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Hails, Farewells, & Happenings!

This year turned out much different than many of us expected coming into Det 810. This year saw new personnel, new policies and standards, a new compliance inspection team, a new fitness standard, a new Det 810 facility, and on top of all that, significantly reduced AFROTC scholarships and enrollment allocations. The cynical side of me would say that it would be shorter to discuss what didn't change;) However, even with these challenges, the Bear Force came through with flying colors—dedicated cadet leadership, high participation, and warrior spirit bore out with wins over the Army ROTC Detachment to claim the Commander's Cup, as well as "beasting" seven other Detachments to claim the Texas Field Day for the second time in a row. As far as farewells, Col Danny Leonard, Maj Bob Shipp, and MSgt Erica Johnson all retired this past year. Bob and Erica are still a part of our cadets' lives on a daily basis—Bob as a Baylor Academic Advisor, and Erica has taken up Betty Mullins' post in Det 810—we are so blessed! Dan and Toni Leonard are also active with the Det when they aren't driving all over the country or improving their home—think HGTV. Betty Spencer will retire sometime this year after 30+ years at the detachment...she is a legend across the nation for her uniform program, and a grandmother to an entire generation of active component, and yes, many retired Baylor AF officers. Capt Andy Zoltak PCS'd back to Los Angeles AFB this Summer and will again work space systems acquisitions. As for me, I am leaving with only one year in AFROTC...but it's for a good thing. I made colonel and will return to the Pentagon to rejoin the Air Staff. Hails this year include Lt Col Carl Wooten, our new Det Commander arriving this July, Mrs. Erica Johnson as the new Betty Mullins, as well as TSgt Keisha Sallee who replaced MSgt Erica Johnson as our Personnel NCOIC. Lt Col Carl Wooten is a '93 USAF Academy grad with 18 years in the space and missile career field. He has extensive experience with ICBMs, standardization and evaluation, op-



erational test, SOF instructor duty, nuclear operations planning, and most recently as Commander of the AF News Network in Europe. He comes to us from Mannheim, Germany. Mrs. Erica Johnson is a 22 year veteran with extensive personnel experience at Kirtland AFB, NM, Kadena AB, Okinawa, and was assigned to Det 810 for the past six years...we look forward to the rise of another legendary



Det 810 icon. TSgt Keisha Sallee has 16 years experience in personnel in a variety of fields including Commander's Support Staff, special actions, customer service, casualty services, and officer assignments. Her assignments include Hickam AFB, Yokota AB, Ellsworth AFB, and she comes to us from Randolph AFB. We also have one instructor vacancy we hope to fill this Winter. Additionally, we have had some cadre deployments. SSgt Nicole powers just returned from her deployment to MacDill AFB supporting SOCOM (Dec 2010 - Jun 2011). Major Dave Lamkin just returned from field training and is in the pipeline for his deployment to Iraq (Aug 2011 - Mar 2012).

AFROTC Update

This year saw several unforeseen changes. First, due to budget cuts as well as the Air Force manpower numbers being above our Congressionally authorized end-strength, we did not award any in-college scholarships...not one leadership, language, engineering or nursing scholarship. AFROTC is in a transition period where fewer high school scholarships will be awarded in favor of more in-college scholarships. Eventually, all in-college scholarship determinations will soon be done at centralized national boards beginning next Spring. Second, nation-wide competition for field training allocations was fierce. The nation-wide average was 65% retention which implies a 35% cut in fully-qualified, sophomore cadets. Although some schools returned as low as 35% retention, Baylor cadets competed well and returned an 85% retention rate—one of the highest in the country. This speaks volumes about the quality of our cadets. Also an indication of program health, Det 810 had only 10 findings (7 minor, and no critical) in this past December's compliance inspection—one of the fewest of any Det. Fourth, AFROTC stopped almost all Summer professional development training opportunities and reduced the number of field training camps from six to five. Here's the take-away. Given the current budget and manning environment, AFROTC is focusing less on quantity and more on quality cadets...Baylor AFROTC delivers that quality in spades!

Alumni Make Career Day Special



Several alumni returned to discuss their respective career fields with the cadets prior to their AFSC selections. The feedback on having active component

alumni involved (especially junior- to field-grade officers) was overwhelmingly positive. We are considering moving Career Day just prior to Homecoming this year rather than in the Spring to facilitate attendance. If you are interested in participating, please check the box for, "Interest in Career Day" and we will get information out to you as it becomes available.



