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2017 was a jam-packed year of events and academic and military achievements. The magazine outlines the many significant moments that have occurred, including the welcoming of our new Commandant, Brigadier Cheryl Pearce, international engagements for our midshipmen and officer cadets, charity events including White Ribbon conferences, and our annual Petro Fedorczenko lecture. This year’s edition also provides insight into what the Academy’s Squads have achieved this year, as well as milestone events achieved by our trainee officers (TOs), including leadership challenges and the annual Fitness Excellence event.

Similar to our previous editions, the articles contained within the 2017 Academy magazine have been written entirely by the hard-working Communications team, our midshipmen and officer cadets in their first-hand accounts of the annual happenings of the Academy.

The ADFA Communications Team is open to any feedback or suggestions that will enhance the quality of this annual publication. If you have any feedback for The Academy, please email us at: ADFA.publicaffairs@defence.gov.au

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The Academy magazine provides a snapshot of the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) and I hope you enjoy reading about everything that has happened, both at the Academy and in the local community, throughout 2017. The magazine showcases the many varied and interesting activities and achievements of the members of the Officer Training College, Capability and Technology Management College, Defence Force Chaplains College and the tri-service ceremonial unit, Australia’s Federation Guard.

I commenced my role as Commandant ADFA in 2017 and it is a privilege to lead the organisation responsible for training and educating the future leaders of the Australian Defence Force (ADF). I look forward to watching those midshipmen and officer cadets who joined ADFA this year, develop over the next few years, as we will effectively be undertaking our ADFA journey together. I am also fortunate to be responsible for the post graduate education for selected Australian Defence Organisation personnel, as well as the training for the ADF chaplains.

There were 329 young men and women who started their ADF career at ADFA in January with Year One Familiarisation Training. They were formally welcomed by the entire Academy in March at a very wet Chief of the Defence Force Parade before the academic year commenced. It has not slowed down since then. The trainee officers are kept very busy maintaining high academic standards, completing military training including their single service obligations, as well as taking part in sport and other extracurricular activities. I have aimed to get to as many events and activities as possible, including the Leadership Challenges, the Academy performance of Grease, various dining-in nights and other social functions, and I am always impressed by the high standard shown by all trainee officers and staff in executing these activities.

The high tempo at the Capability and Technology Management College never ceases. They are currently setting themselves up to begin a curriculum adjustment through 2018 to ensure the College continues to provide course members with a high quality and relevant education program to support Defence.

The Defence Force Chaplains College continues to run high quality courses addressing initial, intermediate and senior ADF Chaplain training to equip them for the task of supporting ADF members at home and on operations. This year’s Character Leadership Course was particularly popular and the highlight was a presentation from Jewish Holocaust survivor, Mr Eddie Jaku.

Finally, I would like to thank the ADFA Communications team, in particular the editor of this year’s Academy magazine, Officer Cadet Tori Collins, on an outstanding job of compiling, editing and sourcing imagery for this year’s magazine. Enjoy reading the 2017 Academy Magazine!

Brigadier Cheryl Pearce Commandant ADFA
As new first year midshipman and officer cadets converged at ADFA for the first time on the 30 January, marking the beginning of Year One Familiarisation Training (YOFT) for 2017. The cohort consisted of over three hundred young men and women from all over the country, as well as a number of international students. For the Army and Air Force Officer Cadets who had completed their appointment ceremonies only that morning, it was the first day of their military careers. For the next four weeks, trainees undertook basic military training prior to commencing academic studies at the Academy as trainee officers.

YOFT aims to introduce the new trainee officers to a wide range of activities in order to prepare them for the years ahead at the Academy. This includes both military skills and Academy-specific training designed to develop trainees’ core values, officer-like qualities, and fitness in order to ensure they become effective contributors to the Academy.

"The transition to Academy life was interesting. I particularly enjoyed getting to meet new mates in my division from different services, and sharing a bonding experience with them throughout YOFT" – MIDN Zachary Berra

Week One saw the newest members of the ADF introduced to some aspects of Academy life. After the obligatory haircuts, we were shown to our rooms and attempted to learn the names of our new section-mates. We were also introduced to the Divisional Officers (DOs) and Divisional Senior Non-Commissioned Officers (DSNCOs) who would make up the staff overseeing our training both throughout YOFT and over the course of the year. From there, uniforms were issued, and we began learning the basics of military training: dress and bearing, cleaning, communication, and marching.

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"Being busy all the time helped me accept my new situation, and I found that the shared experiences helped me build foundations for friendships quickly" – OCDT Chris Hageman, First Year Army Officer Cadet

Week Three provided our first opportunity to venture off campus since YOFT began. This involved a trip to the Australian War Memorial for a period of reflection, time at the Canberra Centre, and an afternoon dragon boating and canoeing at the Academy Boat shed on Lake Burley Griffin. First Year NZ Army Officer Cadet Steen Heemingsen said, "I felt it gave us a day where we were able to bond with the other divisional members and have a break from the YOFT program" – OCDT Steen Heemingsen, First Year NZ Army Officer Cadet

Week Four saw the Year One trainees undertake their first field exercise. The three-day exercise was conducted at Majura, where trainees undertook lessons in field craft, navigation, and camouflage and concealment. These skills were put to the test in the YOFT challenge, which saw divisions competing against each other in a series of skill-based challenges that marked the culmination of the four weeks training.

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In late January 2017, the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) saw the introduction of a new, fresh-faced, first year cohort, made up of people from all around Australia, with differing backgrounds and personalities. These first year trainees would soon become unified as one single entity within ADFA.

Initial training culminated in the Year One Familiarisation Training (YOFT) Challenge, followed by the formal induction of first year midshipmen and officer cadets into ADFA, during the Napier Waller Ceremony.

Napier Waller, a born and bred Victorian, fought as part of the Australian Imperial Force on the Western Front in France. After being seriously wounded at Bullecourt and losing his right arm in the process, he returned to Australia and turned to his one true passion – art. He remains in the hearts and minds of all Australians through his design and construction of the Australian War Memorial, specifically the mosaic design within the “Tomb of the Unknown Soldier”.

Napier Waller was not only a war hero, he was the perfect example of someone living the ADFA values of Courage, Respect, Integrity, Service and Professionalism which is the reason his legacy is used to welcome ADFA’s first year trainee officers. For the ceremony, first year trainees were dressed in their service uniforms, with joyous smiles of achievement after completing YOFT. They then moved into the Hall of Remembrance, taking their positions on either side of the Eternal Flame. While many of the trainee officers had been to the War Memorial previously, this time was different. For the first time, they were dressed in uniform and felt a deeper and more significant connection to both the place and the legacy.

It was a unique day, never to be forgotten, signalling the beginning of the transition to future leaders of the Australian Defence Force.
On 4 March 2017, the Australian Defence Force Academy’s (ADFA) officer cadets and midshipmen gathered in the mess carpark for the Chief of the Defence Force (CDF) Parade. There was a hum of anticipation that could be felt throughout the first year cohort as they took up their positions, preparing themselves for their first parade. Not even the wet weather could dampen the mood as the trainee officers and Academy band prepared to march onto the parade ground.

All year levels had been practicing for hours in the week leading up to the CDF parade to ensure they were properly prepared. The daily practices were essential for the trainee officers to begin working on their teamwork and perfect their timing for the final parade. For the first year trainee officers, the morning marked a big milestone – the end of their five weeks of initial training and the start of their academics. This was their formal welcome to the Academy. As the second and third year trainees took their positions on the parade ground, the first year trainees prepared to march on and fall in with their new peers. As the first year trainees marched onto the parade they were welcomed by the applause of their family and friends, a proud moment for the everyone and a moment that they will unlikely forget during their next three years at ADFA, and their future military careers.

Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin addresses the parade alongside Commandant of ADFA, Brigadier Cheryl Pearce.

The CDF Parade welcomes the new first year cohort into the Academy.

The parade executes a march past.

The new first year cohort耐心 awaits to be called onto the parade ground by the parade commander.
ADFA’s annual 1000 Days To Go (DTG) party provided the first years an excellent opportunity to kick back after their first weeks of Academy life and to start the 1000 day countdown until graduation. For the second and third years, it was an opportunity to informally welcome the first years to the Academy.

The announcement of the theme and headline act are always highly anticipated and the Mexican Fiesta theme was well received along with the headline act, well known home-grown Australian DJ, Tigerlily. Known for her blue hair and unashamed appreciation for the combination of electro dance and commercial pop music, Tigerlily has performed at Future, Creamfields, and Stereoscopic music festivals, and she would now be adding the Academy Cadets’ Mess (ACM) to that list. The supporting acts for the evening were acoustic blues singer/songwriter Jack Bilman and the upbeat modern DJ Brooklyn - 1000DTG was shaping up to be a night to remember.

With the theme in place and musicians ready to go, final preparations got into full swing. Expendable first year midshipmen and officer cadets risked life and limb climbing ladders to string lights across the ACM, fake cacti were inflated, piñata were strung from the ceiling, and, somewhat unbelievably, cadets managed to build a wall right across the mess. Come Friday evening, the lights were low, the beverages were chilled and the fiesta began.

