March 2015 Newsletter

San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, Detachment 847 cadets presented America’s beautiful flag at the San Angelo Show Stock & Rodeo during the month of February with the help of Goodfellow Air Force Base for Military Appreciation Day. Cadets and military personnel were able to learn more about each other’s careers and the military lifestyle. The audience of the rodeo was excited to witness the displaying of the colors by cadets, and the men and women who serve our country.

Detachment 847 cadets have created several exciting events for the Spring semester.

The Air Force ROTC Field Day event will be on 4 April 15 at the University of Texas at Austin campus. Det 847 cadets will compete against other Air Force ROTC detachments across Texas to show off their physical strengths. The JROTC Drill Meet will be held 11 April 15 and hosted by Det 847 cadets at Angelo State University. The Drill Meet will consist of JROTC students from various high schools across the state that will participate in different competitions. There will be several events across different parts of the Angelo State campus. These events will allow high school students to not only learn more about Air Force ROTC, but on becoming a future student at Angelo State University. The Field Leadership Exercise (FLX) will be held on 17-18 April 15 at Goodfellow Air Force Base which will allow cadets to gain exposure to combat related roles. By learning more about Air Force combat related careers, cadets will gain more knowledge and insight on what life is like in a deployed military setting.

Lackland, Air Force Base Visit

Cadets from Det 847 were given the opportunity to be present for a Basic Military Training Graduation on March 6, 2014.

New Arnold Air Society Actives

The Spring 2015 AAS Candidates celebrated their induction ceremony on March 12, 2015. Cadets invited AAS Sponsor, Major Sulhoff, to speak at the graduation.
GMC Takeover
by Laura Acevedo

At Detachment 847 the month of March had a rather extraordinary start, GMC cadets were given the opportunity to hold leadership positions in the corps and run the detachment for a week. The GMC Wing Commander was Cadet MacIntyre, who did an outstanding job being Wing Queen for a week. This week served as an awesome experience for GMC’s to show their leadership potential while also gaining insight to the POC positions. Both the GMC and POC cadets had fun participating in this year’s GMC Takeover!

“Wing Queen” for a Week
by Brittiana MacIntyre

Being Wing Queen had its stressful moments but it also had its perks. From what I’ve seen from the current wing staff and wing commander, they make it seem look pretty easy overall. I don’t think I was ready for all that was about to come. It was my first real job in the corp, so I did not know how to go about it or what to expect, but the upperclassmen definitely helped me out and led me in the right direction as far as what to do. Wing Commander in itself is such a big role, so there was no way I could do it all by myself. It was great to have all the help from all the GMC’s. They all definitely stepped up with their ‘A’ game and they were all definitely a big help. Overall it was a learning experience for not just me, but for all the GMC’s. It was fun and I definitely will learn and improve from here on out.
Lackland, AFB
Cadets represent Detachment 847 at the Air Force Basic Military Graduation on March 6, 2015.

Drill and Ceremonies
Detachment 847 cadets cheered on the newly graduated Airmen.

Security Forces Museum
Detachment 847 had the luxury to visit the Airmen and Security Forces Museums on their visit at Lackland, AFB.

Leadership Selfie
Colonel Matos, Captain Frisinger, Sergeant Scott, and Wing Leadership pose for a selfie outside the Security Forces Museum.

Lackland Base Visit
by Kay Dornes

Cadets from Detachment 847 Visit Lackland Air Force Base
Basic Military Training (BMT) Graduation On 6 March, cadets had the privilege to witness 677 Airmen graduate into the United States Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base of San Antonio, Texas. It was an outstanding event for cadets to experience because these brave and courageous individuals have answered their nation’s calling and have begun a new chapter in their Air Force career. In addition to the BMT graduation ceremony, cadets visited the Security Forces Museum and the Airmen Museum. The museum’s consisted of the evolution of BMT from its earliest stages to the present within the Air Force. The museum’s also displayed the Air Force’s past and present uniforms within various career fields.

The Lackland, AFB visit was most definitely a great opportunity for cadets to gain more insight on Air Force heritage. Cadets were also able to experience what an active duty base lifestyle is like. Being surrounded by so many heroic military personnel and veterans of the United States military made cadets realize why pursuing a commission in the Air Force is a once in a lifetime opportunity. As future commissioned officers, cadets will soon be witnessing the Airmen under their leadership fulfill this same remarkable accomplishment into the world’s greatest Air Force. Cadet Spiller was in charge of planning the visit for Detachment 847 to witness the Air Force Basic Military Training Graduation.
Candidates to Arnies

by Benjamin Carney

Congratulations to the following cadets for earning membership into Arnold Air Society:

Cadet Acevedo
Cadet Bersch
Cadet Brunes
Cadet Dudley
Cadet Voss
Cadet Wellman

Do you want to join Arnold Air Society next semester? If you do, look forward to the candidacy class. This class not only provides you with the key knowledge every Arnie knows, but also helps you advance among your peers. Among other things, you will learn how to march, command, and lead. If you are interested, ask a current member on how to join!
AAS has recently had an addition in members! Our AAS Candidacy Class for Spring 2015 has graduated and are officially active members of AAS. The graduation for the new Arnie’s was held on March 12, 2015, where they received their fourragere and pins. A lot of hard work and dedication has been put into earning membership into Arnold Air Society. Arnold Air Society cadets are the face and the future of Detachment 847. At the graduation Major Sulhoff, the honorary guest, gave an evoking speech to the candidates about the importance of being a leader in the Air Force.

