



# WINGS

1 October 2014

## Schedule of upcoming Events

**4 Oct 2014**  
- Fall Trip

**8 Oct 2014**  
- Homecoming Parade

**17 Oct 2014**  
- SQT Test

**26 Oct 2014**  
- MS Walk

**11 Nov 2014**  
- Veterans Day Parade

**15 Nov 2014**  
- Tap-in



## New Student Orientation

21 August 2014 – Twenty-six incoming cadets arrived at the Jr. ROTC building bright and early at roughly 0900. Cadets were then split up into two flights and sent to the small gymnasium and Staff introduced themselves. After the presentations, both flights rotated around in four stations, which consisted of “The Human Knot,” “Blind LEGO Building,” The Balloon Game/Relay Race,” and “The Survival Game,” all of which encouraged team bonding and allowed the incoming cadets and Staff to get to know each other. “I really liked the LEGO activity,” says C/AB Leci Grenet, “I got to be a leader and it was fun.”

At noon, all cadets had chow time, which was used for everyone as a

relaxation period while camaraderie prevailed. Then came the jodie and drill prep, with a subsequent jodie and drill competition, and both won by Bravo Flight. With the competitions out of the way, the Operations Squadron introduced its Rocketry, Color Guard, and Drill Teams with three separate but equally impressive presentations on what each team was about. “My drill solo was fun but I was super nervous,” says C/2nd Lt. Devin Speir, “I put a lot of time and effort into it and I think it was worth it in the end.”

Last but not least came the bearing contest. The incoming cadets did exceptionally well this year, with two remaining until the end, while various other competitors caved in only under such tricks as

“Reyna’s Banana Story” and being forced to sing “I’m a Little Teapot.” Then it was the Staff’s turn to be challenged, and overall, they seemed largely able to keep their bearing. At the very end, the Major and the Sergeant stopped by to introduce themselves and end the orientation, bringing the event to a satisfying close.

The New Student Orientation was in general a great success, and set the precedent for more to come.

- Cadet Capt Shauna Hwang



# Air Force Brithday

The Official Birthday of the U.S. Air Force is September 18 1947. But The U.S. Air Force did not come to being like the Navy or the Army. It evolved over time going through different series of designations before finally becoming its own respective branch of the service.

- The Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps (1909)
- Aviation Section Signal Corps (1914)
- Division of Military Aeronautics (1918)
- U.S. Army Air Service (1918)
- U.S. Army Air Corps (1926)
- U.S. Army Air Forces (1941)

World War 2 illustrated the value and importance of a strong independent Air Force. As a result in 1947 President Truman signed the National Defense Act of 1947 which reorganized the military under the department of defense and separated the Army Air Forces into its own service which separated the Air Force into a separate Branch as we know it today.

- Cadet 2/Lt Eric Martinez



# Operations Corner

The beginning of the year is always tough, as team commanders and NCO's get our new first-year cadets warmed up to unarmed and armed drill. But so far, they have been doing outstanding! This year, Rocketry, under the command of C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Andrew Wang, is trying something new: Kerbal Space Program, KSP is a sandbox video game that allows users to model and launch their own rockets in a fun and creative manner, and the cadets definitely seem excited to try something out of the ordinary. Drill Team has certified each of its first-year Drill Team members, and is quickly moving on to transitory drill. Color Guard has already had a football game detail, and they did a great job as ever. They have also gotten their first-year color guard members accustomed to Glendales and armed drill and are moving along quite smoothly. We are going to get started early on our Regulation Drill Teams for McNeil Drill

Competition and bring home First Place for both Color Guard and Drill Team. This year, we are pleased to have the acquaintance of former US Marine Corps Lance Corporal Chad Wisheart, currently a teacher's assistant in Special Education here at Westwood.

“It’s an honor to help coach Drill Team at Westwood, being as I only got out of the Marines a month and half ago. There are many great cadets here that show impressive leadership skills. I look forward to helping the Drill Team succeed their expectations for competition.”



