



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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HAILS, FAREWELLS AND HAPPENINGS

Detachment 810 had an outstanding year. The fall semester encompassed an alumni career day and a successful homecoming parade. This was a first for many cadets, considering last year's parade was cancelled due to weather. The spring semester was busy bringing Baylor AROTC and AFROTC together for the Veterans Cup, taking Detachment 810 cadets to San Antonio for Battle for the Bomb, and ending with memorable Dining Out and Commissioning ceremonies. We were honored to host the Commander of 24th Air Force, Maj Gen Christopher P. Weggeman, as our guest at this year's Dining Out ceremony and the Commander of Air Force Space Command, Gen John W. Raymond, as our speaker at the commissioning ceremony.



CADRE SENDOFFS

This summer we will be sending off two of our beloved cadre members. Capt Gregg Campbell and his wife, Kylie, will be departing after the arrival of their baby boy. Congratulations to the Campbell family! Capt Campbell's next assignment will be at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, where he will be working at Air Force Global Strike Command on the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile training program.

TSgt Johnson will also be departing from Det 810 in July for his retirement after serving 20 proud years in the Air Force. He plans on traveling immediately after and looks forward to enjoying a more relaxed lifestyle. We want to thank Capt Campbell and TSgt Johnson for their leadership and guidance over the past three years here at Det 810 and wish them luck in their future endeavors.

Maj Roy Martin, a career guardsman and ISR pilot from Florida, and TSgt Shannon Jacobs, a personnelist from Shaw AFB, North Carolina will be joining us in the Fall.



THUNDERBIRDS VISIT WACO

The Air Force's aerial demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, visited Waco this March for the Heart of Texas Air Show. Det 810 cadets were invited to see the team perform before the air show opened to the public. Following the performance, cadets had the opportunity to meet the Thunderbird pilots and aircrew. The enlisted maintainers led cadets out onto the flight line to tour the Thunderbirds' specially painted F-16s. Meeting the Thunderbirds was a unique opportunity, and we appreciate those who helped make this event to happen.



COMMISSIONING

Congratulations to our newest Second Lieutenants!

Best of luck to these young officers as they head off to their first assignments:

Justin Bishop

Nuclear & Missile Operations Officer
Vandenberg AFB, CA

Abby Paxton

Intelligence Officer
Goodfellow AFB, TX

John Wasserman

Force Support Officer
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI

Marshall Meier

Pilot Trainee
Columbus AFB, MS

Kaitlyn Po

Nurse
Joint Base San Antonio, TX

Daniel Young

Developmental Engineer
Rome Labs, NY

Colton Mott

Developmental Engineer
Wright Patterson AFB, OH

Sarah Williamson

Nuclear & Missile Operations Officer
Vandenberg AFB, CA



HOMECOMING/CAREER DAY

This year Detachment 810 cadets marched proudly in the university-wide homecoming parade. The parade began in downtown Waco and ended after travelling down 5th street through the heart of campus. Thousands of community members, friends and family, and Baylor alumni watched and cheered proudly as we paraded through Waco along with our fellow student organizations. We also had the pleasure of hosting various Air Force officers on the Friday of homecoming for our annual Alumni Career Day. We always enjoy interacting with fellow Baylor Bears who were also members of Det 810 and have since gone on to achieve great things in the Big Blue! If you are interested in attending this year's Alumni Career Day, please contact Mrs. Shipp at Roberta_Shipp@baylor.edu.

20 Oct (1400) - Marsh Scholarship Board (Speight Plaza Building Suite 100)

20 Oct (1600) - Alumni Career Day

21 Oct (time TBA) - Air Force ROTC Student Tailgate before the homecoming game

This year's homecoming game is against West Virginia University. Kickoff time has not been announced and the status of the campus (open/closed) during games is TBD.

CADET NEWS

Battle for the Bomb

On 8 April 2017, Detachment 810 sent its warriors to attend Battle for the Bomb, hosted at the University of Texas at San Antonio. The events this year included the Mogadishu Mile, soccer, basketball, dodge ball, flag football, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee. This year Baylor University placed third.



We dominated early in the morning, winning the Mogadishu Mile. The Mogadishu Mile is a team event involving an ammo box carry, a sprint with a stretcher, a log carry, and a quarter mile

run. We look forward to competing again in the fall at the University of Texas at Austin. This time we will only settle for first and bring back the bomb to its rightful home here at Baylor.

