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MEMORANDUM

TO: Provost Sharon Gaber

FROM: AFROTC DET 30/CC

DATE: 1 Jul 2012

SUBJECT: Air Force ROTC Annual Report (1 July 2011-30 June 2012)

1. Overall Assessment: The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program at the University of Arkansas Detachment 30 continues to prepare and commission some of the most highly qualified new lieutenants in the United States Air Force. In addition, our cadets who return from their four-week field training encampments continue to express a high level of appreciation for the great morale and thorough instruction they experience at the University of Arkansas. We fully plan to continue our excellent service to the University of Arkansas, our community and our nation in 2012-2013. It is noteworthy to mention Det 30 had an 87.5% field training selection rate which was an increase from last year's 75% selection rate. This is a tribute to the quality of training and preparation that goes into sending a quality officer candidate to field training.

2. Enrollment Information (2011-2012 academic year): Freshman enrollment met our goals and expectations. We used high school GPA, college major and ACT or SAT scores as a determining factor when selecting students along with AFROTC entrance requirements (ie. height/weight, fitness standards, age, past civil involvement etc.). The Air Force's demands for new officers are focused specifically on technical degrees and the selection process continues to become more competitive nationally. We continue working to aggressively recruit and retain eligible University of Arkansas students as we believe our students rival the best anywhere.

Academic Year	2011/12	2010/11
Total Cadets	58	82
Freshmen	30	38
Sophomores	7	26
Juniors	9	8
Seniors	10	8
Fifth-year seniors (completed cadets)	2	0

Commissioned in 2011 - 2012	6	Summer '12 Field Training attendees	7
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2011-2012

Contracted, not on scholarship	3
On scholarship	25
Total Contracted	28

3. Personnel Information: Our detachment staff has experienced one turnover this summer. Going into the Fall 2012 semester, our cadre members will be:

- a. Lt Col Buster McCall, the new Detachment commander as of July 2012.
- b. Capt Shawn Kreps, the new Detachment Operations Flight Commander as of July 2012.
- c. 1Lt Benjamin Young, the new Detachment Recruiting Flight Commander as of July 2012.
- d. Technical Sergeant Timothy Klinedinst, who has completed his second year at the Detachment as the Personnelist.
- e. Staff Sergeant Kelvin Sims, who has completed his first year as the Detachment Knowledge Operations Manager.
- f. Ms Kim Killion, our Administrative Assistant, will complete her fourth year with the department this November.

4. Professional Development and Training Highlights:

- a. Commissioning: This year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) we were privileged to commission a total of 6 new lieutenants.
- b. Pilot / Navigator / Air Battle Manager selection: This year's class had three volunteers for pilot training who were all selected to participate in advanced medical screening to determine if they qualify.
- c. Field training preparation: Our junior and senior-level cadets again did an outstanding job planning and implementing creative training activities for those slated to attend field training this summer. During the summer of 2011 we had 11 cadets attend field training. Five cadets ranked in the top third and five ranked in the middle third. One cadet was recognized as a distinguished graduate and two cadets were named as superior performers. For summer 2012, seven cadets will attend field training.
- d. Career Day: cadets organized a visit by 15 active duty officers from Little Rock AFB. Officers presented exposed cadets to different Air Force jobs through presentations, candid conversations and informal discussions during dinner.
- e. Other cadet educational travel: This summer four cadets are scheduled to participate in professional development trips. One cadet will participate in the AFROTC Project GO program designed to give cadets an opportunity to study a language. She will travel to Indiana and study Russian for eight weeks. One of our rising seniors has been selected to perform Combatives Training with cadets

at Field Training for two weeks, while another has been selected to attend Field Training as a CTA for Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) 1 and 2 at Camp Shelby, MS. His duration as AEF 1 and 2 will be approximately 70 days. Finally, one cadet was competitively selected to attend a two week training session at the Air Force's Special Tactics Officer School.

- e. Base Visit: Capt J.T. Hawk and TSgt Timothy Klinedinst took 14 cadets to Dyess Air Force Base (DAFB), Texas, on a 4-day visit. This year cadets made that trip on Monday, January 9, and returned late Thursday, January 12. The 7th Bomb Wing hosted the cadets and provided valuable exposure to active duty operations. Cadets were provided a C-130 mission briefing and participated in a 90 minute training flight. A Security Forces NCO provided a mission briefing, fielded questions, and gave a tour of the Military Working Dog (MWD) kennels. Cadets also watched K-9 handlers put on a demonstration and "catch" an MWD as part of a training exercise. Other activities included a C-130 simulator flight and tours of the B-1 Bomber ISO maintenance dock, the Air Traffic Control Tower, a munitions loading briefing and the flight line where the cadets observed touch and goes being performed by B-1's. Officers from various organizations and career fields volunteered to allow cadets to shadow them in their duty sections. They discussed their career fields and gave the cadets their perspective on active duty. Air Force Specialty Codes represented included; Instructor Pilot, Civil Engineer, Contracting, Logistics Readiness, Office of Special Investigations, Security Forces Officer, Public Affairs and Maintenance Officers. In previous years the base visit was funded by AFROTC however, this year cadets who volunteered to attend were required to pay out of pocket for this experience. Costs were mitigated by staying on base at lodging for a nominal cost, using Army ROTC vans for transportation at no cost, and eating at the installation's dining facility for a nominal cost.
- f. Cadet-organized large-scale functions: One of our biggest practice tools for cadet leadership development is to have them organize major events. This year included numerous cadet-planned events.
 - i. In September, cadets coordinated and executed a POW/MIA 24 hour vigil at the Fulbright Peace Fountain. Forty-one cadets stood vigil for a total of 48 man-hours for this event. An article with photo was featured in the Arkansas Traveler as well as a live feed from the Fulbright Peace Fountain webcam featured on the university website. Additionally, cadets presented the colors during a POW/MIA ceremony hosted by the VA Hospital.
 - ii. In October, the cadets planned a formal Dining-Out held at the University of Arkansas Alumni House. Cadets donned semi-formal uniforms, participated in esprit de corps activities and enjoyed a motivational speech from Lt Col (Ret) Dave Bowman which was well received by all attendees. This event serves to promote socialization among professionals, highlight unit accomplishments, and build unit cohesion.

