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TSU AFROTC Cadet Weatherspoon to Receive Air Force Commission

Texas Southern University AFROTC Cadet Marvin Weatherspoon will receive his Air Force 2nd lieutenant’s commission on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 4:00 pm, at the University of Houston’s MD Anderson Library in the Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion. The ceremony will consist of the Oath of Service taken by the commissionee, the ceremonial pinning-on of the second lieutenant rank insignia, and comments by Colonel Phil Bossert, USAF, detachment commander of the Air Force ROTC program.

Cadet Marvin Weatherspoon, a native Houstonian and graduating senior Airway Science major, has also earned a pilot slot for Undergraduate Pilot Training with the United States Air Force upon his graduation this spring. Cadet Weatherspoon stands as an example of leadership; his accomplishments include: the first pilot candidate to come out of Texas Southern University, the first cadet from TSU to be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, and the first TSU AFROTC cadet to activate the HBCU Non-competitive Scholarship.

Detachment 003 was established in 2003 and is currently the third fastest growing AFROTC unit in the nation. Its goal is to provide cadets the education and training necessary to become second lieutenants in the United States Air Force. The Air Force ROTC program also serves students at Texas Southern University and twelve other colleges throughout the Houston metro area.