

# The Challenge

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## From the Director's Desk

Congratulations Class 47 Cadets and families on completing nine weeks of the "ChalleNGe". Please let them know that everyone is extremely proud of them and all that they have accomplished to this point.

It is pertinent that you remind them that they need to stay focus on their goals, time management and self-discipline as they transition through different milestone of this program.

Tell your cadets to take a deep breath and give themselves a hand and to never take anything for granted because "If it is to be, it is up to them!"

Celebrate "Family Day" in moderation!

### **"DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE"**

*Edward W. Timmons*

Colonel (Retired) Edward W. Timmons  
State Director  
Tarheel Challenge Academy

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## CELEBRATING 22 YEARS

### **HISTORY**

After **22 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 months mentor centered follow up.



## Deputy Director's News

**Be proud** Class 47 Parents! Your children, our Cadets have completed nine weeks, and now have 13 weeks to go until graduation. They are continuing to meet the **ChalleNGes** placed in front of them. Continue to encourage them through letters, Family visits, and passes because the education phase is **ChalleNGing** and some do better than others. With that said, improvement is the goal, and one-hundred percent effort is all that is required.

I have faith in them, and many will excel; one-hundred percent effort is all that is required. Remember parents: **Continuous Improvement is better than Delayed Perfection!**

*Joseph H. Wolfe III*

Sergeant Major (Retired) Joseph H. Wolfe III  
Deputy Director  
Tarheel Challenge Academy

## Class Schedule

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



### **Lead Instructor's Corner**

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

The next few weeks are going to be extremely busy with CPR training and Pre-HSE testing. We will also have Votech classes starting for **some**. Cadets were selected for the Votech classes based on an interest assessment they filled out at the beginning of the program.

If you have any academic questions or concerns please email the Lead Instructor at:

E-mail: [denah.newman@ncdps.gov](mailto:denah.newman@ncdps.gov)

**"Education- It's Worth the Effort"**



### **Nurse's Corner**

Hello Parents & Friends,  
Please encourage your cadet to follow protocol when visiting Medical. Protocol is: Your cadet asks their Team Leader for a Sick Call Slip to be turned in. Once Medical receives the request, we make every attempt to assess your cadet as soon as possible. Medical has protocols in place for ailments that arise. If the matter requires further evaluation from an outside physician then at that time, we will contact the parent and explain the situation for further evaluation. As of date, we have had many calls from home requesting to take their cadets out on appointments for various reasons. That too has a protocol in which to follow. Appointments may be approved but **ONLY** on a case by case basis, in which Mrs. Culbreth must be contacted at least **ONE WEEK** prior and an appointment verification must be faxed from the physician's office. Please note appointments may be refused due to class schedule. We hope you all have an enjoyable visit with your cadet!!

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Culbreth, LPN  
E-mail: [audra.culbreth1@ncdps.gov](mailto:audra.culbreth1@ncdps.gov)



### **Commandant News**

The cadets in Class 47 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 (see page .

E-mail: [monte.r.forte@ncdps.gov](mailto:monte.r.forte@ncdps.gov)

**"IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!"**



### **Recruiting, Placement & Mentoring (RPM)**

E-mail: [ernest.king@ncdps.gov](mailto:ernest.king@ncdps.gov)

For more information:  
\*visit our website at [nc-tcchallenge.org](http://nc-tcchallenge.org) or call the Admissions Department at 800-573-9966.

#### **Mentor/Mentee Information**

On September 25, 2016, Mentor visit #1 is scheduled for Sunday from 1:30 – 4:30 pm for all Teams. Please remind the Mentor of the date, time and importance of visiting their Cadet. Mentor visit is for the Mentors, so Cadet family members and friends are not allowed to come.

E-mail: [earl.spell1@ncdps.gov](mailto: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.**



*"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*

## Thank you Mentors



## 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.**





## **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 13&17, 2016**



### **RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP**

**Voter Registration and Selective Service forms have already been completed and submitted for cadets who are or will be 18 by graduation.**

For cadets eligible to vote in the upcoming election we will be submitting absentee ballot request and holding special Voter Education classes. In these classes cadets will receive information on the candidates, as well as, hear the recorded debates between them.

