Cadets take second place in Air Force Marathon

If any of you ever get the chance, I highly recommend trekking to Dayton, Ohio, and running in the Air Force Marathon. Cadets Michael Miller, Joshua Rope, Christopher Will, and myself decided to run the relay in commemoration of the Air Force’s 88th birthday on Sept. 17, 2005.

The four of us journeyed up the night before, took care of registration, and got acquainted with the base, so we would know where to go in the morning. The course was set up so the start was at the Air Force museum, the second and third runners went around the perimeter of Patterson Airfield, and the last leg ended back at the museum. The course totaled 26.2 miles.

I ran the first leg, which was only five miles. Regardless of what the other relay members claim, it did have a couple of big hills at the beginning and end! Cadets Rope and Miller ran the next two legs that were 7 and 7.5 miles, respectively. Will followed with a 6.7-mile trek to the finish line, surrounded by vintage airplanes on both sides.

I would venture to say that the runners’ ages ranged from 12 to 70. Categories for competition included the following teams: active duty members, co-ed, masters (40 years old or older), ROTC, men, and women. Airmen, family, and friends were represented from all over the world. Even a storm trooper walked the entire 26.2 miles in full uniform!

Hundreds were lined up along the sides of the course, cheering for everyone and handing out water, Gatorade, and oranges. The celebration at the finish line consisted of live music, sandwiches, beer, soda, souvenirs, and anything else you could ask for.

The four of us placed second among all ROTC teams, with a time of 3 hours, 9 minutes, and 6 seconds. Our time was also good for 16th place out of 223 relay teams in the overall standings. The overall winner was from Germany, and they somehow ran the course in 2:41:15, a 6:10 minute mile pace!

Everyone completed the race unscathed. After the race, it was a different story. As deciding to duck was not in his best interest, Cadet Will came face to face with a World War II aircraft, complete with wind instruments sprouting out below its underbelly. Somehow, the plane got the better of him, and we carried him off to get a tetanus shot at the Wright-Patterson Medical Center. Some medics stared in awe, while others emptied an entire jug of iodine on his head to sanitize the war wound.

If any of you are interested in running next year, check out this Web site: http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/. It’s motivation to stay in shape. I’m sure, if given the chance, we would all do it again! — 2nd Lt. Jacob Garvin

IU AFROTC spring-breakers visit Patrick Air Force Base in Florida

Many cadets spent spring break at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. This trip was an excellent opportunity for the cadets to see a real Air Force base and everything that goes with it. The highlights of the trip were flying on a KC-135; inspecting a Pavehawk helicopter; touring the Boeing facility; where the Delta IV rockets are assembled; and seeing the launch site for America’s first satellite.

Oh, there was also a beach: it had lots of sand and was warm. The climate of Florida was completely different than that of Bloomington during spring break.

My favorite part of the trip was meeting Lt. Col. Julio “Zorro” Lopez, a helicopter pilot with the 920th Rescue Wing. He briefed us on his experiences in the military. After the briefing, we were given a tour of the Pavehawk helicopter. The machine is equipped with four rotors, air refueling capabilities, and a winch to lower pararescuers (PJs) to rescue people. On a side note, the 920th rescued 1,043 people in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Another interesting part of the trip was the tour of the Boeing facility. This facility is mind-blowing: think humongous, then multiply that image by 10. Words simply cannot describe the massive scale of everything there. Another interesting fact is that the facility boasted having the flattest floor on earth. Our guide was a fellow Hoosier, so we got a touch of home during our tour.

The beach was also an excellent experience, whether it was building a sand castle and naming it Nay-topia, or playing ultimate football (Maj. Jim West can drop the long bomb). The water was a little cold and highly salty (imagine that), but that didn’t stop us from having a fun spring break.

— Cadet Bryan Abell, AS100

Check out pictures from the cadets’ spring break trip on page 7
On May 5, nine Air Force and 11 Army ROTC cadets stood before family and friends as they were sworn in as second lieutenants in their respective services. About 250 guests witnessed Lt. Col. Lori Bass, AFROTC Det 215 PAS, administer the commissioning oath to all the Air Force’s newest second lieutenants during the ceremony. A few cadets had the privilege of being inducted as lieutenants by family or friends in a small private ceremony prior to the event.

Special guests at the ceremony included Dean of Students Richard McKaig, who presented the IU President’s Award to one graduate from each ROTC program, and Brig. Gen. Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr., commander, Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools. Gen. Hawkins presented the keynote address with just the right mix of humor and sentiment to inspire the new officers. He provided insight on committing to the profession of arms, growing through criticism, internalizing integrity, remembering their families, and enduring. He reminded all lieutenants, “You’re stepping into a profession like no other.” He then asked them to consider, “What is the legacy that you intend to leave?” Following the formal induction, the Air Force lieutenants broke away for a more fun and informal pinning ceremony, in which each had the opportunity to have family or friends do the honors.

