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MARKSMANSHIP

Cadets shot at the TSS (Target Shooting Solutions) in Avondale, Pennsylvania for their marksmanship ribbon. Marksmanship in the sea cadets helps hone in their target accuracy from 5, 10, 15, and 20 yards. The levels to shooting are Marksman, Sharpshooter, and Expert. A marksman is a person who is skilled in precision shooting using projectile weapons to shoot at high-value targets at longer-than-usual ranges. In the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard, full-sized medals are only issued at the expert level. Both services award separate medals for pistol and rifle proficiency. WETDIV Cadets practice shooting as a unit between two and four times each year. The standing deal the unit has with TSS is that they allow us to use their ranges free of charge, if WETDIV cleans their guns. This gives the Cadets the opportunity to learn how to and become comfortable with the process of disassembly, reassembly, and cleaning of different types of firearms. The unit still must pay for its own ammunition, targets, and weapons, but they are able to enter without a fee. The Cadets in WETDIV learn firearm safety and range etiquette, shooting techniques, and field-stripping of weapons. All in all, range days are extremely valuable experiences.

Journalists: SA Baublitz and PO3 Kloss
Photographer: SA Baublitz
On October 14, twelve WETDIV Cadets were given the opportunity to attend a handcuffing seminar. The cadets were given a presentation and completed similar drills to what police cadets may learn. They were described as the ‘lab rats’ for the instructor to see the best ways to teach the main ideas. SR Marianna Eastburn describes the entire experience as “a very educational and fun experience” She began the day with learning how to handcuff another person without resistance. The group had to make decisions of if the person getting handcuffed should stand, kneel or lay down.

“I had enjoyed how we were taught the basics of how to handcuff a person, then were taught more advanced things. For example, when we had to fight somebody into handcuffs while they were resisting.”

She enjoyed having to fight another cadet and get them handcuffed, as well as work as a team to accomplish the same goal.

“I also liked how, although it was a handcuffing seminar, we also learned techniques that did not involve handcuffs at all. I also enjoyed some of the exercises we did, like the one where we had to drag a person across the floor.”

SR Eastburn enjoyed the program and each exercise that they did. She thanks the instructors for giving her, as well as others, the opportunity to attend the seminar. All in all, she gladly states that

“If I had the chance I would definitely do it again”

Journalist: SR Pankow
Photographer: Non-Cadet
“SAVE HIM”

On Monday, April 23, PO3 Rachel Miriello saved one of her friends’ lives at school.

“Lunch started out normally. At first I thought my friend was getting sick because it sounded like he was gagging....that is until I saw him grab at his throat and begin to turn blue”

PO3 Miriello was quick to assess the situation and react in the most appropriate way.

“I jumped out of my chair and did the Heimlich. I successfully dislodged the obstruction, and he was able to breath again”

She also gave insight on her experience after saving her friend’s life.

“People have asked me if I considered the difference in our sizes before attempting the Heimlich. In the moment the only [thought] on my mind was ‘Save him’”

PO3 Miriello also told how the event has affected her life.

“When his mother hugged me and thanked me for saving her son’s life, it felt great to know that I was in the right place at the right time”

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Photographer: Non-Cadet

OUTREACH

Premier Martial Arts hosted a Women’s Empowerment Seminar to teach women self defense techniques. The event was centered largely around the Jewish community.

PO3 Spencer Elliott and PO3 Matthew Loring attended to help hold targets and assist in teaching. There were many high school age and college girls from all over who came to learn to defend themselves.

Elliott and Loring found themselves very popular at the event, the girls showing their gratitude by chanting the two Cadets’ names. They had many fun and interesting interactions with the women they were supporting. Even still, “The best part of the experience was honestly just knowing that we were helping to teach life saving skills”, says Loring. The event was enjoyable and rewarding, for the Cadets and the women alike.

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Photographer: Non-Cadet
WHAT IS A COLOR GUARD?

What is Color Guard? Why do so many hold so much pride because they are on Color Guard? Color Guard is a uniformed group that parades or presents their institution’s flag. The William E. Taylor division color guard presents the national flag and the flag of the USNSCC. The flags are guarded by two rifles, surrounding the flags. Petty Officer 2nd Class Carpenter gave his opinion and view of Color Guard, and what being involved in it means to him.

“In color guard, we take a lot of pride in what we do, each person on the color guard has the highest respect for his/her own country and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. By parading the colors you are honoring those who have fallen and honor what this great country stands for.”

While being on color guard does stand for much more than many can understand, being a part of this small group takes “trust” and “commitment”. PO2 Carpenter has stated that “a lot of commitment goes into perfecting a color guard, syncing the rifles together, having the flags perfect, and staying synced during movements”.

He has said that being on color guard brings you to a state of mind in which, “you just have to know and trust that the person next to you is in step with you”.

He also said that being in color guard for certain amount of time brings to a point where, “you know that the person to the left and right of you is going to do the right thing and not mess up”.

The WETDIV Color Guard is available for event booking. See contact information on the back cover to inquire.

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Photographer: SA Baublitz, Non-Cadet
Marksmanship
Cadets are promoted based on time, coursework completion, attendance to trainings, and various other requirements specific to each rank. They also have the opportunity to earn different ribbons which can be worn on their dress uniforms, as done in the Armed Forces.

Pictured left, a new Cadet is being sworn in. He pledges loyalty to the Sea Cadet Corps, the Navy, the Coast Guard, God, and his country.

A few WETDIV Cadets participated in a 5k Ruck/Run in support of the Beau Biden Foundation for Child Protection.

Notice: Cadet Eastburn (left) has a medical boot on her right foot.
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It is donations such as yours that make the experiences described in this issue possible.

While sponsored by the Navy and Coast Guard for privilege to wear active uniforms and utilize facilities, units are otherwise run by volunteers and must fund their own uniforms, gear, and activities throughout the year. Your donations go toward those very things.

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Thank you for your continuous support.

Respectfully,

William E. Taylor Division Cadets and Officers

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