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DIRECTOR WITH THE FIRST SIX OFFICERS COMMISSIONED ON 10TH JUNE 2017



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AFPI

1. It gives me great pleasure to pen a few words on the occasion of publication of our newsletter for the year 2017 – 18.
2. 2017 has been a historic year for us. Seven cdt's of our First Course were commissioned from the IMA, and one from NAVAC. Twenty cdt's of the 2nd Course passed out from NDA as part of 132 and 133 Courses. Cdt Gurvansh Singh Gosal (133 NDA) passed out as the Best Cdt in Academics and also in Service Subjects.
3. So far 90 cadets have already joined NDA / IMA / NAVAC from the first five courses. Twenty one cadets have cleared the SSB for joining the NDA / IMA / NAVAC in June / July this year. With this we shall be marking the achievement of our century of successes. May there be many more such historic landmarks in the years ahead.
4. Success does not come easy. The competition is tough. But I wish to assure every AFPIAN that provided he works hard and remains focused, success is practically guaranteed. Every one of you is a winner. The goal is within your reach. Grasp this opportunity with both hands.
5. Admission process for the 8th AFPI Course is under way and the response has been excellent. The course will be joining us on 25 April 2018.
6. Our Tuck Shop is finally ready and it has been christened "Seventh Heaven" for reasons of which all NDA alumni are well aware!! Also we are most grateful to the Indian Air Force for gifting us a magnificent hoarding depicting air power. This is truly a great source of inspiration and motivation for our cadets as also for visitors to the institute.
7. I take this opportunity to wish cadets of the Sixth Course the very best in their future endeavours. Always remember your motto and live up to it. Good Luck and God Speed.

"Nischay Kar Apni Jeet Karoon"

(BS Grewal)
Maj Gen
Director General

Date : 02 April 2018

MESSAGE FROM SQN COMMANDER
“ALPHA SQN”



It was indeed a great pleasure and satisfaction to have nurtured and groomed the 6th course. True to their name "6th Course SURESHOTS", will be remembered for producing the best results ever and adding dazzling feathers to the AFPI's cap, which will take the ACHIEVER'S GALLERY to reach much beyond the 100 milestone.

The 7th course, I am sure will follow suit and endeavour to achieve greater laurels for AFPI. I wish 'ADIEU' to the 6th Course and wish them luck to fulfill their career dreams and aspirations.

Jai Hind



(KD Singh)
Brig
Sqn Cdr

Date : 02 April 2018

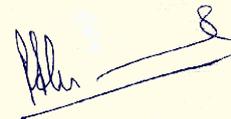
MESSAGE FROM SQN COMMANDER
“BRAVO SQN”



I am delighted to state that the “SURE SHOTS” have proven their worth by achieving a record 80% success in the UPSC NDA written examination and a robust SSB clearance, “Heartiest Congratulations.”

I am sanguine that the Seventh Course will continue to build the success graph upwards to achieve greater glory and mentor the Eighth Course to be on track.

Jai Hind



(RS Grewal)
Brig
Sqn Cdr

Date : 02 April 2018

THE TEAM



Maj Gen BS Grewal, VSM
(Director AFPI)



Brig KD Singh
(Psych Officer)



Brig RS Grewal
(Group Testing Officer)



Risaldar Baljit Singh
(Warden)



Sub Swaran Singh
(Drill Instructor)



Hony Capt Rajinder Singh
(PTI)



NK Avtar Singh
(PTI)



Sub Maj Balkar Singh
(Accounts Clerk)



Hav Dharampal Singh
(Head Clerk)



Mr. Amandeep Singh
(Library Clerk)



Hav Ragbir Singh
(Driver)



Hav Kuldeep Singh
(Driver)



NK Mohinder Singh
(Driver)

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GOING DOWN
MEMORY LANE

Historical Record

April 2017 - March 2018

APRIL 2017 TO MAR 2018

April

Cadets of the Fifth Course, having completed their Board exams, commenced preparations in earnest for the UPSC entrance exam for NDA 139 which was held on 23 April. SSB interviews for NDA 138 were also simultaneously in progress for some affected cadets. The editorial team of the AFPI Journal “Boots and Saddles” under the stewardship of BCA Pranjal Kapil did a magnificent piece of work to have the journal ready before the Fifth Course dispersed.

The new state government announced several programmes for further enhancing the number of boys from Punjab joining the NDA. Work has commenced to chalk out the contours of what the Chief Minister has in mind and we hope that these plans will fructify well. The project envisages opening of Cadet Training Wings in selected schools in Punjab to motivate and guide students to join the NDA.

Fifth Course finally dispersed on 24 Apr and we were all set to receive the 7th Course (SAMURAI) on 25 Apr. The usual process of settling down commenced with Hair Cuts and the introductory briefings. The fresher cadets commenced school on 26 Apr. A series of talent hunt games were organized in the first two weeks and a 'Jam Session' was held to help the youngsters settle down.

The first guest lecture of the training year was a talk on the Indian Air Force by Gp Capt Manish Sabharwal from DISHA Cell of Air HQ.

May

The Samurais were introduced to the art of swimming and they spent the better part of the month learning to remain afloat. Their frantic efforts brought good dividends as eleven cadets managed to clear the swimming test before they proceeded on summer vacations.

We had two guest lectures during the month. A basic talk on “Leadership” by Maj Gen Rajesh Bawa, DG C PYTE on 09 May, and a lecture on the subject “An Officer and a Gentleman” by Maj Gen Raj Mehta on 25 May. Both talks were very well received by the cadets.

Our annual Communication Skills seminar was held on 13 May in Param Vir Hall. Maj Gen SPS Grewal CMD PESCO was the Chief Guest. The Director gave a talk on Art of Public Speaking. This was followed by a lecture on Body Language by Brig KD Singh. Brig RS Grewal spoke on Debating Technique and Mrs Davinder Kaur from Shemrock spoke on “How to improve your written expression”. Besides our own cadets we had students from Doon International, YPS Mohali, Golden Bells Public School and Shemrock also attending the seminar.

