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Casting Off

A Running Interview of Those Graduating



PO3 Rachel Miriello

Q: Where are you going next?

A: I am staying in Sea Cadets as a Midshipman. After that I am going into the Navy as a Corpsman.

Q: What do you feel you took with you from the Sea Cadets?

A: During my time in the program I have gained so much. From leadership skills, to unbreakable friendships. I will take the bonds with me.

Q: What was your greatest accomplishment in the program?

A: Earning my dive certification.

Q: What was your favorite part of being a Cadet?

A: My favorite part of being a cadet was the friendships I gained and the amazing opportunities I was given.

Q: What is one piece of advice you have to leave for those behind you?

A: One piece of advice I leave is to never forget who you are. No matter how tough life is, keep going, never give up, and be yourself.



PO2 Robert Carpenter

Q: Where are you going next?

A: I am enlisting in the US Army with an 11X Option 40 contract. Airborne Ranger Infantry.

Q: What do you feel you took with you from the Sea Cadets?

A: What I feel I took with me from Sea Cadets is life lessons and experiences, I've learned how to continuously improve myself, my leadership skills, to take care of my people and much more. I've found passions in different hobbies that I'll continue to explore throughout the rest of my life such as Scuba Diving, Rappelling and hiking. I've met people some good, some bad and some I've come to call family.

Looking back, the only thing I would change is joining the program sooner.

Q: What was your greatest accomplishment in the program?

A: My greatest accomplishment was being able to Staff Field Operations at Fort Indian Town Gap. This is my greatest accomplishment because I was able to spend the training with other members of the William E. Taylor division, was able to ride in a CH47 Chinook and do a lot more other awesome activities! I'm still in contact with some of the Cadets who attended the training, I've heard nothing but good things about it. It was an awesome week and after being told that it was the best training many of the Cadets have ever attended I was proud to have helped staff it.

Q: What was your favorite part of being a Cadet?

A: My favorite part of being a Cadet was learning the ropes of the program and then being able to help teach other Cadets those same skills. Another one of my favorite parts of being a Cadet is being able to partake in some of the awesome training and events that the Officers set up for our unit. Some of which are skills I'll carry with me forever.

Q: What is one piece of advice you have to leave for those behind you?

A: Never be satisfied in anything you do and to continue to be tenacious in everything you do.

WETDIV NEWS

Marksmanship

Through partnership with Target Shooting Solutions in Avondale, Pennsylvania, WETDIV had the privilege of shooting an AK, .223 AR15, 12 gauge shotgun, Glock 19's, and a 300 Blackout. They were also able to use the firearms simulator, with a variety of scenarios and galleries used by law enforcement officers to train in reaction time and accuracy, as well as whether to shoot or not in different situations. In addition, Cadets went over firearms safety and technique, and learned how to field strip and clean a variety of firearms, servicing both those belonging to the unit, and those of TSS.

Car Wash

WETDIV did another car wash fund raiser. They washed cars from 0900 to 1445, servicing 72 vehicles, including the West Grove Fire Company engine 22-3. In total, they raised \$934 from the cars, and \$185 selling hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, water, and cupcakes.

Navy League Picnic

On Saturday, May 11 four William E. Taylor Cadets and four Cadets from the Mason Division attended the Navy League Picnic at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. There they heard from two guest speakers, one of whom was a former USNSCC Chief. The Cadets then went to a presentation about America's history, from the war for independence to the Civil War and so many more historic events. After the cadets had lunch they went on a scavenger hunt through the museum; they had separated themselves into teams and were competing for a prize. They spent the next two and a half hours roaming around the museum for answers expanding from who Hamilton had conflicts with to the name of the eighth amendment.





"For love of country they
accepted death, and thus
resolved all doubts, and made
immortal their patriotism and
their virtue."

James A. Garfield

"The brave die never, though
they sleep in dust, their
courage nerves a thousand
living men."

Minot J. Savage

"Courage is almost a
contradiction in terms. It
means a strong desire to live
taking the form of readiness to
die."

G. K. Chesterton

"The patriot's blood is the seed
of freedom's tree."

Thomas Campbell

"The dead soldier's silence
sings our national anthem."

Rev. Aaron Kilbourn

"And they who for their country
die shall fill an honored grave,
for glory lights the soldier's
tomb, and beauty weeps the
brave."

Joseph Rodman Drake

"Our flag does not fly because
the wind moves it, it flies with
the last breath of every soldier
who died protecting it."

Unknown

"Love hath no greater one than
this, that one should lay down
his life for a friend."

John 15:13

In Memory of the Fallen



The time was swift before the fall
The pin yet pulled on fate
A restless youth with eager eyes
An enemy of hate

Freedom bless'd and freedom borne
The youth grew bold in creed
Adulthood claimed with quick accord
The sort of gift he'd breed

When freedom blew its mighty trump
Without question or quake
The boy charged forth in freedom's name
To fight for freedom's sake

That every child on every shore
Should one day grow as he
Without the fear of fiend and foe
And safe from tyranny

He knew the price he'd have to pay
To see the battle through
To see the light of freedom glow
And save his brothers, too

That blood-striped banner swaddled on
That coffin, just like birth
As brothers for whom that blood did shed
Escort him to the earth

The blue of oceans he did cross
Ensnared in clean white stars
Give virtue to his dying and
His soul on high for ours

His body lain in upturned dirt
Red roses wreath his stone
He pulled fate's pin for the child inside
Freedom not just his own



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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.

For years and years, young men and women have answered the call and enlisted to fight for their country, our country, our freedom - freedom itself. The US Naval Sea Cadets are the next to answer.

When you invest in the William E. Taylor Division, you aren't simply investing in another great youth program that keeps kids healthy, motivated, and off the streets. When you invest in William E. Taylor Division, you are investing in your nation's future.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Respectfully,

William E. Taylor Division Cadets and Officers

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