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ThunderHawgs



University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Executive Summary
Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Detachment 030's Annual Report
(1 January 2015- 31 December 2015)
for the University of Arkansas

Detachment 030 commissioned nine new second lieutenants into the active duty Air Force.

Cadets earned 8 allocations to field training (67 percent selection rate and 100 percent completion rate). Of the 8 cadets to complete field training over the past year, two earned the award of distinguished graduate and one earned Superior Performer recognition.

Detachment 030 ranked 19 out of 145 in average fitness score and 4 out of 145 in academic grade point average.

One Airman and 30 cadets earned AFROTC scholarships totaling \$270,990.

The University invested over \$222,000 in room and board scholarships to qualified, deserving cadets and pledged approximately \$170,000 in facility renovations.



MEMORANDUM FOR: Provost Ashok Saxena

FROM: AFROTC DET 30/CC

DATE: 15 June 2016

SUBJECT: Air Force ROTC Annual Report

1. Overall Assessment: The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program at the University of Arkansas Detachment 030, ThunderHawgs, continues to prepare and commission some of the most highly qualified new lieutenants in the United States Air Force. At our annual peak, the ThunderHawgs ranked 19 out of 145 detachments across the nation in fitness and 4 out of 145 in academics (for the second year in a row). Additionally, 30 cadets and 1 Airman earned AFROTC scholarships totaling \$270,990 in tuition and fees. Of exceptional note, a zero-tolerance atmosphere anchored by positive peer pressure continued a run of zero alcohol-related incidents in 2015. 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 (Fall 2015): Fall 2015 enrollment dropped to 65, a four percent decrease. We continue to look for ways to more effectively reach engineering students and freshmen during orientation. From discussions with recent graduates exploring the military, we find the information fair method fails to reach all interested students. We plan to partner with engineering perspectives to teach leadership and problem solving while making students aware of Army and Air Force ROTC opportunities. We also seek to join the briefing agenda during mass freshman orientation briefings. Our goal remains a high quality cadet corps 108 strong, commissioning at least 15 new second lieutenants each year.

Calendar Year	(15)	(14)
Total Cadets	65	68
Freshmen	19	26
Sophomores	19	19
Juniors	13	8
Seniors	8	14
Fifth-year seniors (completed cadets)	6	1

Commissioned in 2015 9 Summer '15 Field Training attendees: 14

2015

Contracted, not on scholarship	5
On scholarship	30
Total Contracted	35

Projected to commission 2016 9 Summer '16 Field Training projection: 14

3. Personnel Information: Our cadre members are:

- a. Lieutenant Colonel Buster McCall completed his third year as Commander of AFROTC Detachment 030, and served as instructor of the senior- and sophomore-level cadets in the spring and sophomore-level cadets in the fall.
- b. Major Sean Kreps completed his third year as the Operations Officer and taught the senior-level cadets in the fall.
- c. Captain Benjamin Young completed his third year as the Operations Flight Commander and taught our freshman- and junior-level cadets in the spring. He separated in July 2015.
- d. First Lieutenant Clayton Sharum completed his first year as the Recruiting Flight Commander and taught our freshman- and junior-level cadets in the fall.
- e. Master Sergeant Latisha Bowen joined the cadre in October as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC).
- f. Technical Sergeant Timothy Klinedinst separated from the Air Force in October after five years as our Personnel Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC).
- g. Staff Sergeant Michelle Doss changed duty stations in September after one year as the NCO for Knowledge Operations Management.
- h. Ms. Cat Donnelly, Administrative Specialist, completed her second year with the department.

4. Professional Development and Training Highlights:

- a. Commissioning: This year (1 January 2015 through 31 December 2015) we commissioned nine new second lieutenants. We held our third Joint Army/Air Force Fall Commissioning Ceremony where three Air Force cadets joined five from Army in a combined event. Colonel United States Air Force Retired, Jeff Vinger accepted our invitation as guest speaker. The spring commissioning event welcomed former Chancellor John White back as the guest speaker for the remaining six Air Force cadets.



