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HAILS, FAREWELLS & HAPPENINGS

◆ Well, as the saying often goes, the only thing that remains constant around here is change. This past year has been no exception. First and foremost, we said goodbye to a Baylor institution. **Mrs. Betty Spencer**, our beloved Uniform Custodian, retired this May after nearly 31 years with the program. Betty and her husband, Edwin, are off to visit the only state they've not yet seen: Hawaii. If they leave during the Texas heat, they may never come back! Thank you, Betty, for more than three decades of loyal service to the young men and women of this detachment. We wish you and Edwin the best. Aloha 'oe!



◆ Also leaving us for bigger and better things was **Colonel Lester Ogawa**. After being selected for promotion, Col Ogawa moved to DC and is now Chief of Engineering and Workforce Management Division, SAF/AQRE. Thank you for your leadership and enjoy your new assignment.

◆ In November we welcomed **Maj(s) Judy Garza** as our new Recruiting Flight Commander and AS100 instructor. She is a Force Support officer with nearly 18 years of service and joins us after a tour at Little Rock AFB as the Sustainment Services Flight Commander. Welcome Judy.

◆ This August we'll welcome **Mr. Jonas Powers** as our new Uniform Custodian. Jonas will join us with a background as a Senior Airman in Air Transportation. He's also the husband of our NCOIC of Knowledge Ops Management, SSgt Nicole Powers. He certainly has some big shoes to fill, but with his AF background and familiarity with our program, I'm sure he'll be a huge asset.



Painting donors with artist, Frank Jasek.

◆ If you visit our detachment you'll notice new artwork on the walls. The artist is **Deacon Frank Jasek ('73)**, a Preservation Specialist at Baylor University. Frank has been selling his paintings to raise money to publish a book he compiled. The book tells the stories of approximately 150 Baylor students and alumni who died while serving in our Armed Forces. A special thanks goes out to **Joe Brownfield ('49)**, **Richard Griffith ('51)**, **Gale Galloway ('52)**, **Don Riddle ('57)**, and **Erik & Kimberly Gronberg ('98)** who purchased paintings and donated them to our detachment. Because of your generosity, Frank will be able to have the book published by the end of August! Those interested in the project or the book can contact Frank at Frank_Jasek@Baylor.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



The Maj Gen Marsh Scholarship Endowment awarded \$2,000 scholarships to three deserving cadets. They are:

Ashley Hwang (Biology/Pre-Health), Daniel Sessions (Aviation Sciences), and Nabiha Shaikh (International Studies). Thank you to **Chap Maj Gen Marsh ('51), William DeLoach ('57), Rex Kathcart Jr. ('57), Ernest Kircus ('59), Mike Tawney ('73), Dennis DeGraff ('80), Jeff Bowles ('83), David Aparicio ('03), and Marc Bradle ('04)** for managing the selection process, and thank you to all who made these scholarship funds available.

Two cadets received Military Officer Association of America scholarships. Ashley Hwang and Daniel Sessions each received \$600 from MOAA.

Two cadets were awarded Capt Larry G. Pitts Scholarships. Lucas Borg (Biology) received \$2500 and Matthew Laramie (History) received \$1000. Matthew was also awarded a \$1000 Raynor L. Hebert Scholarship.

Two of our cadets were selected for Air Force graduate scholarship programs. LaTraia Scott will receive a full scholarship to a medical school of her choice, and Lucas Borg will receive a full scholarship to a dental school of his choice. Congrats to them both for this tremendous honor.

Finally, I'm happy to report that the AFROTC In-College Scholarship Program was reinstated this year. Nine of our cadets were selected by a national scholarship board for AFROTC scholarships. We're hoping the program will continue for years to come.



You may have noticed the new Det 810 patch at the top of the newsletter. The Wing decided it was time for an update. Thanks to 2dLt Caleb Weaver ('12) for stepping up and taking on this effort. We're currently collecting bids to have the patch produced. What do you all think of the new version?

HOMECOMING AND CAREER DAY

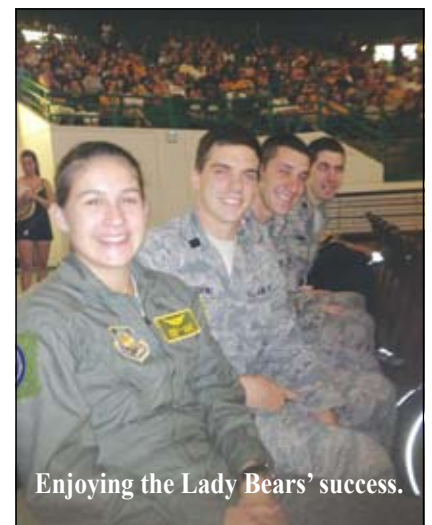
Based on the feedback I received, coupling Career Day with Homecoming was a big success; one we'd definitely like to repeat! A huge 'thank you' to the 13 active duty and retired officers from eight different career fields who provided first-hand experience to the wing. I think this is one of the most valuable events this program offers. Therefore, I humbly ask for your help in making this opportunity an annual thing. If you are planning to be in Waco for Homecoming this November, please consider speaking at our Career Day LLAB. We'd love to hear your experiences. All career fields are welcome, regardless of duty status. We also invite you to be part of the Chaplain Maj Gen Marsh Scholarship selection board, also to be held in conjunction with Homecoming. Tentative AFROTC schedule for Homecoming weekend:

- 2 Nov (1730) – Career Day (Russell Auditorium)
- 3 Nov (0900) – Det 810 Open House (Speight Plaza Bldg, Suite 100)
- 3 Nov (1000) – Marsh Scholarship board (Speight Plaza Bldg, Suite 100)

The time of the football game has not yet been announced, but I'm confident we'll get you to the stadium for kickoff!

