you through the ropes. We do this all together for a reason. We build teamwork and determination through PT, and we want you to be able to pass the test at the end of your week here. Hopefully, you all listened to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Forbes yesterday and remember that, if there have been thousands of cadets before that have graduated, then you can do it too!



Looking good Delta Flight!

Keep up the amazing work cadets, let's have us a fine encampment!

# Chiefly Tired and Dusty

Desert Hawk X Daily Newsletter

Day 3: 18 June, 2012

## Picture of the Day!

Today's picture of the day is of Cadet Captain Hardcastle



with his new pet, Charlie. Charlie is a massive dragonfly, and was found at the back of the line staff barracks. Charlie is a talented and polite insect that will

wave at you when he sees you. Good job Charlie!

## Micco Blog Post- 17 June, 2012



Cadets were abruptly awakened this morning for their first PT. The morning was brisk, clear, and a great time for exercise. PT warm-ups took place in mass formation. We then ran around the barracks in formation. Here is the run!

## Safety Tips

- Hydrate cadets! It'll keep you awake and ready to learn!
- Respect all senior members, staff, fellow cadets, and yourself.

### Weather for Today

High: 91°F

Mostly Sunny

Windy (33 mph)



### Activities of the Day

- ENV Tour
- Hill Air Force Base Recruiter
- USAF Instructor
- Volleyball

### Honor Flight

The honor flight of today is...

DELTA FLIGHT



*Congratulations*

*Cadets!*

### What Happened Yesterday???

Well, cadets had an unexpected early wake-up call, and proceeded (still slightly disoriented) to their first PT of encampment. After PT, we had some good hot chow, whipped up by Major Rowley and his crew of super staff. Bacon and eggs sure sit well on a PT rattled stomach. We had a great Non-Denominational service from our chaplain, learning about leadership and moral dilemmas, such as when

you really want that last piece of cake, but your brother has been away at encampment for a week, so you decide to save it for him.

Lunch was equally delicious, which moved us on to our emblems class, where the cadets all made designs for their individual flights. Chow again! (We seem to mention those a lot...) Following was a riveting synopsis of life in the Air Force ROTC from Cadet Major Caldwell. Closing the day was an enjoyable presentation from Captain Mettmann on the cadet communication, covering letters, emails, Facebook (what a joy...) and online media. Let's go again!

### *Today's Trivia*

*What Senior Officer provides you with food every single day?*



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Study hard cadets!



# Chiefly Tired and Dusty

Desert Hawk X Daily Newsletter

Day 4: 19 June, 2012

## Picture of the Day!

Today's picture of the day is Captain Mettmann getting some delicious chow from Major Rowley.



Officer food of course, it's Captain Crunch. I hope you cadets are eating because the food is delicious!

(I wonder if he would share that...)

## Micco Blog Post- 18 June, 2012

Also, today we had a recruiter from the air force come and tell us about all of the benefits of life in the Air Force. He had a lot of great things to say, and answered a lot of questions. The pretty good part? He brought the cadets those little free cup holders, book covers, pamphlets, and things like that. After we had his presentation, a couple of representatives from Hill Air Force Base came to talk to the cadets about all of the different things they do. The first representative showed off a tool that detects cracks in aircraft parts, and the cadets got to handle it a little. **(Parents read this!)**

**[And hopefully like it...]**

## Safety Tips

### Weather for Today

High: 78° F

Sunny

Windy (11 mph)



### Activities of the Day

- *Orientation Flights*
- *Shooting Range*
- *CAP Myths*
- *Volleyball*

### Honor Flight

The honor flight of today is...

CHARLIE FLIGHT



*Congratulations*

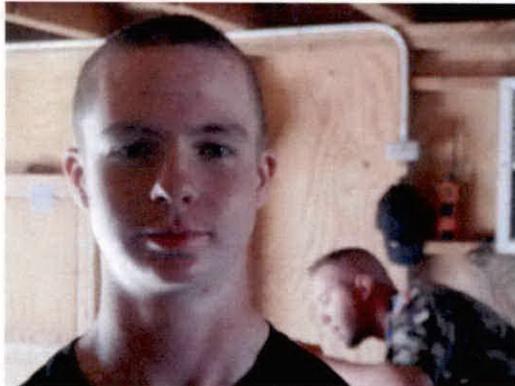
*Cadets!*

- **HYDRATE!!!!**

- **Watch your step cadets! Rocks and potholes abound here!**

### What Happened Yesterday???

Day three! Amazingly fast, the cadets are almost half-way done with encampment! Wow does the time fly! Our first PT in the Enola Gay hanger occurred yesterday, and we had the cadets work hard. After PT, we again sojourned to the chow hall for some more great breakfast. Squadron two then went on a tour of Wendover Air Base, while squadron



one went to the Wendover Base Salon. Here are the results! Nice and tidy all around cadets! Looking sharp! We also got to handle some high tech military radios that representatives brought from Hill Air Force base to demonstrate to us. I think that most of the cadets liked the humvee best...

