



BAYLOR AFROTC ALUMNI BULLETIN

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Message from the Commander

Once again the noise of a detachment bustling with activity has been replaced by the quiet of empty hallways. During the academic year it seems virtually impossible to catch a breath, but with summer comes the opportunity to breathe deep. This has been another tremendous year for your Baylor Air Force ROTC program. Unfortunately for many on the staff, it will serve as our last. Major Charles Howland and I will end our Air Force careers in retirement while Capt David Long is reassigned to Hanscom AFB. Then in July, we'll welcome three officers and a new NCO to the Det 810 family. Before I hand over the reins, let me share some of this year's highlights.

The MOST exciting news came shortly after press time last year. Baylor Air Force ROTC was named the High Flight Award recipient for the Southwest Region in 2003. In short, we were the best large unit of 36 colleges and universities from western Mississippi to Hawaii. With that distinction, we were one of the top four programs in the nation! You can be proud of your Det 810 roots—we sure are!

Looking back at some key statistics for AY2003-2004, our enrollment hit 183 in the fall—another record! We welcomed 18 scholarship and 36 non-scholarship freshmen to Baylor by hosting a new student orientation program during Welcome Week. This half-day program allowed the new students to acquaint themselves with other cadets, to ask questions, and to start building their home away from home. Part of this orientation included offering a Success4Students seminar to teach college study skills. This was a fun and innovative way to help indoctrinate new students to college and AFROTC life. Midway through the fall term, HQ AFROTC introduced mandatory physical fitness training for all cadets. While fitness in the past had been "highly encouraged," this program requires 80 percent attendance as part of the Leadership Lab grade. Little did the cadets realize, the orientation of an expeditionary Air Force starts now.

Another fall semester highlight included the construction of a Centennial of Flight float for the Homecoming Parade. Depicting heavier-than-air flight from the Wright Flyer to the F-22, this float featured cadets in "era" uniforms (spanning Billy Mitchell's era to today) and a genuine WASP, Ms. Deannie Parrish. The regionally televised parade couldn't help but reflect well on our Air Force. After all, we had the Color Guard, a recruiter driving a mini F-16, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Society homecoming queen nominees, and the Class "C" award-winning AFROTC float surrounded by Honor Guard members.

As with past years, we continue to bring current and retired military leaders before our cadets. This year's speakers included: Mr. John Truesdell (SecAF-RA and Class of '63), Lt Gen (Ret) Kenneth Peek (CINSAC/CV), Chaplain, Maj Gen, Lorraine Potter (AF/HC), Maj Gen Richard Mentemeyer (AF/AXO), Brig Gen Jan Eakle (OO-ALC/CV and Class of '75), Brig Gen Maria Owens (OSD J-1 and Class of '75), Col Alan Thompson (AFROTC/CC), two AF-1 advance crew members, and two Army 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Photojournalists—recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. These individuals bring invaluable insights into our Detachment. Check out our news stories at: <http://www.baylor.edu/rotc/news.php>.

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AFROTC Alumni Meeting Minutes

The Baylor AFROTC Alumni Committee met on 7 Nov 03. Maj Gen Gerald Marsh (Ret) chaired the meeting. Lt Col Bowles welcomed the attendees and gave an overview of the program. Scholarship candidates were introduced and interviewed. Two cadets, Brandon Dubisson, a freshman, and Dusty Dodge, a sophomore, each received a \$500 scholarship.



Recent Second Lieutenant Assignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commissioning Date</u>	<u>First Assignment/Career Field</u>
David Aparicio [^]	December 2003	Rome Lab, NY/Engineering
Christopher Babcock	December 2003	Goodfellow AFB,/Intelligence
Alphanso Adams	May 2004	Incirlik AB,/Communications
Beau Baum	May 2004	USUHS, Bethesda, MD/Med School
Clara Bayne	May 2004	Scott AFB/Communications
David Benson*	May 2004	Goodfellow AFB/Intelligence
Marc Bradle	May 2004	Randolph AFB/Navigator
Tyler Creasman* [^]	May 2004	Moody AFB/Pilot
Daryl Crosby	May 2004	Wright-Patterson AFB/Security Forces
Jacque Garcia	May 2004	Brooks City-Base/Acquisition
William Howard* [^]	May 2004	Keesler AFB/Medical Service Corps
Daniel Jackson	May 2004	Barksdale AFB/Navigator
Jared Lacock	May 2004	Fort Hood/Navigator
David Lamb	May 2004	Langley AFB/Communications
Nicholas Lopez	May 2004	Minot AFB/Missile Maintenance
John Lugo	May 2004	Schreiver AFB/Communications
Patrick McSpadden	May 2004	Goodfellow AFB/Intelligence
Rachel Murphy* [^]	May 2004	Whiteman AFB/Personnel
Heather Ogletree	May 2004	Mountain Home AFB/Personnel
Clint Spratley	May 2004	Kirtland AFB/Physics
Brett Stitt	May 2004	Randolph AFB/Navigator
Bill Tibbs	May 2004	Lackland AFB/Engineering
Josh Wehrle	May 2004	Tinker AFB/Acquisition



