

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S UPDATE

What a summer for the Cadets and Cadre of Detachment 810! The Detachment sent 15 Cadets, two Cadet Training Assistants, and three Cadre members to Field Training, said goodbye to Maj Tidwell, welcomed Capt Renner, and conducted four quality of life projects...whew! At Field Training, our Cadets shined by earning 20 awards – four Distinguished Graduates, 14 Fitness, one Warrior Spirit, and one Ironwoman. Back at the Det, Maj Tidwell capped off his time at Baylor by earning Holm Center FGO of the 1st Quarter, and Capts Herlacher and Teicher continued the streak by winning Officer Instructor and Officer Evaluator, respectively, of the 2nd quarter at the AFROTC level. Our intense recruiting efforts last year have borne significant fruit, resulting in an incoming class of 28 Freshmen, including 10 full ride Air Force Scholarships and four University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students – the largest ever cross-town school population! Through Baylor's generosity, our revamped AFROTC incentive plan went into effect this year, and we were able to award 26 new scholarships worth over \$187K dollars, and continue four legacy incentive awards worth \$12K dollars! Looking forward, the Detachment plans to lead the region across several local professional development training events, host a Texas-wide cadet sports day, craft numerous joint training events with our Army counterparts, and help lead a new enterprise-wide Physical Training program, leveraging Baylor's resources to enhance the performance of our cadets. As a Horned Frog myself, this hurts, but Sic 'em Bears! -Lt Col Sterling

MY 2023-2024 CADRE AND STAFF



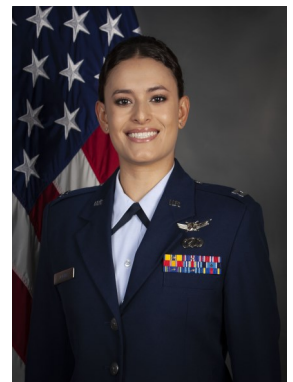
Lt Col Sterling



Capt Herlacher



Capt Renner



Capt Teicher



TSgt Tapley



SSgt Lewis



Mrs. Shipp



Mrs. Burris

RATED CAREER FIELDS

Thank you to all alumni who helped bring one of the Det's goals to fruition last semester by financially supporting our Flight Lab! Below is a picture of the nearly completed simulator set-up we were able to provide to our cadets this year!

If you are able to help coordinate an orientation flight or want to help create a flight simulator training curriculum, please contact the detachment at afrotc@baylor.edu.



CADET SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As mentioned in the Commander's update, the summer was busy for the Detachment! Here's some of our award winners!

Field Training DGs x4:

C/Teichert // C/Majcher // C/Shrader // C/Zeigler

Field Training Fitness Award: 90+ on HA

14 Cadets + 1 x Ironwoman (highest female HA/MAX)

Field Training Warrior Spirit: Best Warrior & Wingman Ethos
C/Magpantay

Field Training Cadre Members

Lt Col Sterling - Deputy Commander Operations (OG/CC)

Capt Herlacher - Flight Training Officer

TSgt Tapley - Combatives Instructor



MAX 5 Graduates!

CAREER DAY 2023

The Detachment plans to host various Air Force officers during Leadership Lab for 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! Career Day this year is scheduled for October 11 and October 18 (secondary session). If you cannot make either of these dates but still wish to participate, please contact us to discuss virtual options or alternate dates.

If you are interested in attending this year's Alumni Career Day, please contact Capt Matthew Renner at matthew_renner@baylor.edu.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Walk into the detachment these days, and you will be greeted with a smile and welcoming hello from Mrs. Roberta Shipp. Mrs. Shipp is the Office Manager for Air Force ROTC Det 810 and has been a part of the team since the summer of 2014. In addition to being the face of the Det, she manages the budget, distribution of scholarships and stipends, and cadet pay. More importantly, if you ask any of the current or previous cadets who have worked with her, you will find she pours her heart into their wellbeing, so much so that she was nominated by Det 810 alumni as a Baylor Alumni by Choice. As the daughter of a retired Chief Master Sergeant and the wife of a retired Air Force officer, Mrs. Shipp brings with her a long experience with members of the Air Force. She is an integral and invaluable member of the Det 810 team and was recognized as the Southwest Region University Civilian of the 4th Quarter in 2022!

DETACHMENT 810 LIFE



C/Zenero (blue coat) in Japan



C/Gavin at USAFA



C/Harton (center) at Maxwell



C/Majcher at Vertical Vanguard



C/Shrader at Field Training



C/Greener & Waldo in Oman



GIVE LIGHT

Join with the greater Baylor community in supporting the Department of Aerospace Studies and/or Baylor.

You can support Baylor's Department of Aerospace Studies by donating to either the AFROTC Corps Fund or the Chaplain Major General Gerald E. Marsh AFROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund. The Corps fund directly supports Detachment activities, while the Marsh fund supports an endowed scholarship awarded each fall to deserving cadets.

GREETINGS ALUMNI!