The night began with the warm up act, Jack Bilman, taking the stage for some upbeat blues and while not exactly Latin in style, Bilman’s fun, folky vibe set the tone for an excellent night. Overeager first years began to fill the ACM for their first ADFA social event, while second and third years acted cool in the background. Ponchos, sombreros and some fabulous moustaches seemed the outfit of choice for most, but there were also a number of ‘cholo’ gangs in flannel shirt and bandanas, members of border protection, and even a three-part tequila shot. One particularly eye-catching look was that of Midshipman (MIDN) Hoban and Officer Cadet (OFFCDT) Grieve in matching Nacho Libre outfits. When asked about his inspiration for the look, MIDN Hoban said, “I felt I had the tenacity and physicality to pull off the character I was playing. And it was fun to say ‘NACHOOOOOO LIBRE’.” The accessories provided for the photo booth were hardly needed owing to the popularity of bubble guns and piñatas, but the spot proved to be a hit regardless, with photos printing continuously throughout the night.

As Bilman’s act began to wind down, the night started to ramp up. Next up was DJ Brooklyn who warmed up the decks for the much anticipated DJ Tigerlily. Tigerlily took to the stage for the rest of the evening, with her combination of electro house and commercial pop providing the opportunity for some intense dancing. There were some spectacular dance moves from first years as Tigerlily bounced through some of her most popular tracks, including Invisible Child and Whenever I’m With You. MIDN Kilgannon was one of the more enthusiastic of the bunch, along with Donald Trump and his security detail.

By the time the piñatas had been emptied, Tigerlily had hit her last tune and the night began to draw to an end, the Academy began to trickle out. All that remained were ponchos discarded in the heat of the dance floor, and substantially fewer inflatable cacti than had been present at the start of the evening. In the end it was a great night for all, and, according to OCDT Tenni, a “wholesome Mexican experience” to celebrate the start of the countdown to the first years’ graduation.

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A TRUE INSIGHT INTO HOW AUSTRALIA’S DEFENCE FORCE HAS EVOLVED AND HOW EQUALITY BETWEEN GENDERS MAKES FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL ORGANISATION.

On 7 March 2017, the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) joined the world in celebrating International Women’s Day and highlighting the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, through guest speaker, Major General Kathryn Toohey. The Academy was also privileged to host the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP; Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne; and Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) has some of the world’s most inspirational, dedicated and resilient women, and the Academy is lucky enough to have some of those motivating individuals. MAJGEN Kathryn Toohey, an ADFA graduate, shared where her ADF career has taken her and some of the amazing achievements of her female classmates since graduating from the Academy.

MAJGEN Toohey began her successful and rewarding career in the Australian Army in 1987 when she was chosen for one of the very first intakes of the Australian Defence Force Academy. She spoke of the hard, rewarding and above all, memorable times she experienced on campus and encouraged everyone, not only the females, to make the most of their time at the Academy. MAJGEN Toohey’s speech was inspiring and captivating, proving that some of the most capable and noteworthy individuals within the ADF are in fact females. The presentation gave a true insight into how the ADF has evolved and how equality between genders makes for a more effective and successful organisation.

As part of International Women’s Day, the new Year One Officer Cadets were privileged to have the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Director of Education and Training, Captain Jenny Daetz, RAN. CAPT Daetz spoke about her early career as a woman and how she was in fact the first woman to command a ship of the Royal Australian Navy. This was a huge achievement, not only for CAPT Daetz, but for women in the ADF as a whole. It was a symbol of the progress and success that women have accomplished throughout the entire Defence Force and it showed that equality can be achieved in what once was a male-dominated work environment. The first year trainee officers had the opportunity to ask questions of CAPT Daetz on her early experiences and what challenges she faced. She described how positive her colleagues were and the mutual respect between them, and how she had earned her success and respect through hard work and dedication, not because of gender. Like MAJGEN Toohey, CAPT Daetz encouraged the young men and women of ADFA to not be restricted by gender, but to strive for excellence and an equal and positive defence force.
This year’s ANZAC Day marked both the centenary of the battle on the Western Front and the 30th ANZAC Day that the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) has been involved in.

While it appeared to be a gloomy day with a cold front and the odd shower, the day was special to everybody involved from the Academy. This year saw the first year divisions being involved in the National March along ANZAC Parade, with other organisations such as the Royal Military College - Duntroon (RMC-D), Army Headquarters and the ADFA Pipes and Drums Band. The third year divisions made up the Royal Guard on behalf of the Australian Federation Guard for the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove, AK, MC (Retd).

The morning began with the famed tradition of Waltzing Matilda from the Academy Band. The second and third year trainee officers bore swords and rifles, making their way through the first year buildings to ‘ceremoniously’ wake them up; the day was already off to a memorable start. It’s customary that first year trainee officers spend their first dawn service out of uniform and at the Australian War Memorial, to experience the national dawn service. What an experience it was - while it was wet and cold, the first years stood proud having joined the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and knowing they were now part of a long and proud history. The second and third years attended the dawn service at ADFA, where the Academy Cadets Mess President, Midshipman Matthew Newman, made a humbling speech commemorating history and our veterans. The Academy band accompanied the service with a solemn performance. However, the day was only just beginning with the infamous gunfire breakfast, and the ANZAC Day marches to follow.

For the majority of the first year cohort this was their first time marching in uniform on what is the biggest day of the year for our armed forces. Officer Cadet Victoria Oldjohn said the experience was unlike anything else.

“The emotions I felt were so unique to the situation and I will always remember it,” she said.

After practicing for at least a month prior to ANZAC Day, it was rewarding to see all the hard work paid off with a job well done.

For the third year cohort, it was unlike anything else they had ever experienced, not only were they on national television, but forming a guard in the most public arena in the nation, with the Governor-General of Australia, the acting Prime Minister, The Hon Barnaby Joyce, MP; foreign dignitaries and most importantly, the men and women who have proudly served our nation, all watching on. It was a humbling experience for the trainee officers and one they are unlikely to forget.

For the Academy’s Pipes and Drums Band, it was the first time that many of the first year members have played in a military-style marching band. With classic marches such as Eagle Squadron, Glorious Victory, Life on the Ocean Wave and The Middy, the band represented the Academy extremely well.

The trainee officers did an amazing job representing the Academy, their Services, and the Australian Defence Force, ensuring a memorable ANZAC Day for 2017.

ANZAC DAY 2017

By MIDN Jaycob Humphreys

This year’s ANZAC Day marked both the centenary of the battle on the Western Front and the 30th ANZAC Day that the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) has been involved in.
Australia’s Federation Guard (AFG) was established in 2000 to provide a Tri-Service ceremonial capability in order to promote the standards, values, traditions and ethos of the Australian Defence Force and Australia.

AFG has a significant role in marking national days of significance such as Australia Day, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, including conducting ceremonial services in Turkey, France, Belgium, Solomon Islands and East Timor just to name a few.

Within AFG is a smaller group who form the Precision Drill Team (PDT). The PDT travels regularly, performing at sporting events and other significant events nationally and internationally.

AFG conducts a Catafalque Party at the Australian War Memorial (AWM), which over time has grown in significance and is now an integral component of the AWM closing ceremony. On the first and third Wednesday of every month the ceremony is streamed live over the internet with past performances saved on the AWM Website.

AFG has participated in around 150 Ceremonial and support events in 2017, including seven Royal Guards involving the Governor General and International heads of state, 16 Tri-Service Half Guards for visiting Defence Force Chiefs of Service and 24 Australian War Memorial closings.

The Guard has participated in nearly 50 individual Catafalque Parties. The most notable in the first of the year were the international ceremonies for Gallipoli, Menin Gate and Villers-Bretonneux.

Significant events in late 2017 included contingents for the Centenary of the Battles of Polygon Wood and Beersheba as well as the physical and mental preparation for the Royal Guard and Catafalque party at AWM on Remembrance Day.

Nationally the Guard provided Catafalque parties for Navy Birthday, Army Birthday, Air Force Birthday, Rushworth, Boer War, Vietnam and Flanders Soil.

The Guard also provides Ceremonial Gun salutes and support for Sky fire and the Queen’s Birthday ceremony.

A new support task that has been taken on by the Guard is the Viking clap at the Canberra Raiders home games – this is very popular with the public.

The Guard has also lent support to several charity events and has volunteered time to Malkara School which has provided over 40 years of quality education for students with a significant intellectual disability and other associated impairments.
The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Band, Pipes and Drums has a proud history as the only non-professional, tri-service band in the Australian Defence Force. The band provides trainee officers (TOs) with the opportunity to maintain musical skills obtained prior to ADFA, or alternatively TOs can learn the drums or bagpipes from scratch.

The band boasts several ensembles tailored for different instruments. The largest ensemble is the ADFA Marching Band, where TOs can play flute, piccolo, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium or tuba. Additionally, there is also a String Ensemble, Jazz Band, Funk Band and Rock Band.

