A significant part of military life is transition and cadets are exposed to that with our cadre. We see the coming and going of mentors and leaders. Capt Daniel Strom, Operation Officer for Det 720 will be leaving us this summer and I asked him to share some thoughts on his opportunity to serve here at Det 720:

"As we transition here at Det 720 from our academic year into a long-awaited summer break, I too will be transitioning to a new assignment in a few months. It was a great honor to teach, mentor, and learn with our cadets over the last three years. This instructor assignment took me out to Alabama for a 2-month Field Training Capstone event in 2022 when our current Seniors were just eager Sophomores – and they crushed it. I have watched cadets from every class accomplish events that they planned all over Pennsylvania. It was and is very rewarding to see the growth daily, as they learn to balance scholastic, military, and personal goals on their journey toward officership and service to the Air and Space Forces and our country.

It has been a great opportunity to instruct here at PSU, but more rewarding is watching the young, timid, students grow and mature into the 100+ determined and dedicated Lieutenants that have entered active duty while I worked as cadre. I look forward to watching the careers of our new Lieutenants and hearing about cadets still working towards their commission that I've met during this assignment."

WE ARE!

Thank you Dan for your leadership, mentorship, and friendship. Best of luck to you and the family. I am positive we will cross paths with you in the future.

Colonel Andy St. Sauver, Detachment 720 Commander

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Fall 2024 Events

- FA 24 Dining In - Sep 2024
- Penn Cup - 14 Sep 2024
- POW/MIA Vigil - 20 Sep 2024
- Homecoming Parade - 27 Sep 2024
- Freedom 5K - Military Appreciation Week
- FA 24 Career Fair - Nov 2024
- FA 24 Commissioning Ceremony - 10 Dec 2024

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Det 720 Commander's Box

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A Message from the Cadet Corps

The cadet corps really grew a lot this year! This spring, the Cadet Wing started off by preparing 25 sophomore cadets for Field Training. These cadets had the opportunity to practice and demonstrate the leadership skills they learned, under the Air Force Force Generation model, during a Field Training Exercise at Stone Valley. This was the culmination of over 100 hours of meticulous planning!

All cadets and their families were invited to experience Air Force tradition where we honored our senior class of 18 cadets during Dining Out. Additionally, Detachment 720 innovated our training process by bringing the first ever grappling PT to 35 of our cadets, honing their critical thinking and physical fitness.

Finally, we topped off the semester with a change of command ceremony where Cadet Dowdell passed the leadership torch off to Cadet Coll to lead us through the upcoming fall semester.

All in all, we are extremely proud of the growth the Cadet Wing has made in academics, training, and leadership this semester and we hope we have made our alumni proud!

Cadet Conor Dowdell, Cadet Wing Commander
Cadet Kyle Martin, Cadet Vice Wing Commander

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Alumni Connection

1st Lt Maria Reffner commissioned from Det 720 in 2021. Currently, she is a member of the 316th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Andrews. She coordinated all the Mission Support Group components of the Detachment SP 24 Base Visit to Andrews. She also attended the SP 24 Career Fair. Thanks for all your support!