Every new officer was presented with the AETC commissioning coin, a specially minted commemorative silver dollar Liberty coin stamped with the commissioning year, courtesy of retired Col. Robert Cox; a set of 1stLt. rank bars to pin on when they receive their first promotion from retired Col. Marcus Oliphant on behalf of the local chapter of the Air Force Association; and a senior class composite photograph.

Each parent or spouse also received a pin from the secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff, recognizing their contributions and support as an extended member of the Air Force family. Finally, each new lieutenant had the opportunity to address family, friends, and classmates in a final farewell. There were a few tears and lots of laughter as they shared special memories and thanked all who helped them make it to this special day.

Nine new officers from Det 215 were inducted during the May commissioning ceremony. Congratulations to all!

— Lt. Col. Lori Bass
Professor of Aerospace Studies

Extended member of the Air Force family...
Commissioning

December 2005

(graduate, hometown, career field, base of assignment)

- 2nd Lt. Jacob Garvin, Batesville, Ind., communications officer, MacDill AFB
- 2nd Lt. Peter Namyslowski, Carmel, Ind., casual status, White-mac AFB; undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB
- 2nd Lt. Joshua Rope, Los Angeles, casual status, Scott AFB; undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB
- 2nd Lt. Christopher Will, Elkhart, Ind., cross-commissioned to Army, branched to Army aviation

May 2006

- 2nd Lt. Rebecca Burkey, Apalachin, Ind., air battle management training, Tyndall AFB
- 2nd Lt. Benjamin Burr, Indianapolis, undergraduate navigator training, Randolph AFB
- 2nd Lt. Curtis Culver, Terre Haute, Ind., undergraduate navigator training, Pensacola NAS
- 2nd Lt. Richard Fancher, Oklahoma City, space and missile training, Vandenberg AFB
- 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Klingensmith, Vandergrift, Pa., space and missile training, Vandenberg AFB
- 2nd Lt. Michael Miller, Indianapolis, intelligence officer course, Goodfellow AFB
- 2nd Lt. Jonathan Pollock, St. Louis, undergraduate navigator training, Randolph AFB
- 2nd Lt. Jonathan Schloesser, Spencer, Ind., undergraduate navigator training, Randolph AFB
- 2nd Lt. James Springston, New Albany, Ind., analytical scientist, Vandenberg AFB

August 2006 (upcoming)

- Cadet Mateo Huerta, Huntington, Ind., will commission and will attend space and missiles training, Vandenberg AFB

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Members of the Air Force ROTC May 2006 commissioning class recite the oath.

**AT LEFT — Retired Col. Marcus “Red” Oliphant, right, presents 2nd Lt. Michael Miller with first lieutenant bars as a gift for his future promotion.**

**BELOW — 2nd Lt. Christopher Will cross-commissions from AFROTC to the Army, with an Army aviation training slot. Lt. Col. Bass gives 2nd Lt. Will a senior composite of his AFROTC class.**

**BELOW — IU Dean of Students Richard McKaig looks on as Brig. Gen. Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr. speaks to Army and Air Force cadets before they prepare to be commissioned.**

**Below — 2nd Lt. Rebecca Burkey, Apalachin, Ind., air battle management training, Tyndall AFB**

**Below — 2nd Lt. Benjamin Burr, Indianapolis, undergraduate navigator training, Randolph AFB**

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AFROTC scholarship recipient gives thanks

I can’t thank you enough for bestowing upon me this prestigious award. Not only was it a wonderful surprise, but it was also a real honor. I plan to make the most of this award to pay off loans, books, and other school necessities. I hope it wasn’t a difficult sacrifice for those involved to donate this money. I want you to know that it was worth it. I have yet another reason to stay in college, especially at Indiana University. I’d like to thank everyone again who made this scholarship possible.

— Adam Rennick

AFROTC Alumni President Jim Brown, left, presents Cadet Adam Rennick with the 2006 AFROTC Scholarship Award plaque at the annual spring Awards Banquet.

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We truly appreciate your generosity!

