



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
COMMANDANT OF CADETS
USAF ACADEMY COLORADO


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MEMORANDUM FOR CIC Adam DeRito

FROM: USAFA/CWPS

SUBJECT: CHARACTER OF OFFICER CANDIDATE CIC ADAM DERITO

1. I have worked with CIC DeRito 16 times since 4 Aug 09 in my capacity as a counselor at the Peak Performance Center (PPC). Before this time, he worked with other counselors with the intent to improve his capacity as a leader and future officer. During the times I worked with him, he has been experiencing very stressful situations that threaten his purpose for being at the Academy. In these situations he has demonstrated a willingness and ability to grow as an officer candidate and person.
2. When I first began working with cadet DeRito, it was evident he had difficulty keeping his behaviors in line with what he knew to be correct when under specific types of pressures from others. As I have worked with him, he has grown tremendously in his ability to maintain his integrity while developing an uncommon ability to see his own flaws and succinctly work to correct them.
3. From the beginning of working with cadet DeRito, it was evident he had a strong understanding of the seriousness of his future commission. He seemed to approach his efforts at the Academy with the intent to become a strong and dependable leader. He appears to have used the Academy as the leadership laboratory it is intended to be; stumbling on his flaws, picking himself up, identifying the problem, and promptly correcting them. He also seems to approach personal and professional situations with a candid honesty that is reminiscent of some of the great military leaders of the past. Although likely misunderstood by many, it is refreshing.
4. I would be happy to provide further comment regarding this cadet and his appropriateness for commission. Please contact me at 333-2107.


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