Countdown for the UPSC exam for NDA 140 was formally launched with effect from 26 May which equates to D minus 107.

The long awaited CBSE results for the Class 12 Board exams were announced on 28 May. Cadets of the 5th Course have done well with CQMS Neerpreet Singh (92.4%) and CQMS Loveneet Singh (90.6%) being the toppers.

Two Inter Sqn competitions were held on 29 May. A Sqn beat B Sqn 3 – 1 in Hockey.

In the Inter Sqn Debate held on the same day Bravo Sqn won by 128 points to 123. The topic for the Debate was “**Leaders are born – not made.**” Individual prizes were won by:-

- (a) First – 275/A/6 SCC Tegjeet Singh
- (b) Second – 280/B/6 DCC Raghav Arora
- (c) Third – 307/B/7 Cdt Samay Pandhi

The passing out parade of 132 NDA Course was held on 31 May. 17 AFPI cadets passed out from NDA. Brig KD Singh attended the POP. A proud day for all of us in the Institute.

On 31 May we had a very informative talk on Traffic Discipline by officials from the Traffic Police. Soon thereafter the 7th Course dispersed for summer vacations.

Eleven cadets of the 6th Course who had undergone Karate capsule earlier were put through a test and were awarded yellow belts.

June

We got some disturbing news early in the month – an ex cadet Anam Narula is down with cancer and admitted in CMC Ludhiana. All faculty members and the cadets spontaneously contributed some cash to help the family in this hour of need. Director and the Warden also went to CMC Ludhiana to meet Anam who was in good heart and was delighted to learn that his old Institute had remembered him.

Passing out Parade of 140 IMA Course was held on 10 Jun. Director attended the parade. SUO Vishavdeep Singh (1st AFPI Course) had the distinction of being the Colour Bearer in the NishaanToli. The parade was reviewed by the Chief of Army Staff. Six cadets of our 1st AFPI Course earned their commission as officers. The young officers have joined the following units:-

- (a) Lt Danish Chadha – Armd Corps (2nd Lancers)
- (b) Lt Abhay Singh Rana – Aviation (Madras Regt)
- (c) Lt Sahil Manhas – Artillery
- (d) Lt Vishavdeep Singh Nandha – 17 Raj Rif
- (e) Lt Ajaypal Singh Waraich – 19 Dogra
- (f) Lt Rajat Sarangal – 6 Grenadiers

On 14 June the merit list for NDA 138 was released by UPSC. 18 Cadets are in the merit list with Cdt Shashank Sharma standing first in the overall order of merit and Cdt Armaandeeep Singh securing the 8th rank. In addition we got the great news that some of our ex cadets have qualified for various academies as under:-

- (a) Ex Cdt Sarfraz Singh Sidhu has made it to the CDS merit list and will be joining the IMA shortly as part of 143 IMA.
- (b) Cdt Varinderpal Singh Bal will be joining OTA Chennai.
- (c) Cdt Sahajjap Singh will be joining IMA as part of 125 TGC.

Alumni Lunch was held on 16 Jun. It was an extremely nostalgic and well attended event. We were particularly pleased to have with us the newly commissioned YOs with us for the lunch.

6th Course did not proceed on summer vacations as they are attending special classes to enable them to complete their CBSE syllabus. They were put through their midterm tests for Class 12. The course also did a lot of swimming and most of the cadets quickly cleared the swimming test.

July

7th Course returned from summer vacations on 02 Jul and were immediately issued with uniforms. Weight check was carried out and, as expected, many cadets were found to be overweight after the vacations. Unit Tests for the course commenced on 17 Jul.

The annual Leadership Seminar was held in PVH on 08 Jul. Maj Gen NP Singh spoke on Qualities of a Good Leader; Brig DS Grewal delivered a talk on Combat Leadership and Lt Gen Chetinder Singh addressed the cadets on Future Leadership Challenges.

Commandant RIMC Col Vivek Sharma visited the institute on 13 Jul. He interacted with the faculty in MVH and went around the institute.

The second Inter Sqn Debate was held on 13 Jul. Cdt Amandeep Kumar was the Chairman and Brig KD Singh was the judge. The topic for the debate was “**Autocratic style of leadership is better than Democratic Style in the Armed Forces.**” A Sqn won the debate 129 – 116. Individual positions were as under:-

- First – BCC Shubhdeep Singh
- Second – Cdt Gurpartap Singh Dhillon
- Third – Cdt Deepit Sharma

The results of the UPSC entrance exam for NDA 139 were announced on 19 Jul. We have 14 successes (including cadets

who are already cleared for NDA 138). In addition two of our ex cadets have also cleared the exam.

Swimming coaching was carried out regularly for the 7th Course and towards the end of the month swimming tests were conducted to determine the results of the Inter Sqn Swimming Competition. Alpha Sqn had three failures while Bravo had a 100% success rate; Bravo thus won the competition.

Inter Sqn Football was a nail biting affair. Both teams were locked 2 – 2 at the end of the match. In the penalty shoot out that followed, Alpha Sqn emerged winners.

Inter Sqn Firing was conducted in two parts – 6th Course had carried out firing in June and 7th Course firing was held in Jul. The final position was determined by combining the two results. Bravo Sqn won the competition 77-67. Individual positions were as under:-

First - Cdt Rushil Partap Rai
Second - Cdt Armaandeeep Singh

In order to synergise our training efforts with Mai Bhago AFPI, a Training Conference was held in MBAFPI on 24 Jul. Responsibilities for conduct of joint training events were coordinated.

With Unit Tests behind them, cadets of 7th Course visited Rock Garden and Rose Garden on 31 Jul.

