

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

Detachment 930

Newsletter

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Air Force ROTC Mission:

“Develop leaders of character for tomorrow’s Air and Space Forces.”



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A Letter from the Commander

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we look back at the 2019-2020 Academic Year, I am extremely encouraged by everyone's progress, both individually and as a cadet wing. Cadet Kelly and Cadet Campbell have done a wonderful job of running the Cadet Wing and you all have supported them every step of the way.

Our retention of new cadets has improved significantly from the average over the last 5 years. Historically the Det has done a good job of recruiting but not retaining. This has led to several very small graduating classes and diminished the overall viability of the Detachment. If we can continue the current trend there is no reason we won't meet and eventually exceed HQ AFROTC production viability metrics. Looking even farther out, our incoming class is looking particularly strong based in large part to your efforts. The welcoming atmosphere that has been created is magnetic. Several of our new AY 20-21 cadets have expressed that a significant part of their decision to join us was based on their interactions with all of you.

Although Field Training has been a topic of frustration, we are able to welcome 13 out of 13 sophomores into the POC next semester. The national selection rate was only 85% and based on the order of merit scores, none of our cadets were even close to not being selected. As of this writing MAX allocations have not been assigned and the expectation from NWR is that just over 50% will actually attend FT this year. Regardless of who specifically does or does not attend this summer, I anticipate a strong showing from the entire class in the fall.

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to our graduating class. We are sad to see them leave. Thankful for all their hard work, their guidance to the underclassmen and particularly their leadership through these past few difficult months. And, of course, we are excited for you all to start your new adventures. Remember as you depart here, you represent every Detachment 930 officer, past, present and future. It is your actions by which they are all judged, I know you will do great things and that is why the emotion I feel most is pride.

Although none of us are happy to end this campaign in the new virtual/on-line paradigm, every challenge is an opportunity and I have been particularly impressed with the resilience of the Cadet Wing to press forward and make the best of the situation. Your actions have demonstrated the core value of excellence, keep building from that and we can't go wrong. I wish everyone of you a happy and safe summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

V/r,

WILLIAM 'CARL' LEWIS, Lt Col, USAF
Commander, AFROTC Detachment 930

MEET THE CADRE



MEET THE CADETS

AS100s

C/Alanis Reyes, Dayana
 C/Beck, Gavin
 C/Benning, Justin
 C/Blanchard, Dominic
 C/DuMais, Patrick
 C/Fielding, Coryn
 C/Harper, Myles
 C/Herda, Cassie
 C/Huntley, Anna
 C/Kvale, Aaren
 C/Munz, Jack
 C/Ritzman, Nichole
 C/Sadowski, Natalie
 C/Simutis, Meghan
 C/Stys, Alec
 C/Thompson, Sophie
 C/Woller, Stuart
 C/Yenikayeff-Plested,
 Konstantin

AS200s/250s

C/BeBeau, Grace
 C/Carlson, Joshua
 C/Fischer, Joshua
 C/Giese, Zackary
 C/Heeren, Morgan
 C/Miller, Trevor
 C/Morris, Zachary
 C/Morrow, Megan
 C/Moy, Allen
 C/Singh, Kunwarjit
 C/Still, Elizabeth
 C/Tonkel, Matthew
 C/Ulrich, Rachel

AS300s

C/Archuleta, Anthony
 C/Frandsen, Noah
 C/Garcia, Chloe
 C/Gehrke, Emily
 C/Martin, Connor
 C/Nelson, Mark
 C/Stumpfoll, Trevor
 C/Wucherer, Elliott
 C/Yundt, Sam

AS400s/800s

C/Campbell, Heather
 C/Clausen, Zachary
 C/Directo, Geraldyn
 C/Frey, Erick
 C/Hegwood, Cameron
 C/Kelly, Jonathan
 C/Lampada, Jake
 C/Morales, Naaman

Det 930 Wing Commander
 Lt Col William "Carl" Lewis

Operations Flight Commander
 Captain Nate Manning

Recruiting Officer
 Captain Joi Renee Athanaxay

NCOIC Personnel
 TSgt Shawn Stokes

NCOIC Administration
 TSgt Camren Smith

The Cadet Corps

55 Cadets

7 Universities:

Marquette University
 UW Milwaukee

Milwaukee School of Engineering
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

Carroll University
 UW Parkside

Concordia University

100% Selection rate for cadets
 attending Field Training
 National Average 85%



LEADERSHIP LABORATORY (LLAB)



LLAB LOW DOWN

LLAB consists of a 2 hours per week session where cadets are challenged with dynamic activities, opportunities, and feedback. Some new initiations pushed this semester include an involved Wing structure that promoted teamwork between first year and second year GMC. Cadets challenged themselves in group leadership projects, and leading drill movements applicable to Field Training. Cadets also engaged in Q&A sessions with alumni such as Lt Col Tungol and Lt Col Flandt about their experiences on active duty.

