Detachment 847 Drill Meet

by Kay Dornes

Detachment 847 hosted its annual JROTC Drill Meet on April 11, 2015. The JROTC Drill Meet consisted of over 500 high school students and spectators. Det 847 cadets worked very hard to make this Drill Meet a success and they accomplished that goal. Although every cadet played a role with making this Drill Meet one of the best Det 847 has seen, Cadets Sokolnicki and Regis were the cadets who were in charge of this outstanding event and they did an excellent job.

The Drill meet consisted of a variety of events such as: warrior challenges, unarmed exhibitions, armed regulations, and several other events. There was also an academic fair that was successfully integrated into the schedule. Detachment 847 and Angelo State University staff organized an academic tour to not only allow students to enjoy festivities, students could also learn more information about Angelo State University academics and the Air Force ROTC program. Air Force, Marine, Army, and National Guard recruiters were also invited to inform students over military options. Overall, the Drill Meet was a success because of Detachment 847’s highly motivated and hardworking cadets. Detachment 847 would also like to recognize Angelo State University for the support and generosity given to make ASU Drill Meet 2015 a success. Great job everyone keep up the good work!

Field Day at University of Texas

Cadets pose from Detachment 847 toughen up despite the chilly weather and pose for a picture before the activities begin on Field Day!

FLX at Goodfellow, AFB

Pictured above are Detachment 847 cadets participating in a simulated field exercise at Goodfellow, AFB.
Top Cadet in the Southwest Region
by Kay Dornes

Detachment 847’s very own Cadet Spiller has been selected as the Cadet of the Year for the Southwest Region. Out of 3500 cadets from 36 Air Force ROTC detachments, Cadet Spiller was nominated as the top cadet for his outstanding award. This is the 2nd year in a row that a Detachment 847 cadet has received the Regional Cadet of the Year Award. Cadet Spiller has accomplished many great things such as being ranked No. 1 within his flight at Field Training this past summer, being named to Angelo State University’s School of Business Dean’s List every semester and also being a member of the Tau Sigma National Society for transfer students. Cadet Spiller will be commissioning this upcoming December as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer. Detachment 847 wishes Cadet Spiller the best and we are very proud of you contributions and successes to the United States Air Force and the Air Force ROTC Program.

Distinguished Visitor Colonel Joos
by Laura Acevedo

On April 22, 2015 Detachment 847 cadets welcomed Colonel Kimberlee Joos, the 17th Training Win Commander from Goodfellow, AFB. Cadets were eager to have such a distinguished guest come and speak about her Air Force career. Colonel Joos’ speech did not disappoint cadets, as she gave advice about her personal experiences as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. She gave the cadets great advice instilling the corps value of “Excellence in all we do.”

When the floor was open for cadets to ask questions, cadets asked Colonel Joos what she looks for in young 2nd Lieutenants and her response was “motivation”. Colonel Joos emphasized the importance of maintaining high moral and being self-motivated to keep subordinates motivated as well.

Arnold Air Society members had the opportunity to have exclusive time with Colonel Joos. Being an Arnold Air graduate herself, Colonel Joos understands the intensity and challenges of being in Arnold Air Society. Colonel Joos also stated the value of having an Arnold Air Society as an asset for Detachment 847. She was very impressed with the caliber of cadets in the society and was very pleased to have the opportunity to come to Angelo State University to speak and mentor young cadets hoping to pursue a commission in the United States Air Force. Cadets enjoyed having Colonel Joos as a distinguished visitor and thanked Colonel Joos for the amazing support received from Goodfellow, AFB.
Lunch Time.. MRE’s!!
Cadet Ashley (Left) and Cadet MacIntyre (Right) are pictured above enjoying a delicious Meal Ready to Eat (MRE).

Goodfellow Super- Supporters
Pictured above are cadets receiving a briefing from one of Goodfellow’s men. This picture displays the great relationship between Goodfellow and the detachment, and the amazing support Detachment 847 receives from Goodfellow, AFB.

AFROTC FLX at Goodfellow, AFB
by Benjamin Carney

During the busy month of April, many cadets from Det 847 took even more time out of their schedule to attend FLX-15. The beginning of the day consisted of personnel from Goodfellow AFB spending quality time with cadets to train them on techniques used by active duty members in combat. This was a time where cadets were taught how to move in formations, protect the base, and even search for dead bodies. Many of these techniques were implemented by each cadet during the exercises. For example, all casualties had to be searched for and hopefully cadets recovered valuable intel during the process. In some scenarios, dead bodies were a threat to cadets with explosives hidden under the body before decease. The reason behind this was to make sure cadets practiced proper searches.

