



Anson Battalion Bearcat Cadets Complete Leadership Challenge at Fort Jackson

This is a release from the Anson High School JROTC: On behalf of CW3 Wynn, SFC Davenport and SFC Zelker, we would like to congratulate the Anson Battalion Bearcat Cadets who successfully completed Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge which was a one week course conducted at Ft. Jackson, SC.

After being selected, practicing and preparing, these Cadets made the journey away from home to the unknown. They began their days very early in the morning, usually between 4:30 to 5:00 a.m. which didn't end until between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. They had to battle and endure triple digit temperatures with intense humidity to conduct this realistic Army Leadership Training.

The training consisted of; Rappelling off Victory Tower, Ropes Course, Confidence Course, Land Navigation, Water survival, Water Navigation, Situational Training and STEM Training.

Throughout the week Cadets had the opportunity to enjoy the pool, bowling alley and a little down time to prepare for the last day of military stakes. Military stakes is a team building competition between each of the companies in which are timed map reading and navigation courses, relay races, the tug of war, 3 legged race, balloon toss, bat spinning relay, the Iron Man, etc. Our Cadets were on teams that won the tug of war and bat spinning relay. Hooah!!

They also had an opportunity to live the Army life which included sleeping in Army Basic Training Barracks and eating at the Army Dining Facility. It's been heard but not confirmed that some of the Cadets said, "it was even better than grandma's cooking."

The last competition was a talent show held on the last night which consisted of solo singers, group singers, step dancers and comedy skits.

By the end of the week these exhausted Cadets had learned much about themselves and each other. Bonds were formed that we believe will last a life time.

Pictured above, from left, are CDT Colonel Polk, CW3 Wynn, CDT CPL Lopez, CDT CSM Crump, SFC Zelker, CDT 2LT Sturdivant, CDT SGT Liles, R., CDT 2LT Robinson, CDT CPL Chance, CDT 1SG Wilson, CDT SGT Hersey, CDT SSG Ruppe, CDT SGT Blalock and SFC Davenport. Missing from photo is CDT 2LT Liles, B.

Veterans Christmas Dinner is December 7

The Anson County Veterans Council invites all veterans and spouses to their annual Christmas dinner on Friday, December 7 at 6 p.m. It will take place at the Woodmen of the World Lodge which is located on Highway 74 West in Wadesboro, near the hospital. The event will feature a delicious meal, fun and fellowship with friends and new friends.

There will be a drawing for the raffle, door prizes, a guest speaker, musical performances, and much more! The Veterans Council hopes to see you there. For more information call 704-694-6770.

Christmas Back 'n Time Performance at Cedar Hill Methodist Church on December 1

The Ansonville Historical Society is sponsoring two performances of *Christmas Back 'n Time* at the Cedar Hill Methodist Church on Saturday, December 1 at 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. The programs consist of live music and the *Christmas Story*. The decorations are natural. Admission is by donation.

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