The Marching Band consists of approximately 30 instrumentalists, 15 drummers and 10 pipers. This ensemble plays regularly at ceremonial events, including the annual Chief of the Defence Force (CDF) Parade, Graduation Parade, ANZAC Day march and Royal Australian (RAN) Ceremonial Sunset. Additionally, the Marching Band supports each squadron during the Lancaster Drill Competition and performs for hundreds of people at the annual ADFA Open Day.

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The Jazz Band is a smaller ensemble that caters for TOs who would like to extend and show off their jazz skills. This band includes a wind section and a rhythm section, with the wind section including alto, tenor and baritone saxophone, trumpet, and trombone, and the rhythm section including electric and bass guitars, drum kit and keyboard. The group performed at a large number of more informal events at ADFA throughout the year.

The String Ensemble includes violin, viola, cello and double bass. This group rehearses weekly and performs regularly to provide background music to various Academy dining-in nights and at the annual ADFA Open Day.

Finally, a separate band is formed every year to support the ADFA Performing Arts Company with their annual musical. The instruments included in this band depend on what is required for the musical, and the rehearsal schedule is intensive, particularly in the final weeks before the show commences.

Similarly to the Jazz Band, the Funk Band is a small ensemble that gives TOs an opportunity to both develop and showcase their musical talent, particularly focussing on the Funk and Blues genres. The composition of Funk Band is almost identical to that of Jazz Band, and similarly the performance opportunities are the same.

ADFA’s Rock Band was a new initiative for 2017. This new ensemble has a wide scope and engages with several different genres, focusing on more contemporary styles. Consisting of vocals, bass guitar, electric and rhythm guitars, drum kit and keyboard. The group performed at a large number of more informal events at ADFA throughout the year.

This year the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) has continued to contribute to the White Ribbon Australia cause. From sports and VECCs playing charity games to squadrons organising cocktail nights, the commitment to White Ribbon has been strong and varied.

In May, ADFA trainee officers represented the Australian Defence Force (ADF) at the ANZAC Test Rugby League match between Australia and New Zealand, selling White Ribbon merchandise before the game and demonstrating the joint contributions of ADF, the ADF and the NRL in the prevention of violence against women in Australia.

The ADFA Rugby Club (ARC) has consistently fundraised for White Ribbon throughout the year, starting with a bake sale in March and finishing with a Rugby Pay Day Chill Out in September. These great events are just some of the highlights of the great contribution that the ARC has made to White Ribbon throughout the past year.

Footrot Squadron also organised a White Ribbon breakfast in August with guest speaker WCDR Mike Burgess-Orton discussing the relevance of White Ribbon in today’s world and of his own passion for becoming a White Ribbon Ambassador.

In all, this has been a strong year for White Ribbon in and around the Academy and we look forward to another strong year in 2018.

FOOTROT SQUADRON ORGANISED A WHITE RIBBON BREAKFAST IN AUGUST WITH WHITE RIBBON AMBASSADOR, WCDR Mike Burgess-Orton, as guest speaker.
The annual Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) swimming carnival was held on 12 April 2017 at the Canberra International Sports and Aquatics Centre. All four squadrons had their game faces on with a win gifting the winning squadron some valuable Lancaster Shield points.

Though the events offer each squadron every opportunity to earn as many points as possible with the best swimmers they had to offer, it was clear from early in the night that Foxtrot was dominating the pool. There were plenty of other events where the other squadrons stood out, but the night ultimately went to Foxtrot Squadron who ably defended last year’s win, demonstrating that they are the sharks when it comes to the Swimming Carnival.

The swimming carnival was a mass of colours, with each person prepared to provide all the support they could offer in order to win as many races as possible. Each race consisted of two swimmers per squadron, and the races involved a variety of strokes and distances which pushed the competitors to their physical limits. Eagerly awaiting the beginning of events were the squadron mascots, each one encouraging friendly squadron banter and preparing to compete in the classic mascot race. The only issue for the night was that it was hard to keep all the trainee officers quiet long enough for those competing to hear the starting buzzer.

While the night was filled with competitive chanting and friendly squadron banter, the two most anticipated races of the night included the race between the trainee officers, staff, and the physical training instructors, as well as the classic novelty race. Trainee officers were dressed in a range of themed costumes, from Australian themed to superhero, and even as ladies, and all took to the pool to wrestle victory from the hands of the other squadrons. The race didn’t get particularly far before the wrestling got the best of the dressed-up competitors, with multiple people attempting to gain control of the giant inflatable pool thong.

The carnival was enjoyed by everybody and was a great demonstration of physical effort for the swimmers with a majority of the competitors swimming at least two races during the night.
On board a Warship at sea, in the mud or the dust of a forward operating base, at a high tempo Airbase on operations, Australian Defence Force (ADF) Chaplains are hard at work supporting troops.

Meeting the spiritual and religious needs of sailors, soldiers and airmen is the cornerstone of Military Chaplaincy, but the role of a Chaplain is much broader than conducting religious services. Throughout the long history of the ADF, Chaplains have earned both the respect and trust of the troops they serve. The Chaplain is very often a sounding board when things get tough, a confidential listening ear and a source of pastoral care and advice.

ADF Chaplaincy is diverse, challenging and complex. It is a world away from Ministry in a civilian context. The Defence Force Chaplains College (DFCC) exists to provide training for ADF Chaplains that equips them for the task of supporting the ADF at home and on operations. To this end DFCC runs a number of different courses.

**Chaplain Initial Course:** This course equips chaplains to make the transition from the civilian to the military context. All chaplains that come into the ADF have undertaken extensive religious studies, at least two years of practical ministry experience as a recognised minister in their faith Group, complete a period of initial basic military training, and then they come to DFCC. Over a period of three weeks Chaplains receive training in how to harness their rich civilian experience and apply it to the ADF context both in a base environment and on operations.

This year’s course ran from 18-22 September with almost 60 members applying for the 40 positions. The course looked at a number of areas:

- The changing face of the ADF and operations.
- Worldview, Religion and Spirituality - with a focus on Hinduism, Islam and Indigenous spirituality.
- Faith and Leadership
- Real stories of Faith, Character and leadership.

The highlight of this course was a presentation from a Jewish Holocaust Survivor, Mr Eddie Jaku. Many on the course had read of the Holocaust, but to hear the personal story of courage from one who has lived through it, and to see the distinctive tattoo on his arm was world changing for many.

For the team at DFCC it has been a rewarding year. It is exciting to see the transformation that takes place in each student as they undertake courses. What we do at DFCC makes a small difference to each of these individuals; however, when they take their experiences of DFCC back into their workplace, the effect is multiplied significantly, building the capability of the ADF.
Every year, high-performing trainee officers (TOs) are offered international engagement opportunities in order to improve professional development and forge better relations with Australia’s allies.

This year, there was a considerable amount of international engagement with Australian ally, the United States of America. The trips varied in length from one-week to six-month exchanges, and provided TOs with experience and awareness that will benefit them as future leaders in the Australian Defence Force.

Five Second Year TOs, under the direction of a Fourth Year Advanced Student, were lucky enough to be selected to conduct a six-month exchange program with the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M, one of the US’s oldest public tertiary institutions.

The exchange gave an insight into the similarities and differences of US Military training, compared to the training experienced by midshipmen and officer cadets at ADFA. While on exchange, the TOs met with the previous Commandant ADFA, Air Vice Marshal Alan Clements, who is now Head Australian Defence Staff in Washington. Through his connections, TOs were able to visit the United Nations Offices in Washington DC.

Other US engagements included trips to the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Military Academy, most of which were one to two week engagements. Midshipman (MIDN) Eamon O’Shea, who visited the US Naval Academy, outlined the importance of the engagement with other countries.

“A mutual appreciation was gained for how we operate within our respective navies and academies, which will guide how we personally interact with the US Navy in the future, as well as how we guide change within our own organisation,” he said.

International engagements to other countries included Canada, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan and China.
On 25 May 2017 the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) held its annual dinner in support of the International Day Against Homophobia Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT) and to celebrate diversity within the Academy, the wider community and the wider Defence force.

The inaugural event was held in 2012, and since then, the IDAHOT dinner has become more and more eminent in the ADFA calendar, with senior Defence officials as well as local community leaders coming together to support the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community (LGBTI+).

The dinner is organised by the Academy LGBTI+ Community, led by Officer Cadet (OFFCDT) Connor Haas and Midshipman (MIDN) Jake Moir. This year, the community hosted Ms Penny Cula-Reid and Ms Mia-Rae Clifford, the first openly gay elite AFL couple. The 2017 event was the largest so far, with 160 people attending from ADFA, as well as many external agencies including the individual Service headquarters, Headquarters Joint Operations Command, Australian Signals Directorate, Australia’s Federation Guard, Defence LGBTI Information Service and many more.

MIDN Matthew Newman, the first openly gay President of the Academy Cadets Mess, said that from a small clustering of community members and allies, IDAHOT now routinely includes major sporting clubs, external stakeholders and senior leadership, highlighting the major shift in Defence culture.

The overwhelming support from a range of senior officials, as well the everyday supporters of LGBTI+ personnel send a strong message of support to ADF members and reinforces the message of equality and freedom of expression in the modern military.

