



# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## COMMANDER'S UPDATE

I am pleased to announce we are restarting our Det 810 Alumni newsletter. We plan on disseminating this newsletter at least once a semester so we can keep our Alumni up to date on all things Air Force related happening at Baylor. Despite the lingering effects of COVID-19, we have largely resumed operations as normal. Since our last newsletter in 2019, we've commissioned 34 lieutenants spanning 15 career fields. This year, we are on track to commission 6 lieutenants between the December and May graduations. In terms of Detachment performance, this summer's field training was extremely successful for our cadets and cadre. Det 810 personnel garnered the following recognition: two Distinguished Graduates, three Warrior Spirit, one Warrior Flight, one Cadet Training Assistant, and one CGO of FTU-2 & MAX-4. In addition, we were able to contract eight new freshmen with high school scholarships and seven in-college scholarships. Given the success of the summer, it should come as no surprise that the cadet wing is doing very well. Detachment 810 is currently ranked #3/36 in the region and #19/145 nationally for academics. Finally, we are working hard to enhance the quality of our cadets' time at Baylor through a variety of experiences including, SpaceX & Big Safari (L3) tours, aircraft fly-ins with lunch and learns, and base visits. —Lt Col Ken Sterling

## AY 2022-2023 CADRE AND STAFF



Lt Col Sterling



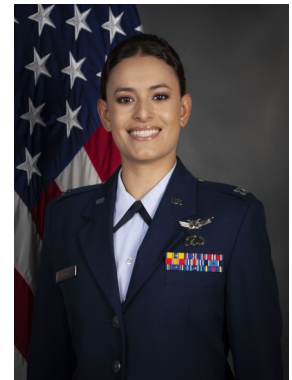
Maj Wilkinson



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Mrs. Burris

# 2020 COMMISSIONING

## Sybil Clough

Logistics Readiness  
JB Elmendorf-Richardson, AK

## Andrew Hubbard

RPA Pilot  
Cannon AFB, NM

## Amanda Jass

Ops Research  
Los Angeles AFB, CA

## Nathan Kercher

Pilot  
Laughlin AFB, TX

## Bradley Lemon

Electrical Engineering  
JBSA Lackland, TX

## Alvin Nelson

Public Affairs  
Davis Monthan AFB, NM

## Christian Reflogal

Logistics Readiness  
Spangdahlem AB, DE

## Garth Terlizzi

Operations Research  
Wright Patterson AFB, OH

## Kristoffer Ty

Nuclear and Missile Operations  
Vandenberg AFB, CA

## Mia Snow

Nuclear and Missile Operations  
Vandenberg AFB, CA

## PILOT SELECTS

Cadet Noah Tuttle was selected to be a Pilot and will commission this May. Cadet Tuttle hopes to fly F-16s after completing UPT. Rated position demand is expected to continue to be strong over the next few years.



## SPACE FORCE

In the Spring of 2021, AFROTC detachments across the country began commissioning officers into the United States Space Force. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Wyatt Packard, commissioned in Spring 2021, was our first USSF officer and is currently serving as an Intelligence officer. Cadet Emme Phillips is our first cadet who will commission into the USSF as a Space Operations Officer, and she will be graduating in May 2023.



# 2021 COMMISSIONING

**Colin Cummings**  
Force Support  
JBSA Randolph, TX

**Geurin Gray**  
Intelligence  
Goodfellow AFB, TX

**Zachary Neal**  
RPA Pilot  
Cannon AFB, NM

**Timothy Davis**  
Intelligence  
Goodfellow AFB, TX

**Rachel Mason**  
Aircraft Maintenance  
Fairchild AFB, WA

**Ethan Nelson**  
RPA Pilot  
Creech AFB, NV

**Nicholas Erb**  
Pilot  
Columbus AFB, MS

**Kyle Meredith**  
Nuclear and Missile Operations  
Vandenberg AB, CA

**Wyatt Packard**  
Intelligence; Space Force  
Goodfellow AFB, TX

**Stevan Gallegos**  
Mechanical Engineering  
Wright Patterson AFB, OH

**Esther Moats**  
Public Health  
Luke AFB, AZ

**Elfa Rabor**  
Logistics Readiness  
JB Langley-Eustis, VA



## Dyess AFB Women in Aviation Summit

GMC Cadets attended the Women in Aviation Summit in late April 2022 at Dyess AFB. Cadets were able to learn more about the importance and ever-expanding presence of women in aviation and in the Air Force at large. Cadets were also able to tour several static displays, including a B-1, and received an incentive flight on a C-130.



# 2022 COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

**Sarah Skelton**  
Public Affairs  
Buckley SFB, CO

**Ethan Kurtz**  
Intelligence  
Goodfellow AFB, TX

**Tanner Taskerud**  
Logistics Readiness  
RAF Mildenhall, UK

**Lauren Kahlig**  
Air Battle Manager  
Tyndall AFB, FL

**Tucker Neal**  
Pilot  
Columbus AFB, MS

**Caitlyn Arroyo**  
Logistics Readiness  
Offutt AFB, NE

**Caelin Hoben**  
Combat Systems Officer  
Pensacola NAS, FL

**Tyler Ho-Sing-Loy**  
Logistics Readiness  
Cannon AFB, NM

**Daniel Strickland**  
Nursing  
JB Elmendorf-Richardson, AK

**Grayson Anderson**  
Pilot  
Vance AFB, OK

**Andrew Marfori**  
Airfield Operations  
Wright Patterson AFB, OH

**Slate Simpson**  
RPA Pilot  
Ellsworth AFB, SD



## Field Training 2022



# CADET NEWS

## Field Training 2022

Det 810 prepped and sent 9 cadets to FT this year. All of our cadets did a great job demonstrating their leadership capabilities and their readiness to be POC cadets. Two of our cadets, Cadets Kaitlyn Vana and Scott Harton, performed exceptionally well and were selected as Distinguished Graduates! In addition, three of our cadets were selected for the Warrior Spirit award, and two cadets were part of flights selected for the Warrior Flight award. In addition to our cadets attending as trainees, Cadet Emme Phillips returned to FT as a Cadet Training Assistant where she assisted cadre in training and evaluating cadets.



