

The ChalleNGer

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From the Director's Desk

Congratulations Class 47 on accepting the "ChalleNGe" and completing acclimation. Tell your cadets to take a deep breath and give themselves a hand.

As they transition to Cadet, they need to focus on their goals, time management and self-discipline. Please let them know that everyone is extremely proud of them and all that they have accomplished to this point. Celebrate "Family Day" in moderation!

Remind them to take nothing for granted. "If it is to be it is up to them"!

"DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE"

Edward W. Timmons

Colonel (Retired) Edward W. Timmons
Director
Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy



CELEBRATING 22 YEARS

HISTORY

After **23 years** of outstanding service to the "at risk youth" of North Carolina, this six-time national award winning Academy continues to add a strong and viable option to the 21,000 North Carolina high school dropouts annually. As a National Guard sponsored program funded by Federal (\$3M) & State (\$1M) dollars, this 22 week resident program is provided at no cost to the student. After graduation there is a 12 month mentor centered follow up.

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Deputy Director's News

Congratulations Class 47! Your children have survived the Acclimation Phase; and now they are Tarheel **ChalleNGe** Cadets. If they stay focused during the next phase they will be well on their way to be graduates of the Academy. The education phase is going to **ChalleNGe** them because they are all at different education levels, however with your support and encouragement, along with that of their teammates they will excel.

We encourage them to **ChalleNGe** themselves, and their team mates with the goal of receiving their High School Equivalency certificate. I have faith in them; and many will excel, one-hundred percent effort is all that is required. As parents; **"Don't limit their Challenge's; ChalleNGe their limits!"**

Joseph H. Wolfe III

Sergeant Major (Retired) Joseph H. Wolfe III
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Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy

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*"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
— Oscar Wilde*

Class Schedule

First Block:	8:25am-9:30am
Second Block:	9:45am-10:50am
Third Block:	11:20am-12:25am
Lunch	
Fourth Block:	2:05pm-3:10pm



Lead Instructor's Corner

The academic staff at Tarheel Challenge is dedicated to helping all cadets succeed. Cadets who complete this rigorous program, with a HSE Diploma, CRC or an increase in TABE score of at least one grade level, have truly reached a monumental milestone of achievement. **Graduates of Tarheel Challenge develop many attributes that will help them throughout life to be a productive member of society.** If you have any questions; please email the Lead Instructor at:

E-mail: denah.newman@ncdps.gov

"Education- It's Worth the Effort"



Nurse's Corner

Hello Parents, Guardians, Mentors and Family,

Just a quick note from Medical Staff—

When we refuse to drink water, our bodies display tell-tale signs such as headaches, constipation and muscle cramps. Please, please encourage your loved ones to consume the required amount of water to keep them hydrated. The Medical Staff has seen an abundance of headache complaints due to dehydration. Help us help your cadet. Thanks a bunch!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Culbreth, LPN

E-mail: audra.culbreth1@ncdps.gov



Commandant News

On Friday, August 5, 2016 the cadets were presented their Acclimation Ribbon signifying their completion from Acclimation Phase to the Challenge Phase. All candidates have now earned the right to be called Cadet. The Commandant also presented the Most Improved and Most Outstanding Awards per team. The Most Improved and Most Outstanding cadets were awarded the Academy Achievement Ribbon.

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Recruiting, Placement & Mentoring (RPM)

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For more information:

*visit our website at nc-tcchallenge.org or call the Admissions Department at 800-573-9966.

Mentor/Mentee Information

Your cadet has completed phase one required Mentee Training during Week 4. Phase two will be conducted prior to graduation. Mentor training is scheduled for August 20 & 27, 2016. Please remind your mentor to be present on the date they scheduled.

E-mail: earl.spell1@ncdps.gov



High School Equivalency (HSE)



Pretest

The Pretest is a computer based practice test given to judge if a cadet is ready to take the OFFICIAL HSE TEST. Cadets not meeting the passing score will receive remedial coursework outlined on a Score Report. **The cadet must pass an official HSE Pretest in order to take the OFFICIAL Test.**

Official HSE

Cadets are transported to Sampson Community College to take the OFFICIAL HSE Tests. A cadet must do the following in order to test in a subject:

- 1) Pass the OFFICIAL Practice Test.
- 2) Complete classwork and homework assignments for that subject.
- 3) Maintain at least a 70 average in the class for that subject.
- 4) Have teacher's recommendation.

