

## CADET COMMAND PANEL DISCUSSION 2004

### Introductions

#### **Curt LaFond**

- Educational program manager and moderator
- Former cadet and squadron commander

#### **Lt Col Joe Martin**

- Vice Commander, Florida Wing
- Spaatz Award recipient
- Occupation:

#### **C/Lt Col Danielle Meyer**

- Graduate of COS 2004
- Cadet Commander of the 2004 Florida Wing Encampment
- National Commander's Cadet Aide during this conference

#### **Col Don Karle USAF (Ret)**

- Retired vice commandant of the Air War College, the Air Force's top school for professional military education
- Buff and Bone driver
- Chief of National Cadet Special Activities at HQ CAP

### MYTHS

What is a common misconception about cadet command?

### HINDSIGHT

What did you wish you had learned before taking the job?

### THE JOB

How does cadet command compare to other leadership roles a young person might have, say student council or captain of the soccer team?

### FAMILY

In business and the military, the system is set up so that if you're a commander, your little brother won't be a subordinate, and you're dad won't be your boss. Not so for the Cadet Program. Do you have any advice for a cadet commander who has family members or close friends in his or her chain of command?

## SENIOR MEMBERS

What is up with them? What can a cadet commander do to develop a good relationship with them?

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## GOALS

How involved should a cadet commander be in setting goals for the unit? How do you go about setting goals?

## ASPIRING CADET COMMANDERS

If you're a younger cadet and eventually want to become a cadet commander, what should you do to prepare for the challenge and help make yourself stand out from the competitors?