## Project Global Officer

Det 810 had several cadets attend study abroad programs this summer through Project Global Officer, which is supported by several universities throughout the country. Cadets traveled to Morocco, Jordan, and Kyrgyzstan and improved their language skills while experiencing new cultures first hand.



Cadet Zeigler in Morocco



Cadet Shrader in Morocco



Cadet Vana in Kyrgyzstan



Cadet Waldo in Morocco

## 9/11 Memorial Run

On September 11, 2022, Det 810 partnered with Baylor Army ROTC to host a memorial run on the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks. Over 100 Air Force and Army cadets, along with BU Vets and the BU Fire and Police Departments, honored the victims and first responders of the attacks by completing a 2-mile run.



### Alumni, like what you see?

Click on the link below to get informed and stay engaged with all things Air Force at Baylor University.

<https://www.baylor.edu/alumni/connect/index.php?id=978963>

# PAYING HOMAGE TO AMERICA'S HEROS

On November 28, 2020, a Det 810 color guard supported the unveiling of statues of Medal of Honor winners U.S. Army Air Corps Col John Kane and US Marine Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Andrew Lummus Jr. These two statues are now proudly displayed in McLane Stadium Plaza and honor the dedication and sacrifice of these two outstanding Baylor officers.



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## HOMEcomings & CAREER DAY

This year, Det 810 cadets will march proudly in the university-wide homecoming parade on October 22, 2022. The parade route will begin in downtown Waco and will travel down 5th Street through the heart of campus. Baylor expects a large group of alumni, students, and members of the local community to turn out and support the multitude of student and community organizations who will be participating in this exciting event. Following the parade, the Detachment will host a get-together for cadets and alumni.

The Detachment also plans to host various Air Force officers on the Wednesday after homecoming (Oct 26) during Leadership Lab 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 Capt Ken Herlacher at [ken\\_herlacher@baylor.edu](mailto:ken_herlacher@baylor.edu).

Oct 21 - Marsh Scholarship Board

1500: Speight Plaza Building Suite 100

Please RSVP to Mrs. Roberta Shipp at [roberta\\_shipp@baylor.edu](mailto:roberta_shipp@baylor.edu)

Zoom link will be disseminated NLT Oct 20.

Oct 22 - Baylor Homecoming Parade

Timeline is variable based on kickoff. Additional details to follow.

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# CADET WING/CC CORNER

This semester, Det 810 is focused on excelling in all the core tenets of cadet life – academics, physical fitness, warrior knowledge, and drill. Our cadet wing is dedicated to improving these areas by implementing programs to better our skills and ensuring we are doing everything we can to put our best foot forward as individuals and as a wing. Academically, we are ensuring cadets have the necessary resources and help to be successful in school. For physical fitness, motivation and mentorship are key to helping cadets improve their fitness and lead all-around healthier lives. Warrior knowledge and drill competencies are improved through repetition and hands-on instruction from our POC cadets.

Since the beginning of the semester, we've been working on acclimating the new freshmen to college and ROTC, getting the sophomores back into the groove of things and ready for the rigors of Field Training Preparation, and allowing the juniors to hone their leadership skills and lessons learned from attending Field Training over the Summer. The seniors, having recently received their AFSCs, are working hard and are motivated to finish out their last year strong. All of our cadets have embraced these goals and are dedicated to making this a great semester.



Cadet Mary Rourke

## 75 Years at Baylor University



Maj Gen. (then Col) Carey speaks at Det 810s 70th anniversary

While the Air Force celebrated its 75th anniversary this year, AFROTC at Baylor University will be celebrating a 75th anniversary of its own this upcoming spring. Det 810 was established in July 1948. Since our founding, we've commissioned over 1,560 officers, 14 of which attained General Officers or Senior Executive Service grade. We will be celebrating this anniversary at our Spring Dining Out in late April 2023. If you are interested in attending or participating as a guest speaker, please contact the detachment at [afrotc@baylor.edu](mailto:afrotc@baylor.edu) or (254) 710-3513.

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## T-6 Fly-In

Two Baylor alums, Maj McPherson and Maj Carmona, recently flew into the TSTC airport to showcase the mighty T-6 Texan II and had lunch at the Detachment to chat with cadets about Undergraduate Pilot Training, life in the Air Force, and the Air Force Reserves. This gave cadets an excellent opportunity to see the T-6 up close and chat with active aviators.

We are looking to continue this training opportunity as often as possible in the coming months. If you're able to support this effort, please contact Detachment 810 Cadre at (254) 710-3513 or [afrotc@baylor.edu](mailto:afrotc@baylor.edu)





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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you 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

***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 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 [soldierswoodencross@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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