- iii. The cadets held two social events designed to improve team building and morale within the cadet corps. They put on a Super Bowl gathering in February which included watching the game and conducting a chili cook off. A spring social was also held at the University Union in April. The event went well both as a cadet learning tool and as a social highlight.
 - iv. Cadets hosted the Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) from Beebe High School. This is the third year in a row the Senior ROTC program has hosted a JROTC group. High school AFJROTC cadets participated in Leadership Lab where they observed drill and ceremonies training and other military decorum training. They also got a tour of the campus similar to the tours given to new students. Cadets from the detachment were able to speak to the high school students about the ROTC program at the U of A which served as a great recruiting tool.
 - v. Annually, the Army and Air Force ROTC cadets organize an inter-service physical fitness competition known as the Joint Warrior Day. Cadets compete in athletic events such as volleyball, golf, basketball, dodge-ball, pushup & sit-up contests, and running events. Air Force made a valiant attempt to take home the trophy but fell short, giving Army ROTC the victory for the second straight year.
- g. Flyovers: Cadre and cadets coordinated a flyover during the Veteran's Appreciation Day game between U of A and Auburn. Four A-10's from the 188th Air National Guard Base out of Fort Smith, AR performed the flyover to kick off the game.
- g. Laser Tag: Each year we include one to two paintball events into our leadership training to allow another opportunity to build camaraderie and retention. This year's event was a little different as cadets organized this event to occur at the local Modern Mission Laser Tag facility. Over 50 cadets attended the event and learned how to function and communicate in small teams.

5. Community Service Highlights:

- a. National Veteran's Creative Arts Festival: Cadets volunteered 100s of man-hours supporting this event. Weeklong event showcased artwork by veteran's from all across the country. Cadets met veterans at the airport to assist with luggage and then met them at the Festival Center to help them register and get their bags to their rooms. Cadets also served as escorts during the closing ceremony dinner.
- b. VA Hospital: Cadets performed the POW/MIA table ceremony for ~100 veterans, community members and VA employees. The end of year Change of Command and formal parade was also held on the VA grounds with many veteran's in attendance included the hospital's director.

- c. UofA's Red Ribbon Rally: cadets presented the colors during the National Anthem during this rally to promote drug/alcohol abuse awareness and prevention.
- d. American Legion: Cadets volunteered 45 man-hours to help register campers, bus tables and pick up trash during the City of Fayetteville's Bikes-Blues & BBQ Festival.
- e. NCAA Track & Field: Cadets volunteered ~160 man-hours with the U of A Athletic department during five NCAA Track and Field events to include the John McDonnell Invitational. They escorted athletes on the track, performed data collection, crowd control and ground crew duties.
- f. Fayetteville National Cemetery: Cadets volunteered 50 man-hours to assist with the annual 5K run. They led registration, distributed race numbers and directed parking. The cadet corps also ran in the race. All proceeds from this event were used for the acquisition and clearing of land to expand this National Cemetery.
- g. Valentines for Vets: The week of February 14, cadets and cadre, along with university and city officials, visited with VA patients and handed out Valentine greetings from local elementary school students.
- h. Multiple Sclerosis Walk: Cadets volunteered 36 man-hours coordinating this event which resulted in proceeds of \$37K to be used for medical research.
- i. Race for the Cure: Cadets volunteered 24 man-hours assisting with security and crowd control. They also helped with course set up and maintenance. This event had over 16,000 people in attendance.
- j. West Fork "West Fest" Parade: the cadet corps volunteered to march in a local festival parade. A formation of 13 cadets followed the fire department and the Boy Scouts through town.
- k. Owl Creek Fall Festival: 16 cadets volunteered to help the local Owl Creek Fall Festival. Cadets helped setup, teardown, manned games, served food, and played with kids. Proceeds helped the Owl Creek PTO.
- l. Color Guard: This year our color guard posted the colors at all university home football games, basketball games and gymnastics meets. Det 030's color guard members remain great ambassadors for the University of Arkansas and the Air Force. Additionally, cadets presented the colors during a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Woodland Jr. High School, at Farmington's new sports complex dedication, and McNair Middle School's Freedom Shrine dedication.
- m. U of A Campus: Cadre and cadet presence was at numerous university events throughout the year to include: all new student orientations, Ready Razorback, Honors College Convocation, College Project Talent Search, the Engineering College Engineering Expo and Engineering Highlights, Nursing School

orientations and graduations, Constitution Day, Veteran's Resource Fair and Multicultural Center events such as American Indian Impact, Black History Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month.

6. Request for support: Our only request is to continue the great support you've provided over the year. We feel extremely fortunate to have such a supportive university family.