



Squadron Six Flying Tigers

Legacy Group

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Squadron Six Flies Again

If you haven't heard yet, Squadron 6 will be reactivated in January 2013, and take its rightful place on the Quad.

Fernando Aguilera '13 has been selected as the Commanding Officer and James Dickens '14 the First Sergeant. Soon the Savage Six Flying Tigers outfit yell will be echoing throughout the Quad.

The Reactivation Ceremony will be at 10:00 a.m. on 11 Jan 2013 at the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center. Please make plans to be there on the January 11th!

Squadron Six was created in 1946 and has existed under several different

names, yet it has always been the same outfit.

A lot has changed since we've been there – we have heard that before... "back in Old Army days". Outfits today strive to maintain relationships with former members and current families by hosting meals on the Quad after home games.

An excellent way to foster a legacy atmosphere. We've seen a lot of email and Facebook traffic in the past few weeks, all of them good ideas, yet right now, the squadron's biggest need is financial.

[Donate: Squadron Six Legacy Group.](#)



Special points of interest:

Office of the Chancellor will match \$10K!

Legacy Fund Goal—\$106K.

Squadron Six was founded in 1946.

Squadron 6 was the oldest Squadron in the Wing

REACTIVATION CEREMONY

10:00 AM—11 Jan 2013
Sam Houston Corps of Cadets Center

Fernando Aquilera—The Commanding Officer



Originally from Santa Cruz, Bolivia. I arrived in the U.S. at age 15 and graduated from McAllen Memorial High School in McAllen, TX. A Corps recruiting video made the Corps look fun, though I had no idea what I was getting myself into, I

joined. The Corps has been the best decision of my life, a program that transformed a teenage boy into a man.

As an Aerospace Engineer major, I love challenges. I began as a fish in Squadron 21, “The Hellcats”, an outfit brought back in 2005 from the old Squadron 9 “Hellcats”. My Corps leadership experience includes Clerk, Logistics Sergeant, and Operations, Logistics, and Training Officer. A member of the Corps Marathon Team, and Corps Soccer team. Off-the-quad leadership positions include: Student Senator for the College of Engineering, Student Mentor for International Students, Member of the Student Ser-

vices Committee, and Regent’s Student Organization Freshman Representative.

Bringing Squadron 6 back to the Corps is an opportunity to give back. Aggies leave legacies, as CO I desire to lead SQ 6 back into the greatest outfit on the Quad. Building a strong foundation for the next cadre of leadership, and the pride in knowing that I was a part of that vision. My goals for the outfit are to carry on tradition and keep it as the best, most historic, and most powerful outfit on the quad with the best cadet leadership development training, while also giving back to our community with selfless service.

Fernando

Taylor Dickens—The First Butt



I am from the small town of Paradise, TX. I originally came to Texas A&M as a non-reg,

missing my first semester in Corps of Cadets. I then joined the Aggie Band as a member of A-Company the following Spring. I have been a member of A-Co until I decided to apply for the position of first sergeant of SQ-6, I did this to expand my experiences in the Corps of Cadets, broaden my perspectives, and to play a pivotal role in the recreation in one of the Corps great historic outfits and

make it into the best outfit in the Corps. I am currently studying Aerospace Engineering and hold a contract with the United States Air Force. While in the Air Force I would like to be a developmental engineer, and further on in life I would like to apply to member of the United States Astronaut Corps or be an engineer in one of the new private space companies such as SpaceX.

Taylor

Do know what a
Savage Six Pitcher
was at the Hall Of
Fame?

Savage Six Traditions

Wearing Red and White polka dotted welder caps during Bonfire. In the fall of each year, the fish class got these caps for the entire fish class, and wore them the next 4 years. When Sq 6 split into Sq 13 in the Fall of 83, Sq 13 turned to green and white polka dotted caps. These were prevalent around cutting

site and stack each year.

The ‘Sister Outfits’ – Sq 6, C-1, B-1 and Sq 13 were a force to reckon. One of the first events that were held was the introduction of freshmen to the upperclassmen in the other Sister Outfits.

One of the few outfits that wore ‘heads up’ Corps Brass

on their collar—signifying that no matter what, we were always looking up.

Sq 6’s guidon staff was taller than other outfits—our outfit always stood above the rest.

The cherry in the tiger’s mouth. Each class passed down their

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Savage Six History

In 1946, a new branch was added to the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M, the Army Air Forces. In 1947, the U.S. Air Force was created and with it the Army Air Force branch at A&M became the Air Force branch. In 1948, cadets from the



1961-1962

"A" Air Force, "B" Air Force, & "C" Air Force, which comprised the early Air Force Branch, were taken and combined to form "E" Flight. "E" Flight was one of six flights created in this maneuver, the other five being "A", "B", "C", "D", & "F" Flights. In 1949, "E" Flight became "E" Flight Air Force. In 1950, the name was changed again to "E" Squadron. In 1951, it became "E" Air Force.

In 1952, the big change occurred in which all the AFROTC outfits became numbered Squadrons. In our case we were changed from "E" Air

Force to Squadron 6: however, none of the outfits had mascots, they were simply known by their number. The title Squadron 6 remained as such for three years until 1955 when we named our Squadron mascot "ELNO" and officially became "ELNO SIX". This name we kept for six years until 1961 when we re-named ourselves "SONIC SIX". The very next year, 1962, we changed our name again to "SINFUL SIX". This name also was changed after one year to "THE DRUNKEN INDIANS" in 1963.

