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Lt Col Evans/AFROTC Det 434/ext 4179/13 Apr 00
MEMORANDUM FOR PROVOST/VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

FROM: AFROTC Det 434/CC
Mississippi Valley State University
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Itta Bena, MS 38941-1400


1. This has been a whirlwind year for me. As you know, this was my first year as the AFROTC detachment commander and returning to the academic environment. The learning curve was steep, yet rewarding.

2. Our activities and accomplishments were many. The detachment’s goal was to educate the students on the U.S. Air Force, and offer them personally and professionally enriching opportunities. Some of the highlights included:

   a. **Field Training.** Ten students (MVSU - 5 and DSU - 5) attended field training at various bases during the summer of 1999 for four or five weeks. This leadership training is a prerequisite for becoming and Air Force officer after graduation. One MVSU student will attend field training during summer 2000.

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   c. **Base Visit.** The students participated in two base visits for the 1999-2000 academic year: (1) At no cost to the student, fifteen (MVSU - 10 and DSU - 5) students went to the annual Air Show held in Jackson, MS. It featured the Unites States Air Force Thunderbirds. Students witnessed a live aerial performance, met personally with the aircrew, and received personalized autographed pictures; and (2) Thirty two students (MVSU – 29 and DSU – 3) went on a four day visit to Patrick Air Force Base in Florida during spring break 2000. They were featured in a retreat ceremony (flag lowering) where the base’s second in command was in attendance. Students were exposed to the US’ East Coast space launch mission, satellite launch operations and toured the Space Shuttle launch facilities.
d. Inspection. Headquarters Air Education and Training Command’s Inspector General visited our detachment in October 1999. This is very similar to a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) review. The unit undergoes this inspection every two years. We passed!

e. Air Force ROTC Minority Initiative. In an effort to increase the number of African American aviators in the Air Force, the Air Force as instituted an aviator awareness program to attract more minorities. The 14th Flying Squadron at Columbus Air Force Base (AFB), Columbus, Mississippi, assigned two minority Air Force pilots to mentor our AFROTC cadets. These pilots met with our cadets at the Greenwood-Leflore Airport as part of the cadets’ routine leadership laboratory activity. This type of interaction will be conducted at least once each semester. Such interactions will expose the students to the various aviation opportunities available in the U.S. Air Force.

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h. Pilot Potentials. We were successful at getting three DSU cadets categorized as pilots. This categorization reserves a pilot training slot for the cadet once he/she is commissioned. Needless to say, this is a coveted position.

i. Dining Opportunities. The students successfully organized and executed a Combat Dining-In and a Dining-Out. These events provided the opportunity for the students to put their leadership and personal conduct training to practical use: (1) The Combat Dining-In was closed to military and cadets only. This was the third of its kind in the detachment’s history. DSU was our host for the event with approximately 70% of our cadet corps (from both universities) in attendance. This was our time to step out in battle dress uniform (BDUs) and teach the students about formal dining in a war-type environment; and (2) The Dining-Out was open to university officials and family/friends of our staff and cadets. We had approximately 45 people in attendance including officials from both universities, family and friends. MVSU was the host. The guest speaker was a 1980 MVSU graduate (Colonel Everett Thomas) who is also the father of one of our current students.
j. **Color Guard:** The color guard was in great demand this year. These novices performed in activities including: all MVSU and DSU home football and basketball games; homecoming parades (MVSU and DSU); Christmas parades (Greenwood and Cleveland); Veteran’s Day celebration in Greenville, MS; Mississippi State Veteran Home appreciation day in Kosciusko, MS; inauguration ceremony for the new president at DSU (they were featured in the local newspaper); MVSU’s Founder’s Week Prayer Breakfast; and the rededication of MVSU’s football stadium to the Rice-Totten Stadium.

k. **Parade.** Cadets from both universities joined together to organize and perform a military parade at MVSU. This was the first military parade in the detachment’s history. Their performance was exemplary. We hope to have university officials in attendance at subsequent military parades.

l. **Joint Leadership Laboratory (LLAB).** During the spring 2000 semester, we began conducting joint LLAB where cadets from both universities come together at least once a month for training. This allows interaction of the different students, talents, skills, knowledge, and leadership styles. The joint LLABs were held at alternating locations (MVSU and DSU) on alternating months. These joint LLABs were another first for the detachment.

m. **Commissioning:** This is the crowning jewel of our being on campus. During this 1999-2000 academic year, six cadets (MVSU – 1 and DSU – 5) were commissioned. One DSU graduate is currently on active duty as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, one MVSU graduate will begin his AF career at an AFROTC detachment in New York, two DSU graduates are headed to pilot training, and two DSU graduates are going into Space and Missile operations training.

3. We are pleased to have offered the following scholarships:

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c. **Commander’s Leadership Scholarship (CLS):** given by the detachment commander to any two cadets exhibiting potential to excel in AFROTC and pursue a commission.
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6. Please give us a call at (662) 254-3480 should you have questions or comments.

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cc:
Dean, College of Professional Studies (Dr. Dae Sung Lee) – MVSU
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