Hello Det 847!

The month of November was very exciting! We had many exciting events happen involving Detachment 847 such as: Veteran’s Vigil, the Veteran’s Parade, and Career Day! Also being covered this newsletter will be Reveille/Retreat and the Arnold Air Candidates Service Project!

Veteran’s Vigil
(C/Reyna)

The Veteran’s Vigil this year took place on 8 November. Veteran's Vigil honors all fallen veterans from World War II- particularly those who graduated from Angelo State University. Each guarding and reading commemorated the life and achievements of the brave men of arms who served the United States. Leading off the event and overseeing the event was our very own, Cadet Casey Lockett. The honorable guest speaker for this year’s vigil was retired Army Sgt. John Coats. Guests in attendance had the opportunity to hear captivating and powerful firsthand stories from WWII. Finally, the event ended with readings every half hour until midnight while other cadets participated in the guarding tradition.
Veteran’s Parade
(C/Martinez)
San Angelo hosted a Veterans Day parade featuring veterans who have served, both past and present. Detachment 847 had the honors of marching through downtown San Angelo as the local community showed its support. Other groups in the parade included Goodfellow AFB, the San Angelo Police and Fire Departments, local school bands and junior ROTC groups.

Veterans sit in a float and ride through downtown San Angelo during the Veteran’s Parade.

Cadets represent detachment 847 and march through downtown San Angelo during the Veteran’s Parade.

Cadets marching in the Veteran's Parade portray some of the marching skills learned this semester.
Reveille and Retreat

(C/Martinez)

The U.S. flag is flown daily from reveille until retreat. Reveille is the raising of the flag for the day's activities and is a ceremony to honor the flag when it is raised in the morning. Retreat is the retirement of the flag from the day's activities. These ceremonies play an important role in honoring the flag and service members that have served and are serving in the military. This session serves as a great time for cadets to learn an every day activity that occurs on all military bases. Cadets were able to practice both ceremonies while alternating different command positions such as Group, Squadron, and Flight Commander!
Career Day
(C/Strickland)
Career day was a wonderful opportunity for the cadets of Detachment 847 to hear first-hand experiences from Air Force Officers. Cadets could ask questions, like what a typical day would be like for an officer in the Air Force. On top of questions about their specific jobs, cadets learned more about what it takes to be a young officer in today’s Air Force. The officers that attended Career Day from Goodfellow AFB were Lt Col Weaver, Capt Atajanow, Capt Picard, 1Lt Steers, and 1Lt Wilkerson. Detachment 847’s Cadre was also present which included Lt Col Bertolio, Capt Barnum, and Capt Glantz. Their time and generosity made for a great learning experience for all of detachment 847. We thank all who participated in this event!

Arnold Air Candidacy Service Project (C/Jenson)
The Arnold Air Society (AAS) candidacy class, consisting of C/Martinez, C/Strickland, C/Jenson, and C/Reyna, volunteered at the local soup kitchen, Daily Bread, in San Angelo on 15 November and 21 November. Daily Bread is run by the Wesley Trinity United Methodist Church and serves the community Monday through Saturday 1100-1300; they typically serve 100 to 200 people daily. The AAS class volunteered by helping serve the food to the people coming through the line, changing out the dishes and food containers, and transporting food donations from the community. The men and women working there were very grateful for the extra help. The soup kitchen relies on volunteers and could always use more helping hands in the future from others in the detachment.