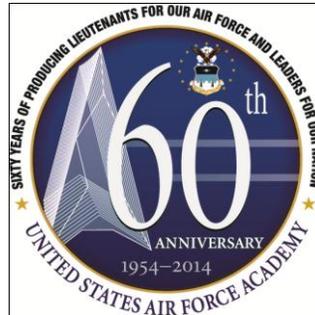


FALCON FAMILY NEWS

June 2014



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

USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

<http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events>

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 May 2014)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2013	1	0	1
2014	12	6	18
2015	683	188	871
2016	675	188	863
2017	849	256	1105
WING	2220	638	2858

❖ These numbers include international students.

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

1 June 1959 -- The cadet dormitory is officially named Vandenberg Hall, after General Hoyt Vandenberg, the second Air Force Chief of Staff, who made many key decisions in the Academy's formulation, to include selecting General Hubert Harmon as its first Superintendent.

1 June 1981 -- Second Lieutenant Michelle Johnson, Class of '81, becomes the first female cadet selected for a Rhodes scholarship.

2 June 1975 -- The Academy becomes the first service academy and the first military installation to receive dual recognition as a National Bicentennial Site.

3 June 1959 -- The first class graduates. The ceremony was held in Arnold Hall, and it remains the only indoor graduation in Academy history. Secretary of the Air Force James Douglas and Air Force Chief of Staff General Thomas D. White officiated. The 207 graduates in the Class of '59 began the "Long Blue Line."

5 June 2012 -- Janet Wolfenbarger, Class of '80, becomes the Air Force and the Air Force Academy's first female four-star general as she assumes command of Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

28 June 1976 -- The first 157 female cadets begin training, as members of the Class of '80. Joan Olsen was the first female cadet to be sworn in. By mere days, the Air Force Academy was the first of the Department of Defense service academies to admit women.

2018 IN-PROCESSING PICNIC -----Hosted by the Colorado Parent's Club

Please join the Colorado Parents Club after dropping off your new Basic Cadet for a free breakfast or lunch! You don't have to be from Colorado!

- Meet fellow parents.
- Ask questions about what's ahead.
- Write a letter to your Basic for quick delivery.

When: **June 26, 2014, 8:00am – 2:00pm**

Where: Picnic Areas 2 and 3: Turn left out of Doolittle Hall and proceed down the hill to the stop sign (Stadium Blvd). Go straight across Stadium Blvd and follow signs.

UPCOMING DATES 2014/2015:

21 Jun 14	Summer Session 1 ends (must check in by 10:00 am)
21 Jun 14	Summer Session 2 begins
26 Jun 14	In-processing, Class of 2018 (6:45 am – 12:00 pm drop-off Appointee at Designated time)
27 Jun 14	Swearing-In Ceremony (8:30 am)
9 Jul 14	<u>Prep School</u> - Prior Enlisted report (in-processing)
11 Jul 14	Field Day (6:30 am) View access only—no basic cadet interaction-Athletic Fields
12 Jul 14	Summer Session 2 ends (must check in by 10:00 am)
12 Jul 14	1st Day of 2 nd BCT begins
12 Jul 14	Summer Session 3 begins
12 Jul 14	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo
16 Jul 14	<u>Prep School</u> - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
19 Jul 14	Doolie Day Out (Sponsors pick up approx. 9:30 am) Cadets can have cell phones today
21 Jul 14	March out to Jacks Valley (6:30 am)
1 Aug 14	March back from Jacks Valley (7:30 am)
2 Aug 14	Session 3 ends. Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm hours
4 Aug 14	Laptops Issued
5 Aug 14	Freshman E-mail should be up on e-mail
5 Aug 14	Acceptance Parade (9:00 am)
13 Aug	New Semester Classes Start (tentative)
29 Aug – 1 Sept	Parents Weekend. See link for last year's info.
25 Nov – 30 Nov	Thanksgiving Break LMD. Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 30 Nov 14
20 Dec – 4 Jan 15	Winter Break Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 4 Jan 15
20 Mar - 29 Mar 15	Spring Break (Last Military Duty [LMD]). Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
28 May 15	2015 Graduation

CLASS OF 2018 CADET LAPTOP FCOMPUTER ISSUE

Issue Date: Monday, 4 August 2014

Specifications:

