

Incoming Cadets-

If you have received this email, it means we have you on the list as an incoming cadet to AFROTC Detachment 225 in the Fall of 2021. Welcome! My name is C/John Di Lella, and I am a rising AS400 (senior) mechanical engineering major at the University of Notre Dame. I am also the commander for the detachment's 2021 New Cadet Orientation Program (NCOP). The purpose of NCOP is to teach incoming cadets the fundamentals of ROTC and introduce them to Detachment 225. Attendance at NCOP is not required to join ROTC, but it is strongly encouraged. Detailed information on the program can be found on the [Detachment website](#). This year's NCOP will be in two parts. An administrative day to input all new cadets into the system will occur on 19 August from 1 pm EDT to 5 pm EDT. The second part will be a training weekend on a date to be determined in the Fall semester. Expect more information to come, but here is some key information you should know now.

- All information regarding the specifics of NCOP can be found on the [Detachment website](#). Please reference the [NCOP form checklist](#). Be sure you have it fully filled out prior to the start of NCOP and bring all of the required paperwork with you at check-in.
- **Regardless of your intention to attend NCOP or not**, please fill out [this form](#) ASAP. This is the Cadet/Family Biography Google Form. Submission of this form will confirm your intention to either attend or skip NCOP.
- All who plan on attending NCOP will be reached out to by a rising AS200 (sophomore) cadet. Their job is to be a direct line of updates from us to you and questions from you to us. They are all very excited to get to know the incoming cadets, and I would suggest you do not be shy, as you will grow very close with your AS200 wingmen over the next year.
- [Here](#) is the NCOP handbook. This contains basic information required to begin ROTC, such as Air Force rank structure, cadet rank structure, basic responses, and Warrior Knowledge. **Regardless of your intention to attend NCOP or not**, you will be expected to recite all of this information *verbatim from memory* as an AFROTC cadet. I would recommend you start studying now.
- Some of the included forms and documents have previously been sent out to you. There have been some minor changes to them since then, so I implore you to closely look over all the links included in this email, all attached documents, and the website for changes if you have already begun the process of filling them out. Notable changes include the NCOP form checklist and the Cadet/Family Biography Google Form.

As I said above, detailed information can be found on the Detachment website, and I will be reaching out periodically throughout the summer. **Please check your emails regularly**. If you would like to update the email address that I will be contacting you with, please reply to this message or email jdilella@nd.edu. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to ask your assigned AS200 or by emailing me directly. NCOP was one of my most valuable experiences in ROTC. It taught me skills that I would use during Field Training and nearly every day I've been in ROTC. It taught me how to truly act and think as a member of a team, and it introduced me to my closest friends in college. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

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