August

Cadets of the 6th Course worked very hard during the month preparing for the NDA entrance examination. Meanwhile, the junior course were put through a series of lectures on Military History (post independence) and talks on daring raids and commando actions.

7th Course had their first attempt at PT Tests on 03 Aug. As expected very few cadets cleared their tests in the first attempt.

On 06 Aug, 7th Course visited Air Force Station Chandigarh. A very motivating and inspiring experience for them.

The third Inter Sqn Debate was held on 07 Aug. The topic for the debate was a very controversial and well discussed one – **“Use of a Human Shield by Maj Gogoi in J & K was a very wrong action which should have been condemned and not commended”**. Bravo Sqn won the debate 127 – 124. Individual positions were as under:-

First – Cdt Tanish Rathore
Second – Cdt Shashank Garg
Third – Cdt Manraj Singh.

On 16 Aug Lt Gen TS Shergill chaired a conference in MVH to discuss various schemes being mooted by the government. The conference was attended by Maj Gen SPS Grewal (PESCO), Maj Gen Rajesh Bawa (CPYTE), Maj Gen KAS Bhullar (Meritorious Schools), Maj Gen IP Singh (Mai Bhago) and Dir AFPI.

Inter Sqn Volleyball match was played on 17 Aug. Alpha Sqn beat Bravo Sqn 2 – 1.

Cadets of the 7th Course witnessed an equipment and band display in K Area, Zirakpur which was organized by HQ Western Command on 18 Aug. It was an extremely educative and inspiring experience for the cadets.

Preparations for operationalising the proposed Cadet Training Wings in schools continued. The Director attended a Board meeting of YPS on 19 Aug and made a brief presentation. The presentation was well received and the school expressed their desire to join the CTW programme.

There was an unexpected and undesirable interruption in training from 24 to 27 Aug when the school had to be closed due to a tense situation arising in the area consequent to the conviction of the head of the Sirsa Dera. However it did give the cadets a much needed break from the hectic training activities.

September

A series of mock tests were held for cadets of 6th Course culminating in the long awaited NDA entrance exam which was held on 10 Sep. The first feedback after the exam seemed to be positive and encouraging. The course was sent off on a well earned break till 17 Sep.

7th Course were also in the study mode as they had their midterm exams this month.

Saragarhi Day was observed in the traditional manner with a presentation on the battle of Saragarhi by Sgts Ishpreet Singh Dhillon and Shashank Garg.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh, AFPI Mohali

SSB training for 6th Course resumed in right earnest on their return from leave. The focus shifted to Interview Technique as this had not been covered earlier. 28 Sep was a holiday in school being the birthday of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The day was gainfully used by us for SSB training followed by Inter Sqn lecturretes (Session 1) and the 4th Inter Sqn Debate. Alpha Sqn won the debate 133 – 124. The topic for the debate was **“India should not have intervened in the Doklam incident as it is strictly a matter between China and Bhutan”**. Individual positions were as under:-

First - Cdt Amol Gautam
Second – Cdt Sunkalp Duvedi
Third – DCC Harmeet Kumar Garg.

Cdts proceeded on a short break for Dassehra with effect from 29 Sep to 02 Oct.

October

During the month the focus was on SSB training of 6th Course while 7th Course had their Unit Tests.

The quarterly training conference with Mai Bhago AFPI was held in MVH on 03 Oct and Academic conference was held on 06 Oct.

All cadets of 7th Course took part in the Inter Sqn lecturretes which were conducted in three sessions on 3, 5 and 14 Oct.

Results so far are Bravo 327 and Alpha 304. Individual positions were as under:-

First - Cdt Samay Pandhi
Second - Cdt Shashank Garg

All cadets of 7th Course and Air Force optees of 6th Course visited Air Force Station Ambala on 07 Oct.

Inter Sqn Cross Country (Hodson's Run) was held on 16 Oct. B Sqn (1559 points) beat A Sqn (1561 points) to win the cross country. Individual positions were as under:-

- (a) 290/B/6 Cdt Archit Juneja
- (b) 346/B/7 Cdt Harman Mangat
- (c) 301/B/7 Cdt Harshit Bakshi
- (d) 251/A/6 Cdt Taranvir Singh
- (e) 321/A/7 Cdt Manav Basra
- (f) 243/B/6 Cdt Gaurav Chouhan
- (g) 311/B/7 Cdt Ishaan Bakshi
- (h) 314/A/7 Cdt Ishpreet Singh Dhillon
- (j) 319/A/7 Cdt Manraj Singh Sahni
- (k) 278/A/6 BCC Shubhdeep Singh

On 30 Oct we had the group photograph of 6th Course followed by the fifth and final Inter Sqn Debate in PVH. Lt Gen KJ Singh, former Army Commander Western Command was the Chief Guest. The topic for the debate was **“India should focus on improving the quality of life of its citizens and reduce defence expenditure”**. B Sqn with 482 points beat A Sqn (433). B Sqn also won the overall debating trophy for the year. Individual positions were as under:-

First – DCC Gurpartap Singh Dhillon
Second – Cdt Hardik Chopra
Third – BCC Shubhdeep Singh Aulakh

Prizes were also given for the Tennis and Squash tournaments conducted during the month. Cdt Archit Juneja won both the first prizes while Cdt Aashray Thukral was the runner up in Tennis and Cdt Japneet Singh in Squash.

Executive Committee meeting was held in the office of Ms Bhavna Garg, Secy Employment Generation and Training on 30 Oct.

November

The month started with a huge surprise. The NDA entrance exam results are out!! 6th Course have done well with 28 cadets clearing the exam out of a total of 35 that appeared. 80 % success is indeed a great achievement. In addition some of our ex cadets have also cleared the exam – thereby further inflating the figure.