### **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.**

### **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.**





## **Students of the Week**

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

### **Week 5**

A-Kirk, F  
B-Fricks  
C-Howard  
D-Elliot  
E-Tonge  
F-Horton

### **Week 6**

A-O'Connor  
B-Kerley  
C-Banegas  
D-Perez  
E-Anderson  
F-DeLeon

### **Week 7**

A-McCray  
B-Kirk, R  
C-Bautista  
D-Vernon  
E-Faircloth  
F-Blake



## **Tutoring**



**Sign up for tutoring was held last week.**

Tutoring starts next week. Teachers have compiled their sign-up sheets and will post a weekly tutoring list for their subject.

**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 offered to those with the greatest need first.**



## **Spirit of Challenge**

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

### **Week 5**

Team 1-Kirk, R  
Team 2-Adams  
Team 3- N/A

### **Week 6**

Team 1-Blue  
Team 2-Banegas  
Team 3-Tinsbloom

### **Week 7**

Team 1-Parroquin  
Team 2-Vernon  
Team 3-Scotland



## **October 7, 2016**

The class five-mile Walk-A-Thon donations are due on **October 10, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**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 Westbrook
- 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



*"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*



### **Team One Diamonds News:**

#### **Cadet Perspective- Suprema Westbrooks**

*At first I didn't want to come to TCA because I didn't think it was meant for me. I came to a place where most people are dropouts or didn't complete school. I didn't think I was supposed to be here because that wasn't me. After talking with some of my teammates and cadre about why I came to TCA, it made me realize that I wasn't alone. It made me put my attitude aside and move on. I came to TCA to better myself, gain more self-discipline and responsibility. Being here at TCA so far has helped me accomplish those things. I have noticed that a lot of things have changed about me from being here especially since I put in the position of Cadet Team Leader. Being in control of 26 girls including me has taught to be an example of a good leader and most of all it changed my attitude. I would highly recommend TCA to anyone who needs help because TCA gives a person a second chance to change his/her life.*



### **Team Two Airborne News:**

#### **Cadet Perspective- Logan Howard**

*My experience at TCA has its ups and downs, but all in all, it has been an enjoyable one. At first, it scared the mess out me, but once I came to know the cadre the woods changed for me. I soon found out that they were not just yelling but yelling for us to become better all-around people. I know that if you listen to the cadre and do what you are told; it makes the program go by faster and a whole lot enjoyable. At the end of the day, all I can say is come here for you, stay here for yourself and change for the better.*



### **Team Three Rangers News:**

#### **Cadet Perspective- Kyle Austin**

*Well....Being here, I have learned that without all the distractions and noises of life, that it is easier for one to stay focused and motivated on his/her goals. TCA has taught me that nothing worth achieving is or will ever be as easy as you think. Having to deal with multiple tasks, as well as, other cadets require a cool head and determination especially if you are in a leadership role. However, I have never been so glad to see and experience this before my stay here. I have never been more motivated than I am right now, and I truly believe that TCA is the reason why. Now, my mission and goal is to graduate with my HSE. Everyone at TCA will remember me because of my success, determination, refusal to quit and perseverance. "My TCA story is a voice that will be heard because RANGERS lead the Way!"*

*Hooah!!*

## **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](mailto:wendy.becton@ncdps.gov).



Your contribution is tax deductible.



## 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.



## 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*

Salemberg  North Carolina

This Certifies That

**Ramee Booker**

**CADET'S NAME**

Has demonstrated excellent support with recruiting

**Ambassador**

Given this Thirteenth day of April Two Thousand Sixteen.



## Upcoming Events

Mentor Training # 3	Sep. 17 <sup>th</sup>
CPR Training	Sep. 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Mid-Cycle Counseling	Sep. 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Class Ring Orders	Sep. 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>
Camp Bowers	Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>
Walkathon	Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>
Home Pass # 1	
<b>*PROGRESS REPORTS*</b>	Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>