Leadership Evaluation and Development

The entire AS 200 class received enrollment allocations to attend Leadership Evaluation and Development (LEAD), formerly known as Field Training, this year. We would like to extend a thank you to the newly minted Lt Paxton and Cadets Scahill, Gambrell, and O'Neill for a job well done in preparing the AS 200s this semester. We look forward to greeting the AS 200 cadets as POC cadets this fall and having them succeed in cadet leadership positions.



Veteran's Day Flag Vigil

The Veterans Day Flag Vigil is an annual event hosted by Det 810. Baylor AFROTC, AROTC, and Veterans of Baylor teamed up on Veterans Day to conduct a 24-hour flag vigil in honor of all US veterans. Over 100 volunteers signed up to stand at attention in groups of four from 0000 to 2359 on Friday. Nearly each person who volunteered signed up to take 2-3 shifts. The event was an outstanding testimony to those who have served and sacrificed for our great country.



The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge

Over the course of this spring semester, we had two cadets accomplish a great feat.

Cadets Michael Scahill and Joseph O'Neill, both AS300s at Det 810, competed for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB). The GAFPB is a military decoration of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany and can be awarded to German soldiers and Germany's allied soldiers. It is one of the few foreign awards approved by the United States military and is therefore a very competitive and highly sought after achievement. There are three levels of achievement for this award: Bronze, Silver, and the most prestigious, Gold.

The GAFPB competition consists of a 1000m sprint, a 11x10m shuttle, a chin up hang, a 100m swim in ABUs, a 12K ruck march carrying 33+ pounds, a first aid written test, firing the M9 at 25m, and donning a gas mask in less than 9 seconds.

Cadets Scahill and O'Neill traveled to Joint Base San Antonio to participate amongst 600 active duty military members, reservists, and various Army cadets, of whom only 400 finished. Scahill and O'Neill were the only Air Force cadets present. Despite being grossly underestimated, these two gentlemen dominated the competition, earning the top two spots out of the hundreds of military members involved! Cadet O'Neill finished as the top overall male, earning a Gold level GAFPB, and Cadet Scahill finished as the second overall male, also earning a Gold level GAFPB. Detachment 810 is extremely proud of these two gentlemen and their accomplishment of this prestigious award.





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Please let us know if you will join us for Homecoming activities this October 20th and 21st. We'd love to see you all, learn from your experiences and show off our detachment and Cadet Wing! This year marks the Air Force's 70th Anniversary!

Name: _____ Marsh Scholarship board member? Yes No
Address: _____ Participating in Career Day? Yes No
Email: _____ Rank/Title: _____
Phone: _____ AFSC: _____
Class Year: _____ Duty Station: _____

Please consider a gift to the following funds of Baylor University that directly impacts the lives of cadets.

Chaplain Maj Gen Gerald E. Marsh Scholarship Endowment: \$10 \$15 \$25 Other: _____
NEW! AFROTC Corps of Cadets Endowed Fund: \$10 \$15 \$25 Other: _____

Thank your for your continued support of our program and our future Air Force leaders!

You can give electronically by visiting <https://www.baylor.edu/give>. In the search box, enter "Chaplain Maj Gen Gerald E. Marsh Scholarship" or "AFROTC Corps of Cadets Endowed Fund" then select the donation link for the fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marsh Scholarship board selected Cadet **Marshall Meier** as the scholarship award winner. Additionally, **13** cadets activated AFROTC scholarships this past year. Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients and thank you to all who continue to support the cadets of Det 810!

Soldiers of the Wooden Cross Scholarship Fund - This fund is established with the Waco Foundation to provide college scholarships to undergraduate students with a connection to the military and have demonstrated exemplary service to their community and country. Please consider purchasing *Soldiers of the Wooden Cross: Military Memorials of Baylor University* from Amazon, the Baylor Book Store, or contact Deacon Frank Jasek (author) directly at soldierswoodencross@gmail.com. Proceeds of all book sales go towards the fund.

The Corps of Cadets Endowment Fund - Mr. Jim Gooch (BU '61) completed funding for the Corps of Cadets Endowed Fund. This is a new self-sustaining non-scholarship fund that will give back to the cadets in perpetuity. We would like to grow this fund over time with the goal of ending cadet fundraisers. Please consider donating as this fund positively affects all Air Force ROTC cadets.