Remember SABC? Now we teach convoy ops



Congrats To Our 2011 2D Lts:

Grace A Butler: San Antonio, TX; AFSC: 13S1C (Space & Missile); Base: Malmstrom AFB, MT

Brent L. Danner: San Angelo, TX; AFSC: 62E1E (Graduate Student); Base: Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

William B. Dean: San Antonio, TX; AFSC: 13S1C (Space & Missile Officer); Base: F.E. Warren AFB, WY

Ashley M. Hibbard: Universal City, TX; AFSC: 14N (Nursing); Base: Lackland AFB, TX

Sharya F. Krause: Katy, TX; AFSC: 38F1 (Force Support); Base: Elemendorf AFB, AK

David L. Krigbaum: Tampa, FL ; AFSC: 31P1 (Security Forces); Base: F.E Warren AFB, WY

Amber M. Padgett: Spokane, WA; AFSC: 71S1 (OSI Agent); Base: Barksdale AFB, LA

Erica G. Sparkman: San Antonio, TX; AFSC: 13S1C (Space & Missles); Base: F.E. Warren AFB, WY

Joshua D. Vaughan: Houston, TX; AFSC: 62E1 (Developmental Engineer); Base: Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

Teri K. Weber: Washington D.C.; AFSC: 92T0N (Pilot); Base: Whiting Field, FL

Det 810 Cadets in the News

Vigil for those of valor: Baylor AFROTC guarded the American flag in front of Pat Neff from midnight Wednesday to midnight Thursday in honor of Veteran's Day. Ninety AFROTC cadets volunteered their time during the 24 hour vigil, rotating groups of 4 in 15-min shifts.

Air Force ROTC grabs Commander's Cup: The Baylor Air Force ROTC claimed victory over Baylor Army ROTC, the defending champions, in the second annual Commander's Cup. The competition ended with a tug of war between Army's 2nd Platoon and Air Forces's Bravo Flight, after which the Air Force received the Commander's Cup trophy to keep in its detachment.



Alumni Scholarships Awarded

Three cadets received \$1,300 awards from the Maj Gen Marsh Scholarship Endowment. The recipients are: Lucas Borg (Biology—dental track), Brad McCullough (Biology—doctor track), and LaTraia Scott (Chemistry—doctor track). Please do not discount the importance of your contributions to the Maj Gen Marsh Scholarship Endowment. Your Alumni scholarships produce a much appreciated morale-boost as well as help offset academic costs in an environment with fewer AFROTC scholarship opportunities. Many thanks to Maj Gen Marsh, Gary Praesel, Michael Tawney, and the alumni who contributed and met to review and select the scholarship winners. If you are interested in assisting in this selection process, the alumni meeting occurs at 1300 on the Friday of Homecoming Weekend. Please return the form indicating “yes” to interest in attending the alumni meeting and we'll ensure you get any updates. The good news is our new facility (see back) will have much more parking.

SWR/CC awarded Field Day trophy to Baylor!



Homecoming Activities

Proposed agenda facilitates alumni impact at Det 810:

Friday, 4 Nov: 1300 Alumni mt; 1430 Career Day; 1630 Alumni/Cadet BBQ (Free food & drink until we run out!)

Saturday, 5 Nov: Detachment open to visitors after the Homecoming Parade--Stop by the new Det 810 location

Thanks for your support!

Many of you contributed last year to our Baylor Betterment of the Corps Fund. This fund allows us to buy needed equipment which can't be purchased otherwise! Also, your support funded meals for the entire wing including Homecoming alumni/cadet BBQ and other meals when the campus cafeterias are closed. Every bit helps, so thanks again for your generous support!



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Name: _____ Grad Year: _____ Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Rank/Title: _____
 Address: _____ Interest in attending alumni meeting: Yes ___ No ___
 _____ Interest in Career Day: Yes ___ No ___ AFSC: _____
 Present Occupation: _____ RSVP for Alumni/Cadet BBQ: Yes ___ No ___

Thank you so much for your support of our cadets!

Maj Gen Marsh Scholarship Endowment: \$10 15\$ 25 Other \$ _____

“Betterment of the Corps” Fund: \$10 15\$ 25 Other \$ _____

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We’re Moving Again!

Det 810 has a history of moves around the Baylor University campus: first, from the basement of the girls’ dorm to the Harris House, then to the old clinic where we are now. Flash forward to today...Det 810 is set to move to the 1st floor of the Speight Plaza building in the heart of campus on 19 July. Baylor University customized this new facility to meet specific AFROTC needs at a cost of \$185,000. The facility is larger--classrooms will double and triple in size. Other benefits include an attached parking garage and a coffee and convenience store just across the hall from us. We will share the building with Army ROTC as well as the Baylor Department of Public Safety (Police). It’s building 50 on the Baylor Webpage campus map. Facility construction is still ongoing so we don’t have any pictures yet, but please drop by when you get a chance.

