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Staff Applications

Staff applications will be opening September 6th. Please encourage your cadets to apply for a staff position and look into what the position would entail. Becoming a part of staff not only furthers your leadership development in CAP but also gives you a behind-the-scenes view of how the squadron is run!

Volunteer Projects

The Executive staff at OCCS are looking into different volunteering projects in our community to fulfill our core value of community service and to provide cadets with an outlet to build their community service hours in order to receive their community services ribbon (earned after 60+ hours). As the cadet staff builds a list of opportunities, we welcome any and all suggestions (please email to: abigaiham@gmail.com).

Farewell Lieutenant Balog

August 2nd was Cadet First Lieutenant Taylor Balog's last meeting at the Orange County Composite Squadron. Lieutenant Balog shared, "I used to be super shy and introverted and CAP changed that for me. I never wanted to venture out and try new things and change, no matter what form, terrified me. When Abigail Ham emailed and explained the role of Call Downs after I basically decided I wouldn't join, I knew I couldn't let her down. I had to do this to officially come out of my comfort zone. They say nothing ever grows in one's comfort zone. After that, I joined CAP and I can wholeheartedly say that I'll forever be indebted to the program." The evening was finished with cake and a few words from cadets and senior members alike for the service Lt Balog has done for the squadron. Lt Balog assured everyone that she would be back on her breaks from college. We eagerly await our dear Lieutenant's return over Christmas break and all the stories we will have to share!

New Meeting Location!

OCCS is so excited to announce that further meetings will be held at Eno River Academy in Hillsborough. The new facilities provide a large meeting room, gymnasium, parking lot for drill & PT, and several classrooms for specialized activities. We are so blessed by the ERA community to call this our new meeting location. Many thanks to the people that made this possible!

Color Guard Team

Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Cassada has started a Color Guard for the squadron. A color guard is comprised of 3-4 cadets who are proficient in rifle and flag bearing. This color guard team will present the colors at several events including veteran events, sports events, and flag retirement ceremonies. Chief Cassada will be hosting a monthly practice in the gymnasium at ERA. If you would like to learn more or participate in color guard, email him at ryan.cassada14@orange.k12.nc.us.



OCCS color guard performing at a Duke basketball game!

Cadet Shunk Sends His Experiment to the International Space Station!

Cadet Shunk of OCCS was the team leader of 5 high school students who designed an experiment to send to the International Space Station to reduce radiation levels in space. To get full details on the experiment, supposed results, and future for these high school students, [click here](#) to read the article written by NCWG's Public Affairs Officer, Capt Lynne Albert. We are so proud of our cadet!!!