Cadets of 6th Course and Air Force optees of 7th Course visited 3 BRD to attend a lecture on Indian Air Force on 06 Nov. Service orientation continued with another lecture on Indian Navy by Capt PS Bisht on 08 Nov.

Shemrock Sr Secy School conducted a press conference on 09 Nov to enable the successful cadets to meet members of the press. Soon thereafter all schools were closed for three days on the orders of the District administration due to very heavy air pollution levels.

6th Course lecturres were conducted in two sessions. All cadets gave extempore talks on a given subject. CQMS Raghav Arora stood first and SCC Tegjeet Singh was second. In the overall tally A Sqn narrowly beat B Sqn by 662 to 660 points.

Inter Sqn Basketball was played from 14 to 16 Nov with each Sqn fielding two strings. In the final match B Sqn beat A Sqn by 55 – 53.

The annual Art of Study seminar was held on 16 Nov. Brig KD Singh spoke on Time Management; Mr Rajwinder Singh spoke on Examination technique; Col Gursewak Singh gave an illuminating talk on Stress management and Director spoke on Speed Reading followed by another talk on Memory Techniques. In addition there was an interactive session “Tips from Toppers”. Lady Cadets from Mai Bhago AFPI also attended the seminar.

In order to simplify the entrance test procedure for various institutes it was proposed that a common entrance test be held this year for AFPI, Nishan e Sikhi Preparatory Institute and Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Preparatory Institute. The idea was agreed to by the other institutes and conference was held in MVH to discuss the modalities with Maj Gen RS Chatwal and Maj Gen GS Lamba.

6th Course carried out Country / Service presentations on 20 Nov.

Friendly matches were organized between the two courses. In Basketball 6th Course won 66 – 60 and they further emphasized their class by winning Football 6 – 0. Tug of War was also won by 6th Course.

On 22 Nov our first Naval Officer was commissioned. Mohit Sharma, an erstwhile SCC from the 1st AFPI Course was commissioned into the navy in the rank of Sub Lt.

Merit list for NDA 139 was released by UPSC on 27 Nov. The following cadets have attained merit positions as shown against each:-

- Ex Cdt Harshveer Mand – 57
- Ex Cdt Sukumar Pathania – 58
- Cdt Pranjal Kapil – 71
- Cdt Hitesh Sharma – 94
- Cdt Abhishek Jagota – 157
- Cdt Karambir Singh – 236
- Cdt Simranjit Singh – 273
- Cdt Nomaldeep Singh - 354

Military Literature Festival was organized by the Punjab Govt. Director gave a talk on AFPI. One officer with a few cadets attended the festival.

Passing out Parade of 133 NDA Course was held on 30 Nov. DCC Gurvansh Singh Gosal passed out with great honours. He stood first in Academics and Service Subjects (Army).

December

Navy Day on 04 Dec was celebrated with a friendly Volleyball match between 6th and 7th Course. The former won the game 2 – 1. A team from PTC news channel visited the institute on 06 Dec to interact with cadets who have cleared the UPSC exam for NDA. Phase 2 of the Military Literature festival was conducted by the Punjab Govt at the Chandigarh lake club on 08 and 09 Dec. Volunteer cadets participated in the festival. The Director took part in a panel discussion on 1857 along with the famous author William Dalrymple.

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Achiever awards ceremony was held in the open air auditorium on 14 Dec. Lt Gen TS Shergill, Senior Advisor to the Chief Minister was the Chief Guest. Two of our newly commissioned officers – Lt Deepak Sharma (6/5 GR) and Sub Lt Mohit Sharma (IN) were also present. The following awards were presented:-

PT badges were awarded to 18 cadets.
PT Trophy was won by B Sqn.
26 cadets received Achiever Awards.
Best in Academics – CQMS Neerpreet Singh
Best in Sports – CQMS Loveneet Singh
Best in Officer Like Qualities – Cdt Shashank Sharma
Best All Round Cadet – CSM ArunavLaroiya

On 23 Dec, cadets of the 7th course organized a Jam Session in the ante room to bid farewell to 6th Course. Winter vacations commenced on 29 Dec.

January

On 05 and 06 Jan the Director visited NDA and interacted with the cadets there. It was a heartwarming experience to see so many AFPIANS in NDA uniform in the Mike Sqn ante room.

7th Course returned from leave on 10 Jan and their final exams commenced on the next day.

Entrance test for 8th AFPI Course was conducted on 14 Jan at four centres as under:-

Mohali – 352 candidates
Jalandhar – 956
Fatehgarh Sahib – 470
Khadoor Sahib – 347

This year the other two institutes viz NSPI and BBSBPI are not holding separate entrance tests. Results were prepared by 19 Jan and interviews commenced on 23 Jan.

On 26 Jan, Cdt Shashank Sharma of the 5th Course now part of 138 NDA was called for an “At Home” by the President of India. A great honour for him and for all AFPIANS. Shashank had stood first in the overall order of merit for NDA 138.

February

Shemrock Sr. Secondary School organized a farewell for the 6th Course in school on 03 Feb.

Class 11 results of 7th Course were announced on 06 Feb and the cadets joined Class 12 on the next day. Simultaneously, NDA coaching classes also commenced for them and SSB training got underway.

On 15 Feb, the Deputy Commissioner Ms Gurpreet Kaur Samra visited the institute. It was a routine familiarization visit.

7th Course prepared motivational charts for their cabins. The under mentioned cadets won prizes:-

First - Cdt Gunjot Singh
Second - Cdt Harman Mangat
Third – Cdt Manraj Singh Sahni

The SSB results have been very good. We have 22 successes of which 19 cadets have been recommended for NDA, one for IMA, one for OTA and one for INA (TES).

March

7th Course had a short break for Holi from 01 to 04 Mar. All cadets of 6th Course on study leave also returned as their final CBSE exams commenced on 05 Mar.

