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ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY NATIONAL REPORT ON AFROTC AFFAIRS

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Overview

The AFROTC Suggestion Program is a national initiative, organized and executed by the Arnold Air Society National Vice Commander, that allows AFROTC cadets to provide suggestions regarding improvements to the AFROTC program. Any cadet is welcome to participate and have their voice heard on issues they feel hinder their ability to grow as leaders. Because of this program, changes such as wearing active duty awards on the uniform and removing the requirement to report parking tickets as civil involvements have been made.

16 suggestions were submitted between the period of December 2020 and April 2021. Each submission was subject to thorough review on the squadron, region, and national levels. After review, eight submissions were approved to be added to National Report. Below are the eight submissions, in no particular order, for AFROTC/HQ review. Each individual submission is up for approval or disapproval from AFROTC/HQ. If there are any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact AAS C/Col Jacob Nielsen at vice-commander@arnold-air.org or jake.nielsen23@gmail.com.



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1. Authorize the wear of the Silver Wings insignia on the Service Dress for Air Force ROTC cadets in Silver Wings.

Problem:

The current AFI 36-2903 AFROTCSUP Section 9.3.28.3 explicitly states that the wearing of the Silver Wings insignia is prohibited on the AFROTC Uniform.

Solution:

Allow for AFROTC cadets that are active members in Silver Wings to be authorized to wear the Silver Wings pin on their AFROTC cadet uniform. The pin will be placed on the uniform in accordance with the standards set for the Arnold Air Society insignia. Attached below is the current Silver Wings pin and the location of the Arnold Air Society pin on the AFROTC cadet uniform. The wearing of the pin would boost morale and pride for the cadets that are active members within Silver Wings.





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2. Update the AFROTC application/WINGS website to make it more user-friendly

Problem:

The current website being used for the AFROTC application process and to access our WINGS account feels very outdated and is not very user-friendly for the cadets trying to access their accounts.

Solution:

Update the website to allow for more ease with accessing our cadet information. Overall, making the account more user-friendly will allow cadets to have an easier time finding specific things on the website.



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3. Allow for OCP hard ranks to be displayed on the front of cadet's OCP cover.

Problem:

With the introduction of OCPs to the AFROTC, cadets are only allowed to wear their cadet ranks on the middle of their chest. Unlike Army ROTC cadets and Officers in the Air Force, they are allowed to wear their ranks on the covers of their OCPs.

Solution:

Allow cadets to wear hard ranks on the frontside of their OCP covers in the same orientation as on their blouse. This is done for Officers in the Air Force so it should be allowed for those that are currently Officer candidates in AFROTC.



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4. Creation of more AFROTC sponsored AFSC discussions.

Problem:

AFROTC cadets do not have exposure to all the Officer AFSCs that the Air Force/Space Force currently has. Cadets from smaller Universities/Detachments have limited access to contacting Active Duty/Guard/Reserve Officers in the career fields that they desire to enter. With this, they are unsure as to what the day-to-day lives are like for that career field and what the job really entails.

Solution:

Create more AFROTC sponsored AFSC discussions with Officers that are currently serving within every career field of the Air Force. By creating more of these events, like the multiple 13N events that were recently held, cadets that are interested in a specific AFSC will be able to gain a better understanding as to what the jobs entail.



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5. The DoDMERB process must be completed before joining Air Force ROTC.

Problem:

Currently, most incoming AFROTC Cadets do not have a completed DoDMERB and must complete it prior to attending Field Training. With the process being so long, it can take a couple years to know whether you are medically cleared. During the waiting period, cadets become so invested into the program and invest a lot of time and money only to be removed.

Solution:

A cadet must have their DoDMERB completed prior to joining Air Force ROTC.



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6. Integration of the U.S. Constitution within the AFROTC Curriculum.

Problem:

Within the AFROTC curriculum, the US Constitution is not addressed enough. As part of the Oath of Office for Officers, it states, "...I will support and defend the Constitution of the United states...". This is an issue in some cases when it comes to public appearance. Some may be confused with what their duty entails and knowing and understanding the Constitution is a part of that duty.

Solution:

Integrate the U.S. Constitution within the AS 300 and AS 400 curriculum. This would allow for cadets to have a better understanding of what values they are protecting and understand what the Constitution entails.



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7. Standardized the training curriculum for AFROTC.

Problem:

There is a widespread issue of standardized training across AFROTC. When cadets attend Field Training, there is often confusion between cadets when it comes to specific procedures because of the lack of standardization with training at the Detachment levels. The current training manuals do not go into depth on how each training objective should be taught. Since there isn't much information on how to teach these objectives, Detachments are able to teach the information in the manner that they know it and not how AFROTC HQ wants it taught. This can cause Detachments to deviate and create their own "Detisms" on certain procedures.

Solution:

Develop training curriculum that explicitly states how each training objective should be accomplished in order to avoid any Detachment to deviate from the training manuals. By having clear instructions on how to meet each training objective within the T-509, there will be more standardization within the curriculum for AFROTC.



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8. Allow for Arnold Air Society cadets to wear approved AAS patches in OCPs/FDUs.

Problem:

Currently, Arnold Air Society cadets are not allowed to wear patches that represent their AAS Squadrons or Regions. Under the AFI 36-2903 AFROTCSUP section 5.2.6.1.3, there is only guidance on the wear of Detachment patches on the left sleeve in OCPs. Additionally, under section A6.4.3.6.1, it states that no other patches will be worn besides the Detachment patch on the right sleeve in FDUs.

Solution:

Allow for AAS cadets to wear approved AAS specific patches on OCPs/FDUs. For the patches on the OCPs, cadets will wear them underneath the AFROTC patch located on the left sleeve. On the FDUs, cadets will have the option to wear an approved AAS patch in place of their Detachment patch on the right sleeve. The approval process for the patches would be at the discretion of the Detachment Commanders. Wear of AAS patches on both uniforms would boost esprit de corps and pride for cadet members.