*Denotes Distinguished Graduate ^Denotes Blue Chip Designee

Homecoming Reception Invitation

The AFROTC Alumni Advisory Committee sets the general guidance needed for the successful operation of the AFROTC alumni organization. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 22 Oct 04 at 1500 hrs in the AFROTC building. Call the detachment at (254) 710-3513 to reserve a space. Also, the detachment will be open during the parade on Saturday morning, so plan to drop by.

Detachment Updates *by Capt Long*

Fall Semester 2003

AFROTC in Homecoming Parade

For the first time ever, AFROTC entered a float in the Baylor Homecoming Parade, winning the Class "C" category and getting wonderful publicity for the Air Force and AFROTC.



AFROTC at Baylor Ropes Course

The cadet wing spent a LLAB at Eastland Lakes where they learned about teamwork and esprit de corps. They participated in numerous high and low elements and had a lot of fun. Best of all, the event was free to cadets, thanks to \$3,000 the AF gave AFROTC to spend.



Community Service at LLAB

For the first time, community service was included in the LLAB curriculum. Cadets participated in cleanup efforts at the Waco Center for Youth, then helped at the World Hunger Farm, and finally cleared debris at a historical cemetery. This was mentioned as a best practice for the Southwest Region.

Spring Semester 2004

Combat Dining In

The cadet wing hosted its annual Combat Dining In at the Hewitt VFW post in April. Cadets wore BDUs, face paint, and had a special Jodie competition and flight skits. A catered barbeque meal was provided, and the event was again voted the number one event by cadets.



Spring Break Base Visit

In March, Capt Blackwell took 25 cadets to Tyndall AFB and MacDill AFB, FL via KC-135 that flew into Waco. Cadets toured the F-22, F-15, and received briefings and demos. Here they pose with Col Timothy Merrill, '81, 325 OG/CC at Tyndall AFB.



Commissioning

In May, 21 cadets were commissioned in the largest commissioning ceremony in recent years, with more than 300 people in attendance. Maj Gen Richard Mentemeyer, AF/AXO, guest speaker, provided thoughtful insight to the audience and cadets.

AFROTC Det 810 Cadre

Lt Col Jeffrey Bowles	PAS, AS200
Capt David Long	COC, AS300
Capt Jonathon Spence	EO, AS400
Capt John Blackwell	UAO, AS100
TSgt (s) Wendy McDowell	NCOIC, Info Mgt
Mrs. Betty Mullins	Admin Assistant
Mrs. Betty Spencer	Uniform Custodian

*Attention Det 810 Alumni!*

We encourage you to stay connected to your Detachment by visiting our website at <http://www.baylor.edu/rotc>. Be sure to update your contact information. You can email Maj Mike Dilda your information at: MLDilda@member.afa.org.

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Field Training recently started for 26 attendees—8 others were deferred until 2005 due to space limitations. They follow last year's crop of 33, of whom 38 percent earned some form of formal recognition. We're expecting great performances by our rising juniors. You'll also notice later in this newsletter, we're commissioning 26 new lieutenants this year (2 last December, 21 in May, and 3 in August). They'll be joining many of you still in service with our nation's Air Force. Be sure to seek them out and help them to engage in your base's activities.

Another highlight of the year was Baylor's creation of the Chaplain Robert Preston Taylor Award to recognize Baylor War Heroes. Named in honor of a Baylor graduate, former Air Force Chief of Chaplains and Bataan Death March survivor, the inaugural award was presented in November with Chaplain Taylor's family, the current Air Force Chief of Chaplains, President Robert Sloan Sr., President Emeritus Herbert Reynolds, and many others in attendance. The award joins the Ring of Honor (commissioned by the Class of '52) in front of Pat Neff Hall.

Let me take a moment to introduce the inbound staff. Capt David Long, our Commandant of Cadets, was named COC of the year for all AFROTC! As I mentioned earlier, he'll be leaving in August for Hanscom AFB to be replaced by Major Eddie Felder arriving from Greece. Replacing Major Howland is Capt Jonathan Spence arriving from Keesler AFB. TSgt Erica Johnson arrives from Kadena AB to replace TSgt Terry Gibson who separated in February. And Lt Col David Riel replaces me at the end of July coming in from Wright-Patterson AFB. Before we all depart, we'll do our best to convey Baylor's tradition of excellence to the new cadre. No doubt they'll help continue the winning legacy.