- Hillard Jay Trubitt, JD’59, and Ruth Ann Trubitt
- Edward Dixon Heath, BA’57, and Linda Cater Heath
  • Robert Lee Cox Jr., BS’70, and Louise Lasayko Cox, BS’68, MS’69
    Also awarded commemorative coins for commissioning second lieutenants.
  • Marcus Ray Oliphant, ‘49
    Also awarded first lieutenant rank as incentive for commissioning second lieutenants.
- John, BA’70, and Jo Ann, BS’70, Miller
  Also sponsor an AFROTC team each fall for Hoosiers Outrun Cancer.
  • Luke George Grossman, BA’86, and Dawn Ellen Grossman, BS’84, MS’86
    Their generous contribution made it possible to double the 2006 Scholarship Award for Cadet Rennick. Lt. Col. Luke Grossman is the new deputy operations group commander, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

Dear Cadet Fuel and AFROTC,

Thank you for being our colored guard. Please come back next year! Thank you.

From,
Summit Student Council

Bloomington’s Summit Elementary Student Council sent a note to thank the AFROTC Color Guard for presenting the colors on Veteran’s Day.

John and Jo Miller (in the sunglasses) pose with the AFROTC 2005 Hoosiers Outrun Cancer Team. Hoosiers Outrun Cancer is a 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) walk/run scheduled for Oct. 7, beginning at Assembly Hall. John and Jo Miller, of Cincinnati, are the annual sponsors of the Air Force ROTC team.

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Life is rough

Good morning, all. Well, at least the cadre anyway. Just figured I’d drop the Det a line and say what’s up. I’m hanging out, doing the casual thing, here at Whiteman Air Force Base, in exotic Knob Noster, Mo. Let me tell you, it is some pretty stressful work (see picture below).

Active duty is awesome. It has honestly been an incredible experience all-around. I got to knock out my first PME (professional military education test) down at ASBC (air and space basic course). Yes, not only did I pass, Major West, but I believe I outscored the other IU alumni present. It’s a great way to learn the “family business” and meet a ton of people.

Here at Whiteman, they made me the squadron physical fitness officer (they must have heard of my accolades at IU). Yes, even those who “cheat their bodies” can be assigned to this important task. I’m also assigned to the B-2 weapons office (be afraid, be very afraid). I get to work with a lot of high-speed people here.

A good number of the pilots are weapons school graduates. The base is home to the B-2, T-38, A-10, and Apache helicopter.

Well, congrats to the seniors, you’re almost done. I’ll see you at the commissioning ceremony. If you guys have any questions about ASBC, active duty, traveling, or anything, shoot me an e-mail. And if you take I-70 West to your next duty station, you’ve got a place to stay here.

— Peter J. Namyslowski, BA’05

2nd Lt. Namyslowski is now deployed to Andersen AFB, Guam, as the EOG/CCE, expeditionary operations group commander’s exec. He says it’s a great opportunity before pilot training in Laughlin AFB, Texas.
Looking back: Homecoming 2005

2nd Lt. Michael Miller, center, talks war stories with Bud Lynch, right, while a visitor looks on.

Cadets in the 2005 Homecoming parade.

Looking ahead: Homecoming 2006

Homecoming 2006 is Oct. 27–29. Please plan to join us for the AFROTC Alumni Homecoming Picnic, Friday, Oct. 27. Dinner will begin at 4 p.m. on our front lawn. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

Ray Robison, BA’68, JD’71, and his wife visit with Lt. Col. Bass before the parade.
Fun in the sun

2006 spring-breakers visit Patrick Air Force Base

Above, left — AFROTC spring-breakers explore a Boeing facility at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., where Delta IV rockets are assembled.

Below — The three amigos, from left, Cadets Levin, Naing, and Bristow, strut their stuff on the sandy shores of the Banana River.

Above — Cadets Snyder, left, and Rennick show they’re happy just to sit in the back of an HH-60 Pavehawk.

At left — Meanwhile, Cadet Levin sits in the front of a KC-135 tanker and ponders a future career choice.

Spring break photos by Cadet Mateo Huerta

Cream and Crimson Weekend 2005

1950s reunion for Det 215 alumni

Det 215 alumni from the 1950s reunite during Cream and Crimson weekend: from left, Keith Minich, BS’55, of Tampa, Fla.; Robert Howard, BS’55, MBA’58, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Garlan “Buzz” Howard, BA’53, MS’58, of Indianapolis; and Commandant of Cadets, Maj. West.
Alumni News

Editors’ note: Because change is a constant in the armed services and in the world, the information in these alumni notes may have changed since submission.

Submitted in 2005:
Maj. Christopher B. Anderson, BA’94, MBA’03, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, works for Rockwell Collins Marketing and flies B-52s in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. His address is cahoosier@mchsi.com.

Submitted in 2006:
Tradeshow Week, a print and online magazine, named Hugh K. “Boo” Sinnock, BS’67, one of 20 essential-to-meet people in Las Vegas. Sinnock is the regional operations director of Reed Exhibitions in Las Vegas. He and his wife, Elaine (Zuroff), BA’67, live in Henderson, Nev.

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