- b. Field Training: 14 of 15 (93 percent) candidates earned selection to Field Training, with two earning Distinguished Graduate honors and three Superior

Performers. One cadet postponed field training attendance pending a passing Air Force Officer Qualification Test score and one cadet was medically deferred to 2016 after a medical dismissal. The remaining 13 cadets completed field training.



Cadet Scholars Crowd the Stage

c. Detachment 030 cadets ranked as high as 19 out of 145 AFROTC detachments nationwide in average fitness assessment score and, for the second straight year, 4 out of 145 in academic grade point average.

d. University of Arkansas Arnold Air Society cadets completed their year as Arnold Air Society Area IX Command Staff covering 15 schools and 300 members in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. The

command staff garnered three out of four national awards, Outstanding Area Commander, and Outstanding Executive Officer. Cadet Sean Bryant also earned one of three Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, intern positions at the Pentagon.

e. Expanded Dining Out to welcome Air Force ROTC alumni, with 11 attending. Lieutenant General Bradley Heithold, Class of '81, served as the guest speaker.



Alumni attending Dining Out

f. The University of Arkansas earned two invitations to the 2015 Air War College National Security Forum. Dr. Jim Rankin and Dr. Javier Reyes attended.

g. 25 cadets attended a base orientation visit to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.



Colonel Staha talks with cadets during his spring 2015 visit

h. Air Force ROTC cadets won the Cadet Olympics for the second straight year winning six out of eight events.

i. Cadet Awards include: Cadet John Vaughan earned selection as a Class of 2016 Seniors of Significance. Cadet Kalynn Barlow swept the Southwest Region summer cadet awards winning the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross and a \$1,500 United Services Automobile Association Scholarship Award and earning the Southwest Region nomination for the



Cadet Barlow receives Legion of Valor Award



Ms Donnelly: Employee of the Quarter

Lieutenant Jay Smith Memorial Scholarship Award. Cadet Alton Vaughan won the Society of American Military Engineers award. Cadet Mark Kelloms earned selection as a Cadet Training Assistant and acceptance to the United States Air Force Academy Field Engineering Readiness Lab. Finally, Cadets Kalynn Barlow and Isaac Hood earned ProjectGO language immersion opportunities in Arabic.

j. Cadre Awards: Ms. Donnelly won University of Arkansas Employee of the Quarter and Southwest Region University Employee of the Year for 2014. 1st Lt Sharum earned a Field Training Officer position at Camp Shelby.

5. Community Service Highlights:

a. Presented a POW/MIA vigil heightening awareness while remembering those who served and did not come home.

b. Marched as the lead element in the 2015 Fayetteville Veterans Day Parade.

c. Organized registration and prize support for the Fayetteville Veterans National Cemetery 5k Run, helping raise over \$20,000 towards maintenance and expansion.

d. Teamed with Army ROTC to support Race for the Cure crowd control for over 10,000 participants raising \$335,000.



Veterans Day Parade

e. Presented Air Force wreath and escorted dignitaries during Wreaths Across America at the Fayetteville National Cemetery honoring 1,800 graves and 4,000 participants.



Escorts ready to present wreaths

f. Presented the Colors and performed honor guard ceremonies at 29 events to include Razorback

athletic competitions, the Fayetteville Veterans Administration Hospital, and the National Medal of Honor Gala.



ROTC Presenting Colors

6. Facilities and Support: The University of Arkansas continues to provide phenomenal support to Air Force ROTC. Air Force ROTC cadets earned over \$222,000 in University of Arkansas Housing Scholarships, a definite recruiting tool attracting the best and brightest to the University. We also appreciate the tremendous support provided by Facilities Management and the Provost in support of approximately \$170,000 in classroom refurbishments, new carpet, and new paint scheduled for completion in spring 2016.



Cadets ready for inspection

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 2017.



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