- Fujitsu T734 tablet computer
- Intel® 4th gen Core™ i5-4300M
- 8GB DDR3 1600 MHz 2x4GB
- 256 GB Solid State Drive (SSD) + 500GB external USB 3.0 drive
- 12.5" HD LED backlit, 1366x768, multi-touch screen
- DVD+/-RW
- Port replicator with 2nd power charger
- Integrated camera
- Smart Card Reader
- CD Bay battery
- Integrated 10/100/1000 Ethernet
- Wireless 802.11a/b/g/n + Bluetooth v4.0
- External Mouse and Keyboard

- 4 years parts-only warranty (includes both batteries)

Costs:

- \$1,940 For all the above, including the 4 year warranty on parts
- \$ 94 Accessories (Wenger Legacy backpack, Kensington lock, network cable, power strip)
- \$2,074 Approximate total cost with 2% AAFES fee

Software Pre-Loaded:

- Windows 7 64-bit Enterprise with all Fujitsu tablet drivers
- Office 2010, McAfee Anti-Virus, Raptor, VBrick, ...
- USAFA licensed software for classes (e.g. SolidWorks, MatLab, Mathematica)
- Software costs approximately \$160/cadet and is charged in fall

Items Not Included:

- Personal printer (inkjet or laser with USB 2.0 cable) – \$60 - \$200
- 19"-24" flat panel for their rooms (VGA, HDMI, or display port) - \$100 - \$300
- These items make good gifts for parents or grandparents to buy them over Parents' Weekend.

Email Address: C18first.last@usafa.edu

There are some exceptions for long names, e.g. Christopher shortened to Chris

Common Computer Issues and Questions:

- **When can I email the new cadets?** Please wait until 6 August to email them.
- **Why tablet computers?** – The selection committee decided the pedagogical reasons for tablets outweighed the increased cost and weight. The tablet can be used for taking hand-written notes in class, including math formulas, drawings, diagrams, etc.
- **Can upperclass cadets buy the same computer?** Yes, they need to email Larry Bryant before 10 July, so one can be delivered on 4 Aug for them.
- **Printers** are not included in the computer purchase for several reasons:
 - It is a “personal preference” item – some want cheap black and white, while others want high-quality photo printers.
 - They are not necessary, since we provide squadron printers.
 - They make good gifts for parents and grandparents.
- We teach “**computer ethics**” in Comp Sci 110 to convince cadets that certain common practices done in high school (e.g. illegally copying music or movies) are no longer acceptable and are punishable.

Cadet computer Issue POC is Larry Bryant at 719-333-3994 or email larry.bryant@usafa.edu.

CLASSES OF 2015 AND 2016 VEHICLES: Cadets in the Classes of 2015 and 2016 will refer to AFCWMAN 36-3501, *The Cadet Sight Picture*, and obtain academic year AOC approval before acquiring a vehicle. Cadets must register their vehicles on base within 5 duty days after the motor vehicle arrives at the Academy. Cadets will not park new or existing vehicles in the Harmon Hall parking lots at any time.

- a. Cadets in the class of 2016 will not be authorized vehicles until after the graduation ceremony.

b. Cadets who are planning to pick up their vehicles during the summer must still obtain permission from their academic year AOC (gaining or losing) by submitting an AFCW IMT 42, Request to Own/Maintain a Motor Vehicle.

c. If cadets will exceed the 150-mile limit to pick up their vehicles, procedures outlined in AFCWMAN 36-3501, *The Cadet Sight Picture*, concerning extended limits beyond 150 miles, will apply. Cadets will not be excused from any scheduled duty to pick up their vehicles. Cadets in the Class of 2016 may not apply for extended limits for this purpose until after the graduation ceremony.

