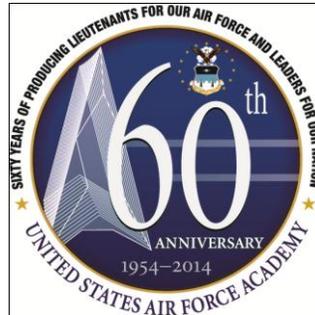


FALCON FAMILY NEWS

February 2014



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Do you have an iTunes or Android enabled device? Scan the QR codes above with your barcode scanner to download the new Air Force Academy App. Get the latest Academy news, photos, videos, and more.

You can also access free photos on USAFA WEBSITE:

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm> Just select your cadet's class year!



Wings of Blue jumping with the USAFA 60th Anniversary Flag!

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 January 2014)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2013	2	0	2
2014	784	240	1024
2015	695	188	883
2016	691	190	881
2017	866	262	1128
WING	3038	880	3918

❖ These numbers include international students.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

As you may be reading and experiencing, we are at a historic inflection point for both higher education and the US military: four year institutions of higher education face fiscal and competitive challenges; and our military forces are entering an interwar period marked by fiscal and role/mission challenges. At USAFA, we work at the confluence of those challenges. Sequester-driven decisions could force the Air Force to cut up to 550 aircraft and 25,000 Airmen in the coming years. The Air Force's Academy is not immune to this budget pressure; all aspects of our mission will be affected-academics, military training, and athletics. I know many of you have concerns about budget cuts and their effect on the Academy, to include NCAA sports-me, too! Candidly, we don't yet know the details or full impact of these proposed cuts.

Going forward, we'll focus on timeless principles of value -- the Essence of our Academy -- to establish requirements and priorities to make fact based decisions. We are committed to provide a rigorous, accredited Bachelor of Science degree, while focusing our cadets on the Air Force missions in Air, Space and Cyberspace. Many of you have written to me - and I know from experience! - that competition enhances the development of leaders. No doubt about it! In fact, we are committed to provide a wide range of competitive experiences and challenges that require cadets to balance between, for instance, academic, intercollegiate, team, club, intramural, military, and airmanship opportunities.

Just as other universities and the Department of Defense face incredibly difficult fiscal decisions, we assure you that decisions made here will be in the best interest of our Nation, our Air Force, and our Academy. Throughout, I'm committed to keep you informed--We appreciate your continued support!

- Lt Gen Michelle Johnson

SUPERINTENDENT ON TWITTER

The newest member of Twitter is Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy. General Johnson's Twitter handle is @USAFA_SUPT, and she said she looks forward to communicating with Academy cadets, fellow Airmen, Academy graduates, and anyone else who is interested in or has concerns about the Air Force's Academy. Twitter is a great tool to share Academy news, and General Johnson is glad to use this social media platform to ensure openness and transparency.

"I look forward to talking about the Academy and having an open dialogue with the public." Johnson said. Her first tweet reads "Glad to be on Twitter, and looking forward to hearing from you!"

THIS MONTH IN AIR FORCE ACADEMY HISTORY—HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY—1 APRIL

1 February 1990 -- The Academy's cadet chorale performs for President George Bush and members of Congress.

3 February 1995 -- Eileen Collins, former Air Force Academy math assistant professor and T-41 instructor pilot, becomes the first female astronaut to pilot the space shuttle, as a member of the Discovery crew on mission STS-63.

6 February 2005 -- The Air Force Academy's Cadet Chorale teams up with the Naval Academy Glee Club, West Point Choir, and the Coast Guard Academy to perform the national anthem at Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, Florida. This was the first time the four academies had performed together since former President Richard Nixon's 1973 inauguration ceremony.

12 February 1973 -- The release of Prisoners of War from southeast Asia begins in Hanoi, including several Air Force Academy graduates. Operation Homecoming continues until 29 March 1973, when all 591 American prisoners had been released and returned to the United States.

13 February 1980 -- Captain Steve Simon, Class of '77, a member of the Lake Placid Olympic Winter Games Torch Relay Team, participates in the Lake Placid Olympics Opening Ceremonies. He represented Wyoming (where he was stationed) as one of only 52 runners selected to carry the torch on the 1,000-mile relay and take part in all ceremonies during the Games.

22 February 1957 -- General Hubert R. Harmon, first Academy Superintendent, passes away.

25 February 1999 -- The Exemplar Program begins, as the Class of 2000 chooses General Jimmy Doolittle as its exemplar and dedicates a Doolittle exhibit. The program provides each class with a role model to emulate.