Karate coaching classes were conducted for twenty one cadets of 7th course and they were put through a test for Yellow Belt on 01 April.

Closing address for 6th Course was held in PVH on 22 Mar. Air Cmde SK Sharma, Director, Shemrock Sr Secy School was the Chief Guest. Cdt Samay Pandhi was the Master of Ceremony. Prizes were given away to the following:-

Best three motivational charts prepared by cadets of 7th Course.

Academic torches to 7th Course cadets securing more than 85 % in Class 11.

Appointment tabs to 7th Course appointments.

Academics Banner was won by Alpha Sqn and Bravo Sqn won the overall Champion Sqn Trophy.

BCC Shubhdeep Singh Aulakh gave the vote of thanks and he also presented mementos on behalf of the course to AFPI. Thereafter the cadets slow marched out of PVH to the haunting melody of Auld Lang Syne.

7th Course Appointments

- (a) **BCC**. 314/A/7 Cdt Ishpreet Singh Dhillon
- (b) **BCA**. 311/B/7 Cdt Ishaan Bakshi
- (c) **SCCA Sqn**. 319/A/7 Cdt Manraj Singh Sahni
- (d) **SCC B Sqn**. 301/B/7 Cdt Harshit Bakshi
- (e) **CSMA Sqn**. 323/A/7 Cdt Bimalroop Singh
- (f) **CSM B Sqn**. 307/B/7 Cdt Samay Pandhi
- (g) **CQMSA Sqn**. 321/A/7 Cdt Manav Basra
- (h) **CQMS B Sqn**. 322/B/7 Cdt Sukhmanpreet Singh

DCCs: 7th Course (First Rotation).

- (a) 299/A/7 Cdt Deepit Sharma
- (b) 305/A/7 Cdt Swastik Sharma
- © 338/A/7 Cdt Kushal Sharma
- (d) 346/B/7 Cdt Harman Mangat
- (e) 297/B/7 Cdt Gurjot Singh
- (f) 341/B/7 Cdt Inderbeer Singh

With effect from 23 Mar the new appointments took charge and 7th Course commenced wearing Second term badges.

On 31 March our ex Cadet Bhupinder Singh (91/A/2) reported to OTA as part of NCC 43 Course taking our tally of Achievers to 90.

**OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS
2017-2018**

Date	Name	Remarks
2017		
03 Apr	Lt Col Astha Kotnala Principal Sainik School Kunjpura	Visit
06 Apr	Lt Gen Jasbir Singh Dhaliwal	Visit
06 Apr	S Balbir Singh Sidhu, MLA	Visit
19 Apr	Maj Gen SPS Grewal CMD PESCO	Visit
28 Apr	Gp Capt Manish Sabharwal Air HQ	Lecture on IAF
09 May	Brig Shamsher Singh, AVSM	Visit
09 May	Maj Gen KAS Bhullar Chairman Meritorious Schools	Visit
09 May	Maj Gen Rajesh Bawa, VSM DG C PYTE	Lec on Leadership
13 May	Maj Gen SPS Grewal Chairman PESCO	Communication Skills Seminar
22 May	Brig GS Kahlon (Retd)	Visit
25 May	Maj Gen Raj Mehta	Lec: An Officer and a Gentleman
08 Jul	Lt Gen Chetinder Singh, PVSM, AVSM, SM	Leadership Seminar
08 Jul	Brig DS Grewal	Leadership Seminar
08 Jul	Maj Gen NP Singh, VSM	Leadership Seminar
13 Jul	Col Vivek Sharma Comdt RIMC	Visit
16 Aug	Lt Gen TS Shergill Senior Advisor to CM	Visit and Conference
25 Oct	Maj Gen TPS Waraich Director YPS Mohali	Visit
30 Oct	Lt Gen KJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM**	Inter Sqn Debate
30 Oct	Col Pervinder Singh	Inter Sqn Debate
30 Oct	Col GS Purewal	Inter Sqn Debate
30 Oct	Ms Seema Benipal	Inter Sqn Debate
08 Nov	Capt (IN) PS Bisht	Lecture on Indian Navy
14 Dec	Lt Gen TS Shergill, PVSM Senior Advisor to CM	Achiever Awards function
2018		
15 Feb	Ms Gurpreet Kaur Samra DC Mohali	Visit
12 Mar	Mr Suresh Chandra, RAS Govt of Rajasthan	Visit
20 Mar	Maj Gen R Edwards DG CPYTE	Visit
22 Mar	Air Cmde SK Sharma Dir, Shemrock Sr Secy School	Closing address: 6 th Course
27 Mar	Mr. DPS Kharbanda, IAS Director, Emp Gen & Trg Punjab	Visit
29 Mar	Brig PS Sandhu, Hodson's Horse	Visit

WRITER'S
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A SOLDIER'S MOTHER

She gave him birth,
At that time she felt the happiest on Earth!
She provided him with toys, food and teddy furs,
Because he was the only son of hers.

One day, he sat in front of the TV screen,
'Terrorists attack' was the scene
She decided to put him in the army then,
To serve the nation and be the proudest man.

He became a soldier and got his stripes,
He hugged his mother with all his pride,
He said he'll do something diferent from the rest,
She kissed him and wished 'All The Best!'

He went to the battlefield with all his weapons and
powers,
He fought like a lion amidst blood showers,
But someone shot him dead and he fell on the tiles,
He went to heaven with his face lit with a smile.

His mother was standing at the main door, waiting for
her son,
But she burst into tears when she saw them coming
with his corpse and gun.
With tears in her eyes, she beamed with pride,
After all, for the motherland, she was a mother who
had sacrificed.

When everyone was crying, she stood up at last,
She wiped off her tears, forgetting the past.
"My dear, I'm so lucky I gave birth to you,
Today I'm the proudest mother on earth."

