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# **DET 030**

**ThunderHawks**



## **University of Arkansas**

Fayetteville, Arkansas

**Executive Summary**  
**Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Detachment 030's Annual Report**  
**(1 January 2013- 31 December 2013)**  
**for the University of Arkansas**

Detachment 030 commissioned eight new second lieutenants into the active duty Air Force with one Distinguished Graduate.

Cadets earned 15 allocations to field training (93.8 percent selection rate and 100 percent completion rate). Of the 15 cadets to complete field training over the past year, 3 earned the award of distinguished graduate and one earned Superior Performer recognition.

Detachment 030 ranked 21 out of 145 in average fitness score and 9 out of 145 in academic grade point average.

21 cadets earned AFROTC scholarships totaling \$205,430.

The University invested over \$185,000 in room and board scholarships to qualified, deserving cadets.



MEMORANDUM FOR: Provost Sharon Gaber

FROM: AFROTC DET 30/CC

DATE: 30 January 2014

SUBJECT: Air Force ROTC Annual Report

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**1. Overall Assessment:** The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program at the University of Arkansas Detachment 030, ThunderHawks, continues to prepare and commission some of the most highly qualified new lieutenants in the United States Air Force. As of 31 December 2013, the ThunderHawks ranked 21 out of 145 detachments across the nation in fitness and 9 out of 145 in academics. Additionally, 21 cadets earned AFROTC scholarships totaling \$205,430 in tuition and fees. Of exceptional note, a zero-tolerance atmosphere anchored by positive peer pressure helped to eliminate alcohol-related incidents in 2013. The University of Arkansas' AFROTC program is an ideal place for new Razorbacks to find a sense of belonging among disciplined, like-minded over-achievers who possess a strong desire to be servant leaders.

**2. Enrollment Information (2013-2014 academic year):** Fall 2013 enrollment decreased slightly over the past year with 59 cadets seeking commissions. As we work to tap into the tremendous growth at the University, we have expanded our recruiting emphasis beyond engineering by adding focus in nursing, foreign languages, and business. Additionally, we have improved our relationships with cross-town schools, picking up four cadets this academic year. Our goal remains a high quality cadet corps 108 strong, commissioning at least 15 new second lieutenants each year.

Calendar Year	(13)	(12)
<b>Total Cadets</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>
Freshmen	21	22
Sophomores	16	20
Juniors	15	7
Seniors	5	8
Fifth-year seniors (completed cadets)	2	4
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Commissioned in 2013	8	Summer '13 Field Training attendees: 15
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<u>2013</u>		
Contracted, not on scholarship	7	
On scholarship	21	
Total Contracted	28	
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Projected to commission 2014	4	Summer '13 Field Training projection: 11
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**3. Personnel Information:** A seasoned cadre with one or more years of experience under our belts, operations ran smoothly despite the loss of our NCO for Knowledge Operations Management (replacement due January 2014). Our cadre members are:

- a. Lieutenant Colonel Buster McCall completed his first year as Commander of AFROTC Detachment 30, and served as instructor of the senior- and sophomore-level cadets.
- b. Captain Sean Kreps completed his first year as the Operations Flight Commander and taught the junior-level cadets.
- c. Captain Benjamin Young completed his first year as the Recruiting Flight Commander and taught our freshman-level cadets.
- d. Technical Sergeant Timothy Klinedinst completed his fourth year as our Personnel Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC).
- e. NCO for Knowledge Operations Management: Vacant.
- f. Ms. Kim Killion, our Secretary, completed her fifth year with the department in November.

**4. Professional Development and Training Highlights:**

- a. Commissioning: This year (1 January 2013 through 31 December 2013) we commissioned eight new second lieutenants, including one Distinguished Graduate.
- b. Field Training: 15 of 16 (93.8 percent) candidates earned selection to Field Training, with three earning Distinguished Graduate honors, one Superior Performer, and 12 of 15 earning rankings among the top 8 out of 21--25 cadets in their flight. Additionally, all 15 cadets completed the rigorous summer training.
- c. Detachment 030 cadets ranked 21 out of 145 AFROTC detachments nationwide in average fitness assessment score and 9 out of 145 in academic grade point average.
- d. University of Arkansas Arnold Air Society selected as the Area IX Command Staff. University of Arkansas cadets will lead Arnold Air Society operations for 16 schools in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.



- e. Cadets traveled to Whiteman Air Force Base where they toured a remotely piloted aircraft squadron, security forces, and the flight line; got an up-close look at a B-2; and took a ride in a B-2 simulator.



- f. Cadet Awards include: Detachment 030: High Flight Award as best small detachment in the Southwest Region; Cadet Jordan Carr: Southwest Region Order of Daedalians Colonel W. Getchell Memorial Scholarship, The Southwest Region Major General Jeanne M. Holm Leadership Excellence Award, and Southwest Region nominee for the United States Air Force Cadet of the Year Award.
- g. Cadre Awards: Technical Sergeant Klinedinst: Air Force ROTC Personnel Management of The Year and Air Force ROTC Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter, April-June 2013; Captain Krepes: Top Flight Training Officer for Maxwell 2 Field Training In-Garrison (#1 of 20); and Captain Benjamin Young, Southwest Region Recruiting Flight Commander of the Year.

## 5. Community Service Highlights:

- a. Presented a 24-hr POW/MIA vigil heightening awareness while remembering those who served and did not come home.
- b. Organized registration and prize support for the Fayetteville Veterans National Cemetery 5k Run, raising over \$8,000 towards maintenance and expansion.



Color Guard supporting Gymbacks

- c. Teamed with Army ROTC to support Race for the Cure crowd control for over 10,000 participants raising \$227,000.
- d. Organized Walk MS: Northwest Arkansas, April 2013. 399 participants raised over \$44,000 providing hope to 7,000 in our community with Multiple Sclerosis.



- e. Presented Air Force wreath and performed a POW/MIA ceremony during Wreaths Across America at the Fayetteville National Cemetery honoring 1,800 graves and 650 attendees. Yes, it was cold.

- f. The Detachment 030 Air Force ROTC Honor Guard presented the colors at approximately 25 university football games, basketball games, and gymnastics meets.

**6. Facilities and Support:** The University of Arkansas continues to provide phenomenal support to Air Force ROTC. Air Force ROTC cadets earned over \$185,000 in University of Arkansas Housing Scholarships, a definite recruiting tool attracting the best and brightest to the University.



Cadets marching in one of our first-class You of A facilities

**7. Open Actions:** The University of Arkansas continues to lose top-tier out-of-state Air Force ROTC scholarship recipients who choose not to give up one year of their scholarship at an out-of-state university. Instead, these top scholars attend in-state schools or out-of-state universities which waive non-resident fees. Recommend we implement an out-of-state tuition and fees waiver to all ROTC scholarship recipients by 1 May 2014.