UPCOMING DATES 2014:

13 Feb 14	100's Night Banquet (1845 – 2000, Mitchell Hall) (2014 class)
14 Feb 14	AF Ball (Broadmoor Hall, The Broadmoor)
25 Feb 14	Majors Night (2017, 2016 Mandatory, 2014/2015 optional (1800 – 2000)
13 – 15 Mar 14	Recognition
21 – 30 Mar 14	Spring Break LMD. Cadet Wing returns 1900 hours on 30 Mar 14
4 Apr 14	Founders Day Parade (1000)
12 – 16 May 14	Finals
23 May 14	Ring Dining Out and Ring Dance (2015 class)
28 May 14	2014 Graduation
31 May 14	Summer Session 1 begins
21 Jun 14	Summer Session 1 ends (must check in by 1000 am)
21 Jun 14	Summer Session 2 begins
12 Jul 14	Summers Session 2 ends (must check in by 1000 am)
12 Jul 14	Summer Session 3
2 Aug 13	Session 3 ends. Cadet Wing returns at 1900 hours (7pm)
26 Jun 14	2018 In-Processing

HIGH SCHOOL EXCUSALS: If you have a high school student (possible cadet or family member attending Graduation etc...) that will miss school to come out to USAFA, Admissions can do an excusal letter for a College visit. You can contact 1-800-443-9266 or e-mail rr_webmail@usafa.edu. The admissions website is: <http://www.academyadmissions.com/>.

CADET TAXES: Most cadets don't have many deductions and file an EZ form. USAFA has volunteers that can do their taxes for free to ensure they have used all their deductions they are entitled to. The Tax center sometimes moves around the base, but the phone number is (719) 333-3905 and are done on an appointment basis. This information is posted up in the cadet area.

PROOF OF CADET HEALTH INSURANCE: To get proof of insurance cadets can either e-mail Glenda Phillips at glenda.phillips@us.af.mil, phone (719) 333-5281 (USAFA TRICARE for cadets) and she can e-mail them their proof of insurance or they can stop by the cadet clinic and the folks there can print out the proof. Parents sometime wish to get the cadet off their insurance and their companies may require proof of coverage. Some parents will wait to ensure their cadet will be staying at the Academy to ensure no loss of coverage.

HONORS LIST CRITERIA

Athletic Director's List: Cadets who earn a semester Physical Education Average (PEA) of at least 3.0 will be on the Athletic Director's list. These cadets are authorized to wear the Athletic Director's pin on their uniform for the next semester. PEA is a weighted 4.00 grading scale (50% Physical Fitness Test + 35% Phy Ed course grades + 15% Aerobic Fitness Test).

Dean's List: The cadet has to earn a 3.0 GPA minus grades from physical education courses.

Commandant's List: the top 1/3 of each class year are eligible for this honor. Stipulation, if a cadet is on "ANY" probation, he/she is not eligible for the honor.

SUPTS List: Cadets must be on the Dean's, Commandant's and AD lists.

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUSELORS (FOR CADETS)

Military Family and Life Counselors are available to all cadets and Cadet Candidates at the Academy. Support and counseling are offered through formal and informal meetings with Cadets, as they may experience issues such as: balance and self-regulation, family separation, adjustment to cadet life, relationship stress, grief and loss, authority issues, intimacy and trust, and access to self-help resources.

MFLC COUNSELORS

(719) 651-4810

(719) 246-1360

Our Mission: To provide confidential non-medical, short term, problem-solving, non-record keeping counseling support, coaching, and education to Cadets to ensure readiness, and to address the stressors that can typically be associated with cadet life.

- **Confidential non-medical counseling to cadets.**
- **Licensed masters and doctorate level counselors.**
- **Services can be provided on or off of military installations.**
- **No records are kept.**
- **MFLC program is voluntary and available at no cost to cadets.**

CADET WING MEDIA:

Basic Training Yearbooks for Class of 2017 were distributed during Nov/Dec 2013, many remain to be picked up. If you didn't see your cadets BCT book during holidays, please insure he/she comes to Cadet Wing Media for distribution, Vandenberg Hall, 2C19.

Additional 2017 BCT yearbooks are available for purchase by emailing or contacting cwmedia@usafa.edu or 719-333-4644.

