

# THUNDERBOLT



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Det 592 Cadet Wing Commander  
Cadet Smith



Cadet Krakie & her father  
at the Homecoming tailgate.

## Our Miss Freshman

Homecoming was an amazing experience. It required fundraising and the community vote to win. I fund raised through my family and gave money from my own account. I didn't really campaign that much outside of social media. I used facebook and twitter to get people to vote for me. Luckily I had a great support system and I'm sure I would have not won without the help of Det 592! It was an amazing experience and I thank everyone who helped me achieve this!

-Cadet Krakie

# Physical Fitness Assessment

On February 16, the cadets of Det 592 completed the semi-annual Physical Fitness Assessment. Mouths around the detachment dropped in awe as the results came in days later. There were very high numbers of cadets who achieved a 95% and above score, as well as Col Rogers' 100% score challenge.

Congratulations to our Physical Fitness Officers Cadets Shultz and Szakjo for an outstanding semester, and congratulations to the cadets of Det 592 for going above and beyond.



## *Above & Beyond*

### MALE

Fastest Run - Joshua Szakjo  
-Anthony Demasi

Most Push-ups - Austin Ibele

Most Sit-ups - 5 Way-tie

### FEMALE

Fastest Run - Kailey Filter

Most Push-ups - Beatriz Jimenez

Most Sit-ups - Nicole Milner



Cadet Kenny & Cadet Bruce completing the sit-up portion of the physical fitness assessment.

# Canned Food Drive



A Delta flight Cadet *showing off* Delta's current lead for the canned food drive.

During the month of February Arnold Air Society integrated DET 592 in a canned food drive hosted by the Student Alumni Ambassadors to help the Second Harvest Food Bank of Charlotte. Even though we were in competition with other campus organizations, each flight was also competing against one another to collect the most cans. The prizes include 30 Airpower points and pizza party for the 1st place winner, 20 Airpower points for 2nd place, and 10 Airpower points for 3rd place.

In efforts to collect cans from outside the detachment a few cadets placed paper bags in front of houses throughout the community, and put a barrel in the Army lounge to get them involved. This canned food drive was used as a great way to get our detachment to work together to help out our community, and to boost moral for each flight, and as a detachment.



Cadet Jimenez promoting the Canned Food Drive Event.

# Spring Break...

So, the sand and sun are calling . . . .

Spring Break means different things to different people. For students, it's a overdue departure from the torment of academics, exams, unsympathetic teachers and landlords.

For parents, commanders and the like, it's a week of relative peace to catch up on work, perhaps spend some quality time with family, and doing some housecleaning (yep, "boring" to most of you). None the less, we all mutually agree on one thing – we all want to come back healthy, happy, with batteries recharged and a few good stories to tell. So with that, please look over these very Basic "Rules of Thumb" as you head out the door for your promised departure from UNC Charlotte life:

- Plan your trip (look over your car, think about what you will need, and cover emergencies/contingencies)
- Let someone know where you will be and how to contact you
- Wear your seatbelt and ensure everyone riding with you does too
- Watch your speed enroute and take frequent breaks if driving long distances
- Prepare for the sun, even if you think it's too cold outside
- Be vigilant of strangers
- NEVER drink and drive

Lastly, HAVE FUN! You're only in college once . . .as an undergrad anyway . . . and life is about collecting experiences. Live, breathe, be good to the people around you, and return with honor!!

See everyone on the other side of Spring Break!

-Lt Col Rogers



# AIR POWER

Congratulations to Det 592's Juniors who received rated slots as their Air Fore Service Commitment.

C/Joshua Szajko  
CSO

C/ Jeremiah Spurlock  
Pilot

C/ Anthony Demasi  
CSO

C/ Christopher Schmidt  
Pilot

C/ Robert Stone  
RPA

# Shadow Day



On Friday February 24th the CIL team hosted Shadow day; in which two Civil Air Patrol squadrons, South Mecklenburg HS, Mt. Pleasant HS, and East Mecklenburg HS had a chance to visit our detachment. The objective of this event was to showcase our University and educate the cadets about life in AFROTC. It was also an opportunity for the invited cadets to develop their leadership skills and compete against each other through an incorporated Field Day.

The day consisted of a campus tour, power point presentations, GLP's, and knockout drill. The highlight for most of the cadets was the prizes which included propaganda, and gift cards. Furthermore, our guests were able to create bonds among themselves, and interact with current ROTC cadets.



Participants engaging in a GLP outside.



Participants being led in a campus tour by Cadet Fletcher.

# POW MIA Warrior Run

On President's Day, 20 February 2012, cadets of Det 592 participated in a Warrior Run around UNC Charlotte's campus from 0730-1930. 20 total run shifts included the U.S. Flag, POW MIA Flag, and at least two other runners. This run was dedicated to our most recent POW's list below.

Pfc. Patrick Miller  
Sgt. James Riley  
CWO David S. Williams  
CWO Ronald D. Young  
Spc. Ahmed Altaie  
Pfc. Bove Bergdahl



Spc. Ahmed K. Altaie  
Pvt. Byron W. Fouty  
Spc. Alex R Jimenez  
Spc. Edgar Hernandez  
Spc. Shoshana Johnson  
Pfc. Jessica Lynch