(Photo courtesy of Mr. Wisheart)

- Cadet Capt Aman Jakkani



## Textbook Distribution

The week before school began; volunteers arrived at Westwood bright and early to assist in the yearly textbook distribution. Cadets tested their strength and endurance as the 3 hour shifts lagged on and the stacks of textbooks became heavier. "Its long and strenuous but the candy that Mrs. Benyo brings and corps bonding makes it all worthwhile" says C/2nd Lieutenant Ethan Reyna. Cadet Master Sergeant Nick Short agrees "I loved being able to help the new freshmen and being able to spend some time with my fellow wingmen was a big plus". Despite the aching feet and sore arms at the end of the day, cadets kept coming back for the laughter, good times, and pizza we shared. One of the most trying things this year was the conflict of New Cadet Orientation and textbook issuing. Luckily thanks to the help of many staff members the problem was quickly resolved, and thanks to the clever thinking of our volunteers we were able to complete the week successfully. A special thanks to all those who volunteered and we hope to see you volunteer next year!

-Cadet Capt Daniela Ruiz



# Summer Leadership School

Over the summer, cadets who were enlisted personnel were given an opportunity to attend a leadership camp, through which they are eligible to become an officer if completed successfully. Hosted at Westwood by our upperclassmen, the soon to be officers went through an intensive four day camp, learning leadership skills and responsibility. Each cadet was given the opportunity to be in control of their respective flights and lead them through a drill card. It was great watching them grow over the course of the four days! Cadets from both McNeil and Westwood's corps displayed great leadership, responsibility, and most importantly – great wingmanship. JROTC is all about wingmanship. We're one big family, and we're there for each other. This means being a battle buddy, and

looking out for the well-being other cadets around them, rather than just looking out for themselves. Cadets of both corps bonded really well and by the end of the four day camp were inseparable. This was a great chance for the upperclassmen to teach these cadets' tips and skills that we once learned as well. I've personally seen many of the cadets who went to SLS apply what they learned in situations during the school year. The Summer Leadership School was a great experience - for both cadets and staff alike.

-Cadet Lt Col Swetha Jayavelu



(Daniela Ruiz Swetha Jayavelu)

# 9/11 Ceremony

9/11 is a day of remembrance all across the nation, for those lost 13 years ago in the largest terror attack on American soil in history. The TX-861st did its part, by participating in a formal flag retreat ceremony. Two cadets' squadrons were formed up before the school's flagpole and a small speech was given to honor the victims of the attacks. The positive support from the school and community made the ceremony even grander, with media representatives from RRISD and the local sheriff's office came to view the event. Even with several technical setbacks, the event continued mostly as planned, and the TX-861st did its part on the day of remembrance.

- Cadet Col Chad Wiemann



# Parent Night

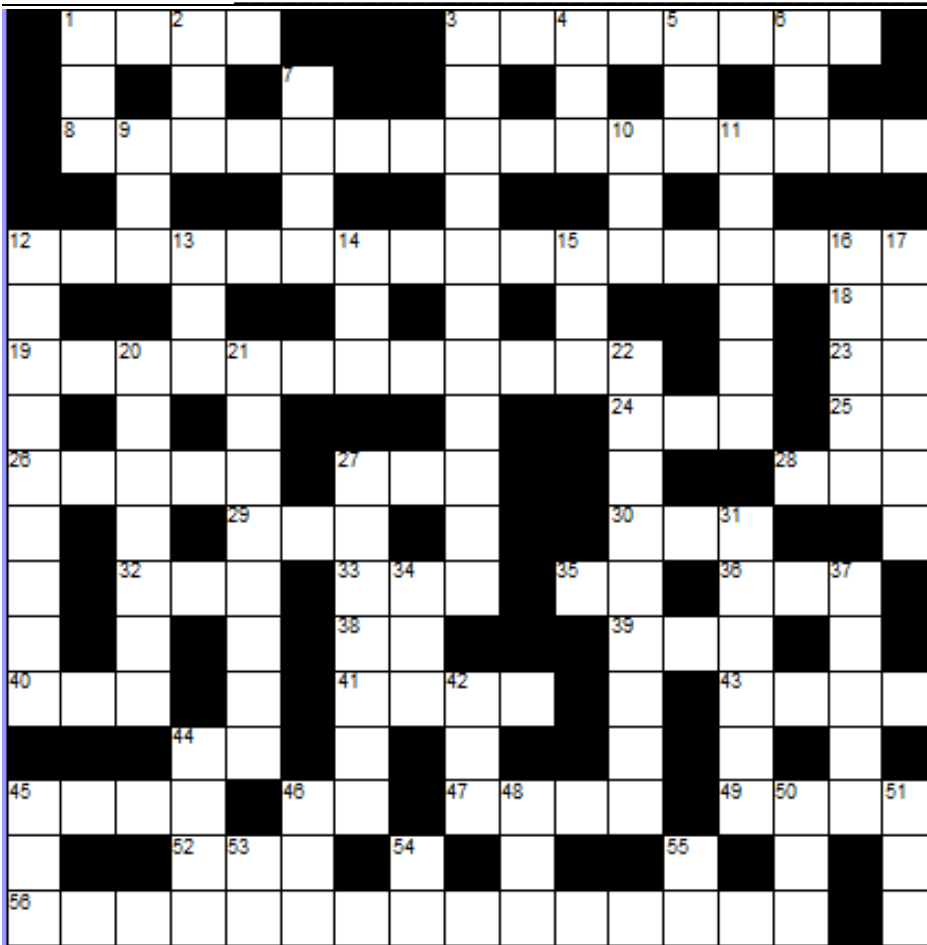
The night of September 10th, 10 cadets lent parents of Westwood a hand around the school to assist with the open house. The administration expressed graciousness of us taking our time out of our evening to help. Parents were very happy to get some help finding their kids classrooms. C/Cpt. Daniela Ruiz said, "It was hectic, but worth it to help the parents." Everyone who volunteered was glad to help the faculty and parents and to spend time with their fellow cadets.

