



**Corps of Cadets
State Historical Marker Dedication
Texas A&M University**

February 24, 1996

Texas A&M Corps of Cadets

Soon after its opening in 1876, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (Texas A&M) established the Corps of Cadets to fulfill its mandate to instruct its students (All-Male until the early 1960's) in military science. A&M contributed more officers to America's World War II effort than any other institution, including the U.S. Military Academy. Many of the Corps' traditional activities, such as the Aggie Band, Fish Drill Team, and Ross Volunteers, have gained national and international recognition. A&M's elite Corps of Cadets continues to dominate the university's unique public image.



Some may boast of
the prowess bold,
Of the schools they
think so grand,
But there is a spirit
that can never be told,
It's the spirit of
AGGIELAND.

Words for this marker were adapted from the original music of
"The Spirit of Aggieland," which premiered in 1925.

This marker is a gift from former Corps members
Jim Sterling, Jr., '38
Ben Sterling II, '76
Jim Sterling III, '71 CDR. USNR (Ret)

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Presiding	Major General Thomas G. Darling Commandant, Corps of Cadets Texas A&M University
Welcome	Dr. Paul P. Van Riper Secretary Brazos County Historical Commission
Invocation	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Steven C. Woodward Chaplain, Corps of Cadets Texas A&M University
Remarks	Major General Darling
Presentation	James B. Kelly Chair, Corps of Cadets Development Council Texas A&M University
Acceptance	The Honorable Alvin W. Jones County Judge Brazos County Dr. Ray M. Bowen President Texas A&M University
Closing	Major General Darling

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