"My child you served the nation alright,
You fought for the nation with all your might,
My son, I'm ready to feel the pain,
But in the next birth, I'll put you in the Army again.

Cdt Ishpreet Singh Dhillon
(314/A/07)



ROOM NO. 1

25/04/17 was the date,
Joining the AFPI was my fate.
I entered the gate,
The first room, Oh! That's great;

I got the room which everyone hates.
Yes, the room which is responsible, the room which
cares;

The first room lies in front of the stairs.
This room, many creatures want to share;
Many cockroaches and insects, I saw them in pairs.
Seeing the condition, I believed it's tough to stay
there;

Really, adjustment was like a dare.
Five minutes' gap- There's a knock;
One comes to see the time on clock.
The other comes just to talk,
Is it a room or a joke?

Disturbance! Disturbance! Always there,
Whether I'm sleeping, no one cares.
I'm tired too! I really swear,
And again a knock on the door – That's not fair.
Coming from school, bags are left;

Coming from tuitions, books are kept.
Volleyball, football and many times the basketball;
All these are used, to play with the wall.
One thing, I just want to ask them all;

Is it a room or a hall?
It was not easy, but with time,
Facing the problems, it was fine.
The unforgettable moments in the room of mine;
Are captured daily, after we dine.
This place is witness of all my cries;

And this is the place where all happiness lies.
Everyone tries to make fun,
The worst place to live is **ROOM NO. 1**.
But there's an exception in my case,
I really love this room, love this place.
For others it's just like terror,
But really, I want to live in this room forever.....

Cdt Sidak Preet Singh Bhatia
(312/A/07)



GLOBAL TERRORISM

The use of violence and intimidation for the pursuit of political aims is referred to as terrorism. This has become one of the greatest problems in most parts of the world today. Its ugly head has put an end to the concept of peaceful co-existence.

It is completely unethical to force our thoughts on someone. If I like football, one should not criticize me for liking football just because he likes cricket. In short, as long as you are not harming anyone or causing hindrances to society, each person should be allowed to choose his way of life. Terrorism which started in small pockets, has taken a global proportion. It has spread like a wild fire in all parts of the world. Jihadis defend terrorism by religion. They use it as an excuse – any person who does not agree with their beliefs, is a traitor and non-believers should be destroyed. So with this logic they are killing people and spreading hate. They brainwash the brains of the youth and implant the seed of terrorism in their young mind. That's why education is important. An educated mind wouldn't come under the influence of these cold-blooded jihadis. All the major religions in the world strongly profess the path of peace and tolerance and condemn any form of violence and hatred. If we look back in history, we see that of all great civilizations that flourished, only those that practiced peaceful co-existence, have survived up to the present day. All others were destroyed.

Terrorism shouldn't continue. It only promotes communal hate and bloodshed. It destroys homes, properties, families, countries and societies; Cultures have been wiped out, towns and villages have been erased. I personally feel that if everyone is educated, he or she wouldn't indulge into any terrorist activities.

Cdt Swastik Sharma
(305/A/07)



SOLDIER: CELL OF INDIA'S DEFENCE

Every Indian contributes something as far as the defense of India is concerned. But the role which a soldier plays in defending and protecting the borders is unparalleled. Upon him depends to a great extent, the security and stability of the nation.

A Soldier's life no doubt is full of challenges. It is he who obeys all the orders of his commanders and acts upon them. A soldier keeps night long vigils on the border even in the face of grave dangers. He stands heroically before his enemies.

For a soldier in the words of Longfellow:

**“There's not to make reply,
There's not to reason why,
There's but to do die.”**

A soldier faces death bravely. He fights up to the last moment of his life in order to protect his motherland. His sacrifices comprise family, friends and personal life just in order to save our nation. He doesn't hesitate to go into the jaws of death while defending his motherland.

His life is a bed of thorns. With limited income he feeds himself and his family. The life of a soldier is really very uncertain but he is not scared of it. For him defense of the country is his foremost duty and responsibility. A soldier not only fights in a war but also helps civilians during time of accidents, natural calamities or any manmade disaster. During the war with Pakistan in 1971, Indian soldiers assisted the civilian population of Pakistan and Bangladesh as well. They carried food and clothing to the remotest areas and acted in accordance with the noblest military traditions.

Politicians, teachers, engineers, businessmen all play their roles in building a nation but the role of a soldier is paramount and unique. He lives for the nation and dies for its dignity. He makes history and history immortalizes him.

Cdt Swastik Sharma
(305/A/07)



RISE AND SHINE

Keep a positive thinking and know in life,
Sweet and bitter, both things do survive.
So we mustn't lose hope in the test,
Then God will surely give us the best.

So in life if ever in your pace
You see trouble standing face to face,
Then don't lose hope or even sigh,
Just cling on hope and try.

To smile and then strongly stand,
In front of trouble and understand
That joy and sorrow are the things,
That both come to us in life's ring.

So it's better to face them with a smile,
And walk steadily for a while,
And keep positive thinking and know in life,
Sweetness and bitterness both survive.

