



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

COMMANDANT OF CADETS

USAF ACADEMY COLORADO

14 June 10

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: C1C MICHAEL J. SAEGER

SUBJECT: CHARACTER REFERENCE FOR C1C ADAM DERITO

1. Purpose: Support C1C Adam DeRito and his exceptional character and exquisite officer potential to be retained as a Cadet at the United States Air Force Academy and receive late graduation during the summer and be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

2. Explanation: Cadet DeRito is one of the most motivated and inspiring cadets I have ever seen in my two and half years on the hill and year at the USAFA prep school. Never in my life have I seen him do anything with the intention of hurting or denouncing another person, he cares way too much about the military, his country, and from what I've seen he cares most about those who are going to serve with him. Having gone through Marine Corps OCS and come out a changed and astoundingly motivated person, he has truly inspired me to follow in his footsteps.

3. It takes a real leader to inspire people to follow, and Cadet DeRito has certainly done that and more. I can honestly say I've never met another cadet more motivated about everyday training which is why cadet DeRito should make an exceptional USAFA graduate and example to the rest of the world. This summer when I was medically discharged from Marine OCS due to medical complications, I immediately called Cadet DeRito for his support. He is currently my roommate in Mission Support Group, and instead of being cynical and bitter like every other member of 2010 who is on the late graduation option, Cadet DeRito smiles everyday and gets up enthusiastically to work eight to ten hour days at the USAFA Airfield constructing a deck for the 306th Flight Training Group. At the end of the day when is dead tired, he changes in to PT gear and both he and I head off for the Cadet Gym to get a two to three hour work out in. He is constantly reminding me to always have a combat readiness mentality, and every day he approaches the day as if he is already fulfilling the role of the 2nd Lieutenant he should be. If there is one person who is already providing the picturesque role model of a young officer, it is Cadet DeRito.

4. There is no doubt in my mind that if Cadet DeRito is disenrolled, USAFA, and the Air Force as a whole will be missing out on rare leadership and the great things he has potential to do for our country. General Gould, I ask that you allow this great man to receive late graduation and inspire other Airmen in the Air Force Special Operations community at Mildenhall England to fight for our country and do incredible things as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, just as he as inspired me to live up to my potential and develop that combat readiness mentality throughout my trials and tribulations as a Cadet here at the United States Air Force Academy.

MICHAEL J. SAEGER, C1C, USAF
CS-09