

The Challenge

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Commandant News

The cadets in Class 46 are on the move! They have performed most tasks in an outstanding manner. Majority of the cadets have accepted the Challenge and are displaying their maturity. The cadre has not let up and will continue to push them to achieve their personal goals and to graduate. These cadets were awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon (Award) for the period January 25-February 23, 2016.

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Congratulations!

**See Page 4 for the list of names.

Class Schedule

First Block:	8:55am-10:00am
Second Block:	10:25am-11:30am
Lunch	
Third Block:	1:25pm-2:30pm
Fourth Block:	2:50pm-3:55pm

Lead Instructor's Corner

Can you believe that your cadet is almost half way through the program? They are getting anxious, and I am sure you are too.

The next few weeks are going to be extremely busy for our cadets with CPR Certification and Pre-HSE testing starting at the end of the month. **OFFICIAL TESTING** will begin in May.

Just a note, all cadets who are 18 or will be 18 by graduation have already completed Voters Registration and Selective Service Registration Paperwork.

If you have any questions; please email the Lead Instructor at:

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Congratulations to Mr. Bolton and Mr. Sutton
Thank you for your hard work and dedication



A Retirement Celebration was held on
March 1, 2016.

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DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

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, Reading, Math and Writing w/ Essay)

Scores will be given to cadets as they are available.

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



Tutoring



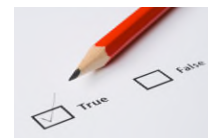
Sign up for tutoring was held the first week of March. Teachers have compiled their sign-up sheets and will post a weekly tutoring list for their subject. Teacher tutoring started this past week.

We will also have Peer tutoring later in the class. The Instructors will select cadets that are strong in their subject area to use as Peer Tutors. Peer tutoring takes place in the afternoons after regular scheduled classes, and is held in the instructor's classroom. Instructors participate in and supervise all tutoring.

Please know that if your cadet has expressed a desire to be tutored, we will do everything possible to provide that service. **However, based on the number of cadets, tutoring is**

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.**



**“IF IT IS TO BE,
IT IS UP TO ME!”**

Students of the Week

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

Week 5

A-Tester
C-Dorta
D-Kinney
E-Ruffin
F-Jernigan

Week 6

A-Pettiway
C-Bombard
D-Savage
E-Ruffin
F-Rice

Week 7

A-Frazier, L
C-Sherrod
D-Riggan
E-Alvis
F-Roessler

Week 8

A-Britt
C-Pelzer
D-Woodson
E-Holder
F-Harden

Spirit of Challenge

Cadets are recognized at the weekly assembly for their "Never Give Up Attitude."

Week 5

Team 1-Turnage
Team 2-Pelzer
Team 3-Holder

Week 6

Team 1-Frazier, T
Team 2-Capistran
Team 3-Statler

Week 7

Team 1-Frazier, L
Team 2-Lafalaise
Team 3-Ruffin

Week 8

Team 1-Pettiway, Johnson
Team 2-Kinney, Bombard
Team 3-Thomas, Dantoin

*"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

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Team One Diamonds News:

*Cadet Perspective- Deja Pettiway
Tarheel Challenge Academy is a **challenging** experience because we are no longer in our comfort zone. Here, we have to try new things and that our efforts do not determine our success. Tarheel Challenge has taught me that nothing in life is free. Each day we learn that we have to work hard to earn the things that we want in life. I would like to thank our Team one Cadres for their patient, support and motivation.*



Team Two Airborne News:

*Cadet Perspective- Ron Kinney
Tarheel Challenge Academy has been a once in a lifetime opportunity. Here, I can get a **second chance** at school, relationships and life in general. I have the opportunity to earn the HSE, CRC, SAT and ASVAB. Because of the discipline, integrity and dedication that I have learned here, I am glad that I can make my family and friends proud. Thank you TCA!*



Team Three Rangers News:

*Cadet Perspective- Montez Washington
To me, this program is all about changing my life. Some cadets come here to get their HSE while others are here for personal reasons. Overall, everyone is here for a common goal, **SUCCESS**. TCA, in my opinion, is about improvement. Help is available through cadres, commandant, DFAC staff and case managers. We, the Cadets, must understand that if we follow the path set here that we cannot fail. Being here teaches us that we can honestly do whatever we set our mind to do. As Mr. Owens says, "Close your mouth and open your mind."*



Team One Diamonds

News: Team Leader: Mr. Ladson

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved during Weeks 5-8.

