Sky's the limit: Average GPA for AF ROTC cadets is third highest in nation

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Lt. Col. Richard Reed is the new department head for Aerospace Studies within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Aerospace Studies takes in the U.S. Air Force ROTC program. Reed began his position in July.

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A look back at the U.S. Air Force ROTC’s 24-hour vigil to honor America’s MIAs and POWs, on Nov. 6, 2019

Two C-130 cargo planes flew cadets of USU’s Air Force ROTC over northern Utah, circling from Hill Air Force Base to Cache County earlier this month. The flight was arranged by a USU ROTC alumnus who is now a pilot. About 50 of the cadets posed for this photo on the flight line of Hill.

Reed’s greatest adventure — besides his position at USU, which was his “No. 1 choice” — was two years in Afghanistan under a joint military program called the “AF/PAK Hands” (Afghanistan/Pakistan Hands) which
was headquartered out of the Pentagon. As an air liaison officer, he learned the Afghan language of Dari in order to work with Afghan government officials to help establish its first centrally-controlled and operational air force. He also helped Afghan counterparts set up provincial-level Reintegration programs in four provinces that, he said, allowed the “‘bad guys’ a path to return and support the government, the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.”

As an added benefit, he says, “They even let me wear a beard while working with my Afghan partners.”

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