Cdt Himanshu
(325/B/07)



I SALUTE ARMY LIFE

Many ups and downs
Life is like a storm
You will only know if you live it
I don't have a place I call home
I live everywhere
As soon as I settle at one place
Again, it's time to move
All friendships must be left behind
Only my duties are in mind
You would not know what it is like
Unless you live the army life
It is hard for the family
That we leave behind
I know departures are heart breaking
But adventures in this life are breathtaking
I have come to know and realize
That home is not a special place
It's the special people you are with
You probably won't understand
What I have to say
Unless you don't live your life
In the army way

Cdt Himanshu
(325/B/07)



CHANGING LANES FROM IIT TO NDA

It feels like yesterday, I was sitting in my room cramming up velocities and masses of various motion and motionless bodies. It all drove by swiftly. NDA wasn't on my mind till class X, let alone AFPI. So, you might wonder how I ended up here. It's been quite a fruitful journey. From bearing the wrath of the seniors for losing a silly football match to being awarded a PT badge for clearing all PT tests. The feeling is beyond description. The multitudinous ups and downs I've been through have built me, what I am today. The events that have unfolded in my life when I joined AFPI have been adventitious. From the exuberance of having no muster on Sunday to the thought of having a monotonous routine ahead. AFPI has taught me a lot. I've been looking at things from a different perspective. The adrenaline rush I feel seeing an officer stand in front of me proudly donning his uniform, is something you can't define in words. Leaving home and family and living in a hostel wasn't easy. Interacting with people from various parts of Punjab and having to put up with them, is something I've been blessed to acquire. Camaraderie is the fundamental principle of the Armed forces. In a battlefield, it's only the man next to you who has your back. The virtues I have attained have helped me construct a strong character. So I strongly feel that this is the dawn of a new life for me, an adventurous life, second to none.

Cdt Manraj Singh Sahni
(319/A/07)



FOR COUNTRY AND GOD

"The valiant never taste of death but once" said Caesar,
When the crowds around him wreathed,
Actually this comes in a soldier's mind,

Guarding the territory till his last breath.

Around the struggling warrior,
Dead soldiers were in huge numbers,
and a flashback in his mind commenced,
Of all memories he could remember.

He was also a kid like me,
When he first saw soldiers 'ON THEIR MARK'
and this sight lit the desire,
in his heart as a firepark.

He was amazed at their military code of conduct,
guns, tanks and army became his subject of interest

He knew it wasn't going to be an easy journey,
But the army's unique status enriched his psyche.
And he decided to become a part of
THE CRADLE OF MILITARY LEADERSHIP.

NDA was now his alma mater;
And finally the time had arrived,
To work hard now and celebrate later.

After toiling hard for four years,
He finally got commissioned.
He was standing in front of Chetwode Building,
That was always his motivation.

His journey from being a kid to an officer,
as all in this verse,
Sky was the lower limit,
To thee is the universe.

Army was the saga of glory, valour and adventure,
he had his troops to look after, no way he could
surrender.

For his motherland, he tasted death once and for all.
Now the times have changed,
The war has just started.
He with his brave counterparts

Made these moments very light hearted.

His fleet has flown through the battle,
Nothing that the mind couldn't tackle.
sharpening the sword was modus operandi,
to sail through a forthcoming battle.

The death toll was high,
He was standing for his country
His family awaits their sons call,
Worried about having to visit the cemetery.

He chose to become a soldier,
Because games like football and basketball,
require only one ball.
The warrior went beyond call of duty,
For his motherland, he tasted death once and for all.

**Cdt Bimalroop Singh
(323/A/07)**



AND THERE'S A PLACE CALLED AFPI!

To join this, in tenth I used to cry,
Yes, there's a place called AFPI.

In the day we run, in dreams we fly,
Where morale is up and josh is high.

When rain pours, when seasons dry,
To get into NDA we struggle and try.

Regular fall-ins and musters lie,
Don't be late or you will die!

Persistence and hard work will lead you there
"failures" are just nightmares.

When mama and papa wont just care,
and even if they can just pray,

Be an officer, fight the fear,
This place will surely lead you there.

**Cdt Saksham Salwan
(336/A/07)**



SIXTH COURSE
(SURE SHOTS)
WHO'S WHO



SIXTH COURSE APR 2016 TO MAR 2018

SURE SHOTS

SITTING ROW (L-R):- CQMS RAGHAV ARORA, HONY CAPT RAJINDER SINGH, SCC VIVIAN SINGH KHURAL, SUB SWARAN SINGH, BCAAASHRAY THUKRAL, BRIG KD SINGH, MAJ GEN BS GREWAL, VSM, BRIG BS GREWAL, BCC SHUBHDEEP SINGH, RISALDARBALJIT SINGH, SCC TEGJEET SINGH, NAIKAVTAR SINGH, CQMS JITESH GARG
STANDING ROW 1 (L-R):- CDT TARANJOT SINGH, CSM SHIVAM KHANNA, DCC ARMAANDEEP SINGH SODHI, CDT GURSHAKTI SINGH, CDT TUSHAR BANSAI, CDT MADHAV SABHARWAL, CDT JAPNEET SINGH, CDT HARDIK CHOPRA, CDT GAURAV CHAUHAN, CDT BHARGAV, DCC SIMARPREET SINGH, CSM HARSHIT
STANDING ROW 2 (L-R):- CDT MANROZ SODHI, CDT AMOL GAUTAM, CDT RUSHIL PRATAP RAI, CDT GAURAV SHARMA, CDT TARANVIR SINGH, CDT SAKSHAM BAJAJ, CDT SUNKALP DUVEDI, CDT RAGHAV SHARMA, DCC JASKARAN SINGH
STANDING ROW 3 (L-R):- DCC GURPRATAP SINGH, DCC GURBEER SINGH SOHAL, CDT HARMEET KUMAR GARG, DCC ARCHIT JUNEJA, CDT AMANDEEP KUMAR, CDT YASHANDEEP SINGH, CDT HARJOT SINGH, CDT VIVEKKHAJURIA

