

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S UPDATE

It was a fantastic fall semester here at Detachment 810, and the Cadet Delta is excited to tackle the spring semester and its many challenges! On the cadre side of the house, we recently bid goodbye to Maj Wilkinson and are preparing to welcome Capt Renner in the summer timeframe. Before leaving, Maj Wilkinson started the fall semester off strong, earning Southwest Region's (SWR) Field Grade Officer (FGO) and Officer Evaluator (OE) of Q3. Maj Tidwell then continued our semester of success by earning SWR FGO and OE of the 4Q as well as SWR's OE of the Year and Air Force ROTC's OE of the 4Q! Rounding out these awards is Ms. Shipp, who was recognized as SWR's University Employee of Q4. In addition to our Cadre awards, several ca-dets secured regional and national recognition, which included several thousand dollars in scholarship money. The Cadet wing also dominated the SWR/CC's Fitness Challenge, leading the en-tire region for four consecutive months, earning another monetary award, and achieving #2/36 Dets in GPA for the SWR. Looking forward, we have many exciting events planned for this semester, including base visits to Dyess and Goodfellow, F-35 + Bell helicopter plant visits, 60 hours of Civil Air Patrol orientation flights, a multi-Det Field Training Exercise, and hosting our 75th Anniversary celebration. Finally, I'm pleased to announce that after a semester of working with Baylor's Scholarship Team, we've secured a \$200,000 annual commitment from Baylor supporting cadet recruitment. -Lt Col Sterling

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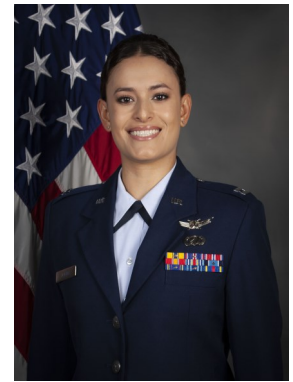
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RATED CAREER FIELDS

The spring rated board is right around the corner. This year, Detachment 810 has several highly motivated and competitive cadets vying for a Rated position. One of the ways we support cadets' interest in rated career fields is by organizing visits to flying squadrons, orientation flights, and simulators. While Detachment 810 was not selected to receive a donated AETC UPT flight simulator last spring, the Cadet Delta and Cadre staff are researching available off-the-shelf flight simulator options this semester and hope to procure a -quality flight simulator in the near future (similar to 1 of 2 simulators at TCU/Det 845 pictured below).

If you are able to help coordinate an orientation flight, or can facilitate the acquisition of a high quality flight simulator, please contact the detachment at afrotc@baylor.edu.



CADET DELTA

The United States Space Force was officially established in 2019 by President Trump. Since that time, Space Force has matured and grown as a service branch. This spring, Detachment 810 made several changes recognizing the importance of Space Force. Most notably, this semester's Cadet organization is modeled after a Delta, exposing cadets to a flattened organizational structure and associated rank structure. In addition, you will notice a re-branding of our Detachment to Air and Space Force ROTC Detachment 810.

CADET ACHIEVEMENTS

As mentioned in the Commander's update, the fall semester was successful and resulted in quite a few cadets achieving some noteworthy accomplishments. Below is a sampling of what our cadets achieved last semester.

100 Club : 100 on PFA

C/Mary Rourke // C/Summer Teichert // C/Lindsey Smith

Fitness Award; 90+ on PFA

46 Cadet ~ 72% of Cadet Wg

Academic Honors Award; 3.0 GPA + A in AS Studies

28 Cadets ~ 44% of Cadet Wg

Marsh Scholarship Award Recipients

C/Jacob Ischy // C/Taylor Vance

Raynor Herbert Smith Scholarship Award Recipient

C/Anakarrin Smith

Graduating Seniors

C/Tavia Bell—Air Force

C/Emme Phillips—Space Force

Missiles / Vandenburg

Space Ops / TBD

C/Hunter Copp—Air Force

C/Kassandra Sawin—Air Force

Acquisition Ops Ex / TBD

Nurse / Wright Patterson

C/Alma Payan—Air Force

C/Noah Tuttle—Air Force

Intel / Goodfellow

Pilot / TBD

BARKSDALE AFB VISIT

GMC and POC Cadets participated in our fall base visit to Barksdale AFB. During the visit, Cadets were exposed to bomber operations from the squadron level to Air Force Global Strike Command and many stops in between. In total, Cadets were exposed to 17 unique AFSCs, toured a B-52, flew in the B-52 simulator, participated in multiple small group panel sessions, and were exposed to many facets of life at an active duty base.



DETACHMENT 810 LIFE



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Join with the Baylor Family on Wednesday, March 1, for the fifth annual Baylor Giving Day.

Baylor Giving Day is a university-wide, 24-hour fundraising event that begins at 12 a.m. CDT March 1 and runs until 11:59 p.m. Similar to focused giving days around the country, Baylor Giving Day provides alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, and students an opportunity to be a part of Baylor's future and impact existing and new programs, student scholarships, and priority funds across the University.

MAINTAINING TRADITIONS

Wednesday, November 24, 1909 marked Baylor's first homecoming parade. Though the parade did not develop into an annual tradition until after World War II, Detachment 810 proudly supports this event each fall. Ensuring 70 cadets are marching in perfect unison can be a challenge, but one which the Cadets and Cadre of the Detachment gladly accept. This year, parade practice was a central training task, executed with determination and dedication. Though the cadets weren't thinking about Spring at the time, the fall parade is excellent practice for our Pass and Review, which is scheduled for the afternoon of 26 April.