- Cadet 2/Lt Sarah Day



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**Across**

1. Color associated with the USAF
3. Pilot training base in Mississippi
8. Name of the Bell X-1 that achieved the first supersonic flight
12. Top American WWI ace
18. Support group for alcoholics (abbr.)
19. Famous B-17 that completed 25 missions during WWII
23. Primary care physician (abbr.)
24. Cyberspeak for laughing out loud
25. Junior officer (abbr.)
26. Negative answer to a superior officer (2 wds)
27. A pilot records his flight hours in a \_\_\_ book
28. Zodiac sign
29. US intelligence organization (abbr.)
30. Pilots shouldn't look directly into the \_\_\_

32. Home of the Sun Devils (abbr.)
33. Neither this \_\_\_ that
35. Direction from Miami to Seattle
36. "And so forth" (abbr.)
38. Units measuring the force due to aircraft acceleration (pl.)
39. Petroleum
40. Weather condition pilots avoid
41. F-16 training happens at this base in Phoenix
43. Pilots must learn to take off and \_\_\_
44. Land of the free, home of the brave (abbr.)
45. During WWII Germany, Italy, and Japan were the \_\_\_ Powers
46. Postal code for state where Albany is the capital
47. Unit measuring the speed of sound
49. "Iffy" (without hyphen)
52. Assistant of 53 Down
56. Military college in Colorado Springs, CO (3 wds)

**Down**

1. Simple description of the C-5
2. Country in between Canada and Mexico (abbr.)
3. Pilot of first supersonic flight
4. To fall behind
5. One of the Three Stooges
6. Initials of USAF rival
7. Number of engines on a C-130
9. Lass's counterpart
10. High arching shot in tennis
11. Five cents
12. Anchorage, AK Air Force base
13. Mischievous goblin-like creature
14. Instrument landing system (abbr.)
15. Saints and Colts are part of this (abbr.)
16. Nickname of the F-15C
17. Nickname of the F-22
20. Nickname of the P-51
21. Nickname of the C-130
22. Home of 28th Bomb Wing in SD
27. Air Force base in Virginia
31. Home of aerial war game Red Flag (Las Vegas)
34. College at Stillwater, OK (abbr.)
37. Acronym for Continental United States
42. Initials assoc. with Royal Dutch Airlines
44. Branch of service this puzzle is about (abbr.)
45. Abbr. for 56 Across
46. Neither this \_\_\_ that
48. Air Combat Command (abbr.)
50. Pilots breathe this through their masks (abbr.)
51. Shortened form of "Operations"
53. Director of Operations (abbr.)
54. Symbol for iron
55. State where Dover AFB is located (abbr.)

