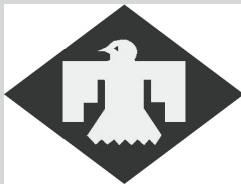


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### Upcoming Events

**May 7-** Renaissance Fair in Muskogee begins. Some of the high merits will be attending.

**May 11-21-** Job shadowing begins for select cadets.

**May 20-21-** Final GED test for those who qualify and those who have to retest.

**May 22-** Memorial Day Pass. Return by 1800 on **May 26th!**

**June 20-**  
**Graduation!**



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## Cadets ponder their futures...

As Cycle # 32 is getting closer to the end, with only 5 weeks left, many cadets have been wondering what their futures may bring. Some were asked about what the future holds for them and the following are some of their responses:

Cadet Ozias said "I hope that in my future, I will get my Bachelors degree in law enforcement, have my own home, and a good job. Law enforcement is what I have been interested in for a very long time. It is a great job that requires discipline and respect. It also allows you to help others."

Cadet Robinson's plan is to have "good transportation" to get to "good paying job" that will hopefully allow him to afford a "good house" for the family he wants some day.

Cadet Mize is planning to spend his future in the military. "I always thought that the military was for me. Just the thought of serving my country makes me feel proud. It will make me

feel like I did something with my life," stated Cadet Mize.

Cadet Bryant is looking to make a change in himself. While at TYA he is going to do his best to straighten his life and attitude up. He says that he is tired of always being in trouble and being in places away from home. It's not the life he wants so he is going to make a change while he has been given the chance.

Cadet Moerles believes in making changes to his thoughts. "There's always going to be a time to have fun, but there's also going to be times when you have to be serious. I am now clear headed enough to realize how good my life can be and I am the one in charge of making it good. My future is brighter now that I have learned the paths that I want to take."

What ever the cadets choices are, they will leave TYA knowing that they have options. It is entirely up to them to make the very best futures for themselves.

## INTEGRITY BY: Cadet Hannaford

**Integrity** is a strict adherence to a code of moral values or standard of conduct. Basically what that is saying is, integrity is **following the rules**. Integrity is being honest and stepping up and taking the heat if you mess up. I feel the purpose of integrity is to make someone a 'better' person. People will respect you more if you are honest and caring. Everybody makes mistakes, but only a few people have the integrity to step up and accept their punishment.

Here at TYA, I feel integrity is one of the most important things that we are taught. The more integrity we have to carry around with us, the more we will use it.

How many of us had a drop of integrity 4 months ago? How many of us even knew what the word meant? There is not a reason that any cadet should walk away from Thunderbird not knowing how to show respect, integrity, and be more honest people. Cadets, you have to realize by now, what you have to do to make your lives better and a little easier. So take what you have learned at TYA and apply to the rest of your life.



**Happy  
Mother's  
Day**



*TYA would like to wish all the wonderful Mothers out there to have a wonderful day on May 10th.*

**Updates and Announcements from Building 506**

\*\* Air Force & Army Recruiters were on grounds to visit with Cadets last week.

\*\* We had several projects set up for the Cadets to do last weekend but most of them were cancelled do to ALL the rain we received. The Cadets got to go swimming & play volleyball at Pryor's Rec Center instead. Sometimes rain is good!

\*\* Some of the Cadets went to the Wagoner Gospel Event last Saturday night. They really enjoyed it.

\*\* CL & DL cadets are going to the Renaissance Student Day on May 8th.

\*\* Cadets will post colors for the Locust Grove Founder's Day Ceremony honoring their Veteran's on Saturday.

\*\* DL cadets will have a merit pass May 9th.

\*\* CL cadets will have a merit pass on May 10th.

\*\* Some Cadets will be assisting at the Rec Center with the Relay For Life Fitness Challenge on Sat.

# The Past 16 Weeks

BY: Cadet Warford

I have made a lot of goals, some I never thought I could reach, but guess what? I did reach them. Some of these goals have included getting myself stronger emotionally and physically. I don't hide my feelings anymore.....vent and just breath.... and the list goes on and on. Set goals for yourself and TYA will be such an easier place to be.

My future..I can't wait for it, I have so much planned and I have a bright future ahead of me. I'm pretty positive a lot of other cadets do too. My plan for the future is to go to college, and the United States Navy. If I don't get into the Navy I plan on going to school for cosmetology. I have some people at home that will support and help me throughout my future. Thank goodness for this.

I have wanted to leave TYA so many times, but what has kept me here for so long is my brother, who is my biggest supporter. He has written me letter after letter telling me that I can graduate this program. I have a good friend here and she has helped me out also. You always need encouragement when you are doing something difficult. I know many of you cadets are thinking that you can't stay here any longer, that

you want to just give up, but you CAN do this and you WILL survive. Encourage yourselves and think of how much better people you are, in just 16 short weeks.

Homesickness....always a big issue here. Male or female, it doesn't matter, at least most of you miss home every now and then, maybe all the time. During time like this you must remember, that you have at least one person out there who loves you and is thinking of you all the time, praying for you, and knowing your doing the right think for your life. Homesickness is something I have had a lot of trouble with. Every time something goes wrong or I get in trouble, all I think about is home. I have learned to look on the bright side and so can you.. Just tell yourself that you are a great person and are always loved by God and your family.

It is time for me to wrap it up with this article, Ms. Wade doesn't want me to take up ALL the space, I'm sure. I just want to say one more thing, .....16 weeks down and 5 more to go!  
**HOOORAH!**

# Our Heroes

**Cadet Johnson, C.**  
"My hero is my Dad. he is a firefighter for Sand Springs. He helps save lives & property almost everyday."

**Cadet Blalack**  
"My hero is my Dad. He does so much for me and my family. Even when he comes home from work and is tired he still makes time for the family."

**Cadet Dickman**  
" My hero is my Mom. She has never turned her back on me and she has always tried to help me get farther in life. She is the one person that has shown me what STRONG means."

**Cadet Blessing**  
"My Mom is my hero. She loves me as her own and takes great care of me and my siblings. She is always there for me and tries to guide me in the right direction."

**Cadet Anderson**  
"My hero is the best of them all, my Mom. She is always there for me through the good and the bad. She has the best shoulder in the world."

**Cadet Stuckey**  
"My hero is Muhammad Ali. Of all the fights he has fought, the fights outside of the ring are to be recognized the most."

\*\*\*\*\*Don't ever forget to tell your HEROES how much they mean to you!\*\*\*\*\*