MAJOR CHANGES IN ROTC

Over the past several years, many historic changes have been occurring in the Air and Space Force ROTC world. For those of you who've been on active duty for a significant period of time, separated, or have served a full career and are now retired, the information below is intended to keep you abreast of these changes.

First and foremost, the entire scholarship process is changing from a mindset of "if you receive" a scholarship to "when you receive" a scholarship from the Air Force, while ensuring that scholarship dollars are being spent on those cadets with the highest potential of commissioning. In past years, as many as 40%, or more, of High School scholarship recipients quit the program, were medically disqualified, or failed to meet an academic or physical standard. In order to accomplish this paradigm change, the High School Scholarship Program (HSSP) reduced the number of available scholarships, while at the same time increasing the value of each scholarship by eliminating all Type II (\$18,000/yr for tuition and fees) scholarships and only offering Type I (Full tuition and fees) scholarships.

Second, a more tailored approach to the In-College Scholarship Program (ICSP) was rolled out in conjunction with the changes to the HSSP program. The updated ICSP program is limited to a single board during the spring semester, is targeted at First (AS 150), or Second (AS 100) semester freshmen, and offers primarily Type II scholarships with upgrades to Type I scholarships available for cadets in critical majors (i.e. primarily STEM related).

Finally, the combination of the first two steps enabled the creation of the Charles McGhee Leadership Award (CMLA), which is automatically awarded to all ROTC cadets who received an enrollment allocation, graduated from field training, and do not already have an Air Force scholarship, with the net effect of these changes being that every cadet will receive an Air Force scholarship, or award, during their time in ROTC.

Baylor's generous \$200,000 recruiting/retention scholarship will be geared to finding and bringing in high-quality freshmen with and without an HSSP scholarship.

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CADET DELTA/CC CORNER

This semester, Detachment 810 has adopted the title of Cadet Delta to explore the way our sister service conducts their operations, and we are focused on further educating our cadets on the multitude of opportunities provided to them through the Air and Space Forces. We are dedicated to ensuring our cadets get the most out of their experience both as college students and cadets, finding creative ways to educate ourselves and take advantage of the local and national opportunities provided to us as cadets with a multitude of military and civilian resources at our disposal. Our cadets are dedicated to pursuing excellence on all levels, starting with maintaining academic success and working towards our degrees. We continue to strive to be competitive at the regional and national levels, encouraging our cadets to be competent and motivated in areas of Field Training preparedness, physical fitness, and dedication to the Air and Space Forces.

Field Training Preparation affords both POC and GMC a new challenge, as we work tirelessly to prepare our sophomore class for their time at Maxwell AFB this summer and offer the freshmen new opportunities to own their training and continue honing their leadership skills on a different scale. Our junior class has been working enthusiastically in their new positions in the Delta and are preparing to take over for the next academic year, as well as deciding their own AFSC preferences, as the senior class prepares to commission. The senior class strives to leave a dedicated legacy at Detachment 810 as we look forward to commissioning. The cadets of Det 810 are excited to continue our good work throughout the semester and aim to set ourselves up for success.



Cadet Emme Phillips

75 YEARS AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY



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

We will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary on the evening of April 22, 2023. MG Carey, who was recently selected as one of Baylor's Distinguished Alumni, has graciously agreed to be our Keynote speaker. Space is limited, but we've set aside ~100 seats for our Alumni. Tickets are expected to be between \$40-\$60/person. Alumni will also be offered the opportunity to sponsor a cadet for the dinner.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the detachment at afrotc@baylor.edu or (254) 710-3513.

PITTS SCHOLARSHIP

40+ YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

Captain Larry G. Pitts was a Baylor University graduate of the class of 1972 who died in a low-altitude training mission in 1979. Though Major Pitts did not receive his commission from Detachment 810, he was part of the detachment for several semesters during his time at Baylor. Following his death, his immediate family raised funds to create an endowed scholarship in the Fall of 1979 with the express purpose of supporting Cadets enrolled at Baylor University and participating in Air or Space Force ROTC. Since the 2003/04 academic year, his namesake memorial scholarship has disbursed funds in excess of \$67,000 in support of 22 cadets.

Capt Pitts was unmarried at the time of his passing, and over the decades many of his immediate and extended family members have also passed away. In partnership with his sister, who remains in good health, we now wish to rekindle our efforts to honor Capt Pitts' life and legacy. If you were in the Detachment or on active duty with Capt Pitts, please contact Lt Col Ken Sterling and share your stories, memories, and pictures of Capt Pitts.

If you're able to support this effort, please contact Detachment 810 Commander at (254) 710-3513 or afrotc@baylor.edu.

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We'd love to learn from your experiences and help expose our cadets to the Air and Space Force mission as early, and often, as possible. Please provide your updated contact information below, so we can maintain better communication with all of our alumni in the future.

Name: _____	Marsh Scholarship board member?	Yes	No
Address: _____	Willing to participate in a future 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	\$25	\$50	Other: _____
AFROTC Corps of Cadets Endowed Fund:	\$8.10	\$25	\$50	Other: _____
Capt Larry G. Pitts Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$8.10	\$25	\$50	Other: _____

Thank you for your continued support of our program and our future Air and Space 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" or "Capt Larry G. Pitts Memorial Scholarship 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. 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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