Major Sulhoff also made some recent visits to our detachment this semester. With each speaking opportunity Major Sulhoff shed some light about his own experiences as an AAS member.

He gave some great words of wisdom as he spoke about what’s most important when being in the Air Force and what needs to be a priority and needs to come first when serving as an officer in the world’s greatest Air Force. It was a great opportunity to have him come and speak with our detachment and we hope to have him again soon.

Arnold Air Society has also been doing much around the community. We have had several events and service projects that have helped us out tremendously getting the hours that we need. We help out and give back to the community as a service organization. AAS cadets are proud to represent the Air Force and AFROTC through serving the community. Arnold Air Society has done some great things this past semester and is continuing to do some more great things in the near future.

Guest Speaker
AAS Actives and Candidates welcomed the squadron sponsor Major Sulhoff. He spoke to the cadets about the importance of people in any career.

Community Service
Pictured above Detachment 847 Cadets volunteer their time and work for community service. Arnold Air Society cadets make sure to represent at many community service events.

Colonel “Tex” Brown Award
AAS Graduate, Cadet Dudley, received the Col “Tex” Brown Award for being the top candidate of her graduating AAS Candidate Class Spring 2015.
National Character and Leadership Symposium

By Ray Chhith

Every year the United States Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, host its National Character and Leadership Symposium (NCLS), an official gathering of military leaders, corporate presidents, and distinguished scholars to hold serious discussion exploring topics of character, leadership, and how it relates to military leadership today. This year, on February 26th, 2015, four Angelo State University (ASU) cadets from Air Force ROTC Detachment 847 were selected to attend the academy’s 22nd annual symposium. Cadets Ray Chhith, Robert Crumley, Alex Covey, and Dylan Meador were chosen above their peers to represent ASU and attend the symposium’s multiple lectures and discussion panels.

This year’s event included the presence of many distinguished visitors including Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (CMSAF) James Cody, representing the highest enlisted level of leadership in the entire Air Force, and General Darren McDew, a four star general in charge of Air Mobility Command, the major command that is responsible for all air transportation assets within the United States Air Force. Other distinguished guests included Allison A. Hickey, Undersecretary of Benefits for the U.S. Veterans Administration and multiple high ranking flag officers and senior military leadership.

The opening ceremony, attended by thousands of Air Force Academy and ROTC cadets from around the nation, included a speech by CMSAF Cody over the importance of developing yourself as a leader in order to better serve the enlisted men underneath you. Following the opening ceremony, multiple discussion panels, and speakers were occurring simultaneously throughout the campus, and cadets were free to choose which ones they would like to attend. Panel discussion and speeches included topics surrounding professional commitment, the profession of arms, character in leadership, and even included a theatre performance and excerpt from the classical Greek play *Philoctetes*, along with a discussion of how its themes surrounding war and morality are still relevant to today’s military members.

The four ASU cadets in attendance all agree that the symposium was highly beneficial to their professional development and feel that they gained a great deal of insight that will help them to become better future Air Force officers. When asked what his favorite part of the event was, Cadet Alex Covey said that it was the panel discussion on professional commitment that impressed him the most because it “gave a really good insight into what it’s like to make decisions under pressure and how to make those decisions while under fire.” Cadet Dylan Meador also expressed that “The symposium was definitely a unique opportunity to connect with other potential Air Force officers and I definitely recommend that all future ROTC cadets take advantage of the opportunity when it comes.”

When all four cadets finally returned from Colorado Springs the following week, they were tasked to present and share what they learned with the rest of Detachment 847. While doing so they all stressed the importance of taking advantage of leadership development opportunities such as this in order to better themselves as future military officers. In the end, these four cadets gained much from their brief trip to the Air Force Academy and will be sure to take the lessons they learned and pass them down to their fellow cadets.
Checking In With Our 2\textsuperscript{nd} Lieutenants

by Kay Dornes

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Cadet Corner

PT.. HUAHHH!

By Matthew Stewart

As Detachment 847 knows, asking a normal student at Angelo to wake up and workout at 0600, the looks one would receive may suggest they belong in a nut house. Fortunately, those in Det 847 are not normal, and 0600 is easy, and the workouts? Enjoyable? Well that aspect will vary among each cadet, as PT may be fun and exciting for one and something different for another. What drives a cadet during PT is the feeling that as an individual you are improving yourself and the Detachment as a whole. The end result is up to the individual to receive top marks on the PFA, which for GMC’s support their cause to attend Field Training. PT may not be exciting, or it may be the best thing a cadet looks forward to, what we all strive for, as a detachment is success at all levels. As one cadet put it, beating another cadet just shows that they wanted it more than them, and this should help fuel a cadet to strive for the best.

Field Training from a POC Perspective

by Ruben Perez

Cadet Perez explains he enjoys assisting cadets for Field Training by participating in the Physical Training activities. He also states he wants to ensure that cadets learn from the mistakes that he made throughout his Field Training experience, so that they will know how to get through Field Training successfully.