In 1964, with no one approving of keeping the name "drunken indians", we finally settled on a name that everyone liked, "SAVAGE SIX FLYING TIGERS" named after GEN Claire Chennault's legendary WWII American Volunteer Group "Flying Tigers" which served for a time in China, helping to defend its



1964 era

borders and flew the P-40 Fighter Plane. The name "Savage Six Flying Tigers" has existed from that time forward, until the outfit was disbanded in 1992. In 1984, the outfit was split and formed Sq 13 'Thunderin' Thirteen'. From that point on, Sq 6 and Sq 13 solidified 'Sister Outfits', to include B-1 and C-1 from the Brigade.

Despite the fact that Squadron Six has existed under several different names, it has always been the same outfit. When asked, "which unit is the oldest? Tell them Squadron 6 is the oldest Squadron in the Wing and was in existence on a continuous basis from 1948 to 1992.

OUTFIT NAMES

1946-47 Squadrons A&B, Army Air Forces

1947-48 "A" Air Force, "B" Air Force, "C" Air Force

1948-49 "E" Flight

1949-50 "E" Flight Air Force •

1950-51 "E" Squadron

1951-52 "E" Air Force

1952-55 Squadron 6

1955-61 Elno Six

1961-62 Sonic Six

1962-63 Sinful Six

1963-64 The Drunken Indians

1964-92 Savage Six Flying Tigers

2013 Savage Six Flying Tigers

[Click here to share your favorite Six history on our Legacy Facebook Page](#)

The Squadron Six Legacy Group

The Legacy group is comprised of Old Ags interested in renewing the status of Squadron Six as in years past. Our mission is to organize financial support and advisory leadership sufficient to maintain a growing and active outfit. Today's Corps Unit has an annual operating budget of approximately \$5,000. One of the reasons that outfits fail is lack of financial support, and involvement of former cadets. Fish are not going to seek an outfit that is a do nothing outfit, an outfit without a presence. The Legacy Group seeks to insure that the outfit can attract top notch Fish, that desire the A&M Corps experience; an outfit that will take boys from their mommas and send back men!

There are immediate financial needs to start the outfit, i.e. CO's sabre, Sam Browne belt, outfit hats and t-shirts, etc. Estimates have been received and we are in the process of securing those start-up items. The purpose and goal of the Legacy Fund is to insure the success of Squadron Six through scholarship and other financial support for the unit. The **Savage Six Goal is to raise \$106,000** to be used for funding at least two outfit scholarships, emergency funds, and funds for the cadet in need program. This may seem too ambitious, yet it is quite do-able! 100 Old Ags pitch in \$1060 each and it is done. A \$1000 scholarship can be endowed for \$30,000. Imagine the talent we could recruit into an outfit that takes care of its own.

Make Your Gift Today

Four separate levels of gifts or pledges to the Squadron Six Fund will be recognized as follows:

- (a) \$50: **Fish Level**—recognized by distinctive Squadron Six magnet,
- (b) \$100: **Pisshead Level**—recognized by a Squadron Six Travel Valet item holder,
- (c) \$250: **Sergbutt Level**—recognized by a Squadron Six Leatherette CD Holder,
- (d) \$500 and above: **Zip Level**—recognized by distinctive Squadron Six Executive Note Caddy;

All contributors will receive appropriate IRS documentation.



Office of the Chancellor, John Sharp '72, will match \$10K!

Many employers sponsor a matching gift program, double your money for Squadron Six!

The Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association has agreed to provide administrative and accounting assistance related to establishment of the fund. Gifts may be made to the Squadron Six Legacy Fund by:

1. Check payable to Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association (memo line: Squadron Six Legacy Fund)

mail to: Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association, 1134 Finfeather Road, Bryan, TX 77803

2. Credit Card Payment: [Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association website on the SQ 6 page.](#)

The Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization and all gifts to the Squadron 6 Legacy Fund are qualified as a deduction for federal income tax purposes. All matching funds are payable to the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association/SQ 6 Legacy Fund. Gifts, of course, can be made in memory of deceased Aggies or in honor of classmates or other members of Squadron Six.



*"Give me an Army of West Point graduates
and I'll win a battle... Give me a handful of
Texas Aggies and I'll win a war."*

— George S. Patton Jr.

NOTABLE FORMER STUDENTS

Thomas Olsen '56, Major General, USAF (Ret)

Robert Patrick Lee '60—Grandson of Claire Chennault (The Original Flying Tiger!)

Rick Perry '72 Texas Governor

John Sharp '72 Chancellor Texas A&M

Ed Yarish '83, Brigadier General, USAF

Ernie Aliseda '88, Judge, McAllen, TX

Curtis Hite '91-CEO of Improving Enterprises, member of the Aggie 100

Who have we missed?

[Let us know at our Face Book Page.](#)

RSVP TODAY



Charlotte and John Sharp

invite you to be their guest at a

Luncheon

celebrating the reinstatement of

Squadron 6

Friday, January 11, 2013

11:30 a.m.

The Reed House – Chancellor's Residence*

1 Reed Drive

College Station, Texas 77840

Business Casual Attire

RSVP by January 4, 2013 to events@tamus.edu or 979.458.6028

Please include the name of your guest(s) with your RSVP

*In case of inclement weather the luncheon will be moved to the MSC Gates Ballroom

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own 'history' of the cherry. A 'Savage Six Pitcher' could be found at the former Texas Hall of Fame—a full pitcher with Six Cherries.

The cherry was in the tiger's mouth on the outfit sign, t-shirts and caps. As a freshman, if you were wearing your outfit t-shirt and an upperclassmen pushed on the cherry on your t-shirt, then you had the right to let loose at him with as many insults as

1980's—1990's



you could in 6 seconds – cursing, ethnic backgrounds, lack of military bearing, poor grades, girlfriends were all fair game in



QUESTIONS?

[Hotel Information](#)