PHYSICAL TRAINING (PT)



PT GOOD FOR YOU GOOD FOR ME

Cadets perform physical training sessions an hour, twice a week at the MSOE Kern Center. The PT program is designed to motivate each cadet to pursue a healthy lifestyle and maintain physical fitness. The Fitness Assessment test cadets must complete each semester includes the following:

- 1-minute push ups
- 1-minute sit ups
- 1.5-mile run

Det Average FA: 88.6



Events Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

FLEX

During the last weekend of October 2019, Det 930 spent time at Volk Field Air National Guard Base for FLEX. FLEX (Field Leadership Exercise) is an opportunity for cadets to learn about military procedures used by Airmen on active duty. Det930 lead this exercise with 5 universities across the Midwest. This training included aspects of SUT (Small Unit Tactics), ECP (Entry Control Procedures), SABC (Self-Aid Buddy Care), and land navigation. GMC (General Military Course) cadets in their AS100 and AS200 year were able to see a glimpse of what it is like to be involved in such operations – all in ABUs. We began the weekend with guest speakers, briefings to prepare for the next day and ended the night with icebreakers to get to know each other. Saturday morning coldly greeted the cadets through the frosted windows. In SUT and land navigation, cadets learned

building entry procedures, travel in a formation, and how to clear a room. At ECP, they practiced their assertiveness by standing up towards aggressors who tried to infiltrate the entrance to their base. Cadets in SABC practiced various life-saving skills such as treating a sucking chest wound and splinting a fracture. The final exercise composed of cadets putting together the skills they learned to the test against POC in a joint mission. Finally, we ended the night with a spaghetti and salad dinner that was prepared by our very own from each detachment. This exercise had the largest turnout with over 110 cadets in attendance. It was definitely a learning experience for all us to practice our leadership and FLEXibility.

- C/Col Directo, Geraldyn



ROTC Women's Volleyball Tournament

On Friday 8 November 2019, Marquette's Women's Volleyball team took on DePaul for a Big East Conference matchup at the Al McGuire Center. The university hosted an ROTC night to bring attention and show its support for their students who are working towards their goals of commissioning as Officers in their respected military branches. Cadet Giese participated in the pushup competition against an Army Cadet and a Navy Midshipmen; it was a great time watching him beat the other contestants and getting to cheer him on with the majority of the Detachment. We were the only ROTC branch to show support for

Marquette Volleyball that night, the women's team ended up sweeping DePaul 3-0.

The best memory I have is when we went to the Marines pull up bar. All of us left our seats to cheer on our fellow Cadets attempt to do as many pull-ups as they could with the Navy ROTC's Marine option Midshipmen. Being Air Force Cadets, they never thought we could do more than one or two pull-ups until Cadet Kelly took over and showed them how it's done!

- C/3C Morrow, Megan

Tri-ROTC Football

Tri-ROTC is a time where all three ROTC branches of Marquette University compete against each other for trophies and bragging rights. This year was especially exciting for Det 930 as we finally were able to have a women's team to play against Navy and Army ROTC. After beating men's NROTC last year, we hoped to maintain the rival boot trophy which is passed between the winner of the NROTC versus AFROTC teams. Unfortunately, this year we had to pass the boot back to Navy as we lost in a hard-fought game by one touchdown. A lot of us cadets and midshipmen played

sports in high school which makes for an even more exciting game.

We felt really good going into the game and felt we could surprise Army after last year and only having 6 cadets. We played a super tough game as we only lost by one point 21-20. It was disappointing after starting the game off strong but not being able to come out with the win. We used that strong energy to rest before our next game against the Navy. They were definitely determined to beat us after last year and came out strong. We held our own until they scored a touchdown with a minute to go to win

the game 28-21. It was disappointing but we all had a great time building comradery with our sister branches. It was really fun to watch the females play after and give the Army and Navy girls a run for their money. It was a great day for all the ROTC branches of Marquette University, and it allowed Detachment 930 to become closer and build teamwork.

