

PFA Cadet Life Committee

Mission, Goals, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

MISSION The University of North Georgia Cadet Life Committee is a community that exists to build camaraderie and share information, resources, time and talent in support of the University of North Georgia Corps of Cadets. The university's reputation is extremely important to us and our students, therefore, we will strive to help the university find the best potential cadet-recruits by sharing professionally-crafted positive messages of leadership development, strength training and academic excellence.

GOALS Moderators of the Cadet Parents Facebook Group will implement the UNG Cadet Parent Network philosophy of open communication between cadets and parents with a "put the helicopter back in the hanger" mentality. Our moderators will help parents make the transition from full-time guardian for their high school students to the mentor their adult child will call upon. We have entrusted UNG to develop our sons and daughters into strong Army and community leaders. Our role as parents is to step back and let UNG's military and academic leaders do their job.

UNG cadets are preparing to become mentally and physically strong leaders and responsible citizens. In their corps leadership training, cadets will continually confront daily challenges. How they respond to those challenges independently from parents will define their character as future leaders and set them up for success as decision-making adults. We hope to help parents understand that:

- Cadets will learn to take responsibility for their actions.
- Cadets are dependent on and responsible to their chain of command for corps information.
- Cadets will learn to support and encourage their comrades in pursuit of common goals.
- Cadets will learn to be observant, aware and empathetic.
- Cadets who successfully rise to the mental, physical and academic challenges will earn the respect of their peers and superiors and will be rewarded with the life and leadership skills, self-confidence and self-discipline our communities need.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) The Parents and Family Association's Cadet Life Committee will implement the above mission and goals through social gatherings, fundraising, and sharing information. To volunteer to serve on the Cadet Life Committee, please contact Cadet Parent Representative, Julie Walton Shaver.

Projects and activities of the Cadet Life Committee include, but are not limited to:

- **Social gatherings**
 - Work with the PFA Hospitality Committee and First Year Experience office to organize and host new cadet parent social gatherings in the summer during NSO (New Student Orientation) sessions.
 - Work with the Hospitality Committee and Project GO staff to organize and host a social gathering for pre-frog parents prior to Summer Language Institute (SLI).
 - Work with the Hospitality Committee to consider organizing cadet parent social gatherings surrounding corps events such as: FROG Graduation, NCOA graduation, DMS Review, Family Day, Gold Rush, Homecoming, Sweetheart Review, Alumni Weekend, Commissioning, and/or Graduation.

- **Fundraising**

- Work with the PFA Finance Committee to organize and conduct fundraisers in support of the Corps of Cadets and UNG students.

- **Communications**

- The Cadet Parent Representative will work with the Commandant's Office to provide corps-specific information to cadet parents, with expanded information about corps events parents might want to plan ahead to attend.
- Work with the PFA Communications Committee to provide UNG and PFA information to cadet parents.
- Work to ensure that information posted in the Cadet Parents FB group is timely and accurate.

- **Networking**

- Provide information, networking opportunities, assistance and emotional support to cadets and cadet families as relates to the military college experience, airport transportation, major corps events, accommodations, restaurants, North Georgia attractions, etc.
- Work with the North Georgia Corps of Cadets Association (Alumni group) to foster and encourage mentoring and networking opportunities for cadets and cadet alumni.
- Work with cadet admissions and the MLC on recruiting and retention efforts.

- **Mentoring**

- Mentor pre-frog and new cadet parents to ease the emotional tension related to the first year of involvement in a military school.
- Mentor cadet parents who may be interested in becoming a FB group moderator and/or running for a PFA council position.

- **Service**

- Volunteer to greet new parents at cadet parent briefings, to hand out water at graduation tents, to host new cadet parent dinners or lunches, or other needs specified by the Commandant's Office, the First Year Experience Office, and the university.

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