



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR UNIVERSITY (AETC)



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MEMORANDUM FOR 17<sup>th</sup> Cadet Wing

FROM: OPERATIONS FLIGHT COMMANDER DET 017

SUBJECT: Cadet Expectations

1. **Welcome to Detachment 017 Troy University.** First, let me say it is an honor and privilege for me to be assigned to such an incredible and important position for our military. It is my duty to help the Detachment Commander, Lt Col Deloughery, decide who has the ability to commission into the United States Air Force as an officer. For those who have not yet come to know or appreciate this tremendous role in which a military officer will hold please allow me to enlighten you. As an officer in the military, you will be held to a standard higher than any other position. You will be directly responsible for the men and women (the enlisted force) who you are assigned to lead. It will be your sole responsibility to ensure the safety, well-being and mission effectiveness of your command. As an officer, all eyes of your command will be placed on you. You are representing the Air Force on and off duty. You cannot afford to fail at even the smallest task. The airmen you command will emulate you in every way, good or bad, which is why being excellent in all we do is a must.

2. **Academics Versus ROTC:** It is important to outline the difference between your obligation as a student and as a ROTC cadet. Think of each class in this program as two different classes. The first class is the academic portion. If you attend 80% of the class and make the passing grades, you will pass the class. The second class is your evaluation on becoming an officer. If you continuously fail to show up on time/miss class, or show up in the wrong uniform, not shaved, i.e. "out of regulations" then you will be counseled and possibly removed from the program (this will not affect your academic grade in the class)

3. **ATTENDANCE POLICY/PARTICIPATION/EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Per Air Force ROTC Regulations you must attend 80% of Physical Training (PT), 80% of Leadership Laboratory (LLAB) and 80% of your academic class. We as a detachment know life happens. You will not always be able to attend every class due to work, family, and other responsibilities which will come up. When this happens it will be necessary for you to obtain an excused absence from us. There is a very simple but precise way to have an absence excused. This process **MUST** be followed exactly. Refer to the class syllabus for details.

4. In closing, I want everyone to know we want you all to succeed in this program. We have done our best to outline our expectations for you so you can use these tools to be the best cadet possible. It is very important to realize we are interviewing you for a position as an Officer in the Air Force. This job carries a huge responsibility to lead the airman you are placed in charge of. From this point on you are in an ongoing interview. We are looking for the best and brightest as our replacements in the military. You will be filling our shoes, protecting our families, making those unbelievably tough decisions that may cost someone their life. You need to **PROVE** to us you are up for the challenge and being at the **RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME, and in the RIGHT UNIFORM** is the first step. The second step is being an adult, we will not chase after you to accomplish any task. When we assign a task we expect them to be accomplished. If you have questions ask your cadet chain of command first, then ask us if still not clear. PT is a must and being physically fit is a requirement to be in the military. Working out two times a week will not prepare you for passing the fitness assessment. You must make fitness a large part of your life. Also being prepared for class is a large indicator of your desire to be here. Remember we are always interviewing you. This program is going to be very selective, showing up failing to read the required reading or not studying for exams is not the answer and will not be tolerated. Give us 100% and this will be a very rewarding experience for you.

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