### *Quote of the day*

*We're going to a salon?*



### **Running is good for the soul, cadets!**



# Chiefly Tired and Dusty

## Desert Hawk X Daily Newsletter

Day 5: 20 June, 2012

### Picture of the Day!

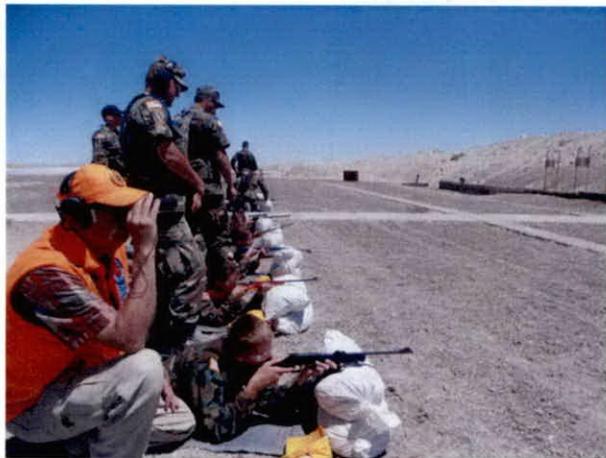
Today's picture of the day is of a cadet firing off some .22 caliber shells at the firing range yesterday. I don't



know about you, but he seems to be having way, way too much fun with the rifles..

### Micco Blog Post- 18 June, 2012

#### Home on the Range



On the shooting range that is. I personally think that this was the best day of encampment so far this week! The cadets found themselves on a shooting range on Wendover Air base, preparing to shoot some .22 caliber rifles! Here are some pictures of squadron one shooting. Squadron two will get there awesome chance today! We all stayed safe, and had fun, so I count that as a bonus!

#### Safety Tips

- HYDRATE!!!!

#### Weather for Today

High: 77° F

Sunny

Wind: 5 mph



#### Activities of the Day

- Shooting Range
- SAR
- Parade Practice
- Volleyball

#### Honor Flight

The Honor Flight of today is...

ALPHA FLIGHT



Great Job!

- **Watch your step cadets! Rocks and potholes abound here!**

### **What Happened Yesterday???**

Cadet's were able to handle some firearms yesterday. Under the supervision of NRA instructors, our cadets were able to shoot a couple of rounds, and earn a few patches along the way! All of squadron one got to participate, and squadron two will "fire when ready!" today! One thing that all basics got to do yesterday, was go on either a glider, or Orientation Flight. We could see them flying over all day at the shooting range!

Yesterday was also the start of practicing for volleyball competitions. The cadets are still getting used to the idea...

Basics also had their first formal inspection of their barracks yesterday! I think they had some great fun with that! Prepare for tomorrow cadets!

### ***Trivia***

*Who is Civil Air Patrol's National Commander?*



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## **Lunch anybody?**



# Chiefly Tired and Dusty

## Desert Hawk X Daily Newsletter

Day 6: 21 June, 2012

### Picture of the Day!

Today's picture of the day is of a cadet flying in one of



our gliders. I am glad that some of the cadets

had the rare opportunity to get to fly in the glider.

I hope cadets do, but it sometimes takes a while for it to happen. It is

quite scary when they tell you to pull that yellow lever, and you ask what it does, and they tell you it releases you from the tow plane...

### Micco Blog Post- 20 June, 2012

Wednesday. (Very Creative Title)

The cadets have been all over the place again today!

Squadron two finally got their chance to try out their marksmanship skills on the range this morning. Here are some good shots! (Camera



ones. No cadets were harmed in the making of this blog post!)

### Safety Tips

- HYDRATE!!!! (REALLY! DO IT!)
- Get your rest cadets. You need

### Weather for Today

High: 92° F

Sunny

Wind: 6 mph



### Activities of the Day

- Pool PT
- SAREX
- NCSA Class

### HONOR FLIGHT

The honor flight of today is...

### BRAVO FLIGHT



Oh yeah!

it!

### What Happened Yesterday???

Another run-around day for both cadets and staff. While half of the encampment headed out to the shooting range, the other half stayed in the compound doing team-building exercises, drill-offs, and watching a movie about the most extreme airports. They were pretty extreme. After chow, cadets had an

Air Force history class, which they distinctly enjoyed, followed by another tournament game of volleyball. The week is just getting started, yet about to end at the same time!