The Academy LGBTI Community hosts a series of events throughout the calendar year, with IDAHOT being their primary way to engage across Defence and the ACT in healthy discussion about LGBTI issues.

Earlier in the year the community travelled to Sydney to participate in the Annual Sydney Mardi Gras, and will host a Wear It Purple Day breakfast in August.

"TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY WITHIN THE ACADEMY, THE WIDER COMMUNITY AND THE WIDER DEFENCE FORCE."
The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) opened its doors to the public on Saturday 26 August 2017 for its Open Day. This is an annual opportunity for the local community, potential ADFA candidates and friends and families of Defence members to experience a snapshot of the Academy and what the Australian Defence Force (ADF) has to offer.

The event attracts thousands of people from all over the country to admire displays provided by the Navy, Army and Air Force alongside unique ADFA displays from various sporting clubs to extra-curricular activities.

Each service was there to impress, showing off various high-tech and exciting capabilities. The Air Force was out in full display, showing off their Roulettes aerobatic team’s impressive precision skill, while flyovers from a C130 Hercules and Hawk 127 combined with a RAAF working dog display brought the action to a close.

The Navy showed off their MRH90 and Seahawk Romeo rotor wing capabilities, while their clearance diving team put on a thrilling fast roping display above the parade ground, impressing the crowd. Meanwhile, the Army flaunted impressive power in the form of section attack demonstrations by ADFA trainee officers and ASLAV and tank displays.

In conjunction with the military offerings, the University of New South Wales Canberra (UNSW Canberra) presented the education opportunities available for those considering a military through potential ADFA. The presentations covered the various academic fields including as engineering, science, arts and business, while providing a deeper understanding of how the quality university education and military leadership go hand in hand.

Throughout the entire day ADFA’s midshipmen and officer cadets put an emphasis on displaying the social aspects of the Academy, particularly sports and extra-curricular activities. The ADFA rugby club put on an impressive Arts versus Engineering students game highlighting physical prowess, while the precision drill team performed slick and coordinated routines throughout the day to delighted crowds.

Overall, the 2017 Open Day was a rewarding and enjoyable day that allowed all who attended to reflect on their experiences and feel that there is something for everyone at not only ADFA, but the wider ADF.
The RAAF hot air balloon display draws an excited crowd.

Trainees officers complete a PT demonstration during the Open Day.

The ADFA Adventure Group abseils down the library wall during a RAAF flyby.

A section member reloads his weapon during the section attack demonstration.

ADFA Marching Band putting on their annual Open Day performance.

Visitors enjoy the many stalls set up by the trainee officers and service personnel.

“GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE A SMALL AMOUNT OF WHAT THE ACADEMY AND WIDER ADF HAS TO OFFER.”
“The PTI’s here at ADFA are really approachable and are always willing to give advice and write programs that will enhance your physical training curriculum.”
– OCDT Samantha Chalmers

“I noticed that Australia’s Officer Cadets really uphold the ADFA values. They respect others as people and show integrity all the time. I’m glad that I was selected to be here among these Officer Cadets and Midshipmen because I get real exposure on how to work as an Air Force Officer.”
– OFFCDT Khairi Asree, Malaysian International Student

“ADFA has given me the opportunity to find new interests and sports, such as playing water polo. I had never played water polo before ADFA, but the club has welcomed me and others in the same situation with open arms, helping us learn the game and new skills to become part of a team.”
– OFFCDT Hayden Krammer

“I have really enjoyed the transition from my specialisation training as a Maritime Warfare Officer to the academic life here at ADFA. I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity to develop myself both emotionally and intellectually, at one of the best combined military and academic institutions in the world.”
– MIDN Brendan Howard

“I really enjoyed the opportunity to pass on knowledge gained over my two years at ADFA, to mentor new arrivals into ADFA, and support nervous trainees, most of whom had just left home, all while building new friendships.”
– OFFCDT Kristian Henderson

“One of the best things about ADFA is that you’re always learning and pushing yourself to become the best officer your service deserves. Over the three years you are given the opportunity, in barracks or on exercise, to push yourself to your limits mentally, physically, and emotionally, leaving you with a great sense of accomplishment and development. I feel as though I have gotten a lot more out of ADFA than I ever thought, because my experience has been more challenging than I thought it would be.”
– OCĐT Luke Brymora

“ADFA provides a structured lifestyle, meaning that we are quite productive. At first I didn’t know how I would adjust to it, but I definitely appreciate it.”
– OFFCDT Kim Petterson

“The Mess Committee is always thinking of new initiatives to make things more convenient for trainee officers. Recently, the new ‘Grab n Go’ initiative at the mess has been really useful when transitioning to and from lunch and class, meaning I can eat healthy and still make class on time.”
– OFFCDT Julie Gillies

“I really enjoyed the obstacle course here at ADFA because of the different physical challenges for each obstacle. But the best part was watching those who really struggled with certain obstacles, especially the cam net, overcome them. I really loved how the obstacles required team work to get over them. It was a great way to work as a team and support your mates.”
– OCDT Courtney Chamberlain

“Studying Engineering at ADFA is tough, but it’s great because you’ve always got mates to help you out if you’re struggling to understand a concept and you can study together. My favourite part about Engineering at ADFA would have to be using the workshops to apply the theory we learn in class and getting ‘hands on’ with our studies.”
– MIDN Zac Berra

Compiled by OFFCDT Cornelia Deller
ADFA SQUADRONS

**FOXTROT**

Foxtrot squadron is the youngest, and largest, squadron at ADFA, raised in 2016 as a merger between Bravo and Charlie squadrons. Despite its youth, Foxtrot entered the Officer Training College firing on all cylinders; winning the inter-squadron Lancaster Shield in 2016 and earning the right to call themselves the Chief of the Defence Force Squadron throughout 2017.

Foxtrot has continued its form, retaining the Lancaster Shield as winners of a very tight competition in 2017. Foxtrot is a squadron that trainees at ADFA are proud to be a part of because of their successes in academy competitions and the relaxed, but professional culture. Foxtrot’s mascot is the shark and when it comes to competing with the other squadrons, either physically, in military skills or academically, Foxtrot embodies the same qualities as their namesake.

As a squadron, Foxtrot’s trainees show determination and strength in representing their academy and pursuing their goals confidently and elegantly.

Foxtrot’s charity of choice is Vinnies, which was supported throughout the year. Proceeds from fundraising events are passed on to Vinnies to support a wide range of people in the local community.

**ALPHA**

Alpha Squadron’s motto is “For the Strength of the Pack is the Wolf and the Strength of the Wolf is the Pack”. Their Squadron Mascot is ‘Amarok’, which is a wolf from the Inuit mythology. This wolf was strong, the leader of the pack, loyal, and possessed incredible wisdom. Today, Alpha squadron embodies these traits.

Alpha Squadron has many traditions, all of which develop camaraderie, integration, morale, and a squadron bond. Each Division within Alpha is represented by a mythological wolf which is led by their battle honours. They carry these to functions and competitions. These encourage Squadron identity, unity and performance.

The first years are inducted into the Alpha Wolfpack through the swearing of the Alpha Creed and through receipt of their own Squadron token and Alpha Squadron number which is signed into the Squadron book.

Alpha Squadron’s main strength is their desire to meet high standards, sense of identity, and competitive spirit.

They strive to achieve excellence in all that they do and always fight as a team. They must abide by the Amarok Creed which is sworn by each member of Alpha Squadron.

The Squadron engages in many events every year, some of which include: celebrate ‘their’ achievements. Some notable events are Alpha Squadron binging in Night, Amarok’s birthday, and a yearly Professional Development house. These events allow staff and TOs to bond, and enables the development of a Squadron identity through team-building activities.

Alpha Squadron is a dedicated supporter of the RSPCA. Their contributions are service and fundraising; they send volunteers to assist the RSPCA shelters in Canberra, hold a biannual petting zoo, and fundraise to support this important organisation.

**DELTA**

Delta Squadron, otherwise known as the Delta Dagpoles for their mascot, is comprised of Divisions 7-12. Delta’s strengths and traditions are embodied in the squadron ethos of dedication, enthusiasm, leadership, teamwork and accountability. These traits are seen as essential for all leaders and all members of Delta reflect the ethos in everything that they do.

The Squadron holds regular internal events and activities in order to develop their camaraderie and test their ability to maintain dedication and enthusiasm while being physically and mentally challenged.

An excellent example of this is their recent squadron trip to Mount Kosciuszko, where the squadron was broken into small teams of members from each year level, before making their way up the mountain, carrying stone and completing a series of mentally challenging tasks on the way. When it comes to inter-squadron events, Delta is known for its friendly but highly competitive attitude. Members of the squadron compete in trials to represent Delta at events such as the swimming carnival, and are encouraged to develop their physical abilities to the height of their potential through a weekly leader board covering key aspects of fitness within the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

As a squadron, Delta is proud to support LIVIN and the Make-a-Wish Foundation. LIVIN is a movement dedicated to achieving social acceptance for mental health disorders and suicide preventative measures. LIVIN exists to encourage, inspire and promote to those struggling, that life is worth fighting for, change is possible and that you are not alone. Make-A-Wish Australia was founded in 1985, and has granted over 8,000 wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. Make-A-Wish wishes give very sick children and teenagers hope for the future, strength to face the challenges of their illness, and joy from their incredible wish experience.

