The Cadet Interaction Committee Needs You!

The Cadet Interaction Committee is a committee who gathers monthly to discuss respect issues and concerns within the Corps of Cadets. The first meeting of the semester was held last Friday, 25 January. The meeting was successful but was in need of more participation from you! This is meant to be a venue for any cadet to voice their opinion about our respect issues and help our staff find solutions to bettering them. With your participation, the Respect Program will become more meaningful and beneficial for the corps. For further questions or more information on attending the next Cadet Interaction Committee, please email CDT John Loft, E1 2013.

Want to be part of the Respect Newsletter?

Email CDT Virginia Mills, BDE Respect Public Affairs Officer, or contact your company respect representative.

The Class Weekends Have Arrived!

With the arrival of snow, and fog, and mist, and sleet, and rain, and ice, one can easily forget the excitement of the class weekend! What better time of year to have roughly a thousand young men and women from around the word travel in hazardous conditions in seasonality inappropriate attire to eat dinner in the West Point Messhall!?

All humor aside, class weekends are a great opportunity to show off all the respectful manners the Cadet Hostess and (no-doubt) your company Respect Reps have taught you during your time at USMA. Just remember, these events are classy occasions, and should not be marred by unfortunate and inappropriate acts of rate a date, rude comments, or unpleasant table conversation. If you are unsure if something you are doing is inappropriate or not, it probably is.

Most of all, enjoy the time with friends and all the cheesecake this happy season has to offer! - CDT Virginia Mills BDE Vice Chair For Public Relations-Respect

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Winter: Tis the Season For Basketball

As we continue this basketball season, we must remember to represent our school, ourselves, and the Army at every game. While taunting, yelling profanity, and demeaning the opposing team’s players may distract their focus, it also distracts us from a respectful lifestyle. The Corps of Cadets’ purpose in attending basketball games is to show that on and off the battlefield, the Army is dedicated to teamwork. When we lead the Army team to victory through our unconditional and (frequently mandated) support, we know that we have shown the rest of the world what a regiment of ACU patterned young men and women are capable of achieving! Here are some simple Do’s and Don’ts to remember while cheering:

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<td>Yelling “Go Army” “Let’s Go Black Knights”</td>
<td>Yelling “You Suck!” to the unfortunate opposing team.</td>
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<td>Enjoying Delicious Grant Hall Pizza! (And not eating in the Mess Hall).</td>
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<td>Getting into the Army Athletics spirit!</td>
<td>Let whatever impending academic assignments and cynicism effect your behavioral choices!</td>
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This Month’s Observance: Martin Luther King Jr.

Cadets received inspiring and thought provoking words from CSM Jeffrey S. Miller on overcoming diversity issues. This was a lesson that anyone could adopt in their life; no matter what, never give up on your dreams!
A CLOSE UP OF PMEE!

PME² Guest Speakers

PME² was kicked off this semester with a visit from 16 distinguished members of the class of 1966, the 50 year affiliates of the Plebe class. Members of the 50 year affiliate classes travel thousands of miles, to help with PME² lessons. If you see them around please show them the utmost respect and thank them both for their service and their willingness to come and share their wealth of knowledge and experiences.

On the 4th of February we have the honor of hosting Mr. Lee Ellis, a former US Air Force fighter pilot. During Vietnam Mr. Ellis spent more than five years as a POW in the Hanoi Hilton after his plane was shot down. Part of that time he spent in the cell next to Senator John McCain. Mr. Ellis will be speaking to the Cow class during Dean’s hour in Robinson Auditorium but anyone is welcome to come hear him talk about his inspiring and difficult story of survival and his career in the military that followed.

On the 25th of February the Plebe class will be hosting Mr. Eric Alexander. Mr. Alexander is an inspiring speaker who has climbed Mount Everest multiple times… with a blind man. Mr. Alexander helps disabled people do extreme sports and travels to West Point every year to share the lessons of faith, hope and trust that he has learned through his careful instruction of others. Cadets, staff and faculty are welcome to attend this brief in Robinson Auditorium.-CDT Lisa Balkema BDE Vice Chair Education

Come Join Us for Black History Month!

Who: All Cadets! If you would like to perform (sing, dance, spoken word, etc.) please contact DT Emmanuel Gulley, D4 2015.

When: 19 FEB from 1830-2000 in Robinson Auditorium

Why: To celebrate!