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My Favorite Sergeant

BY: CADET BARBER

“Baby, baby, baby.” I love when Sgt. Jordan says that. He is a very good man. He knows how to make your day so much better. He is also very wise and understanding. That’s why Sgt. Jordan is my favorite Sergeant.

First and foremost, Sgt. Jordan is a very good man. He does all he can to keep us Thunderbird Cadets out of trouble. He does the same thing for Mayes County because he also works for the Mayes County Sheriff’s Department. He knows how to do his job. It doesn’t matter who you are, if you are doing wrong Sgt. Jordan is still going to do his job. Those are actions of a good man.

Secondly, Sgt. Jordan knows how to turn your

day around. It could have been a really bad day, but when he walks into the building you know the day is going to close very well. He wants you to relax and let your hair down, but keep your bearings at all times. He laugh’s and tells jokes with cadets. He is an old man with a young heart.

Finally, Sgt. Jordan is very wise. He knows so much because he has been around for awhile. He knows right from wrong and knows how to handle things. That’s what makes him Sgt. Jordan. He will talk to you and make you think about what it takes to succeed in life. He lets you know you need to have a plan. His knowledge will change your life.

My favorite Sergeant, Sgt. Jordan can teach cadets so much. He will



TYA Sergeant Jordan

make you happy. He will pass knowledge onto you that you need to succeed. He is like a father that I never had. You have no choice but to love Sgt. Jordan because he is a very good man.

Cycle 28 Newspaper

Usually the Thunderbird Journal is completed by the “Newspaper Elective.” Due to the fact that there are no Cadets in this elective for cycle 28, the writing assignments found here were taken from writing classes and donations from some of TYA staff members. If anyone wishes to contribute to the next newspaper, feel free to let me know or just email me with what you have to offer or say. Thank you to the cadets who wrote stories, even if they are not in this paper; everything sent to me by the other teachers was truly great work. Also thank you to the other teachers for your contributions and help. I am very lucky to work with such awesome people.

Newspaper Editor:



*Class # 28
Rocks!*

ulti-
mate measure of a man
(woman) is not where he (she)
stands in moments of comfort
and convenience, but where
he (she) stands at times of
challenge and controversy.”

Ms. Debbie McCulley



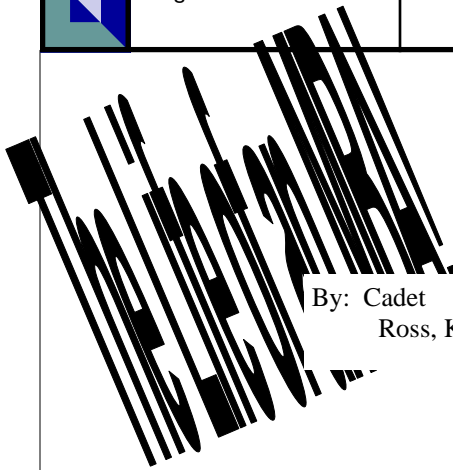
TEACHER Applause

HELLO, Alpha Company!!! I just wanted to tell each of you, congratulations, for making it this far. Just think, you have successfully completed Pre-Challenge, transitioned from candidate to cadet, maintained daily physical training, conquered billet maintenance, and participated in drill and ceremony events; all the while implementing quasi-military standards and achieving academic excel-

lence. Just how awesome is that?

Please allow me to pat you on the back for a job well done. Although your graduation mission is not complete, I honestly believe you have your sights locked-on your target destination.

To everyone in Cycle 28, I would like to give you a few words of encouragement from Dr. Martin Luther King, “The



By: Cadet Ross, K.

The life of an MBA is horrible. I happened to be on MBA on Valentine's Day and was told I had found my prince charming. When on MBA you have to wear an ugly orange vest. Cadets get told how many days they will be placed on MBA, which could range from 3 days all the way up to Comman-

dant's probation which is 10 days. MBA means cadets are up even earlier in the morning to PT before chow. Then they have to orbit their platoon and cannot stop until the Platoon Guide says, "Platoon Halt." When you go back to the barracks you have to PT some more. Cadets are allowed two minutes for personal hygiene then five minutes to do billet maintenance. After that if you get lucky you can stand at position of attention. By the way when you're on MBA you are either at front leaning rest or position of attention when not PT'ing or attending education classes.

When you go to school you have to run everywhere while holding books over your head. If luck holds out, you might not have to run to the fence and back before class. Run, run, and run some more, everywhere you go, with every heaving breath you take. After school you will probably go back to platoon orbit on the way to the barracks.