**VENATIO**

**SEGUT UNUM.**

**ECHO**

Echo Squadron was formed in 2011 and has a short, but proud, history of rivalry and trials which have ultimately culminated in the success of the squadron. The success was achieved in 2015 with Echo Squadron being named as the CDF Squadron for 2016.

Echo Squadron has historically been strong across all competitions held at ADFA and most notably Echo Squadron tends to dominate the annual Lancaster Drill competition and the swimming carnival. Echo Squadron has significant self-motivation and does not rely on staff to enforce performance in and out of Academy. Echo Squadron is motivated by its people and the bonds between them. Showing the strengths of friendship and mateship which exists throughout the squadron.

Traditionally, Echo Squadron has been known for its squadron acracy, the bullying, where trainee officers would perform a variety of tasks as small teams to compete within the squadron.

These activities could include PT sessions, shooting and role-playing exercises. This gives members of Echo Squadron the opportunity to lead and excel amongst their peers and develop them for future leadership positions.

Echo Squadron has an annual Dinner In Night which celebrates the successes of the year as well as notable individuals from the squadron. The event normally includes fun games, videos and light hearted banter.

The Echo Squadron mascot is an eagle that goes by the name of Eddie. Eddie is a cherished member of Echo Squadron and represents everything that Echo Squadron aims to become.

Echo Squadron is involved within the community and is a staunch supporter of Legacy. Each year, during Legacy week, over 170 members of Echo Squadron participate in raising funds for Legacy who support the family members of those who have served. Echo Squadron also spent its Military Training Day this year supporting the Canberra community through ACT Parks and Conservation at Mulligan’s Flat Woodland Sanctuary, completing a number of activities around the Sanctuary including repairs to roads and security fences; the installation of tree guards for the new tree plantations; identification and marking of weeds and rabbit burrows; and distributing materials for the construction of a new boardwalk.

Echo Squadron supporting the Canberra community through ACT Parks and Conservation at Mulligan’s Flat Woodland Sanctuary.

Echo Squadron participating in the annual Lancaster Drill Competition.
The Invictus Games is an international adaptive multi-sports competition for serving and former serving military personnel who have been wounded, injured or become ill during their military service. They harness the power of sport to support recovery and rehabilitation, inspiring others with the sheer determination and resilience that is displayed by all of the athletes who take part.

The Invictus Games was created by Prince Harry in 2014, with the first Games held in London. Two years later they occurred in Orlando and the 2017 Games were held in Toronto from 23 to 30 September with 550 participants from 17 nations competing across 12 disciplines.

Pilot Officer Nathan Parker, who was seriously injured in a bus accident in 2015 while studying at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), was a member of the 2017 Australian team.

Nathan set the goal of participating in the 2017 Invictus Games while recovering in hospital and making the Australian team was a great reward for all of the persistence and hard work in his recovery.

He competed in swimming, athletics and indoor rowing, achieving excellent results and headed home with four medals.

Nathan said there were plenty of emotional moments, especially during the opening ceremony when he realised he’d achieved his goal of making the Australian team. Everything past that point was just a bonus.

“It felt great getting such good results and realising all of the training had come to fruition,” he said.

“It was also such a privilege to watch my team mates pushing themselves to their limits to achieve so many of their goals throughout the week.”

Nathan began training in November 2016 and attended trials in January 2017. He did most of his training at ADFA and attended the multiple selection and training camps for the team throughout the year at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and Sydney’s Academy of Sport and Recreation.

Sport has played a big part in Nathan’s rehabilitation and his first goal was to return to running.

“I was strongly motivated to return to running during my recovery. Since achieving that goal, sport and training has not only enabled me to continue to get stronger and fitter, but has also enabled me to return to training alongside my military peers,” he said.

Nathan has finished his Technology (Aviation) Degree at ADFA, and he’s now looking at his next challenge, which may well be the 2018 Invictus Games in Sydney.

“The Games provided an amazing experience seeing other competitors conquer their limitations and learning how they had travelled on their rehabilitation journeys. Despite the injuries and challenges that we face, we’ve shown that we can still achieve our goals.”
CTMC

The Capability and Technology Management College (CTMC) is the premier Australian Defence Force (ADF) College for the management and delivery of capability related education and training. As a learning establishment within the Australian Defence Force Academy learning centre, it is primarily focused on the preparation of selected Defence personnel for effective employment within the Capability Workforce.

CTMC is currently responsible for a multitude of Defence capability focused courses, with an enduring product – a Capability and Technology Manager (CTM). This is achieved through a 12 month full-time residential technical staff college umbrella program that results in both the professionalisation of course members and the attainment of a Masters in Capability Management. The role of the CTM is to act as an interpreter between Defence and Industry, translating technical information into objective advice and guidance that is more communicable and applicable to Defence and the needs of the Capability Sponsor. Attendance at CTMC offers Defence, APS and Industry personnel, a viable pathway for greater understanding and effectiveness of employment within the Defence Capability Life Cycle (CLC).

Course membership routinely comprises of four syndicates of 10 students with representation from all three services and internationally. In 2017, course membership was reduced to 28, including one student from Indonesia. Directing Staff were augmented for the first time by a member of the Philippine Defence Force (Army) and the UK Exchange Officer was appointed to the role of Chief Instructor. The curriculum delivered is predominately unchanged from previous years, with courses aligned to the three main categories of assessed studies; Military Science and Technology, Capability Life Cycle Management, and Defence and Industry Studies. CTMC moved from the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) to the Australian Defence College, Weston Creek, at the end of 2016, to promote greater collaboration and integration of the three key postgraduate Joint Professional Military Education and Training course delivered by Australian Command and Staff College (JACSC), Centre for Defence Strategic Studies (CDSS) and CTMC. 2017 has been focused on setting the conditions and shaping the environment to enact change to the curriculum in a measured and controlled manner through 2018 and continuing to ensure course members receive a comprehensive, integrated and rewarding technical staff college experience.

Following a review of CTMC, the College is currently undergoing a re-establishment of good governance and traceability between delivered content and the achievement of the desired learning outcomes. With the adoption of Systems Approach to Defence Learning, the responsibilities of the College is now very much in the Development and Implementation of the curriculum, with Analysis, Design and Evaluation being undertaken by ADFA HQ. Many of the internal governance functions within CTMC, have now been centralised across the ADFA Learning Establishment, with ‘service provision’ to the three ADFA aligned Learning Centres being provided out of the one Directorate of Education and Training. The re-introduction of the Curriculum Management Committee has allowed Commandant ADFA, as the Training Authority for the program, to routinely and effectively engage stakeholders, vested in the Capability Workforce education and training continuum, to ensure CTMC continues to deliver against a Defence owned and articulated need.

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This year the Performing Arts Company (PAC) celebrated 30 years and is one of the Academy’s longest running clubs. For three decades PAC has been providing trainee officers with a creative outlet while entertaining the Academy with numerous successful productions. To celebrate this occasion, Grease, the first production performed by PAC, was brought back to the ADFA stage in 2017.

From 17 to 19 August 2017, a cast, band, crew and creative team made up almost entirely of trainee officers showcased the diversity of talent on offer at ADFA to an enthusiastic audience of Defence and members of the local community. Five months of long rehearsals came to fruition as the ADFA PAC staged an energetic and electrifying show that left the audience hand-jiving out the theatre.

Performing and participating in a musical is perhaps not the first thing that comes to mind when one considers a trainee officer activity at a military academy, but the arts are often undervalued in Defence and wider society and this involvement really shows the wide-ranging abilities of trainee officer’s in a variety of disciplines.

Director of the performance, Officer Cadet (OCDT) Bowman-Wall, said the Performing Arts Company provides exceptional opportunities for trainee officers to improve their confidence, foster their talents and relieve their stresses in a productive way.

“Through my involvement I’ve gained many valuable lessons in leadership and management of people, while being involved with an enjoyable show,” she said.

The show was about more than just the catchy tunes and energetic choreography as PAC raised funds for a charity very close to home for military members. Over the course of the three production nights, PAC raised $2,560.40 for Legacy Australia, a voluntary organisation serving families of veterans who have given their lives or suffered ill-health during or after service.

Grease was a credit to the dedication and hard work of all involved, with particular mention to Director OCDT Olivia Bowman-Wall, Producer Officer Cadet (OFFCDT) Janet Mulder and Bandmaster WO2 Joanne Davey.

The PAC team trained several times a week for many months to bring the production together in ADFA’s Adams auditorium.

“SANDY, DANNY AND JAN FROM THE 1987 PRODUCTION OF GREASE, RETURNED TO ADFA TO WATCH THIS YEAR’S PRODUCTION AND REMINISCE ABOUT THEIR TIME ON STAGE AS ADFA Trainee Officers.”

The PAC team performed many fantastic dance numbers and songs from the 80s musical, Grease.

