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MEMORANDUM FOR NEW AFROTC CADETS

FROM: AFROTC Det 847

SUBJECT: Air Force ROTC First Year Expectations

Welcome to a new and exciting fall semester. You are entering one of the best AFROTC units in the nation! Our recent accolades include 2007 Best Medium-Sized AFROTC Detachment in the Southwest Region and an “Excellent” rating in our December 2007 Operational Readiness Inspection. Most importantly though, is the Det’s reputation for producing some of the best commissioned officers in the nation. You are joining an elite group of men and women, and with that comes several expectations. They are:

- a) We live the Air Force Core Values – Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in all We Do. Yes, we will spend time learning them, but I expect you to start with integrity; be honest and true in all that you do and say.
- b) We expect your number one priority to be academics. You cannot commission without a Bachelor’s degree. You will have to learn to balance ROTC responsibilities with your academic requirements.
- c) You must also commission in a pre-determined time – that entails developing and maintaining an accurate degree plan. Do the math – a 4-year degree (8 semesters) requiring 120-130 hours equals 15-18 hours a semester. You should plan to have 60 hours completed at the end of your sophomore year.
- d) Grades, leadership and physical conditioning are critical to being commissioned. Set high goals and challenge yourself to meet them. Make the best grades possible, do not be afraid to explore the various leadership challenges available, and get in shape. These attributes are valuable no matter which career direction you take after departing ASU.

My cadre and I stand ready to provide you the training, opportunities, and most importantly, the support to excel. However, it is your responsibility to make it happen—exceed the standards and don’t be afraid to try. Read and heed the enclosed information to ensure you are ready for AFROTC. Good luck and we look forward working with you in the upcoming school year.

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