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# **DET 030**

**Thunder Hawks**



## **University of Arkansas**

Fayetteville, Arkansas

## Executive Summary

### Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Detachment 030's Annual Report (1 January 2012- 31 December 2012) for the University of Arkansas

Due to the change in reporting periods and the operations tempo of AFROTC, this report highlights the activities from 2012 not covered in our August 2012 report while compiling annual numbers for the entire calendar year.

Detachment 030 commissioned eight new second lieutenants into the active duty Air Force with one Distinguished Graduate.

Cadets earned 7 allocations to field training (87.5 percent selection rate). Of the six cadets to complete field training over the past year, two earned the award of distinguished graduate.

Detachment 030 ranked 48 out of 145 in average fitness score and 34 out of 145 in academic grade point average.

35 cadets earned AFROTC scholarships totaling \$235,292.

The University invested over \$10,000 in facility and classroom upgrades.



Modernized Classroom Furniture

MEMORANDUM FOR: Provost Sharon Gaber

FROM: AFROTC DET 30/CC

DATE: 2 August 2013

SUBJECT: Air Force ROTC Annual Report

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**1. Overall Assessment:** The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program at the University of Arkansas Detachment 030, Thunder Hawks, continues to prepare and commission some of the most highly qualified new lieutenants in the United States Air Force. As of 31 December 2012, the Thunder Hawks ranked 48 out of 145 detachments across the nation in fitness and 34 out of 145 in academics. Additionally, 35 cadets earned AFROTC scholarships totaling \$235,292 in tuition and fees. Of exceptional note, a zero-tolerance atmosphere anchored by positive peer pressure helped to eliminate alcohol-related incidents during the Fall 2012 semester. The University of Arkansas' AFROTC program is an ideal place for new Razorbacks to find a sense of belonging among disciplined, like-minded over-achievers who possess a strong desire to be servant leaders.



**2. Enrollment Information (2012-2013 academic year):** Fall 2012 enrollment increased by 5.2 percent over the past year with 61 cadets seeking commissions. As we work to tap into the tremendous growth at the University, we have expanded our recruiting emphasis beyond engineering by adding focus in foreign languages and business. Additionally, we have improved our relationships with cross-town schools, picking up two cadets this academic year. Our goal is a cadet corps 108 strong, commissioning at least 15 cadets each year.

Calendar Year	(12)	(11)
<b>Total Cadets</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>58</b>
Freshmen	22	30
Sophomores	20	7
Juniors	7	9
Seniors	8	10
Fifth-year seniors (completed cadets)	4	2

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Commissioned in 2012	8	Summer '12 Field Training attendees: 7
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### 2012

Contracted, not on scholarship	1
On scholarship	20
Total Contracted	21

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Projected to commission 2013	8	Summer '13 Field Training projection: 15
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**3. Personnel Information:** Our detachment staff experienced turnover of the entire teaching cadre this summer, three personnel. Our cadre members are:



- a. Lieutenant Colonel Buster McCall began his first year as Commander of AFROTC Detachment 30, and served as instructor of the senior- and sophomore-level cadets.
- b. Captain Sean Kreps began his first year as the Operations Flight Commander and taught the junior-level cadets.
- c. Captain Benjamin Young began his first year as the Recruiting Flight Commander and taught our freshman-level cadets.
- d. Technical Sergeant Timothy Klinedinst completed his third year as our Personnel Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC).
- e. Senior Airman Kelvin Sims completed his first year as our NCO for Knowledge Operations Management.
- f. Ms. Kim Killion, our secretary, completed her fourth year with the department in November.

### **4. Professional Development and Training Highlights:**



- a. Commissioning: This year (1 January 2012 through 31 December 2012) we commissioned eight new second lieutenants, including one Distinguished Graduate.
- b. Field Training: 7 of 8 (87.5 percent) candidates earned selection to Field Training, with two earning Distinguished Graduate honors.



- d. Detachment 030 cadets ranked 48 out of 145 in average fitness assessment score and 34 out of 145 in academic grade point average.
- e. We hosted Arnold Air Society & Silver Wings Area IX Conclave. Over 60 guests from 15 schools in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas reveled in the remarks by guest speaker Robert Lee "Hoot" Gibson, veteran of five Space Shuttle missions.

## 5. Community Service Highlights:

- a. Presented a 24-hr POW/MIA vigil heightening awareness while remembering those who served and did not come home.
- b. Organized registration and prize support for the Fayetteville Veterans National Cemetery 5k Run, raising over \$8,000 towards maintenance and expansion.
- c. In response to a request by a local teacher, developed a flag etiquette program. Cadets led flag folding ceremonies at five schools, educating and inspiring over 600 elementary school children and teachers.



- d. Eleven cadets organized and led over 1,000 civilian volunteers for Wreaths Across America, honoring over 1,800 souls at rest in Fayetteville Veterans National Cemetery.
- e. The Detachment 030 Air Force ROTC Honor Guard presented the colors at approximately 25 university football games, basketball games, and gymnastics meets.

**6. Facilities and support:** The University of Arkansas continues to provide phenomenal support to Air Force ROTC. This year's highlights include:

- a. Air Force ROTC cadets earned over \$136,000 in University of Arkansas Housing Scholarships.
- b. Over \$10,000 invested in facility, classroom, and instructional improvements.



Before



After

**7. Open Actions:** The ROTC Programs Committee, chaired by Dr. Ed Pohl, provided tremendous support advocating changes to grant detachment commanders executive authority over the available housing scholarships and to recognize out-of-state ROTC scholarship recipients as in-state students. While the housing scholarship change is implemented, the University of Arkansas continues to lose top-tier out-of-state Air Force ROTC scholarship recipients who choose not to give up one year of their scholarship at an out-of-state university. Instead, these top scholars attend in-state schools or out-of-state universities which waive non-resident fees. Recommend we team with the Vice Chancellor for Government and Community Relations to implement an out-of-state tuition and fees waiver to all ROTC scholarship recipients by 1 January 2014.



Joint Army and Air Force ROTC Cadets at Veterans Day Flag Pole Dedication

