What Does Detachment 847 Do?
by Allen Dees

Angelo State University Detachment 847 is the best in the Southwest region, proving every single day that each and every cadet has a purpose, and a place. Detachment 847 represents the United States Air Force everywhere we go, day in and day out.

At football games presenting the colors during the national anthem, honor guard, intramural sports, academics, Ram Jams, and volunteering events. No matter what we do, or where we come from, we all come together to show the community of San Angelo and the Angelo State student body what we do and what we are capable of. If there is an event going on at Angelo State, you can bet that cadets have some part in it. Involvement is huge for this detachment, and we continually show how involved we get. Some people say that the more an organization does, and the more they get involved, the better they do in the long run. Well, if you look at all the accomplishments Detachment 847 has achieved, the accolades are just amazing and astonishing. This detachment has proven that they are the best; by being ranked as the “Number One Medium Sized Detachment” in the Southwest region. Detachment 847 really incorporates and exemplifies the Air Force Core Values in everyday life and people have taken notice. These cadets live by Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in all they do.

Angelo State University’s Air Force ROTC Detachment 847 has been rated as Excellent. This doesn’t happen by accident. Hard work and dedication from each and every cadet in the Detachment make it possible.

Bringing Out Ole’ Glory
AFROTC Det 847 cadets and volunteers practice unfolding the flag to ensure everything goes well during the presentation at the home football game.

Summer Leadership Laboratory
AFROTC Det 847 cadets lead a summer leadership camp out at Lake View High School, San Angelo, TX. (Photo courtesy of LLA camp support)
Hard Work Pays Off

by Todd Duquette

When students work hard, they get rewarded. That proved true in the case of Detachment 847’s very own Cadet Acevado. Cadet Acevado, an AS100 this year, graduated from Lake View High School, San Angelo, TX, as salutatorian and immediately set her sights on Angelo State University. Upon arriving at Angelo State University she immediately impressed both her instructors and peers.

Due to her accomplishments and hard work in the classroom and community, Cadet Acevado was awarded the Robert Durso ROTC Scholarship amounting to $10,000. This scholarship has preference for students who graduated from Lake View High School and also participated in the Lake View Junior ROTC program for a minimum of two years. This scholarship reflects her hard work and sets the bar high for what she will accomplish in college.

Cadet Acevado is currently pursuing an Accounting major and a future commission through Air Force ROTC. Congratulations Cadet Acevado on a job well done and we look forward to what the rest of the semester with you here with us!

...And it keeps On Rollin’!

by Todd Duquette

Paying for college can be an experience that no one wants to go through. The majority of college students request loans to be able to pay for classes or on selective cases will apply and earn scholarships.

Cadet Crumley, an AS400, was selected to receive the Armed Forces Communication and Electronic Association (AFCEA) Scholarship in the amount of $2,000. When asked how it felt to be selected for the competitive AFCEA scholarship, Cadet Crumley said, “It was awesome and a relief knowing I had more financial aid coming in to help pay for school!”

Cadet Crumley is a Border and Homeland Security major with a concentration in Terrorism and Counterterrorism with a minor in History. Keep leading by example and raising the standard, and congratulations again on a job well done!
Cadets Enjoying Ram Jam!
At Ram Jam, cadets are given the chance to kick back and have some fun! You can see Cadets Slimp, Garcia, and Bersch taking selfies at last week’s Ram Jam!

Washers Anyone?
Cadets Brunes and Meador play the washers at last week’s Ram Jam! While it wasn’t reported who won, the cadets seem to be having lots of fun!

Cadets are Social!
While at Ram Jam, As you can see above, these three are enjoying their time outdoors!

Let’s Get Grilling!
Cadet Crumley fires up the grill for the Ram Jam while talking with our very own, Lt.Col. Matos! Thank you Chef Crumley!

Ram Jams Are Fun!
by Todd Duquette

Not only does Detachment 847 come out to Ram Jams, but the entire University family does as well. Ram Jam is the tailgating before every home football game, and the entire San Angelo community comes out to watch and support the football team and participate in Ram Jam.

From games, to free food, to fellowship, everyone can do their own thing at Ram Jam to have fun. Football, washers and ring toss, grilling hotdogs and hamburgers, laughing, and having a good time are a few examples of what cadets get involved in at Ram Jam. We not only have our own tent set up for the fun, we participate in other groups’ and organizations’ activities. From dance contests, to playing music, and throwing the football with football players, band members, and many other organizations, Ram Jam is all about getting out, getting involved and having fun doing it!

Before Ram Jam, Detachment 847 has a weekly flag practice with the band for the National Anthem during the football game. We practice hard, and then we all head over to Ram Jam. After Ram Jam, we walk back over to the stadium with the band leading the way, and enjoy a good Ram fighting football game.

Ram Jam is one way Detachment 847 gets out and gets involved within the community and campus itself. We all have fun, and enjoy a good old fashioned tailgating party!
Every home football game, Detachment 847 attends, participates, and plays a huge role in the game activities.

Cadets wear detachment t-shirts and jeans to every game, the detachment matches just as a cohesive unit should.

Rain or shine, Detachment 847 is always there; ready to perform when necessary. Presenting the colors of the great American flag, doing pushups, and pulling security, Detachment 847 is easily seen throughout the Junell center and the new stadium providing service wherever it is needed.

