To all prospective cadets,

Let me be the first to welcome you to Detachment 105 and the Thunderchief family! Here, we create the best 2nd Lieutenants for The World's Greatest Air Force and Space Forces, but this doesn't happen overnight. Greatness is achieved through persistent self-improvement, defined by a mentality of seeking out and taking on tough challenges, and a tireless pursuit of excellence. Our Thunderchiefs exhibit these qualities every minute of every day; they do not have "optional" in their vocabulary and they see standards as minimums. This mentality — coupled with our unparalleled quality of training — produces incredible officers that go on to lead their communities in over 100 areas of expertise, including doctors, lawyers, pilots, and astronauts.

Our cadets exhibit the same work ethic and character both within ROTC and in other facets of their life. We have cadets who excel and lead in other organizations such as varsity athletics, Greek life, various honors programs, and residence life. While academics will always come first, we welcome and support your contribution to our diverse set of skills and backgrounds, and we hope that we can be a source of personal and professional development opportunities to compliment your personality.

To kick-start your journey as a cadet, consider this tip for success: be knowledge hungry. Your first semester will be crucial to laying the foundation on which you will build your career, so strive to learn new things, and absorb and remember everything you hear and see – and then act on it. Use your new knowledge to improve yourself, your wingmen, and your community.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact my staff through the detachment website under "Contact Us". One of our cadre members and active duty officers will reach out to you and help answer any questions you may have to guide you on the start of this amazing journey.

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