The PAC team was supported by a substantial backstage crew who dedicated their time to props, lighting and makeup.

OCDT Daniel Hales demonstrating his vocal talents in a musical number as Danny Zuko.

PAC team!”
LANCASTER SHIELD COMPETITION

By MIDN Jaycob Humphreys

The Lancaster Shield competition started in 1986, and has been the pinnacle of inter-Squadron competition for the over three decades at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). Consisting of a points system pitting the Academy squadrons, Alpha, Delta, Echo and Foxtrot, against each other to see who receives the most points by Graduation week. The squadron with the most points earns the title of Chief of the Defence Force (CDF) Squadron and bragging rights as the highest performing squadron in the Academy.

Points are gained throughout the year through the Squadrons collective achievements in academics, military training, and other activities held during the year. Some of these official events include cross country, swimming carnival, shooting competition, athletics carnival and the renowned Lancaster Drill Competition. Points vary depending on what each Squadron places at all of these events, and are tallied up on the Squadron Lancaster board within the foyer of the Academy Cadets’ Mess (ACM).

CDF Squadron not only holds the title, but also a range of privileges that each and every individual within the Squadron receives. This includes marching on first for CDF and Graduation parades, missing one inspection a semester, getting the closest spots on the hat rack in the ACM, and most importantly, never being on set up/pack up duty for any Academy-wide events.

Not only does the Lancaster Shield Competition recognise the positive achievements of individuals and Squadrons, but it also fosters Squadron cohesion, teamwork and boosts morale across the Academy.

Foxtrot Squadron won the 2017 competition, retaining the Lancaster Shield and the title of CDF Squadron. There was very little between the Squadron’s this year, with each taking out three main activities. The final scores were:

- **FOXTROT**: 32 pts
- **ALPHA**: 26 pts
- **DELTA**: 28 pts
- **ECHO**: 25 pts
**MEET THE ACHQ**

**Riley Brassil**
Academy Cadet Captain (ACC)

To lead the trainee body in aspects of Academy life. Responsible for providing a link between the chain of command and the trainee body as well as guide and manage the Academies senior leadership team in achieving positive outcomes throughout the year for the Corps of Midshipman and Officer Cadets.

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**Matthew Newman**

President of the Mess Committee

Manage Academy Cadets’ Mess Committee (ACMC) and 2UC of Corps.

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**Ellie Johnston**

Academy Cadet Headquarters Chief of Staff

Manage the ACHQ and support all ACHQ led projects as well as assist the ACC, with decision making and allocated tasks from OTC Command.

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**Andrew Haes**

Deputy President of the Mess Committee

To manage the ACMC and monitor behaviour, etiquette and dress within the ACM.

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**Kate Gellini**

J1 Personnel

Assist J1 with matters pertaining to welfare, amenities, duties and personnel management. Also perform secretarial duties, such as writing Academy tattoos, CUB minutes and invitations.

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**Mitchell Robertson**

J3 Operations

Work closely with the Officer Training College (OTC) Operations cell to oversee the planning and administration of activities.

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**Callum Hicks**

J33 RAN

Custodian of RAN Customs and Traditions while assisting in the development of events and training opportunities for RAN members at ADFA.

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**Bayley Amos**

J33 RAAF

Act as a conduit between the RAAF Trainees Officers at the Officer training College and the staff body. Work to provide RAAF trainee officers with opportunities to network, develop an understanding of RAAF Customs and Traditions and act as a source of guidance for RAAF related training information and issues.

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**Caleb Hammond**

J33 Army

To act as the senior Army representative on the ACHQ. Responsible for engaging with external Army stakeholders and for the administration of training and the execution the professional development opportunities for Officer Cadets.

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**Joslyn Mak**

J33 Internationals

International representative within the ACHQ. First point of contact for all International personnel within the Corps of Midshipman and Officer cadets. Responsible for supporting communications between the International cadet body and trainee officers as well as manage any activities that the International cadet body are involved in.

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**Sharnae Willson**

J4 Logistics

Work closely with the Academy J4 Logistics Officer to implement new uniform items and help with simplifying the Academy logistics processes.

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**Johnathon Taylor**

J6 Plans

Work with the J6 cell to assist and co-ordinate the planning of future activities.

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**Lachlan Vidler**

J6 Communications

Oversee all Communications and Information Management processes for the Officer Training College.

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**Jess Blunden**

J63 Internal Communications

Facilitate the efficient and effective flow of information within the Officer Training College.

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**Tori Colls**

J63 Publications

Assist in the implementation of the Academy’s communication strategies while overseeing all publications, including the annual Academy Magazine and the Officer Training College monthly sports newsletter.

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**Peter Frazzetto**

J63 External Communications

Liaise with and provide information to external parties in relation to the Officer Training College.

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**Chantelle Reay**

J7 Academics and Training

Operate as a liaison between the Corps, military staff, and UNSW staff on matters relating to academics and military training.

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**Harrison Leonard**

J73 Band

Work closely with the Academy Band Master to run and organise band rehearsals and events. The Academy Band has an important role in many ceremonial marches and parades at ADFA.

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**Will Tribe**

J73 VECC’s

Work with a team of VECC Domain Presidents responsible for a number of clubs each, overseeing and facilitating the conduct of all club activities and admin requirements.

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**Cooper Lyneham**

J73 Sport

Act as a link between the Academy sporting clubs and the Officer Training College HQ and the ACHQ while providing guidance on matters such as governing administration in order to allow the clubs presidents to build and facilitate a thriving sporting community.

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**Thomas Fathers**

J8 Academics and Training

Operate as a liaison between the Corps, military staff, and UNSW staff on matters relating to academics and military training.

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**Natalie Johnston**

J91 Alumni

Manage all activities and administration involving ADFA Graduates.

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**Tim Sullivan**

Alpha Squadron Cadet Captain

Lead Alpha Squadron within the Academy and manage the Squadron HQ in the delivery of their positional requirements.

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**Laura Elizabeth**

Delta Squadron Cadet Captain

Assist in the day to day running of Delta Squadron, oversee events, liaise with staff to deliver intent and support the Squadron HQ members in achieving their outcomes.

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**Caitlin Watkins**

Echo Squadron Cadet Captain

Communicate with staff and the Squadron to allow for smooth operation of day to day activities for Echo Squadron. Additionally, work with Echo Squadron HQ to support and foster the development of the Squadron in order to meet the OC’s intent for 2017.

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**Tom Darzins**

Footrot Squadron Cadet Captain

Lead for Footrot Squadron in liaising with staff and the board of the Squadron Leadership Group to ensure smooth running of events, activities and admin.
**SINGLE SERVICE TRAINING**

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY**

By MIDN Jaycob Humphreys

In spite of being around 250km from the nearest coastline and even further away from operational ships and everything Midshipmen knew before coming to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADF), 2017 has been a year of naval empowerment with engagement opportunities within the service and exercises that allowed passion for the fleet to be reignited.

**Single Service Training:**

On 16 January 2017, Year Three Midshipman Maritime Warfare Officers (MWOs) embarked multiple ships within the Eastern Fleet including HMAS Darwin, Adelaide, Choules, Parramatta and Anzac as part of a Singe Service Training (SST) 3A. Spending time both alongside at Fleet Base East and underway in the waters off the Eastern Australian Coast, they reignited their love for being at sea and their motivation for their final year of ADF. They conducted refresher training of their mariner skills to aid their future transition from ADFA to Phase 3 Junior Warfare Application Course (JWAC) in early 2018.

During this same period, Year Two Midshipmen were conducting SST 2A which was based on motivational training at HMAS Creswell. The course that occurred over the January-February leave period focused on leadership, teamwork and Navy values – all of which is crucial to their role as an Officer within the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). This training included activities such as sailing, Navy PT, abseiling down Point Perpendicular, countless brews and fireside chats with staff and senior officers about their experiences within the RAN and their specific primary qualification.

Year One midshipmen conducted motivational training over the July leave period at ADFA which was mainly focused on immersing them in RAN history and the experiences of the great commanders of World War I and World War II. In addition, they also conducted Combat Survivability refresher training and reflected on some of the crucial points in history that have involved the RAN – through Operation S neste. This resulted in a presentation which saw photos of each group from everywhere around Canberra based on the themes of their presentation topic.

**Submarine Familiarisation Course:**

In July, during the Year One motivational training, 15 midshipmen had the opportunity to head to HMAS Stirling in Perth, WA, to gain a deeper understanding of the RAN Submarine Fleet and to determine for themselves whether a life in the ‘Deep Elite’ was for them. Not only did they tour board one of the submarines alongside, HMAS Oce, but they also were able to tour many of the shore facilities surrounding Garden Island. These included the Submarine Pressured Escape Training Facility, the Submarine School as well as a tour of surrounding areas for Australian Defence Force residences. They also had travelled to Fremantle to visit the shipbuilding facilities. Not only did they gain deeper knowledge on this rather quieter aspect of the RAN, they also were able to tour facilities they may never step foot in again.