In order to earn HSE, one must pass all subject areas (Social Studies, Science, Math and Language Arts)

Scores will be given to cadets as they are available.

Parents will be provided with a Progress Report that includes scores at Sign outs.

Career Readiness Certificate (CRC)

Cadets are given the opportunity to work on preparing for the CRC in their Computer Skills Class. **They must complete different skill levels in order to qualify to take the CRC.** Once they have completed these skill levels, they are scheduled to take the CRC where they can qualify for certificates in four levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. **All certificates are signed by the Governor of North Carolina.** These certificates let employers know that the applicant has been certified as ready to work. **This means even if they do not have a high school diploma or HSE they have the basic skills and education to enter the workforce.** **Test dates to be announced.**



College Placement Testing

Select cadets will take the College Placement Test administered through Sampson Community College during Week 20. This test will help community colleges determine what basic classes a student needs to take and what classes they can skip. **Test dates to be announced.**



Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Eligibility for the SAT is based on the cadet's total score on the **Pre-TABE**. Cadets that have a total battery of 9.0 and above are eligible to take the SAT. Score will be included on their first Progress Report. **Test dates to be announced.**

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

Cadets are required to have the knowledge and understanding of the U.S. Constitution and government to include the voting process; respect for law and order, and appreciation and understanding of service to country/state/community through volunteerism and the military.

Selective Service and Voter's Registration forms will be completed and submitted for cadets who are eligible.



Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

All cadets are required to take the ASVAB whether they plan to enlist in the military or not. This test is a good measure of how well they have developed their academic and occupational skills at school, at home and in their communities. **The ASVAB measures aptitudes that are related to success in different jobs, as well as in training and education.** **TESTING October 12-14, 2016**



Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)

The TABE is not a PASS/FAIL test. This test simply gives us the cadets' level in Reading, Math and Language. Cadets are required to increase their scale score one level in order to meet the educational requirements to graduate. We take the score of each of these three areas to get a total battery score. All cadets took the Pre-TABE last week. During **Week 19**, each cadet will take a Post-TABE to determine his or her growth in these three areas. The total battery score is what needs to increase by one level to fulfill the requirements for Academic Excellence. **Pre-TABE Score will be reflected on the first Progress Report.**



"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve." -- Mary Kay Ash



Students of the Week

Cadets are recognized at the weekly assembly for their outstanding performance in the classroom.

Each week a teacher nominates three students from each class. Then the remaining Academic Staff votes for one student from each class. The student with the most votes will be recognized and presented with a **“Student of the Week” Ribbon**.

Walk-A-Thon (October 7th, 2016)

The class five-mile Walk-A-Thon donations are due on **October 10th, 2016**. This is our primary fundraiser and assists the cadets in funding end of class activities such as: Awards Banquet, Activity Day, Graduation Plaques, and mementos. Additionally, this fundraiser allows the cadets to donate twenty percent of the money raised to charitable/non-profit organizations. Please make checks payable to: **N.C. Challenge Cadet Fund**. Pledge sheets are in your packets. Donations that arrive after the October 10th deadline will still go into the Cadet Fund, but will not be counted towards the team competition. If you need additional pledge sheets, please contact the academy. **All donations and pledge sheets are to be turned in to Mr. Turner.**



THE CHALLENGE WALK ENDOWMENT

The **“ChalleNGe Walk”** is dedicated to those Cadets, Alumni, Parents, Friends and Corporate Partners who believe in the values, mission and results of the Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy. The “Walk” is lined with bricks that commemorate success in each cadet class. Each brick will be inscribed according to the Donor’s wishes and placed in the Class location in the walk.

The Tarheel ChalleNGe Incorporated Endowment will keep on giving. If you would like to make a purchase, please contact Wendy Becton at

910-525-5520 or wendy.becton@ncdps.gov.



Your contribution is tax deductible.

“If it is to be, it is up to me!”

Spirit of Challenge

Cadets are recognized at the weekly assembly for their **“Never Give Up Attitude.”**

The Team Leader recommends three cadets from his/her team who are eligible to receive this award. Then staff and cadre vote for one of three per team. The cadets with the most votes are recognized at the assembly and presented with a **“Spirit of Challenge” Ribbon**.





CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



Team One Diamonds News:



Team Leader: Mr. Ladson

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved during Acclimation Phase.

- Team Leader: Robyn Kirk**
- Assistant Team Leader: Desire Bates-Land**
- Squad 1-Cadet Revonda Williams**
- Squad 2- Cadet Keisha Oxendine**
- Squad 3- Cadet Catherine Kerley**
- Squad 4- Cadet Jerri Hodges**
- Class Leader A: Cadet Suprema Westbrooks**
- Class Leader B: Cadet Hossanna Parroquin**
- Most Improved: Cadet Robyn Kirk**
- Most Outstanding – Cadet Hossanna Parroquin**



Team Two Airborne News:



Team Leader: Mr. Myers

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved Acclimation Phase

- Team Leader: Cadet Jarod Adams**
- Assistant Team Leader: Cadet Kenneth Vernon**
- Squad 1- Cadet Tyler Best**
- Squad 2- Cadet Logan Howard**
- Squad 3- Cadet Elijah Johnson**
- Squad 4- Cadet Thomas Singleton**
- Class Leader C: Cadet Jairo Banegas**
- Class Leader D: Cadet Caleb Agnew**
- Most Improved- Cadet Michael Lowery**
- Most Outstanding- Cadet Kenneth Vernon**



Team Three Rangers News:



Team Leader: Mr. Robinson

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved Acclimation Phase.

- Team Leader: Cadet Kyle Austin**
- Assistant Team Leader: Cadet Michael Dunlap**
- Squad 1- Cadet Alain Deleon**
- Squad 2- Cadet Newgenes Kee**
- Squad 3- Cadet Christian Ems**
- Squad 4- Cadet Tico Wilkins**
- Class Leader E: Cadet Khalil McNair**
- Class Leader F: Cadet Dorian Whitted**
- Most Improved: Cadet Wy'Tavious Duggins**
- Most Outstanding: Jacob Hawks**



8 Core Components

At Tarheel Challenge, cadets are required to successfully complete the **8 Core Components** in order to graduate. **They are as follows:**

1. **Job Skills** – Learn job search skills, Complete Resume, Application and Mock Job Interview
2. **Life Skills** - Basic Banking, Prepare & Manage a Budget, Interpersonal Skills, Goal Setting and Time Management
3. **Responsible Citizenship** - Voter Registration, Selective Service Registration, Participate in Democratic Process, Have basic understanding of U.S. Constitution, Government and Citizenship (USCGC)
4. **Health & Hygiene** - Recall effects of Drug Abuse and Treatment, Communicable Disease Awareness and Prevention, Importance of Nutrition in Daily Diet
5. **Academic Excellence** - Increase TABE scale score. (Post-TABE score must be higher than Pre-TABE score)
6. **Physical Fitness**- Intense Physical Training, Team Sports & the President's Council of Physical Fitness Test
7. **Leadership and Followership**-Evaluation of performance in leadership and followership positions within a student command structure
8. **Service to the Community**-involvement in community service projects

**** **The Academic Department is responsible for 5 of the 8.**



*"Give yourself an even greater **challenge** than the one you are trying to master and you will develop the powers necessary to overcome the original difficulty."*
–William J. Bennett – The Book of Virtues

Ambassador Award-

Help someone get a second chance by being a recruiter for Tarheel Challenge. Your son or daughter can earn a special ribbon and be recognized at the assembly. All you have to do is help three teens. **Request cards are in the packet.**

North Carolina Tarheel Challenge Academy

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This Certifies That

CADET'S NAME

Has demonstrated excellent support with recruiting

Ambassador

Given this Thirteenth day of April Two Thousand Sixteen.



Upcoming Events

Cadet Advisory Board (CAB)	
Pre-Vote	Aug. 9th-10th
CAB Vote	Aug. 19th
Mentor Training # 1	Aug. 20th
Mentor Training # 2	Aug. 27th
Raleigh Field Trip	Sep. 2nd
ASVAB Pre-Brief	Sep. 9th
Family Day Visit	
PROGRESS REPORTS	Sep. 10th

