



# The Gremlin



10th MN CTG Encampment

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## Up in the morning with the rising sun

By Captain Richard Sprouse, Encampment PAO



“Permission to recover Command Chief Master Sergeant!?!” It’s not so much of a request but a plea as cadets of the 10<sup>th</sup> CTG sweat through their first full day

Saturday with a regular session of morning physical training at 0600 hours (that’s 6:00 a.m. for you civilians). Yes, your young adult up before noon! Who thought it possible? Well, the cadet staff insisted so there was little choice.

Physical training is done every morning to improve physical conditioning and develop *esprit de corps*.



Push-ups, flutter kicks, and running were among the exercises. The cadet cadre ensures that each basic cadet performs the exercise to standard.



A USAF “Thunderbirds” pilot flies an F-16 off the wing of a KC-135 Stratotanker from Grand Forks Air Force Base (photo Capt Richard Sprouse, CAP)

## Drill Instruction/Inspection Prep

By C/CMSgt Kristin M. Young, 10<sup>th</sup> CTG PAO



Throughout the day, basic cadets had several hours of Drill Instruction (marching) taught by

their Flight Staff. They learned movements such as standing at attention, right and left face, about face, present arms, columns, and flanks. The purpose of learning to drill is that cadets learn to participate in a team, appreciate discipline, respond to authority, follow orders, etc.

Then the Cadets prepared for Inspection. Their entire area is inspected, including uniforms,



bed/bedding, shoes, and footlockers. They did

things like folding shirts and socks, ironing bedding, measuring sheets, hangers, and covers, and making hospital corners. The Encampment Inspections are detailed and difficult to pass, but if each flight comes together and works as a team they can use each other's strong points and pass!



### Guidon Bearer Training

*By Captain Richard Sprouse, Encampment PAO*

A select group of cadets completed guidon bearer training on Saturday. The significance of the guidon is that it represents the leader of the unit. When the commander is in, his guidon, a small pennant or flag, is displayed for everyone to see.



When he leaves for the day, the guidon is taken down. The guidon bearer stands in front of the unit alongside of the commander (or the commander's representative, such as the first sergeant), and is the rallying point for cadets to fall into formation when the order is given. In drill and ceremonies the guidon bearer and

commander are always in the front of the formation. It is an honor to be the guidon bearer for a unit. The guidon stems back to Roman Legions.

#### *Monday's menu is:*

**Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks  
Cereal  
Yogurt  
Fruit  
**Lunch:** BBQ Pork  
Salad Bar  
**Supper:** Lasagna  
Garlic bread  
Salad Bar

MILK, JUICE, & WATER  
ARE SERVED WITH EVERY  
MEAL

### Getting to know you...

---Your staff is just like you! The following is an interview with **Cadet Major Josh Woodard, 10th CTG**



#### **Executive Officer.**

*Gremlin: How long have you been in Civil Air Patrol?*

**Woodard: About four years.**

*Gremlin: What was your basic year and which CTG was it?*

**Woodard: 7th CTG.**

*Gremlin: What was the hardest thing for you that*

*year?*

**Woodard: Learning to work with my team members.**

*Gremlin: What is your favorite part of CAP?*

**Woodard: Wing activities for cadet programs.**

*Gremlin: What advice do you have for the basics?*

**Woodard: Set your goals high because you will never go higher than your goals.**

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