



# SQUADRON 18 FIGHTIN' PHANTOMS



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## Upperclassmen of the Month: Jacob Bronson '20

Mr. Bronson '20 is an International Studies major from San Diego, California. He is currently serving as Squadron 18's Guidon Bearer, a Fire Team Leader, Recruiting Corporal, and Training Corporal. Not only is Mr. Bronson a great leader, he is also very intelligent--he received a 4.0 GPA last semester, indicated by the gold star above his name plate! If there is anyone who embodies the Corps Value of Selfless Service, it's Mr. Bronson--over the summer, he spent several weeks in North Africa as a missionary.



## fish of the Month: fish Stalter '21

fish Stalter '21 is a History major from Missouri City, Texas. He is seeking a contract in the United States Marine Corps.





# SEPTEMBER REVIEW



**Squadron 18 has had a great start to this academic year. The Phantom fish have come a long way since their arrival at FOW, and they are improving day by day. This month alone, we:**

- Reached our 15th year anniversary as an established outfit in the Corps of Cadets! Whoop!
- Held a small event in memorial of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attack, and for those who have lost their lives in the subsequent War on Terror.
- Completed an initial Physical Fitness Test, where the outfit's average score was a 275 out of 300. For reference, the Corps' unit average is around 250 out of 300.
- Conducted two Career Readiness training sessions, where cadets were instructed on how to craft a successful resume and learned about their options for joining the military. Because Squadron 18 has upperclassmen cadets in the four main branches of the military, each cadet has been assigned an upperclassmen that they can speak to about the specific ROTC program they are interested in--a unique opportunity that not many other outfits on the Quad have.
- Officially joined Student Bonfire! Several Phantoms from all classes have chosen to partake in this famous Aggie tradition.
- Volunteered at the Museum of the American G.I. to help build an authentic World War I trench system. We will be there each Friday afternoon to assist in their efforts to complete the trench by Spring. Squadron 18 has a longstanding relationship with the museum. For more information about the Museum of the American G.I., here is their website: <http://americangimuseum.org/>
- Phantom fish, as part of a longstanding tradition in the Corps of Cadets, made and wore their "fish spurs" during the week of 18 September to 22 September.
- On Friday 29 September, we volunteered at the Distinguished Alumni Gala--a highly formal event held by the university that honors all Distinguished Alumni. We volunteered last year as well and the event was a great success. Visit this link for more information about the Gala: <https://www.aggienetwork.com/distinguishedalumnigala/#aboutthegala>



# Aggie Ring Day!

Several Phantom Upperclassmen received their Aggie rings! (Pictured from left to right, top to bottom: Seniors Mark Motsinger, Garrett Griffis, Andy Villarreal, Aaron Nail, Daniel Ciardullo)





# OCTOBER PREVIEW



**The month of October will bring a variety of new opportunities and challenges for Squadron 18:**

- Silver Taps will be held on the evening of 3 October 2017.
- Our "Kiss the Pig" Campaign to raise money for the Brazos Valley Pink Alliance! Last year, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets General Ramirez kissed Reggie the Pig as the result of raising hundreds of dollars. The website is here: <http://pinkalliance.org/>. Come see Reggie the Pig at our BTHOAlabama and BTHOmississippi state BBQs!
- We will be participating in the Corps' annual Mud Run, in which 10 cadets from each outfit are selected to compete for the fastest time. These 10 cadets will complete the stamina course, a series of tire flips, and the grenade course. Last year, Squadron 18 placed in the top 10 outfits for the fastest time!
- Phantom fish will experience their first "log PT" training time.
- We will continue to hold outfit barbecues for each home football game! All details can be found on our Facebook page (links below):

## Useful Links

For more updates, pictures, and events, follow the official Squadron 18 Facebook page and Instagram page! <https://www.facebook.com/SQ18Recruiting/> and <https://www.instagram.com/squadron.18/>

Get ready for winter with some "red ass" outfit apparel! Visit our official online store at <http://phantom18store.core-image.net/>. Some of the great features of the store are listed below:

- 24-hour unlimited access
- Ability to order single-piece items with NO minimums
- 10% of sales are donated towards the outfit's March of Dimes donation
- We will have more apparel on the website soon! Stay tuned!





# OUTFIT WISH LIST



A lot of moving parts go into running a unit successfully. Squadron 18's mission is to create the next generation of leaders in the Corps of Cadets—leaders who are academically efficient, professionally/militarily ready, physically fit, thoroughly versed in corps knowledge and procedures, and fully capable to lead others both on and off the Quad. Thanks to various donors throughout the years, Squadron 18 stands firm as one of the top 10 outfits in the entire Corps of Cadets. That is something nearly unheard of for a transfer unit! However, we're not content with just the top 10. We won't be content until we're the #1 outfit on the Quad. Even though you're not a cadet currently in the unit, you can help us achieve that goal. Attached is Squadron 18's "Wish List," a list of items that will help us upgrade our training times, boost our physical fitness, and make our weekly BBQ experience more enjoyable for everyone. If you're willing to help us, we would greatly appreciate it. Again, we wouldn't be where we are today without the generous donors who gave us our current set of equipment. We accept cash and checks for the items listed (checks can be made out to Squadron 18 and can be given to Aaron Nail or myself at unit BBQs, or through a trusted Phantom). All prices include tax. We appreciate your support! Thank you to those who donated at this weekend's barbecue!

### Squadron 18 Wish List

*We appreciate your support!*

Paid	\$\$	Item	Donor	Phone Number
	\$10	Chair	Jane Metz (x10)	
✓	\$10	*Chair (20)	Rodney + Melissa Hans (x10) 361-701-3221	361-701-3221
	\$10	Pull up band		
	\$15	Resistance band		
✓	\$20	Sandbag	Linda Armstrong (x1)	936-727-0443
	\$20	Sandbag (9)		
✓	\$20	Water cooler (5 gal.)	Alex Groh (x1)	
	\$25	*Bonfire Axe (7)	William + Ann (1) 337-3889	
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	\$25	Horse shoe set		
	\$25	Strike pads		
	\$30	*Bonfire Pot (10)		
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✓	\$30	Brisket rub (7 oz.)	Linda Armstrong (x1)	936-727-0443
✓	\$45	Electric Deep Fryer (4 lt.)	Bob Armstrong (x1)	936-727-0034
✓	\$45	Turkey Fryer (30 qt.)	Billy + Stacey Hunt	210-508-3459
✓	\$50	Tailgate tent (12 x 12)	David Sweeney (x1)	979-492-9598
✓	\$60	Table (6 ft.)	Alex Groh (x1)	
	\$60	*Table (6 ft.)	Hacker Family	344 7373 806 364-0073
✓	\$70	Water cooler (100 qt.)	Shutack Family	817 233 5311
	\$130	Fridge (3.1 cubic ft.)		
✓	\$150	Deep freezer (5 cubic ft.)	Rodney + Melissa Hans 361-701-3221	361-701-3221
	-	Outfit Banner		
	-	Logs for Log PT		

\*Items needed most