Team Leader-Cadet Jamarya Johnson

Assistant Team Leader-Cadet Deja Pettway

Squad 1-Cadet Janiya Andrews

Squad 2-Cadet Na'Ilah Strange

Squad 3-Cadet Beyonce James

Squad 4-Cadet Latamra Frazier

Class Leader-Cadet Destiny Green

Most Improved-Cadet Latamra Frazier

Most Outstanding- Cadet Jocelyn Willis

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

Good Conduct Awards



ROLL WITH IT!

Team One

Latamra Frazier
Tyrhonda Frazier
Beyonce James
Jamarya Johnson
Nyasia Moody
Deja Pettway
Na'Ilah Strange
Katlyn Tester
Falon Turnage
Jocelyn Willis

Good Conduct Awards



IMMA GET MINE!

Team Two

Kenyon Pelzer
Joseph Bombard
Daniel Capistran
Jarrett Collins
Matthew Ingram
Ron Kinney
Antonio Nichols
Christopher Weiss
Trevor Beddingfield
Michael Lafalaise
Marquis Rollins
David Savage
Tyler Williams
Austin DeMag
Luis Dorta



Team Two Airborne

News: Team Leader: Mr. Myers

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved during Weeks 5-8.

Team Leader-Cadet Austin DeMag

Assistant Team Leader-Cadet Mekhai Davis

Squad 1-Cadet Trevor Beddingfield

Squad 2-Cadet Matthew Ingram

Squad 3-Cadet Marquis Rollins

Squad 4-Cadet Christopher Weiss

Class Leader C-Cadet Joseph Bombard

Class Leader D-Cadet Shaheim Williams

Most Improved-Cadet Ron Kinney

Most Outstanding- Cadet Christopher Weiss



Team Three Rangers

News: Team Leader: Mr. Robinson

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved during Weeks 5-8.

Team Leader-Cadet William Ruffin

Assistant Team Leader-Cadet Jordan Rice

Squad 1-Cadet Cameron Thomas

Squad 2-Cadet Dawson Hasty

Squad 3-Cadet Demetrius Fowler

Squad 4-Cadet Isaiah Dantoin

Class Leader E-Cadet Andrew Alvis

Class Leader F-Cadet Dantavious Parker

Most Improved-Cadet Zavion McFarland

Most Outstanding- Cadet William Ruffin

Team Two

Andrew Alvis
Isiah Dantoin
Tanner Holder
Colton Quinney
Demetrius Fowler
Matthew Defranco-Colson
Dallas Jernigan
Leondrea Robinson
Carrington Statler
Joshua Longoria
Dijoi Harden
Brandon Hicks
Shawn Phillips
Jordan Rice
William Ruffin
Abrahan-Nassar-Romero
Dylan Roessler

Good Conduct Awards



Make it happen!



8 Core Components

At Tarheel Challenge, cadets are required to successfully complete the 8 Core Components in order to graduate. **The Academic department is responsible for 5 of the 8 and they are as follows:**

1. Job Skills – Learn job search skills, Complete Resume, Application and Mock Job Interview
 *Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) can be earned by passing the CRC test. 4 levels Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze
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)



Cadet Advisory Board (CAB) Representatives

- Team 1- Willis, Pettway
- Team 2- Lafalaise, Pelzer
- Team 3- Harden, Holder

Walk-A-Thon (April 8, 2016)



The five Mile Walk-A-Thon funds are due in for the competition by Apr. 10th. This is the primary fundraiser for the end of class activities. Pledge sheets are in your packets. This money will be used for Award Banquet, Activity Day, Graduation Plaques, and mementos. Twenty percent will also go to a charitable/non-profit organization. Please make checks payable to: **N.C. Challenge Cadet Fund**. Money that comes in after the Apr. 10th cut-off will still go to the cadet fund it just doesn't count for the team competition. If you need additional pledge sheets please contact the academy. **All money and pledge sheets are turned in to Mr. Aycock.**



Standards

Upcoming Events

Governor's Page	Mar. 14 th -18 th
Mentor Training # 3	Mar. 19 th
CPR Training	Mar. 21 st -25 th
Class Ring Orders	Mar. 21 st -25 th
Mid-Cycle Counseling	Mar.28 th -Apr. 1 st
Capitol Tour	Apr. 1 st
Camp Bowers	Apr. 5 th -7 th
Walk-a-thon	Apr. 8 th
Home Pass -	
PROGRESS REPORTS	Apr. 8th

