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Tactical Advantage

by C/2d Lt Kenneth Fitzgerald
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The encampment tactical staff is an amazing collection of highly dedicated senior members — a majority of whom are former cadets and/or military personnel. They do extraordinary tasks and assist the flights as best they can to get each flight through the week.

The primary duties of the Tactical staff are monitoring the general health & safety of the cadets and mentoring the cadet staff. They also perform

other tasks such as maintaining custody of barracks facilities, collection and storage of contraband items, supervision of cadet phone calls, conduct nightly blister checks and one-on-one counseling.

Lt Col Ned Lee serves as the Chief Tactical Officer and supervises the encampment's 21 tactical officers. "It's not a bad gig if you like 18-hour days, no pay, and open-bay barracks," the colonel chuckled.

Keep in mind that most TAC officers work full time and take a week off for encampment. This means a week of their vacations is spent with you!



Chief Tactical Officer Lt Col Ned Lee conducts a nightly meeting of the Tactical staff.

The Man Behind The Scenes

by C/MSgt Denise Hibbard
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A seventeen year old cadet from Dublin, California, C/Capt Robert Durbin is the Aide de Camp to the encampment commander. As Lt Col Upton's personal aide, a day on the job is never boring. When C/Capt Durbin isn't working out computer issues or shining the colonel's boots, he performs additional tasks such as assisting other senior staff members and keeping track of the encampment commander's schedule and



reminders.

C/Capt Durbin has proven himself to be a dedicated cadet in the two and a half years that he has been in the Civil Air Patrol. He serves as both the Squadron 10 Cadet

Commander and webpage manager.

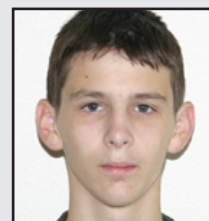
Entering his senior year at Redwood Christian High School, C/Capt Durbin has his future goals set and is constantly working hard to achieve them. With hundreds of community service hours, a 4.0 grade point average, and participation in several varsity sports, C/Capt Durbin is hoping to attend the Air Force Academy before starting off a career flying F/A-22s in the Air Force. In twenty years, he may be found working for the CIA or possibly even running our country.



SERGEANT MAJOR'S HELPFUL HINTS

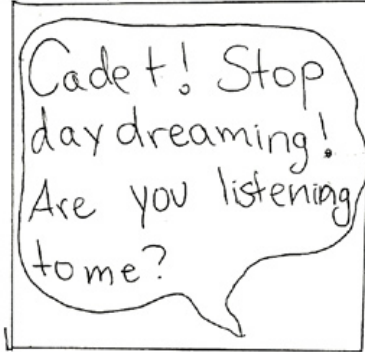
Sounding off is like bug spray: the louder you sound off, the less the Sergeant Major will bug you.

BASIC CADET SPOTLIGHT



Name: C/TSgt Philip Riek
Flight: Bravo
Age: 15
Hometown: Reno, Nevada
School: Reed High School
Home Unit: Reno Composite Sq
Joined CAP: 2004
Interests and Hobbies: Flight Simulator
First impression of Encampment: "I expected [encampment] to be like a boot camp. It was a bit harder than I expected."

Escape From Inspections



By C/MSgt Ahnialiese Dunn