Not only does Detachment 847 present the colors during the National Anthem at every home game, (as pictured to the right) they also stay to support the Ram football team. Some cadets even help our local police with security before, during, and after the games. From parking cars, to directing traffic, and patrolling the sidelines throughout the games, Detachment 847 is there and does it all.

Detachment 847 has a few traditions at home football games. They sit together, and do pushups for the amount of points that the Rams score. Not only does the detachment get extra Physical Training in, but the crowd loves watching the cadets do pushups for every point scored. Lining up and knocking them out as a team is what people really like to see. All that can be seen is a huge sea of blue completing pushups as a solid unit. This is just another example of how Detachment 847 gets involved and how well they work together as a team.

Air Force ROTC Detachment 847 always gets involved as much as possible, and it shows in everything they do, because they are, the Best in the Southwest!
Field Training Is a Go
by Todd Duquette

After completing two years of Air Force ROTC, cadets are submitted in competition nationwide for enrollment allocations to Field Training. Held at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, Field Training is the event every cadet strives to be selected for. Being selected for Field Training is a milestone in the ROTC curriculum that determines if cadets have the potential to return to their respective detachments as Professional Officer Course (POC) cadets.

Detachment 847 had the privilege of sending five cadets to Field Training this past summer. Cadets Sweatmon, Sokolnicki, Regis, Perez, and Hood all graduated from Field Training and learned valuable lessons that will make them successful leaders. See what each of the cadets had to say down below!

If you could sum up your Field Training experience in one phrase, what would you say?

The experience was a real eye-opener to the military world and life. –C/Sweatmon

What advice would you give to someone that wants to learn while under stress?

When I first got to Field Training, I was pretty quiet. I didn’t talk much, and that hurt me initially. If you’ve got a question, ask it. If you have an opinion about something your flight mates are doing, share it. Don’t be passive. Leaders are not passive. –C/Sokolnicki

How did it feel when you found out you were the one chosen for Air Force Field Training?

It was like a sigh of relief and the realization that I just volunteered to get yelled at and scolded for 23 days. –C/Perez

Now that Field Training is out of the way, what goal are you going to pursue next?

The next goal is to make it a year at a time. The future is not promised to I have to do what is takes to get there and bring my fellow AS300’s with me! –C/Regis

How did you enjoy Air Force Field Training?

It was a great experience and I learned a lot about leadership and how to apply it to our detachment. Coming back as a flight commander is something I have been looking forward to in the fall –C/Hood

(Above) Maxwell AFB, Alabama, hosts USAF Field Training (Photo courtesy of Maxwell.af.mil)
Summer Leadership School
by Allen Dees

This past summer, a group of ASU ROTC cadets helped put on and run a Summer Leadership School for Junior ROTC units around Texas. Cadets Chhith, Duquette, and Ury helped staff the event, making it a huge success. These cadets not only represented Detachment 847, but the Air Force as well, as they helped promote leadership, teamwork, and group dynamics.

“The best thing I experienced was watching the cadets grow and come together in their prospective flights and seeing them begin to excel and shine in their leadership roles.”

-Cadet Lt Col Chhith, SLS Camp Commander

These cadets got to work together and share their experience and knowledge of ROTC with junior cadets; they all really enjoyed reaching out and lending a helping hand. Cadets Chhith, Duquette and Ury stated that they definitely enjoyed working the Summer Leadership School, and would recommend it to any cadet interested in expanding their leadership skills and knowledge of ROTC.

What were some of the topics covered while at the Summer Leadership School?

We covered group dynamics, teamwork ethics, and other important leadership topics. Most importantly I believe, the cadets learned not to think as individuals and were taught to work together and watch out for each other. – C/Chhith

What advice would you give to someone that wants to learn while under stress?

If you are under stress for whatever reason, let it be you are learning or trying to perform a task, take a deep breath, do not show frustration, and just do it to the best of your ability. If you mess up, learn from it and move on! –C/Duquette
Cadet Gains of the Month

by Allen Dees

Throughout the program, Air Force ROTC cadets at Detachment 847 participate in physical training (PT) two to three days a week. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays cadets show up at 0600 to train both their physical strength and conditioning.

Cadet Gains of the Month is awarded to the cadet or cadets that show outstanding work ethic while at PT. Additionally, the cadets chosen have gone above and beyond to better their Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) scores, which includes the one-minute pushup, the one-minute sit up, and the 1.5 mile run.

Congratulations to Cadets Hood, Slimp, and Garcia for their outstanding performance and betterment of themselves through physical training. These cadets all drastically improved their scores from previous PFA’s and continue to work hard as well as motivate their peers. Keep up the great work!

# GAINS

Congratulations to the Cadet(s) GAINS OF THE MONTH!

Cadet Hood

Cadet Slimp

Cadet Garcia
Detachment 84/7 Public Affairs Staff:

AFROTC Detachment 847
Angelo State University

Cadet Slimp
Public Affairs Officer/Photographer

Cadet Dees
Writer

Cadet Garcia
Historian

Cadet Moya-Macintyre
Photographer

Cadet Bersch
Photographer

Cadet Duquette
Writer

Cadet Hernandez
Photographer

(Above photo courtesy flickr.com)