NEW BEAR FOUNDATION WARRIOR BEAR LEVEL

The Baylor Bear Foundation is capitalizing on a phenomenal year for Baylor sports by adding a new membership level: The Warrior Bear. This level will be available to all past and current members of the Armed Forces. Details regarding membership requirements, benefits and enrollment fees will be available Aug 1st at: www.baylor.edu/bearfoundation.



CADET ACTIVITIES

Field Training: Twenty-four of our cadets are taking part in Field Training this summer. The competition for Field Training enrollment allocations once again proved fierce, but we managed an 89% success rate. FTP went very well this year, so we're expecting 100% of them to complete Field Training and enter the POC.

AFA Military Ball and Symposium: In April, several cadets traveled to Dallas for the AFA, Seidel Chapter's military ball & symposium. While there, they got to meet the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen Norton A. Schwartz. What a night!



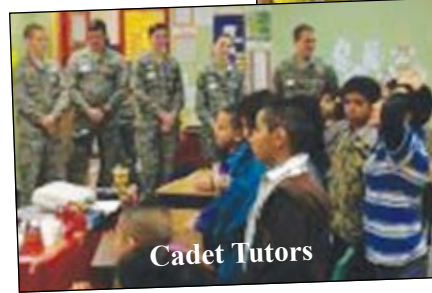
Det 810 cadets with the CSAF!

Texas Field Day: Members of the cadet wing did an excellent job of planning and executing this year's Texas Field Day event. In total, eight AFROTC detachments and approximately 400 cadets participated in a dozen different sporting events. In the end, our bid for a third consecutive victory fell just short, as we took second place to a determined cadet wing from Det 842, UTSA. Despite the loss, the event was a tremendous learning opportunity for our future leaders, as they managed every aspect of this large competition.

Community Involvement: The wing continues to be very active in the local community. This year they ran an aid station at the Bearathon, and



Proud Bearathon finishers



Cadet Tutors

provided logistical support for the Great Brazos Relay. Cadets also competed in each of these events. The wing logged many

hours of tutoring at the Waco Charter School, providing the young students with encouragement and a positive representation of the Air Force.

Cadets also teamed up with Army ROTC to provide a joint Color Guard at a football game, and for the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, and to conduct a 24-hr flag Veterans' Day flag vigil.



Joint Color Guard



Singing the National Anthem on 9/11

Congratulations to our Newest Officers!

This FY we commissioned 14 new 2d Lts into our Air Force. Best of luck to the following officers as they head to their first assignments:

- ◆ Katrina J. Cheesman: Public Affairs, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
- ◆ Mandy M. King: Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX
- ◆ Adam E. Lubin: Undergraduate Pilot Training, NAS Whiting Field, FL
- ◆ Caleb A. Lyons: Combat Systems Officer Training, NAS Pensacola, FL
- ◆ Bradley L. McCullough: Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Ft Worth, TX
- ◆ Abigayil J. Oilar: Airfield Operations, Holloman AFB, NM
- ◆ Joshua S. Rangel: Intelligence Officer School, Goodfellow AFB, TX
- ◆ Evan M. Ross: Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, TX
- ◆ Kelsi D. Sapp: Developmental Engineering, Eglin AFB, FL
- ◆ Emily R. Trop: Intelligence Officer School, Goodfellow AFB, TX
- ◆ Kyle C. Van Hecke: Intelligence Officer School, Goodfellow AFB, TX
- ◆ Lauren C. Venturini: Force Support, Whiteman AFB, MO
- ◆ Caleb J. Weaver: Undergraduate Pilot Training, NAS Whiting Field, FL
- ◆ Jessica E. Young: Obstetrics Nurse, Keesler AFB, MS



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Please let us know if you will join us for Homecoming activities this November 2nd and 3rd. 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

E-mail: _____

Rank/Title: _____

Phone: _____

AFSC/MOS: _____

Class Year: _____

Duty Station: _____

Thank you for your continued support of our program, and our future Air Force leaders.!

Chaplain Maj Gen Gerald E. Marsh Scholarship Endowment: \$10 \$15 \$25 Other \$_____

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



**A Final
THANK YOU**

By all accounts this has been a successful year. We worked hard when there was work to be done, but we made sure there was time to play hard, too. Your generosity continues to be critical to all our activities. Contributions of \$1,875 to the Chap Maj Gen Marsh Scholarship, and \$1,210 to The Betterment of the Corps Fund provided significant financial aid to three students, and helped purchase annual cadet awards, decorations for our military ball, refreshments for the commissioning ceremony, parent pins for our new 2d Lts, and a digital camera to capture all the action throughout the year. You have been, and continue to be, instrumental to our success. Thank you for all that you do!