At the entrance control point (ECP), cadets were put in many situations where confusion arose. At one point in the exercise, two contracted men shot a prisoner just outside the ECP and brought the other prisoner right into the base. After trying to calm down the aggravated men, one of them executed the remaining prisoner right in the base. What could have been done better to prevent this from happening again? Cadets were then briefed on how the situation escalated and what to do to prevent it from a situation like that from reoccurring. Another instance at the ECP was when a man who had his face covered approached the entrance holding an RPG. After cadets ordered the man to drop his weapon, he fired his RPG at the entrance and immediately pulled out a grenade. Before the man was able to throw the grenade, he was shot by cadets located at the ECP and as well as cadets in tower over watching the ECP.

Many valuable lessons were learned at FLX-15. Even though many of those lessons learned were through mistakes, at least now cadets know how to prevent such mistakes when it really matters. These lessons will be carried on by cadets and the time spent at Goodfellow, AFB will be reflected upon by all. We would like to thank Goodfellow, AFB for the amazing support and all the hard work to make this once in a life time experience possible for cadets from Detachment 847!
Two ASU Students Impacting Arnold Air Society at the National Level

Written by Todd M. Duquette Jr.

Angelo State University students and Air Force ROTC Detachment 847 cadets Todd Duquette and Matthew Eddins had the opportunity to impact the Arnold Air Society at the National Level. These students represented their squadron at this year’s National Conclave in Chicago, IL. The business of this meeting was to bring together Arnold Air Society (AAS) cadets and Silver Wings students from all over the United States to direct and discuss business of their respective societies.

From the 3rd of April to the 7th, these two students had the opportunity to hear and learn from many Air Force General officers and key personnel. The keynote speakers throughout the event included The Honorable Lisa Disbrow, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, General Darren W. McDew, Commander of Air Mobility Command, General Paul J. Silva, Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command, Lt. General Stephen Wilson, Commander of Air Force Global Strike, Brig. General (ret) Scott Van Cleef from the Office of the Undersecretary of the Air Force, Generals Margaret and Dan Woodward, and many others. Each talked about the importance of being a well-developed leader and provided insight to the leadership roles that will be taken back to respective squadrons and chapters and applied.

Amongst learning from the distinguished leaders of our nation, the cadets had the chance let their voices be heard on each point of business. Cadets Duquette and Eddins impacted the way the Arnold Air society will run in the next year and years to come.

The changes to the AAS manual, AASMAN-1, include the changing of duration in which squadron commanders hold their positions, as well as debating the Joint National Project (JNP) that is held each year. The JNP for the 2015-2016 year will be “The Spirit of ’45” where each squadron will attempt to interview the remaining World War II veterans and document their story.

Other amendments include changes to the timing of candidate training and the selection of the National Headquarters. Lastly, the cadets also voted on next year’s National Conclave, which will be held right in our own backyard, in Dallas, TX!

Not only did the cadets impact the society, but they were recognized for their hard work throughout the year. ASU student and Detachment 847 Cadet Alex Lennnarson was recognized by the AAS National Headquarters as a strong leader by driving the society in a forward motion after holding the position of Carr Squadron commander in the Fall of 2014.

Additionally, Cadet Duquette, who is the current Squadron Commander, was awarded recognition from the Area Commander as one of the elite current squadron commanders in Area IX.

Furthermore, each of the cadets attending, as well as Captain Naaktgeboren, Cadre to Detachment 847, were able to explore everything that Chicago had to offer, including Millennium Park, Willis Tower, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Science and Industry, the John Hancock Center, Buckingham Fountain, the Navy Pier, and much more.

In addition to the sites seen in Chicago, Angelo State cadets were able to mingle with students and cadets from other universities. Such events included eating at the local pizza places while enjoying their company with cadets and students from Arizona State. This experience will last a lifetime and will be well to reflect on as these cadets and students continue to pursue their respective careers.

As a lasting note, we would again like to thank Angelo State University for their constant support in all of our Detachment and Squadron events. Without it, we would not be able to develop ourselves professional nor carry out our functions that aim to serve the surrounding community.

All pictures courtesy of Todd Duquette.
AFROTC Field Day at the University of Texas

by Mathew Stewart

Cadets from Detachment 847, competed in a field day event against AFROTC’s located at the University of Texas in Austin, TX. Even though as a team we came up short on the victory scale, cadets were able to enjoy the activities and got the opportunity to interact with other AFROTC cadets. What began as a long road trip and chilly day turned out to be a successful event. At the end of the day, we proudly represented what Angelo State University Detachment 847 had to offer out on the field!

