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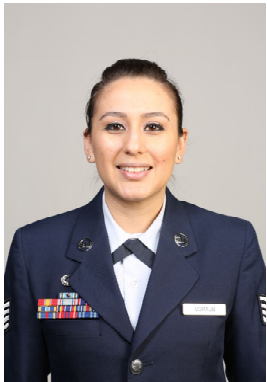
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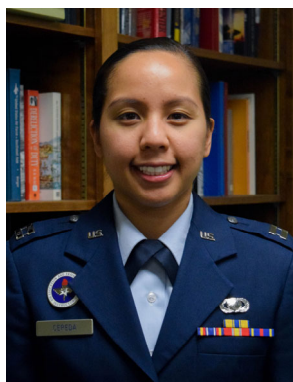
COMMANDER'S UPDATE

This is a bitter-sweet time for the cadre of Detachment 810. We've swapped out almost all of our military personnel this year. SSgt Yolizma Blanco PCS'd to Korea in December and was replaced by SSgt Alan Jaensch who joins us from Hawaii. Captain Maykei Cepeda PCS'd to Nellis AFB in January and was replaced by Captain Wayne Wilkinson from Minot AFB. Captain Victoria Mitchell PCS'd in February to Korea and was replaced by Captain Carl Tidwell from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Major Roy Martin PCS'd back to the Air National Guard in Florida and will be replaced by Captain Ashley Newberry this Fall. Finally, I just completed my fourth year at Baylor and Lt Col Paul Bryant will replace me this summer. My family and I have enjoyed a phenomenal four years at Baylor and I'll be deploying to the United Arab Emirates in October for six months with an unknown follow-on assignment. I'm pleased to report that the cadet wing is doing very well. Det 810 is currently ranked #9/145 AFROTC detachments in the country for Field Training performance, #6/145 for academics (grade point average), and #1 in the country for physical fitness. —Lt Col Myers Gray

HAILS & FAREWELLS



SSgt Blanco



Capt Cepeda



Capt Mitchell



Maj Martin



Lt Col Gray



SSgt Jaensch



Capt Tidwell



Capt Wilkinson



Lt Col Bryant

2019 COMMISSIONING

Analicia Esmay
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Andrea Parker
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Goodfellow AFB, TX

Naomi Shaak
Pilot
Laughlin AFB, TX

PILOT SELECTS

Cadets Kercher and Snow received pilot slots this year. The number of pilot slots is drastically increasing. Headquarters projects that anyone who is qualified and interested will receive a pilot slot over the next few years.



ROPES COURSE

Cadets participated in the Baylor ropes course during the Fall for leadership laboratory. As they fulfill their esprit de corps objective, they also worked on team building, leadership, and dynamic followership.



CEREMONY

Jonathan Stephens

Finance
Scott AFB, IL

Cameron Voos

Nuclear and Missile Operations
Vandenberg AFB, CA

James Yen

Cyber Operations
Keesler AFB, MS

Lauren Sykora

Nurse
Keesler AFB, MS

Samuel Ward

Pilot
Vance AFB, OK

* Major General Shaun Q. Morris was our guest speaker for the commissioning ceremony. He is the Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB, NM. (Center picture, right side)

Charles Taskerud

Pilot
Laughlin AFB, TX

Jacob Willenbrock

Pilot
Laughlin AFB, TX



COMBAT DINING-IN

Cadets enjoyed a “free-for-all” water balloon fight during our Combat Dining-In. Cadets were required to have at least one piece of military clothing on their body for this event. The event was complete with a combat grog and Battlefield Airman guest speaker from Fort Hood.



HOMECOMING 2018

This year’s homecoming parade included the Air Force Recruiting service and a Humvee from a nearby Air Force Battlefield Airmen Squadron at Fort Hood. Homecoming 2019 will be the weekend of 12 October and the Marsh scholarship board will be held on 11 October, 1500 at the detachment. We’ll see you there!





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Please let us know if you will join us for Homecoming activities this November 2nd. We'd love to see you all, learn from your experiences and show off our detachment and Cadet Wing!

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: \$8.10 \$15 \$25 Other: _____

NEW! AFROTC Corps of Cadets Endowed Fund: \$8.10 \$15 \$25 Other: _____

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 Cadets Tre' Nelson and Effy Misnick as scholarship award winners. Additionally, eight 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.