**Australian Army**

BY OCDT Amy Davies

On 8 July 2017, the first year Army officer cadets began their first Single Service Training (SST) at Majura’s Camp Blake. The two week experience was to provide a basic introduction and education to everything Army.

Starting at the Tree of Knowledge the Army trainee officers marched up to General Bridge’s Grave to be handed over to staff from the Royal Military College – Duntroon (RMC-D) and from there, days – and many evenings - were spent listening to briefs on soldier skills ranging from leadership, PT, abseiling to distances to the F88. Trainee officers then spent days putting the briefs into practice, as well as conducting firing on the ranges with both the F88 and F89.

The final days of the training experience were spent in the field to learn, as a section, how the skills they had learned would be used in different environments.

Third and first years also had SST 1B and 3B, after which third years began to prepare for their move over the hill to begin their year at RMC as staff cadets. Third year’s also began their Single Service Transition Training (SSTTs), in preparation for what to expect when they do graduate ADFA and move onto the final step of their training before commissioning.

**Australian Air Force**

By OFFCDT Georgia Crean

During 2017, Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Officer Cadets at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADF) participated in an array of different activities and training specific to their service.

For the first year RAAF Officer Cadets, their motivational training was conducted in July and was their first look at life within their chosen service. The first year RAAF cohort travelled to RAAF Base William Town for three days to introduce them to Air Force capability, culture and job specifications. The trainee officers also had the opportunity see the home base for the tactical fighter element of the Air Combat Group (ACG) and the Airspace Early Warning and Control (AEW&C).

The second year trainee officers had their first Single Service Training (SST) experience in January, travelling to RAAF Base East Sale in Victoria. They conducted eight days out field across different squadrons country-wide, providing firsthand experience of being part of the engineer workforce in their respective service. Additionally, a portion of the third year cohort participated in Year One Familiarisation Training (YDFT) as mentors. These individuals assisted in the training and mentoring of the new trainee officers and aided their integration into the Academy.

To allow these third year trainees to transition and graduate as junior officers, they underwent training in the form of Single Service Transition Training (SSTT). During these hours, those soon to be Junior Officers conducted PT circuits, additional leader trainings and learned how to lead future subordinates and were taught about RAAF capabilities and force element groups. They also listened to guest lecturers and conducted syndicate and presentation work. All of which aided their transition from ADFA into their role within the wider Royal Australian Air Force.

The entire Royal Australian Air Force Officer Cadet cohort attended their annual dining in night on 1 September, held at the Academy Cadet’s Mess, with guests including the Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Leo Davies.

This year has been an eventful and rewarding year for the RAAF Officer Cadets attending ADFA and all of these opportunities and SSTs will have a positive impact on their careers within their respective service after their graduation from the Academy.

**Images:**

- A midshipman enjoys the view from HMAS Sterling during their visit to Perth.
- Officer cadets using a flight simulator during Air Force SSTs.
- Officer cadets learn about Army’s new personnel system at a presentation in Puckapunyal.
- Officer cadets enjoy sharing what little space there is in the back of an Army vehicle.
LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

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“DESIGNED TO TEST FOLLOWERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP.”
On 15 September 2017, the Australian Defence Force Academy’s (ADFA) year one trainee officers embarked on Leadership Challenge I (LCI). The trainee officers were deployed to the Majura Training Area training to spend two nights outfield, completing a range of lessons and activities to test followership and leadership abilities. Divided into sections, the trainee officers took on challenges to enhance critical thinking such as first aid to assist in casualty situations; how to deal with captured personal and prisoners of war; quick decision exercises to test resilience; observation lanes to measure visual analysis; and counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) strategies which may be required on deployment.

In addition, there were many activities designed to test physical and mental resilience. First year trainees were required to do store and gun carries to build teamwork; a naval ‘jackstay’ to transfer equipment across a valley; physical training run by ADFA PTI staff; and a military float to teach cadets how to traverse water obstacles while carrying equipment.

The third aspect of LCI was the development of offensive military capabilities. Trainee officers were required to undergo training and qualification on standard issue bayonets, before taking part in a tough and physically demanding bayonet assault course. During the bayonet assault course trainee officers were required to apply their bayonet training with physical resilience in harsh conditions.

During both the Friday and Saturday nights, all sections were required to establish a “harbor” that would give each section an all-round perimeter defence from the enemy. Each night trainee officers were required to have constant piquets.

The culmination of the challenge for sections was to exfil 7km to the extraction zone while carrying a stretcher with a casualty and maintaining patrol awareness.

Overall the weekend was a success with trainee officers gaining hands-on followership experience, while also developing themselves as junior leaders in the ADF.

LEADERSHIP
CHALLENGE 1

By OFFCDT Tori Colls
LEADERSHIP
CHALLENGE 2
By OFFCDT Tori Colls

From 18 November to 2 December the second year Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) trainee officers rotated through Leadership Challenge II (LCII), with the practical part of the activity conducted in and around Jervis Bay and the theory conducted at the Academy.

This challenge sought to expose second year cadets to complex activities around Defence support to civil communities, providing an environment where their physical and mental robustness would be put to the test. Rotation 1 arrived at Jervis Bay Airfield and quickly set about the task of creating showers and setting up the living accommodation. After a good BBQ dinner and some solid sleep, the trainee officers woke up for day one of assessments with excellent weather to kick start an exciting week. On the first day, Officer Cadet (OCDT) Luke Frawley’s group set off on a 14km paddle down the Nowra River where they battled heavy winds and large swell leaving them drenched. In the afternoon they searched a coastline looking for a distressed civilian.

Each day a water component like kayaking, canoeing or raft building was undertaken, followed by land based activities like first aid or a stores movement for the afternoon session. These activities were designed to test the trainee officers’ physical endurance and decision making skills under pressure.

OCDT Frawley’s favourite activity was the abseiling.

“It was a different experience to abseil facing forward and was felt to be a good challenge by all members in my group,” he said.

“I think everyone got something different out of it but all experience personal growth as a result,” OCDT Frawley concluded.

The adventure training in LCII is complemented by the Character Leadership Course (CLC).

The CLC is a week-long course assisting with developing the leadership character of the second year trainee officers through tasks and guest speakers, including Holocaust survivor, Mr Eddie Jaku.

“THESE ACTIVITIES WERE DESIGNED TO TEST THE TRAINEE OFFICERS’ PHYSICAL ENDURANCE AND DECISION MAKING SKILLS UNDER PRESSURE.”
The final culminating leadership assessment for the third year trainee officers (TOs) saw them undertake a week of rigorous exercises at Captains Flat training area. Third year TOs were broken into small sections and faced with a gruelling humanitarian scenario. After enduring sleep and food deprivation, TOs were expected to complete numerous physical and mental tasks as a team. These included stretcher carries, crafting shelters, moving camps, conducting search and rescues, and most importantly, building diplomatic relations with the Kapunyaans - the native population in the humanitarian scenario. Temperatures plummeted into the minuses at night time as the TOs struggled without many items in their kit, such as cold weather jackets and sleeping bags. At the end of the exercise, TOs marched out of Captains Flat knowing they had completed the last of their leadership assessment for their time at ADFA. Many of the officer cadets and midshipmen had completed tasks that they never thought their minds or bodies were capable of. All around, it was a tough yet incredible exercise that many of us will never forget.
LT FUSSELL MEMORIAL GAME

By MIDN Jerome Dillon-Baker

On 8 October 2017, the ADFA Rugby Club travelled to Armidale to play the Armidale Blues RUFC in the inaugural Lieutenant (LT) Michael Fussell Memorial match. LT Fussell was a member of both clubs before his death in Afghanistan in 2008.

LT Fussell was a significant part of both the Armidale community and the ADFA Rugby Club, and playing in his honour was a great privilege for all involved.

It was a very tight game with both sides showing great ball skills and making impressive runs, with lead changing constantly throughout the match. Armidale had a 12-7 lead at half time and managed to increase this moments after returning to the field, but ADFA refused to be beaten and chipped away at the Armidale score until there was very little separating the teams. The final result came down to the boot of Officer Cadet Alex Cronan who managed to seal the victory for ADFA 28-27 in the dying minutes of the game.

The inaugural Michael Fussell Memorial Match was an outstanding success and the ADFA Rugby Club were honoured to meet LT Fussell’s parents, Ken and Madeline Fussell, and have them join the team for a dinner, sharing stories about their memories of ADFA and LT Fussell before attending the game on Saturday.

Officer Cadet Fletcher Evans said it was so much fun to have a game of rugby with a club from the other end of the country in memory of someone who meant so much to both clubs.

“The ADFA boys could not have been happier to get away for the weekend and play in such an important game,” he said.

“I REALLY HOPE THAT THIS GAME CAN CONTINUE INTO THE FUTURE.”

Minutes silence before the game, ADFA to the left, then Ken and Madeline Fussell referree them Blues team.

OffCDT Fletcher Evans bloks in a scrum in the dying moments of the game.

OAFA players enjoy the comraderie between both teams during the Memorial Game.

ADFA with the Michael Fussell Memorial Trophy.

ADFA players take on an Armidale player at the LT Fussell Memorial Game.

Combined ADFA/Blues team photo post match.