As alumni, let me remind you of the importance your support brings to this program. During last December's Dining Out, Chaplain, Maj Gen, Gerald Marsh presented two \$500 scholarships to cadets in our program from the scholarship fund. For those who made this presentation a reality, thank you! Still others of you made contributions to the AIM HIGHER cadet booster club or to the Blue Knights Drill Team to offset the expense of many cadet activities. Many others visited campus and shared your experiences with our students. However you choose to be involved, please know your support is an encouragement to our students. Let me remind all Det 810 alumni to maintain your contact with Maj Mike Dilda. He has voluntarily assembled a list of alumni (active duty and retired) to assist our lieutenants once they arrive at their new duty locations and to help us older folk keep in touch. If "Mode 5" has not contacted you or if you want to confirm your information in his list, drop him an e-mail at MLDilda@member.afa.org. We'd love to hear from you!

Finally and as always, we hope to see as many of you as possible during Homecoming. On Friday afternoon, October 22nd at 3 p.m. in our building, we will host our annual Alumni Meeting. There you will receive a full report on our activities, review the status of the cadet wing, and interview/award scholarships to deserving cadets. Block your schedules now and plan on attending to show your Air Force blue AND your green and gold!

This has been a terrific assignment and Air Force career. To start and finish at Baylor has certainly made my experience complete. I believe we have the highest quality students who embody all the Air Force seeks in its officers. They follow a legacy that began in 1948 and that continues with our most recent graduates. Together they are working to make our Air Force better than it was and in so doing, are making a great name for Baylor and Detachment 810. I thank you for your support of me and my staff over the past three years. Godspeed and best wishes!

Lt Col Jeffrey Bowles '83
Commander, AFROTC Det 810



Cadets at World Hunger Farm during LLAB, Oct 03

Cadets lead a Veterans Day Ceremony at the DFW National Cemetery, Nov 03



Color Guard retires the colors during a retreat ceremony on campus, Nov 03



Cadet cleaning the World War I cemetery during LLAB, Apr 04



Cadet Wing marching at Pass in Review, Apr 04



Lt Col Bowles, Brig Gen Owens, and the fall/spring cadet wing commanders at Mil Ball, Apr 04



HAIL AND FAREWELL

***Hail to Lt Col David Riel**, who will arrive July 04 from Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. He will be the new PAS and teach AS200.

***Hail to Maj Eddie Felder**, who arrives July 04 from Larissa AB, Greece. He will be the new COC and teach AS300.

***Hail to Capt Jonathon Spence**, who arrived June 04 from Keesler AFB, MS. He is the new EO and will teach AS400.

***Hail to TSgt Erica Johnson**, who will arrive Aug 04 from Kadena AB, Japan. She will be the NCOIC, Personnel.

***Farewell to Lt Col Jeffrey Bowles**, who will retire in Aug 04 after 21 years of service. Thanks for your service, we'll miss you. He is staying in Waco.

***Farewell to Maj Charles Howland**, who retired in May 04 after 29 years of service. Thanks for your service, you will also be missed. He is staying in Waco.

***Farewell to Capt David Long**, who will PCS to Hanscom AFB, MA later in the summer after three years as the COC.

***Farewell to 2Lt Anthony May**, who served as an ADD officer, and left in Apr 04 for UNT at Randolph AFB, TX.

***Farewell to 2Lt Ryan Cummings**, who served as an ADD officer, and left in Oct 03 for training at Vandenberg AFB, CA.

***Farewell to 2Lt Doug Murphy**, who served as an ADD officer, and left in Oct 03 for UPT at NAS Whiting Field, FL.

***Farewell to 2Lt Alma Hernandez**, who served as an ADD officer, and left in Sep 03 to become a nurse at MacDill AFB, FL.

***Farewell to 2Lt Tiffany Neu**, who served as an ADD officer, and left in Aug 03 to become a nurse at Andrews AFB, MD.

Baylor AFROTC Alumni Endowment Fund

Starting with the class of 1950, Baylor AFROTC has commissioned more than 1,000 officers. As alumni, you are a valued part of the heritage of Det 810, and we ask you to consider contributing to the Alumni Endowment Fund. This fund was created in Aug 93 to establish an annual scholarship for Baylor AFROTC cadets by AFROTC alumni. As our cadets face increasing costs of a college education, this fund helps reduce those costs while recognizing their outstanding accomplishments. Each year at Homecoming, the AFROTC Alumni Advisory Committee awards scholarships to deserving cadets. Please consider donating to this fund and investing in our future Air Force.



Cadet Wing Spring 2004

BAYLOR AFROTC ALUMNI RESPONSE CARD

Grad Year: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____ Email: _____
Rank/Title: _____ Present Occupation: _____
Address: _____

Scholarship Endowment Pledge:
___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other (specify)
RSVP for Homecoming Reception:
Yes ___ No ___
Interest in attending alumni meeting:
Yes ___ No ___

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