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NEWSLETTER

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HAILS, FAREWELLS AND HAPPENINGS

Det 810 had another great year! We commissioned 16 Lieutenants in May. Lt Gen Richard Brown III (retired), Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, presided over the May Commissioning Ceremony. Significant events included a career day hosted by officers from Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph (JBSA), a base visit to JBSA-Lackland and Randolph, and returning the annual President's Cup trophy to Air Force ROTC. We hosted our annual Dining Out formal in the banquet facility of the new Foster Business School with Major General Garrett Harencak, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, as our guest speaker.



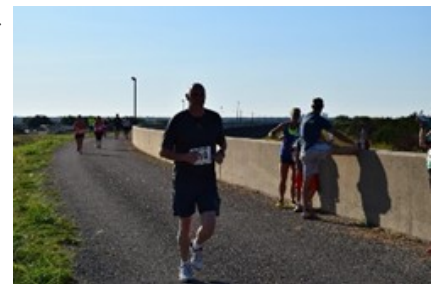
CADRE CHANGE

We said goodbye to Major Anthony Schmidt, who retired last fall and we were supplemented with Major Javier Caraveo from the Air Force Reserve for six months while we were at 50% officer manning. We welcomed Capt Victoria Mitchell as our new Recruiting Flight Commander towards the end of the spring semester and 1st Lt Maykei Cepeda as our new Education Flight Commander this summer. We are grateful to have a full staff again and are looking forward to the next year.



WACO WOUNDED VETERANS RUN

Cadets, cadre, and the Waco community came together for the 3rd annual Waco Wounded Veterans Run on 13 September 2015. We had over 200 runners join in the race. Thanks to all the runners and staff who participated. The event raised over \$5000 for the Wounded Warrior Project.



The 4th Annual Waco Wounded Veterans 5K was held on Saturday, 17 September 2016. The race started at McLane Stadium, a first for the event. Find out more race information and see pictures from the event at [facebook.com/wacowoundedveteransrun](https://www.facebook.com/wacowoundedveteransrun). All proceeds were donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

COMMISSIONING

Congratulations to our newest Second Lieutenants! Best of luck to these young officers as they head off to their first assignments:

Michael Asselta – Developmental Engineer, Hill AFB, Utah

Andie Bernhardt – Nurse, Nellis AFB, Nevada

Kimberly Bray – Pilot Trainee, Laughlin AFB, Texas

Chris Delzell – Developmental Engineer, Eglin AFB, Florida

Trent Fleener – Pilot Trainee, Vance AFB, Oklahoma

Benjamin Foote – Acquisitions Officer, Los Angeles AFB, California

Abigail Greenwell – Pre-Health, USUHS, Maryland

Benjamin Hastings – Developmental Engineer, Eglin AFB, Florida

Ariana Henry – Nuclear & Missile Operations Officer, Vandenberg AFB, California

Austin Hyde – Nuclear & Missile Operations Officer, Vandenberg AFB, California

Joseph Mabbitt – Combat Systems Officer Trainee, Pensacola NAS, Florida

Sabrina Ross – Nurse, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

Shawn Sacchi – Cyberspace Operations Officer, Keesler AFB, Mississippi

Colin Strickland – Pilot Trainee, Vance AFB, Oklahoma

Angela Valencia-Gowing – Law Student, Baylor University

Catherine Weeden – Intelligence Officer, Goodfellow AFB, Texas



HOMECOMING/CAREER DAY

Unfortunately, the University's Homecoming parade was cancelled last year due to weather. We still held the annual Marsh Scholarship Board and Alumni Reception that weekend, which allowed cadets to talk with visiting alumni. It was a great opportunity for our cadets to learn about life as an officer and the many career opportunities in the Air Force. We would like to thank all those who attended our Career Day and Alumni Reception and invite you to join us this year immediately following the Homecoming Parade.

***14 Oct (1400) - Marsh Scholarship Board (Speight Plaza Bldg – Suite 100)**

***14 Oct (1600) - Alumni Career Day**

***15 Oct (time TBA)– Air Force ROTC Student Tailgate before Homecoming game**

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

*Please RSVP to Mrs. Shipp at Roberta_Shipp@baylor.edu

CADET NEWS

Battle for the Bomb

On April 9th, over 50 cadets from Detachment 810 traveled to the University of Texas at San Antonio to compete at Battle for the Bomb. The sporting competitions this year consisted of flag football, ultimate frisbee, soccer, dodgeball, kickball, and a Mogadishu Mile Challenge. With some coaching from Cadre, Det 810's participants fought hard throughout the day and showed great morale and team spirit in every event. This year, we earned third place. Next year, Battle for the Bomb will be held at UTSA again, but we have high hopes for bringing it back to Baylor, where it truly belongs!



Civil Air Patrol Incentive Rides

Cadets Erik Jass and Bradly Lemon took to the air with Waco's Civil Air Patrol Squadron in a Cessna 182 on an orientation flight. Lt Col David Wilson led the cadets through a pre-flight checklist before flying over McLane Stadium, Baylor, and then down to Austin.



Field Training

All of our AS 200 cadets were selected for Field Training this year, and we are excited to welcome back a new group of POC cadets! Congratulations to Cadets Austin Dobbs and Michael Scahill for earning the Distinguished Graduate Award, and Cadets Lauren Barrett and Joseph O'Neill for earning the Superior Performer Award at Field Training. One more congratulations for Cadet Joseph O'Neill for earning the Warrior Spirit Award at Field Training. Last but not least, the In-Garrison Camp One Commander, Col Tammy Knierim, selected Cadet Abigail Paxton as the top CTA of the entire encampment. The Baylor Cadet Corps is as strong as ever!



CAPTAIN JOHN BOSWELL, OLMSTED SCHOLAR

The Olmsted Scholar Program is a unique program that allows military officers the chance to study a foreign language and broaden their global perspective in another country. The program allows scholars to take their families with them to fully immerse in the regional culture. Only 17 scholars from all military branches were selected this year. We are happy to announce that Detachment 810 alumnus Captain John Boswell (BU '06) was selected to study Afrikaans as an Olmsted Scholar.

Capt Boswell and his wife Lauren (BU '10) received their top location choice – Cape Town, South Africa. He will be the first Olmsted Scholar to study there and his family is incredibly excited for their pioneer role in the region and the opportunity to learn more about the strategically important African region.

We wish John and Lauren the best as they prepare for their move to Cape Town. Sic 'em Boswell family!

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marsh Scholarship board selected Cadet Justin Bishop and Cadet Andrea Parker as scholarship award winners. The Southwest Region selected Cadet Michael Scahill to receive the Rising AS 300 United Services Automobile Association Scholarship. The Pitts family selected Cadet Jacob Willenbrock for the Capt Larry Glenn Pitts Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, 19 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 for undergraduate students with a connection to the military who 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 **soldiers-woodencross@gmail.com**. Proceeds of all book sales go toward the fund.