24 Feb Squadron Meeting

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"The warrior who cultivates his mind polishes his arms."

Overview

- NATCON and scholarships

- 2019 – 2020 elections

- Upcoming events

- Spring pledge hotwash

NATCON and Scholarships

- NATCON will be held Fri 19 Apr to Tue 23 Apr

- Registration open until Fri 8 Mar

- Go to https: https://aas-sw.org/events/natcon/ to register

…but before we register, let's talk SCHOLARSHIPS

NATCON and Scholarships

Scholarship process

1. National and area scholarships will take precedence over squadron scholarships

2. Squadron scholarships based on rack and stack (mainly hours and involvement)

3. Recipients will be Venmoed (or paid cash, but preferably Venmoed) partial/full scholarship to register

4. Within 24 hours, recipient registers and sends screenshot of registration confirmation AND charge on bank account to C/Dickey (required for school to reimburse)

NATCON and Scholarships

So how much funding do we currently have?

Squadron balance – $64
Alumni – $299
GFA – $800
National MoM – $299
USCFC (scholarships) – $1,495
USCFC (gas) – $287
Area scholarships (TBD) – $0 to $798

Total monies: $3,244 to $4,042

NATCON and Scholarships

Breakdown of monies (w/o area scholarships):

Gas money – $287
Six full scholarships – $1,794
Seven partial scholarships – $1,047
Squadron balance – $116

Again, this does NOT include area scholarships.
More may become available.

Total monies: $0

2019 – 2020 Elections

- C/Brody is next SQ/CC starting Mon 22 Apr

- Other positions
  - Determined by election at next SQ meeting (Sun 24 Mar)
  - Voice interest to both C/Dickey and C/Brody by **COB Fri 22 Mar**

- Positions available:

  - Deputy Commander
  - Joint Relations Officer
  - Operations Officer
  - IM Officer
  - FM Officer

  - PA Officer
  - Webmaster
  - CTO and CTAs
  - Support Officer
  - MWR Officer

Upcoming Events

- Moe's percent night – Tue 5 Mar

- Palmetto Base State Camp service project – Sat 23 Mar

- NATCON registration closes – Fri 8 Mar

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Spring Pledge Hotwash

- Staff was readily available, albeit divided on what a proper class size is

- Need to sell benefits more (use the word "scholarship" a lot)

- Incorporate pictures of past NATCONs, interactions with DVs, etc. and possibly use or make a recruiting video

- Intensity is reduced with fewer candidates... almost makes it one-on-one experience with training staff (but we can adapt)

- Keep AAS mysterious and avoid posting suggestive pictures on social media of CTP publicly that gives away training environment

- A lot of people do not follow through when they say they plan to pledge or plan to stay in (~50% attrition rate)

Spring Pledge Hotwash

- Non-Arnies keep gossiping about training environment and ruin surprise aspect

- Fall pledging preferred over spring because everyone is new, most people have no prior military-related experience, and nobody really knows what they're getting themselves into

- Mix up training program a bit each semester… add on to air system/capabilities information and force packaging from this past fall

- If spring pledging is continued and numbers stay low, develop contingency plans (at the same time, we should be able to adapt)

- Avoid poisoning the well by saying "we can't train with less than _____ people" in front of the candidates… that is up to CC and CTO

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QUESTIONS?

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