Graduation 2014 media product information will be available this spring at www.afaphotos.com or on USAFA's graduation website.

PHOTO ACCESS FOR PARENTS: The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page, for free?

FB: www.facebook.com/USAFA.Official

Twitter: @AF_Academy

Instagram: AF_Academy

SUPT Twitter: @USAFA_SUPT

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy, you might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at 719-333-7731.

There are also more **FREE** pictures on the USAFA webpage. You can gain access from our website, <http://www.usafa.af.edu/> and go to the Commandants tab, cadet photos and select class year.

The Association of Graduates (AOG) also provides pictures for a cost by class year. For example the class of 2017 costs \$20.17 per month. You can sign up with their Webguy using this link: <http://www.usafawebguy.com/>.

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES (AOG) INFORMATION

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2014

Below is the information if you need to contact the company outside of those dates

website: <http://www.cbgrad.com/page1.asp>

Phone: **1-800-433-0296.**

DOES YOUR CADET HAVE A MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES?

Parents, if you are still looking for that perfect gift for your upcoming graduates, be on the lookout for special rates. The rates will never be this low again for your graduate. Call Don McCarthy, (719) 472-0300, ext 139 or email at Don.McCarthy@aogusafa.org, if you have any questions.

PARENTS OF 2014 GRADUATES

Many of you have been with your cadet and the Association of Graduates since Inprocessing Day as members of the Association of Graduates. We ask that you continue to support your Association of Graduates by renewing your membership. Each member, whether a graduate, parent, or friend of the Academy, helps us maintain and expand current programs as well as develop new ones. Help us to continue to serve the Academy and your graduates for years to come! Call Don McCarthy, (719) 472-0300, ext 139 or email at Don.McCarthy@aogusafa.org, if you have any questions.

ADDRESS FOR THE UPCOMING GRADUATES

Please make sure to update your mailing address when you graduate. Otherwise, you will be listed as a lost soul and unable to receive and use the benefits from the Association of Graduates. It is not automatic to have parent's address listed. They must have verification from the graduate. Go to www.USAFA.org and register as a new registrant using your AOG ID to update your info.

2014 SPRING BREAK CADET BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting January 06, 2014 thru March 14, 2014

No refunds after March 14, 2014

All seats sold after March 14 sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

Please call (719) 333-4602....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

21 March: 1230, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

22 March: 0400, 0600

RETURN 30 March: 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800



Type of Ticket

Purchase Tickets

6 Jan 14 – 14 Mar 14

Round Trip

\$45.00

One Way

\$30.00



COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

21 March: 1315, 1415, 1515, 1615

22 March: 0415, 0615

RETURN 30 March: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket

Purchase Tickets

6 Jan 14 – 14 Mar 14

Round Trip

\$30.00

One Way

\$20.00

- 1) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.
- 2) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

- 1) Cadet Buses leave from the BASE OF THE RAMP ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Cadets are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all Cadets luggage looks the same.
- 2) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport.
- 3) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport.
- 4) Additional departure times will be set up if the date or time for release or cadets LMD changes.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

- 1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!
- 2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505
- 3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg ORC-ROOM ICI5 (719) 333-4602

***Note- Cadets must purchase tickets in person**
Parents may purchase a bus ticket by phone for their Cadets with a MC or VISA. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed and Holidays
***Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation**
Revised 11/19/2013

2014 SPRING BREAK PREP SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting January 06, 2014 thru March 14, 2014

No refunds after March 14, 2014

All seats sold after March 14 sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

Please call (719) 333-4602....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
DEPART Prep School parking lot 21 Mar 14: 1230
RETURN 30 March: 1430



Type of Ticket

Purchase Tickets
6 Jan 14 – 14 Mar 14

Round Trip
One Way

\$45.00
\$30.00



COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART Prep School parking lot 21 Mar 14: 1245
RETURN 30 March: 1430

Type of Ticket

Purchase Tickets
6 Jan 14 – 14 Mar 14

Round Trip
One Way

\$30.00
\$20.00

- 3) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.
- 4) **Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride.** Standby space may be available at the departure site.

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DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

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- 6) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport.

- 8) Additional departure times will be set up if the date or time for release or cadets LMD changes.

RETURNING INFORMATION

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PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Prep School Candidate parents.

Contact Mark Winter at (719) 333-2583, mark.winter@usafa.edu and the USAFA website below

<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Marie

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