- C/Maj Archuleta, Anthony



Combat Dining In

Dining In this past fall semester was a great way to blow off some steam as well as carry out some fun Air Force traditions. We started the evening with some tradition surrounding the grog bowl: A mixture of various substances such as ranch, hot sauce, pepper, gravy, and even flour. Any violation of the Dining In rules warranted a trip to the grog bowl, a grave misfortune with how pungent and putrid the grog tasted. After we had filled up on some pizza brought in from a local place, we then played paintball in rotating rounds. If you were not currently playing paintball, there were competitions such as arm wrestling,

“Mr./Mrs. Vice President, a point of order!”

happening between groups of cadets. It led to continuous stream of fun throughout the entire night. Overall, Dining In 2019 was a great time to have fun with the cadet corps, and I hope that this tradition is carried on in this Detachment after I graduate.

- C/Lt Col Frey, Erick



Movies and Morale

This year, a good number of us from AFROTC Detachment 930 got together to watch the movies *Midway* and *The Last Full Measure*. Last semester, we watched *Midway*, which was about the Battle of Midway in 1942. *The Last Full Measure* told the story of William Pitsenbarger, a USAF Pararescue Jumper or known as a "PJ", who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for saving lives during the Vietnam War. I was excited to see both movies because I learned about the Battle of Midway being such a vital event that helped turn the tide of the Pacific Campaign. Although it primarily featured the U.S. Navy and their pilots, I was happy to see U.S.

service members of all branches, especially pilots, play their part in the war. The movie was action packed and had lots of tense moments when watching the squadrons of torpedo bombers destroy the enemy carriers, wondering if the pilots were going to make it through the mission. Movies such as this and *The Last Full Measure*, reminded me of why I joined ROTC. It is the bravery, the selflessness and the honor those during the Battle of Midway and Pitsenbarger showed, that I want to emulate and reach their level of excellence.

- C/3C Moy, Allen



Notre Dame Tri-ROTC

Detachment 930 had a great opportunity, once again this year, to have some of the cadets and Captain Athanaxy go to the University of Notre Dame to participate in a basketball competition with other detachments across the nation. This event took place over a weekend on Friday, 1 February to Sunday, 3 February 2020. We drove down to Indiana and stayed at a hotel. Personally, I had a very fun experience. This was my second year going down to Notre Dame for the tournament. We arrived, unpacked, and got ready for our games. We had a coed team because of the number of cadets that went made up for one team. We played against tough competition against three other detachments and were able to win against Loyola University

Chicago Army for our one win out of the three teams we played. After our second game, we toured around Notre Dame's campus, with the highlights being visiting the Golden Dome and the Basilica. This year we had Cadet Zachary Morris participate in the 3-point shootout challenge. Unfortunately, he didn't win but he had the entire support from Detachment 930 on his back! This was a great opportunity for all of us cadets to bond. It was pretty much a locked off environment where we were interacting like non-ROTC cadets for once. We would get breakfast, lunch, and dinner together, and we also got together and watched movies and TV shows for the nights! I hope to go again next year with more and new cadets that have yet to experience the excitement of Notre Dame!

- C/3C Singh, Kunwarjit



FIELD TRAINEES

Rated

C/Giese, Zackary

C/Miller, Trevor

Line Non-Tech

C/Heeran, Morgan

C/Morrow, Megan

C/Moy, Allen

C/Still, Elizabeth

Line Tech

C/BeBeau, Grace

C/Carlson, Joshua

C/Fischer, Joshua

C/Morris, Zachary

C/Singh, Kunwarjit

C/Tonkel, Matthew

Nursing

C/Ulrich, Rachel



Thank you for all you
have done and for what
you will continue to do.



Commissioning SENIORS

C/Col Campbell, Heather
AFSC: 92T1 – Combat Systems Officer Trainee
Duty Station: Naval Air Station Pensacola, Pensacola, Florida
School: Wisconsin Lutheran College

C/Lt Col Clausen, Zachary A.
AFSC: 92T1 – Combat Systems Officer Trainee
Duty Station: Naval Air Station Pensacola, Pensacola, Florida
School: Marquette University

C/Col Directo, Geraldyn M.
AFSC: 46N1 - Nurse
Duty Station: Ft Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX
School: Marquette University

C/Lt Col Frey, Erick
AFSC: 92T0 – Pilot Trainee
Duty Station: Laughlin AFB, TX
School: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

C/Maj Hegwood, Cameron S.
AFSC: TBD
Duty Station: TBD
School: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

C/Col Kelly, Jonathan M.
AFSC: 17D Cyber Operations Officer
Duty Station: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (Graduate School)
then Keesler AFB, MS
School: Wisconsin Lutheran College

C/Lt Col Lampada, Jake P.
AFSC: 92T Pilot Trainee
Duty Station: Laughlin AFB, TX
School: University of Wisconsin Parkside

Where are they Now? Detachment 930 Alumni

Taken to the Skies 1st Lt Alexander Thennes

After been active duty now for a little over two years, I would have never anticipated the path which I have taken thus far in my career. The pilot training pipeline is time consuming, demanding, but extremely exciting in more ways than can be described. It is often hard to realize the amazing opportunity that is being able to fly a military aircraft when you are in the heat of the training pipeline. However, looking back, you can actually appreciate how unique of an opportunity it really is.