The United States Air Force Baylor Affiliates Affinity Group has an overall mission to promote lasting connections among alumni, cadets, cadre, and staff in support of Baylor University, the USAF, USSF, and Det 810. As members, we value a sense of shared community and patriotism by upholding USAF core values and the Christian commitment of Baylor University. What do we do as an affinity group? The affinity group strives to maintain a communication list of alumni, a social media presence, a sponsorship program for our newly commissioned officers, and to promote and bolster major events such as homecoming, commissioning, and anniversary or celebratory events like the Spring 75th Anniversary Dining Out. The group also supports the fundraising efforts of our long-standing scholarship programs.

The board has taken on a BIG project and we need your support. Over the next few months or years, we will strive to compile a record of all commissioned Det 810 alumni. If you like research and history and would like to help please reach out to Missy Burton at missyb@ginisis.com.

Each year, Baylor and Det 810 invite alumni to come home! Stop by the detachment after the parade Homecoming on Saturday, Oct 28, 2023 for an Open House. See the detachment, meet cadets, and share memories with friends new and old. We are also planning a pre-game fly-over by alumni aviators at the football game vs Iowa State!

Can't make it back this year for Homecoming? There are other ways to support. Join our affinity group. Sponsor a cadet assigned to your base or who will be working in your career field. Volunteer to assist with the scholarship panel. Volunteer to be added to a list of potential guest speakers and share your AF experiences with the cadets. Or you can always support the scholarship and cadet activities fundraising efforts by purchasing a Det 810 Alumni polo (link pending) or by making a donation to any of our scholarship funds.

HOMEcoming / MARSH SCHOLARSHIP BOARD DETACHMENT OPEN HOUSE

Continuing our tradition of over 50 years, Detachment 810 cadets will march proudly in the university-wide homecoming parade on October 28, 2023. The parade route will begin in downtown Waco and 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 participating in this exciting event. The Detachment plans to use homecoming as a chance to reconnect with its alumni, forge new relationships, and support our current cadets.

October 27 - Detachment Open House / Marsh Scholarship Board / 9 Hole Golf Scramble

0900-1100: Early Detachment Open House (coffee / snacks provided)

1300-1445: Marsh Scholarship Board (coffee / snacks provided)

1530-1800: 9 Hole Golf Scramble Det Fundraiser (Sammons Golf Course in Temple, Texas)

Please RSVP for all events to Mrs. Roberta Shipp at roberta_shipp@baylor.edu

October 28 - Baylor Homecoming Parade

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

Late Detachment Open House immediately follows the conclusion of the parade.

* - Please contact Roberta Shipp if you are unable to attend a 0900 open house on October 27, but would be able to attend an open house event on Game-Day.

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CADET WING/CC CORNER

During the Fall 2023 semester, Detachment 810 will strive to develop cadets' leadership through intentional training and boldly facing new challenges. We aim to enhance our leadership training quality by improving our group leadership skills and ensuring our Cadet Training Officers are well-prepared for every Leadership Lab to execute our training objectives. Our new Director of Training/Drill and Ceremonies Officer position will play a pivotal role in this. As for new challenges, we will be implementing a ton of new ideas this semester from the Cadet Wing Leadership and Cadre. Our cadets are very prepared to stay flexible as we chart new territory, all in the name of giving our cadets the best training in the nation.

In order to accomplish these goals, we have identified the following values of Air Force culture as critical to success: discipline, camaraderie, and love for the Air and Space Forces. Discipline encapsulates the self-control and focus required to accomplish our objectives. Camaraderie and love for the Air and Space Forces illustrate our commitment to each other, which helps give us the strength to give our all in AFROTC.



Cadet Benjamin Waldo

75 YEARS AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

We celebrated 75 years at Baylor University last Spring with a spectacular dining out! Roughly 150 cadets, guests, alumni, and visitors attended the event. Distinguished visitors included Dr. Linda Livingstone and her husband, the Commander of Air Force ROTC Col Corey Ramsby, and the Commander of Air Force ROTC Southwest Region Col Alan Henderson, and our keynote speaker Col Amanda Werkheiser Baylor University/Det 810 class of 2000. Most notably, we had alumni representing every decade from 1950 to 2020!



Cadets Duncan & Phillips, Capt Herlacher

MARSH SCHOLARSHIP

30+ YEARS OF SUPPORT

This year marks 30 years of support to the Detachment from this endowed fund! The Marsh scholarship was created in August 1993 by the generous contributions of alumni, most notably Major General Gerald Marsh, who the award is named after. The scholarship is awarded each fall by the Baylor AFROTC Advisory Committee for outstanding cadet accomplishments and is intended to help offset the rising cost of education. In addition to a written application, cadets are individually interviewed by the committee. In recent years, the scholarship board has included a virtual attendance option to increase the number of alumni able to participate in the process.

Since AY 2000-2001, the scholarship has awarded more than \$54,000 dollars to 46 recipients for an average award of \$1,181. Baylor's revised AFROTC incentive scholarship program will now guarantee a minimum award value of \$5,000 for one scholarship per year from this fund!

This scholarship was made possible by generous contributions from past Alumni and can only grow with additional contributions from the next generation of Alumni. If you're able to support this effort, please consider donating to the endowed fund via the QR code on page 3.

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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.

STAY ENGAGED

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