OFFCDT Jack Carroll, Players Player of the Match scores his second try.

An ADFA player takes on a Armidale player on the LT Fussell Memorial Game.
The annual lecture focuses on the themes of leadership and character development, to inspire the officer cadets and midshipmen.

In her presentation, Kate spoke about the importance of resilience and collaboration in terms of leadership, discussing her ability to remain dedicated in such a challenging role.

“IT’s an addictive role. I feel so privileged to be working beside such amazing Paralympic athletes whose bodies were truly capable of anything,” she said.

“They have definitely influenced my passion for sport and there is no sense of comradery like what I see across the Paralympic teams.”

Kate discussed her personal leadership style, attributing a lot of her skills to the team. She prefers a collaborative style that hones in on the end goal and believes this assists in getting your team to follow you.

“The Petro Fedorczenko Memorial Lecture is funded by the Fedorczenko Legacy Special Account, set up following a bequest by Mr Fedorczenko of assets to the Federal Government which were to be used in the defence of Australia”. The lecture has been held at ADFA since 1990.

The Petro Fedorczenko Memorial Lecture was delivered by the General Manager of the Paralympic Performance and Chef de Mission for the Tokyo Paralympics in 2020, Ms Kate McLoughlin.

Kate is the first female General Manager of Paralympic Performance in 76 years and the staff and Trainee Officers of the Academy were privileged to hear from a highly competent manager and leader of Paralympic champions.

Kate’s presentation truly reinforced the Academy values and the importance of resilience in leadership.

Kate McLoughlin taking time to talk to the trainee officers of ADFA after her presentation.

How did you feel when you first entered your new position?
As deputy, I felt less exposed and less overwhelmed at the beginning, but I felt that I was well trusted to work with this team. I felt a great sense of pride and humbleness and excitement seeing those athletes compete.

Did you plan your career?
No, opportunities have come along and I’ve been lucky to be a part of them.

How do you maintain dedication?
It’s easy. It’s addictive to work with those athletes I feel incredibly privileged. While able bodied athletes are amazing, there’s nothing quite like working with Paralympic athletes.

How much does the team contribute to your passion?
They influence it so much. Everyone is just so invested and everyone wants to achieve one goal. The sense of comradery is incredible, unlike anything ever seen in any other sport. Once every four years we come together and create this super team. Seeing everyone come together who has a passion for Paralympic sport is very unique and lovely to work with. Same passion, same goal.

Do you view yourself as an effective leader?
I find it difficult to separate myself from the honour of the award. I see myself as one of many. I could not have won that award without the multitude of people behind the scenes… there’s more than one person who achieves a team reward.

What would you call your leadership style?
Very collaborative. If you don’t get people to believe in what you want to achieve, you can’t get people to follow you.

Do you have any core values?
Integrity is important. Consistency. Respect for other people. If you don’t have those, you have no hope of people following you. You must always lead by example. Others will then follow you.

What was the experience like?
Amazing. Some of the media can be quite harsh on these amazing athletes.

The Paralympic team of the country wants to follow a plan, while in Rio, the planners were not as effective. But once we adopted flexibility, we performed well. The country was going through a horrendous time, so they did well to provide a games that ended up being so memorable. Things aren’t ideal over there, but they did their best to throw an incredible games.

How do these amazing athletes work you better?
Seeing the way they work and train, it makes you want to work even better for them. You want to provide them with the best working environment that you can, to meet the efforts that they put it.

What advice would you give to trainee officers?
Be true to yourself. Be yourself. Be the leader that you want to be. Model yourself on people who inspire you and pick out what you like and don’t like about their leadership style.

Do you have anyone who you model as a leader?
So many inspirational leaders have been in my life. My professor at uni created a sports organisation, which allowed us to take teams of 300 people away to games. He was the first person who I identified as a true leader.

How was it to be the first female?
Really, no different. I was selected for my skills, not my gender. I can’t believe it’s taken 76 years for a female to be in the lead role, but I don’t see it as being a gender role. Females and males can have different strengths, but it all comes down skill.
WELL PREPARED AND EXCITED TO PROGRESS TO THE NEXT STAGE OF THEIR CAREERS IN THE WIDER DEFENCE FORCE AS JUNIOR LEADERS LEADING OUR SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND AIRMEN.
In mid-December of 2017, ADFA’s third year cohort marched out onto the Parade Ground for the last time as a year group. The parade celebrated the achievements every third year has made in reaching the point of graduation. All third year members would have successfully completed their academic and military studies and demonstrated their leadership capabilities, well prepared and excited to progress to the next stage of their careers in the wider Defence Force as junior leaders leading our soldiers, sailors, and airmen.

Graduation is a significant event for the third years, following a year of tough challenges and trials, including Leadership Challenge III, Single Service Training and Single Service Transition Training.

Throughout graduation week, graduating Midshipmen and Officer Cadets are recognised for all of their achievements while at the Academy. Various prizes and awards ceremonies are conducted, with the main prizes presented to recipients during the Graduation Parade. This year’s prize recipients were:

**Commander-In-Chief Award - Officer Cadet Tom Darzins**

The Commander In Chief medal and a sword are awarded for the most exceptional performance by a third year Midshipman or Officer Cadet in the fields of academic and military achievement, leadership, personal example and performance of duty during their time at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

**The Minister for Defence Award for Citizenship - Midshipman Emma Finucan, RAN**

The Minister For Defence Award For Citizenship is awarded to the Midshipman or Officer Cadet who through initiative and personal responsibility demonstrated conspicuous citizenship towards either Academy peers or the Australian public.

**Chief of the Defence Force Sword of Honour for Leadership - Officer Cadet Riley Brassil**

The Chief of the Defence Force Sword of Honour for Leadership is awarded to the Third Year Midshipman or Officer Cadet for outstanding leadership and consistently excellent performance by a third year Midshipman or Officer Cadet in the fields of officer development, personal example and application of duty during their time at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

**Chief of Service Prizes:**

- **Navy - Midshipman Thomas Fathers, RAN**
- **Army - Officer Cadet Hugh Connell**
- **Air Force - Officer Cadet Andrew Haes**

The Chief of Service Prizes are awarded to a graduate from each service for the most outstanding performance by a third year Trainee Officer in the fields of military and academic achievement, leadership, personal example and service ethos during their time at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

In addition to meeting the selection criteria, the prize winners are required to be models of the academy values of ‘Courage’, ‘Respect’, ‘Integrity’, ‘Service’ and ‘Professionalism’.

**The Returned and Services League of Australia Sword For Service - Midshipman Matthew Newman, RAN**

The Returned and Services League of Australia Sword For Service is awarded to the third year Midshipman or Officer Cadet who has made the greatest contribution to ADFA by their service, adherence to ADFA values, and living the attributes by personal example.
R U OK DAY

R U OK Day is a suicide prevention charity that aims to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone that may be struggling.

129 ADF boots were arranged on the Main Parade Ground, representing the 129 full time members who have taken their own lives since 2000.

If you are struggling, please seek support.

All Hours Support Line 1800 628 036
Veterans’ & Veterans’ Family Counselling Service 1800 011 046
Lifeline 13 11 14

COMMUNITY SERVICE

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION - DEFENCE BLOOD CHALLENGE

OFFCDT Emma Halliday

After a diagnosis of a rare autoimmune disorder as a child, it seemed like my life would be very restrictive. However, thanks to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service and the many people who donated their time and blood, I received the blood products I desperately needed. I am now able to make choices dependent on whether I wish to do something rather than based upon access to medical treatment or whether the risk is too high. This year as the Royal Australian Air Force Ambassador of the Australian Red Cross Defence Blood Drive, I hope to encourage others to donate and help the significant number of people who require blood products.

Last year Defence personnel made 6,990 donations to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service during the 2016 Defence Blood Challenge - enough to save over 20,000 lives. This year we are aiming to exceed a target of 7000 donations. Blood supplies are critical to Defence personnel on operations, exercises and to all members in their daily lives which is why the challenge remains one of Defence’s largest community engagements. The 2017 Defence Blood Challenge began on 1 September and will run until 8 December, all Defence personnel and their families are encouraged to donate.

RED NOSE DAY

ADFA today held an early fundraising event for Red Nose Day, with OCDT Brymora and OCQT Slack shaving their heads to raise money for SIDS for Kids.

#rednoseday #ADFA #YourADF

SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL

In recognition of ADFA’s 30 years of support to the annual Red Shield Appeal, the Salvation Army presented the Academy with a shield that will be awarded each year to the ADFA Squadron contributing the most to the appeal. Foxtrot Squadron may be the first Squadron to have their name engraved on the shield, but the huge effort across the whole Academy raised over $11,000.

The funds raised across country help deliver much needed social services including refuges for women and children in crisis, homeless shelters, emergency and disaster relief, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and family welfare assistance.

PAC SUPPORT TO LEGACY

Thank you to all who attended the ADFA Performing Arts Company’s musical production of ‘Grease’ last month.

With your support, PAC raised $2,560.40 for Legacy Australia, a voluntary organisation which provides services to the families of veterans who have died or given their health.