The typical flow for students who are selected to fly fighter aircraft is, after you complete pilot training, you attend Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) to learn the basics of fighter maneuvering in both air-to-air and air-to-ground environments. After completion of IFF, students then attend their fighter B-Course to learn the basics of flying and employing the aircraft they are assigned to. This is currently where I am at in my career, having just started the B-Course in February 2020 with my first flight in a F-15E in April 2020.

What are some highlights of my career so far? I have been able to fly nearly 200 hours total in the T-6, T-38, and now the F-15E. I have been either stationed at or been TDY (temporary duty) to 5 different bases in the United States. I have made friends along the way including active duty, guard, and reserves on almost every airframe the Air Force has. These are just a few of many, many more.

Some advice for cadets looking at going to pilot training? Teach yourself to be diligent with your work, pilot training will ask a lot of you and your ability to stay focused is paramount. Come to pilot training with an open mind but also with a goal. Knowing what your goal is gives you focus and motivation but having an open mind opens doors you didn't know existed. Long weeks means take Saturdays off. Use Sundays to regroup for the week ahead.

Regardless of the career path you choose, becoming a new Lt is an exciting and an amazing accomplishment. When you finally do EAD, it is reminiscent of moving to college the first time. The best things you can do is meet new people, ask questions, and be motivated. The rest will fall into place from there.



I've taken what I learned in ROTC and implemented it to leading a group of Airmen. My senior NCOs have taught me so many things but have also taken the time to get to know me. They've also helped me develop the kind of leader I want to be. The biggest thing they have taught me is to value the people around you. Being overseas for my first assignment was intimidating but being surrounded by people that care about me makes the experience amazing. I've been able to travel to new places all while living my dream of serving the country. You have so much to look forward to.

Around the World 2nd Lt Robyn Radovich



Thank You

To the cadre and Mrs. Lisa Roemer, thank you for your time and guidance this year. Your dedication to our growth is a gift that is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the parents, families, and friends for your support on this journey towards pursuing an Air Force career.



"Air Force ROTC's finest detachment producing America's most professional and prepared officers." – C/Col Campbell, Heather, Cadet Wing Commander, Spring 2020



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Senior Send Offs

"Thank you Det 930 for leaving me with great memories! Keep working hard through these tough times. It's worth it in the end! Hope to see you all in the big Air Force again!"

- C/Col Campbell, Heather

"Honestly some of my best memories are because of Detachment 930. Although I'm moving on to other things, I will still miss this place, especially the people. I know the detachment is in good hands and I can't wait to see what cadets do in the future."

- C/Lt Col Zachary, Clausen A.

"Take in every moment you are in this program – the good and the challenging times. Time really does fly so go ahead - breathe in that MSOE gym smell at 0630, cherish those carpool karaoke rides, and be present in everything you do. Thank you for all the lessons and memories, take care of yourselves and each other always!"

- C/Col Directo, Geraldyn M.

"Whatever you do, never lose your passion for this program. It's extremely easy to tell in this program who has passion and who doesn't. Dig deep and take it one day at a time, always looking forward to the end goal."

- C/Frey, Erick

"College and ROTC are extremely challenging and "the decade of decision" can be very overwhelming. You will face many choices and challenges that will have lasting impacts on you and your future. Maintain focus on your goals and have some fun along the way! 'Seek out your mentors, peers, and the Lord for guidance' (Matthew 6:25-34) and you will achieve success. Aim High Airmen!"

- C/Maj Hegood, Cameron S.

"Det 930, Thank you for the experiences and challenges you have given me over my 4 years in the program. I will be proud to say that I hail from Marquette and Milwaukee when I get to my future duty stations. This place has been my home and will hold a place in my heart forever. Fly fast, punch hard, and aim high!"

- C/Col Kelly, Jonathan M.

"It has been an absolute blast. I have learned and grown so much over these last 3 years. It is going to be sad to go, but it will be fun moving into the big blue Air Force. I'll see you all there."

- C/Lt Col Lampada, Jake P.