Cadets leave early for dinner chow so they can PT some more!

Finally, it's personal hygiene time again, only problem is because of being on MBA you have to go last and only get five minutes to shower. Mail is also delivered to MBAs last so you might not get time to read letters from home. By the time 2100 hours rolls around cadets are dead tired and happy to go to bed. That's the life of an



Importance of Education! Education! Education!



By: Cadet Barnett

A few good reasons a person needs an education are to get a good job, be able to support a family, and to teach your children or help them with homework. An-

other is so that you can provide your child a better future when they get older.

A person needs a good job for actually two reasons. People need a good job so that they can take care of all the bills, clothing, and food for a family or just themselves. Another reason to have a good job is to pay taxes. I

know you are thinking has gone mad, BUT taxes are necessary for the country to run and to become a better place.

When you have kids and they start going to school and come home and need your help, what are you going to do if you don't have an education? You should want an education

for that reason only. You need to help your children as much as possible or else they could end up here.

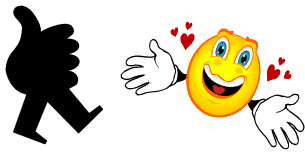
Those to me are some good reasons to be education. In my opinion, you are not a man or woman unless you are doing all that you can to provide a better future for yourselves and your children. Remember: EDUCATION! EDUCATION! and last but not least EDUCATION!

Congratulations to the LEARNERS OF THE WEEK*****

- Week# 4.....Cadet Freeman
- Week# 5..... Cadet Hood C.
- Week# 6.....Cadet Jackson
- Week #7.....Cadet Pamplin
- Week# 8.....Cadet Bogle
- Week# 9.....Cadet Carriker
- Week #10.....Cadet Dyer, 1st Plt.
- Week# 11.....Cadet Underwood

Meet Your New 1st Sergeant of Cycle #28

Entire Name: Cody Alan Hood
Hometown: Bixby, Oklahoma
Parents: Dennis Armstrong and April Armstrong
Siblings: Joshua Hood and Michel Alabrook
Favorite Sport: Wrestling
Favorite School Subject: English
Favorite Person: Chuck Liddell (UFC Champ)
Best Part of TYA: Being First Sergeant
Plans for Future: To Take College classes and to have a part-time job.



My Thoughts on the First Half of Cycle 28.....

By: Cadet Carriker

The first half of cycle 28 has been a challenge. The cycle has had its ups and downs. Becoming a TYA cadet has challenged mind and body. The most important thing I have learned is teamwork.



Opportunity

Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them.
- Ann Landers

Examine the opportunities, the challenges you've given yourself.
- Michael Johnson

Teamwork is developed by doing PT. If cadets don't work together as a team they get disciplined. In order for tasks to get done each platoon must work as a team. At other times the whole company must work as a team. Teamwork is a lesson that can be used for the rest of our lives. When we join the working world, we must be open to teamwork. It always takes more than one person to get a job or task completed. A job well done can amount to certain privi-

leges at TYA.

High merit cadets, such as those on merit level 7, Commandant's List and Director's List have privileges that other cadets do not have. CL's and DL's earn passes that others do not get. There is a high merit room with video games, a pool table, TV, computers, telephones, and a pop machine.

The first half of cycle 28 has taught me that if I do what I am supposed to do then I will be okay.

Upcoming Events:

- April 14- ACT Test
- April 21& 22- Blackhawk Down For High Merits
- April 23- First Lady Visit and Lunch
- May 2- Last Library Trip
- May 6- Elk's Day (?)

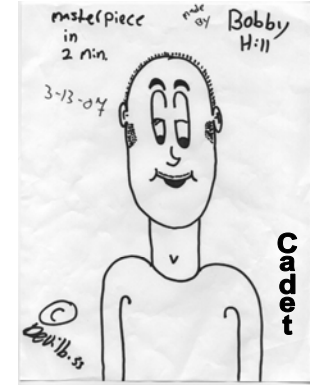
Thunderbird "Alpha" Co. Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find
the correct word. Have fun!

- imaftrnoo _____
- stllbie _____
- rtmeis _____
- staponol _____
- tegyiitr _____
- eiplidicsn _____
- oornh _____
- canioetdu _____



Cadet Art



DESIGNED

Cadet Wright

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If there is no struggle, there is no progress.
-Frederick Douglass

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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