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The winner of today's drill-off!



Major Rowley is "cooking" it up!



# Chiefly Tired and Dusty

Desert Hawk X Daily Newsletter

Day 7: 22 June, 2012

## Picture of the Day!

Today's picture of the day is of our encampment



commander taking a little nap after a long

days work. Thank you staff for everything you do for us! Did you know that the staff goes to bed later, and wakes up

earlier than the basics every day? Bravo! Like applause, not the flight. Sorry.

(He didn't have any food that we could snatch...)

### Micco Blog Post- 20 June, 2012

#### Wednesday. (Very Creative Title)

Cadets got down and soaked today in Wendover. In addition to their morning PT, we also shuttled the cadets to Wendover Aquatic Center. I guess that's one way to clean their PT clothes. They honestly start to stink after a while. Cadets had a float class, where they blew up clothes they are wearing to make flotation devices, and also had water survival PT. The survival included treading water, swimming laps, doing water sit-ups, and dive-bomber push-ups.

### Weather for Today

High: 92° F

Sunny

Wind: 14 mph



### Activities of the Day

- PT Test
- Cadet Competition
- Celebration

### HONOR FLIGHT

*The honor flight of today is...*

### ECHO FLIGHT



## Safety Tips

- HYDRATE!!!! (Glaring) Do it.
- Sunscreen. Don't be medium rare when your parents see you. (Try for medium well...)

### What Happened Yesterday???

Have you cadets been a little hot in this Wendover weather? Well, I don't think you will mind it so much today! Water PT was a blast (or a splash, I should say...), and we relished the chance to cool off. After PT, we headed back to the DFAC for chow, and then had a SAREX (Search and Rescue Exercise). Cadet Captain Mount and Lt. Jareb Latter lead the teaching, then the cadets went out to find a "lost" hiker. The event turned out pretty well.

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Keep your legs up cadets!!



Delectable flan!



# Chiefly Tired and Dusty

Desert Hawk X Daily Newsletter

Day 8: 23 June, 2012

## Picture of the Day!

Today's picture of the day is of a watermelon that I think



Major Rowley had grown especially for

encampment. As you can see, the indentation in the middle of the melon is akin that of the three propellers on the

CAP Seal. Good job Major Rowley!

## Micco Blog Post- 23 June, 2012

### Cadet Competition

This was the big day. Well, graduation was probably bigger, but I mean this

is the biggest thing the cadets have done *before* graduation. Cadet competition commenced yesterday morning, dark and early again, with the PT testing. We had one minute of push-ups, one minute of sit ups, and a mile run. The cadets did great! After getting all nice and sweaty, the day continued with flight drill tests, a written exam, barrack inspection, and boards of review. A board of review is just a series of questions the cadets are asked to assess their overall encampment experience. I think that the boards and inspection were the scariest parts of all. I know I would be thinking, "Oh no! Men with clipboards in uniform. Run!!!"

### Weather for Today

High: 95° F

Sunny/Breezy

Wind: 23 mph



### Activities of the Day

- *Clean up*
- *Graduate*
- *(In that order)*

Following, we had our graduation celebration. The food was delicious, the music was good, and we knew that graduation was today, so it was pretty outstanding. Good job cadets on making through encampment!

You survived! (Not that I was surprised or anything...)

## Safety Tips

- HYDRATE!!!! (Glaring) Do it.
- Sunscreen. Don't be medium rare when your parents see you. (Try for medium well...)

## What Happened Yesterday???

A PT test for the cadet competition started off the day yesterday, followed by a drill test performed by each flight individually. Next came the written exam which consisted of information that the cadets should have learned about throughout the week. After eating a delicious lunch, cadets went to their barracks and got ready for a white glove inspection led by cadet commander Major Caldwell.

Following the inspection was boards for the cadets where they were basically interviewed by the executive staff. Later in the evening, the cadets had lots of fun at the end of the week barbeque and party.



Victory!!!!

He's doing push-ups so fast that he's a blur!



# Food!

After a long day, all cadets need a nice meal...



## **Recognition and Awards**

### **Honor Flight:**

Foxtrot Flight

### **Honor Cadet:**

Josh Proulx

### **Honor Staff Cadet:**

Daniel Lietch

### **Honor Senior Staff:**

Doug Wilkins

### **Most Improved Cadet:**

Dawn Olson

### **Pt: Top Female:**

Sydney Swan

### **Pt: Top Male:**

Kevin Kelleher

### **Top Shooter:**

Cadet Konold