Alpha Sqn

- 1) **BCC Shubhdeep Singh**– Practically very intelligent. The perfect all-rounder. Partner in crime for PJs.
- 2) **SCC Tegjeet Singh** – a.k.a Panda. One of the cutest and sweetest seniors. Punjabi Martin Luther King Jr. Try beating him in squash.
- 3) **CSM Harshit Thakur** – Cadet Screwing Machine. Chhota Packet Bada Dhamaka. Sports all-rounder. Para Aspirant. His hobby is cracking PJs.
- 4) **Cdt. Sunkalp Duvedi** – Mr. PJ. Obsessed with the no. 8. Would love to describe himself as DJ Duvedi.
- 5) **Cdt. Gurshakti Singh**– Hardcore gymmer. Linkin Park fan. Natural runner. “The one who walks as if the world's coming to an end.”
- 6) **CQMS Jitesh Garg** – Nerd. Published author in the field of Maths books. “Maths is his drug, Dr. RD Sharma his supplier.”
- 7) **Cdt. Jaskarn Singh Ranghi** – Physically gifted. One of the best DCCs. Fun loving person. Whenever you feel depressed, just meet him.
- 8) **Cdt. Raghav Sharma** – Stud boy. Cute boy of Ludhiana. An interactive person. Understands juniors.
- 9) **Cdt. Harmeet Kumar Garg** – Sleeping beauty. Can't wake him up against his own will. Impact topper. Hacker.
- 10) **Cdt. Vivek Khajuria** – one of the best seniors. Humble. Generous. Singing Sensation.
- 11) **Cdt. Simarpreet Singh Walia** – GAT stud. Funny person. You should always keep a perfect turban in front of him.
- 12) **Cdt. Taranveer Singh** – Silent killer. A picturesque smile. Natural runner. Cross country surprise element.
- 13) **Cdt. Yashandeep Singh** – Richie Rich of AFPI. Humorous by nature. Walking style on point.
- 14) **Cdt Saksham Bajaj** – Devoted to top floor. Otherwise funny and good at heart, one mustn't make him angry.
- 15) **Cdt. Armandeep Singh Sodhi** – Nightmare for juniors. Moustache mafia operative. Stay away.
- 16) **Cdt. Taranjot Singh** – Musically awesome. One of the best seniors. Neymar Fan girl. Fantastic footballer.
- 17) **Cdt. Amandeep Kumar** – Chocolate boy of AFPI. Good basket baller. Math's genius. Mind your knuckles.

Bravo Sqn

- 1) **BCA Ashray Thukral** – Warden's favourite Ambarsariya. Advice giver. Never backs down from mischief. Brainiac. Good ties with Shemrockites.
- 2) **SCC Vivian Singh Khural** – Ambarsariya cutie. Favorite among juniors. Powerhouse. Judo gangster.
- 3) **CSM Shivam Khanna** – One of the OG types. Don't enter his room (health hazard). Basketball stud. Gym freak. Doesn't like to see anyone free.
- 4) **CQMS Raghav Arora** – Mr. Popular (way of speaking). Elder brother to all. Mr. Sensible. A great smile. Best returned greetings.
- 5) **Cdt. Hardik Chopra** – Mr. Mischievous. Exceptional speaker. Football fan. Sadist smile.
- 6) **Cdt. Amol Gautam** – Mr. AFPI. Bomb personality. Good inter AFPI ties. Handsome hunk from Nangal. ICSE topper.
- 7) **Cdt. Rushil Partap Rai** – Likes spending time alone (wink). Music fan. Factorial fan.
- 8) **Cdt. Gaurav Chauhan** – Get him angry and you won't feel your legs for a week. Feared. A fun loving guy. One of the most mischievous people. Always hunting for trouble.
- 9) **Cdt. Harjot Singh** – Sleeps 20 hours a day. Impact stud. Loves to play squash. Won't be able to stand in his cabin, even if you want to.
- 10) **Cdt. Tushar Bansal** – Most motivated. Guided and powered by morals. Exceptional drill. Caring. Hockey stud.
- 11) **Cdt. Gurbeer Singh Sohal** – Director's favourite. 2.5 kg ka haath. Can bet against anyone when it comes to arm wrestling. Gym freak. GAT stud. Watch out for his drill! Good and humble.
- 12) **Cdt. Bhargav** – Science stud. Humble and innocent. Popular among juniors. Don't challenge him in Toe touches. Never try waking him up.
- 13) **Cdt. Archit Juneja** – Sporting prodigy. Gym Freak. His diet consists of muscle obtained from powders. Popular city guy.
- 14) **Cdt. Gurpratap Singh Dhillon** – Brand ambassador of Nike and Under Armour. Obsessed with CR7. Football stud. Interactive with juniors. Highly mischievous. Para aspirant.
- 15) **Cdt. Madhav Sabharwal** – You'll regret if you get him angry. Otherwise a fun loving and interactive guy. Carries out mischief with perfect discipline. Particular about uniform.
- 16) **Cdt. Japneet Singh** – Flying Sikh of AFPI. Don't go near him or he will nutmeg you. Messi + Argentina fan. Very particular about football. Mr. Sensible. Fun loving guy.
- 17) **Cdt. Gaurav Sharma** – Chief of the mischievous party. One of the best to talk to. Loves to play football.
- 18) **Cdt. Manroz Sodhi** – Tallest guy. His sweetness and his stature do not match. Gym freak. Makes you fit throughout the body with punishments.

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138 NDA



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138 NDA



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138 NDA



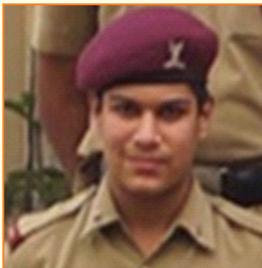
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234/B/05
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138 NDA



211/B/5
CDT OPINDERJEET SINGH
138 NDA



229/A/05 CDT
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138 NDA



147/B/04 CDT
HARJOT SINGH
138 NDA



149/B/04, CDT
SEHAJ SHARMA
138 NDA



215/A/05, CDT
PREETINDER SINGH
138 NDA



31/A/01, CDT
VARINDERPAL SINGH
BAL, SSC NT 106



188/A/05, CDT
PRANJAL KAPIL
139 NDA



201/A/05, CDT
HITESH SHARMA
139 NDA



200/A/05, CDT
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139 NDA



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139 NDA



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139 NDA



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