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# **DET 030**

**ThunderHawks**



## **University of Arkansas**

Fayetteville, Arkansas

## Executive Summary

### Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) Detachment 030's Annual Report (1 January 2014- 31 December 2014) for the University of Arkansas

Detachment 030 commissioned three new second lieutenants into the active duty Air Force.

Detachment 030 garnered both the High Flight Award as Best Small Detachment in the Southwest Region and the Right of Line Award as Best Small Detachment in the Nation.

Cadets earned 8 allocations to field training (67 percent selection rate and 100 percent completion rate). Of the 8 cadets to complete field training over the past year, two earned the award of distinguished graduate and one earned Superior Performer recognition.

Detachment 030 ranked 8 out of 145 in average fitness score and 4 out of 145 in academic grade point average.

One Airman and 23 cadets earned AFROTC scholarships totaling \$209,751.

The University invested over \$222,000 in room and board scholarships to qualified, deserving cadets.



MEMORANDUM FOR: Provost Sharon Gaber

FROM: AFROTC DET 30/CC

DATE: 15 April 2015

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, ThunderHawgs, continues to prepare and commission some of the most highly qualified new lieutenants in the United States Air Force. At our annual peak, 1 July 2014, the ThunderHawgs ranked 8 out of 145 detachments across the nation in fitness and 4 out of 145 in academics. This performance helped garner both the High Flight Award as Best Small Detachment in the Southwest Region and the Right of Line Award as Best Small Detachment in the Nation for 2014. Additionally, 23 cadets and one Airman earned AFROTC scholarships totaling \$209,751 in tuition and fees. Of exceptional note, a zero-tolerance atmosphere anchored by positive peer pressure continued a run of zero alcohol-related incidents in 2014. 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 (Fall 2014):** Fall 2014 enrollment increased to 68 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 nursing, foreign languages, and business. Our goal remains a high quality cadet corps 108 strong, commissioning at least 15 new second lieutenants each year.

| Calendar Year                         | (14)      | (13)      |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Total Cadets</b>                   | <b>68</b> | <b>59</b> |
| Freshmen                              | 26        | 21        |
| Sophomores                            | 19        | 16        |
| Juniors                               | 8         | 15        |
| Seniors                               | 14        | 5         |
| Fifth-year seniors (completed cadets) | 1         | 2         |

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| Commissioned in 2014 | 3 | Summer '14 Field Training attendees: 8 |
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| Contracted, not on scholarship | 9  |
| On scholarship                 | 23 |
| Total Contracted               | 32 |

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| Projected to commission 2015 | 13 | Summer '15 Field Training projection: 12 |
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**3. Personnel Information:** Our cadre members are:

- a. Lieutenant Colonel Buster McCall completed his second year as Commander of AFROTC Detachment 30, and served as instructor of the senior- and sophomore-level cadets.
- b. Captain Sean Kreps completed his second year as the Operations Flight Commander and taught the junior-level cadets.
- c. Captain Benjamin Young completed his second year as the Recruiting Flight Commander and taught our freshman-level cadets.
- d. Technical Sergeant Timothy Klinedinst completed his fifth year as our Personnel Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC).
- e. Staff Sergeant Michelle Doss arrived at the detachment in February 2014 as the NCO for Knowledge Operations Management.
- f. Ms. Cat Donnelly, Administrative Specialist, started with the department in April 2014.

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

- a. Commissioning: This year (1 January 2014 through 31 December 2014) we commissioned three new second lieutenants.
- b. Field Training: 8 of 12 (66.7 percent) candidates earned selection to Field Training, with two earning Distinguished Graduate honors, one Superior Performer. Additionally, all 8 cadets completed the rigorous summer training program.
- c. Detachment 030 cadets ranked 8 out of 145 AFROTC detachments nationwide in average fitness assessment score and 4 out of 145 in academic grade point average.
- d. University of Arkansas Arnold Air Society cadets led Arnold Air Society operations for 16 schools in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas as the Area IX Command Staff.
- e. Cadets traveled to Fort Smith where they toured the 188th Wing and observed the A-10s up close before the last plane left the wing during the summer of 2014.
- f. Secured Dr. Danny Pugh's selection to the 2014 Air War College National Security Forum.



- g. Cadet Awards include: Detachment 030: Right of Line Award as best small detachment in the Nation; High Flight Award as best small detachment in the Southwest Region, and the; Cadets Barlow and Bryant earned Project GO opportunities to expand their foreign language skills; Cadet Bryant earned SOOIE RSO Member of the Month, Arkansas Alumni Association Seniors of Significance; Cadets Hudgeons and Shockley earned 2d Place in the Buddy Ranger Challenge; Cadet J. Vaughan won a \$1,500 United Services Automobile Association Scholarship Award; .
- h. Cadre Awards: Detachment personnel earned the 2013 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award and recognition as Everyday Heroes during the 2014 United Way Campaign; Captain Kreps and Lt Col McCall earned New Faculty Commendations from the Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center; .

## 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 \$20,000 towards maintenance and expansion.
- c. Teamed with Army ROTC to support Race for the Cure crowd control for over 10,000 participants raising \$227,000.



Color Guard supporting Gymnastics

- d. Presented Air Force wreath and escorted dignitaries during Wreaths Across America at the Fayetteville National Cemetery honoring 1,800 graves and 650 attendees.
- e. The Detachment 030 Air Force ROTC Honor Guard presented the colors at approximately 25 university football games, basketball games, and gymnastics meets.
- f. Joined Army ROTC in commemorating September 2001 with a 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb.

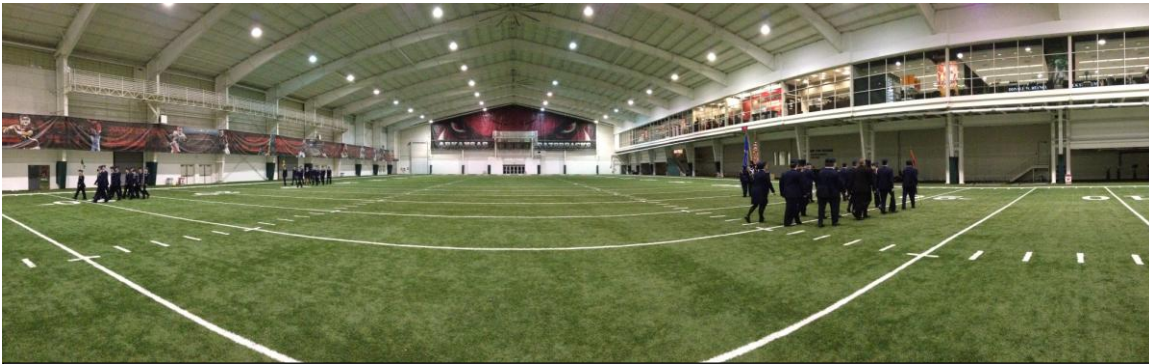


9-11 Memorial Stair Climb



- g. Joined Army ROTC to give disaster relief to the tornado torn areas of Vilonia and Mayflower, Arkansas April 2014, giving critical assistance to four families.

**6. Facilities and Support:** The University of Arkansas continues to provide phenomenal support to Air Force ROTC. Air Force ROTC cadets earned over \$222,000 in University of Arkansas Housing Scholarships, a definite recruiting tool attracting the best and brightest to the University.



Cadets marching in one of our first-class You of A facilities

**7. Open Actions:** 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 implement an out-of-state tuition and fees waiver to all ROTC scholarship recipients by 1 May 2016.

