

## **SHADOW DAY**

### **November 20, 2014**

The purpose of the annual Shadow Day tradition is two-fold.

First, it provides opportunities for members of the first-year cadet class to “shadow” cadets holding key positions within the Regiment thus providing insights into the duties and responsibilities that cadet leaders hold.

Second, it provides an opportunity for the Corps to raise funds to contribute to a worthy cause.

In this year’s case, the funds will be added to the Joshua Lilliston ’14 Memorial Scholarship. Named after a cadet who passed away due to cancer, the scholarship goes to a cadet who experiences a medical condition that prohibits them from completing their goal of becoming a commissioned officer, who then chooses to remain in the Corps as a member of the Citizen-Leader track.

This year’s Shadow Day program will take place the first week of December. Bidding will occur on 2 Dec.

On the next day, the first-year cadet will shadow the upperclass cadet to observe them acting in those roles and receive information about the duties and responsibilities associated with that position. This may include meetings with the Commandant’s Staff and other members of the Corps chain of command.

The second day, the first-year cadet will ceremonially wear the rank of the cadet they are shadowing and perform the duties and responsibilities under the mentorship of the upperclass cadet.

Individual first-year cadets may ‘bid’ (donate) money toward a specific upperclass job...with the highest bid winning. Another option is that the first-year cadets within a Company may pool their ‘bids’ (donations) for one of their classmates to win a shadow opportunity on their behalf.

Further details will be provided to the Corps through publication of an OPORD to the regiment.

This is not the first time that the Corps has chosen the Joshua Lilliston ’14 Memorial Scholarship. You can read an article regarding this program here:

<http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2011/12/120811-corps-shadowday11.html>