Arnold Air Society Recognized at the 2105 Rammy Awards

By: Mathew Eddins

On April 23, 2015, 8 cadets from the Robert G. Carr Squadron of Arnold Air Society attended the annual Angelo State University Rammy Awards ceremony. This ceremony is dedicated to recognize registered student organizations here at Angelo State. This year, unlike last year, Arnold Air Society was all over the board, being nominated for nearly every single award that Angelo State had to offer. We as a society came up short in a few categories but were able to come out with two awards when the night was through.

We as a society won the "Most Spirited" organization and also the "Outstanding Advisor" award for the continuous hard work our squadron advisor Captain Jason Naaktgeboren. "This is the first year Arnold Air Society’s Carr Squadron has received a Rammy. It’s humbling to be able to display the cadet’s hard work in the community, campus, university officials, and our peers. We’ve had a great year and expect nothing less as a squadron as this next academic year comes about.” said Cadet Duquette who is the acting squadron commander and was present at the awards ceremony to accept the award. The Robert G. Squadron was nominated for numerous awards such as the Outstanding Male Leader as well as the Outstanding Female Leader. Being on nearly every award nominee list not only recognized Arnold Air Society as a service organization here at Angelo State University, but also enlightened those who are unaware of our presence. Attending the Rammy awards displays what we do as an organization.

Pictured above, Cadet Duquette accepts the award for "Most Spirited" Organization.
Outstanding Cadets
by Laura Acevedo

This semester Cadet Ury and his staff created a new tradition of announcing outstanding cadets every week during Leadership Laboratory. Cadets who were selected to be recognized have proven their hard work and dedication to Detachment 847.

- On March 25, 2015, Cadet Alicia Dudley was recognized for being an outstanding cadet both in the detachment and Arnold Air Society.
- On April 1, 2015, Cadet Laura Acevedo was recognized as an outstanding cadet for her hard work as a cadet, Public Affairs Officer, and Arnold Air Society member.
- On April 15, 2015, Cadet Brandon Voss was recognized for his for being in outstanding cadet in Arnold Air Society.
- On April 22, 2015, Cadet Raul Reyes was recognized for being the outstanding cadet of the week for his hard work as Booster Club Officer and Arnold Air Society.

These cadets among many others have displayed their sense of dedication and hard work to the detachment and show great potential as future officer cadets.

Two very distinguished cadets were tasked with the mission of successfully undertaking the largest Detachment 847 Drill Meet in Angelo State University’s history. Cadet Hakeem Regis and Cadet Quinn Sokolnicki were the two AS300’s chosen to accomplish this task. Without the effort of these cadets and their amazing staff, ASU Drill Meet 2015 would not have been as great a success as it turned out to be. Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC), students and instructors raved about the magnitude and success of the drill meet. To put into perspective the scale of this event, over 500 high school students from the Southwest Texas Region attended the drill meet. Detachment 847, a total of 39 cadets, was able to pull off such an exceptional event that will be left in the record books for the years to come. What truly made this event such a success was the remarkable support received from Angelo State University and Goodfellow, AFB.

A flashback to the beginning of the 2015 Spring semester Cadet Ashley Wellman was awarded an AFROTC Scholarship. Cadet Wellman will not be alone as Cadet Laura Acevedo, Cadet Benjamin Carney, and Cadet Mathew Eddins have also been awarded AFROTC Scholarships. Congratulations to these cadets and fellow Arnie’s.

Scholarship Cadets
Pictured above is Ashley Wellman. Cadet Wellman was the first of four cadets who received an AFROTC scholarship this spring semester. Congratulations to these hardworking cadets.

Drill Meet Planners
Cadet Regis and Cadet Sokolnicki were tasked with organizing and executing this year’s drill meet. Thanks to these cadets, Angelo State University Det 847 held the best drill meet up to date.

Arnold Air Society Cadets
Four out of 4 cadets recognized at LLAB for being outstanding cadets this semester are all active members of the Arnold Air Squadron at Detachment 847.

Happy Colonel, Happy Cadets
Pictured above Colonel Matos has been so overjoyed by the success of Detachment 847 cadets he decided he would jump into a plane and enjoy the show.
Countdown Till Commissioning

By Kay Dorne

As this semester comes to an end, Detachment 847 would like to recognize some outstanding cadets that will be commissioning next month. Cadets Shafer, Meador, Covey, Draper, Chhith, Anderson, Crumley, and Ury will all be commissioning in less than a month to join the world’s greatest Air Force. These cadets have come a very long way and achieved so much throughout their ROTC career.

The Air Force ROTC Program is very competitive and realistically, not every cadet will successfully complete the program. However, these cadets remained steadfast in their pursuit for a higher education and a commission into the Air Force. All of these cadets have made great contributions to Detachment 847 and are truly the best qualified 2nd Lieutenants for their careers. Detachment 847 wishes you all the best with your endeavors in the Air Force. Congratulations to these incredible cadets!