SUMMER COMMERCIAL BUS TRANSPORTATION: 10th Force Support Squadron **will not** be offering transportation this year. Cadets can make arrangements for transportation to and from Denver International and Colorado Springs Airports by contacting Colorado Springs Shuttle, LLC, 719-687-3456/1-877-587-3456, <http://www.coloradoshuttle.com/index.php>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR 2018 PARENTS:

In-processing Day (26 Jun, based on your squadrons check-in time): As far as in-processing day. There will not be anything for parents to do before you drop off your cadet. You will show up, at the specified time for your cadet, and get a quick brief and then your cadet will be separated from family and friends and begin official in-processing. There is a small parents information fair right where you will drop your cadet off. After that you can check out the cadet chapel, visitors center, or other available Academy sites – such as the Heritage Trail at Doolittle Hall. On Friday (27 Jun at 8:30 am) there is the Class of 2018 swearing in ceremony where you can watch the class searing-in. Just stand along the chapel wall overlooking the terrazzo. They will be below you. Some people make signs of encouragement etc... for their cadet. Advise you arrive early to get a good spot and for parking.

Bus time arrival from hotels: There will not be buses from hotels this year due to lack of participation and costs. Appointees can take a taxi and get reimbursed.

Communicating with Your Cadet During Basic Cadet Training (BCT): BCT consists of two parts – 1st BCT, which is conducted in the Cadet Area, and 2nd BCT, conducted in Jacks Valley. Mail is the only way to communicate during this time. Mail those letters and cards. Cadets won't be allowed phone calls and the letters from family and friends mean so much to them. Encourage them to hang in there. It gets better, and once the Fall semester starts they will have e-mail and can have their cell phones fulltime (if earned in some squadrons). Cadets will also have time to write letters as well, and are encouraged to do so by their trainers.

Jacks Valley (March out 21 Jul 14, [0630]), March back 1 Aug [0730]): This is the location of second part of BCT. The cadets are sent on "Deployment" to a tent city where they learn combat skills, train on the obstacle course, confidence course, and assault course, and participate in team building exercises.

Parent Clubs: Are you a member of a parent club yet? If you wish to be I would be happy to give you the nearest parent club. Just send contact information. Parent Clubs are a wealth of information. They have been where you are and can help you adjust. Parent Clubs are also how the USAFA Parent Club Liaison gets the word out of changes or news fast to USAFA Parents.

Privacy Act Release for Parent Clubs: You will also be getting in the mail a letter from my office with a yellow letter and card referencing Parent Clubs. Even if I give you the parent club contact, please have your cadet fill out and sign as it allows me to release Privacy Act information (P.O. box) to the parent club. I will use this for the whole four years your cadet is here at the Academy. The parent clubs send goodie bags during finals, or care packages, graduation gifts etc... There is also a year-group POC that does coins, graduation gifts

etc...for the whole class. For example, I have POCs for each year group, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016. There will be one for 2018 as well.

Privacy Act Release of cadet information to Parents: Please know that unless your cadet gives the USAF Academy specific permission to release Privacy Act information, to include Academic or medical information, we will only be able to discuss the procedures. Your cadet is an adult and your first action should be to ask them. They can give permission to release Academic and not medical or vice versa or to release both or neither. You can contact their Commander (AOC), but start with your cadet.

Family Emergencies: Feel free to contact your cadet's AOC or AMT in case of family emergencies. You can also contact me if you need their phone numbers or need me to contact them for you. The commanders really do try and work out emergencies as quickly as possible.

Parent Newsletters: You can go to the following website to have access to the monthly Parent Newsletters: <http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/cma/newsletters.cfm>.

Sponsor Family: You can get a sponsor for your cadet by e-mailing: Cadet.Sponsor@usafa.edu. This is a really good program. It is a home away from home where your cadet can get away from the campus and chill. Many sponsor families keep their cadets for their whole four years and become lifelong friends.

Doolie Day Out (DDO) (19 Jul 14): The sponsor families pick the cadets up around 0930 or so and take them back to their house for the afternoon. This is the day your cadet will be able to call you during BCT. Only registered sponsor families with assignment letters will be permitted to enter the pick-up area. They must have their assignment letter and dash pass, to be exact. If for some reason someone makes it all the way in without these documents, the cadet will be reported and there will be serious consequences for the cadet upon return. The cadets will be briefed about being released only to the family they are assigned to for the day. Your cadet will be able to talk with you on this day.

Parents from out-of-state should **NOT** come to town in hopes of spending Doolie Day Out with their son/daughter on this day. Doolie Day Out is for sponsor families to get to know their sponsored cadets. The appropriate time for parents to come is on Parents' Weekend. They may then meet their son/daughter's sponsor families if they so desire.

Sponsor Families access to USAFA: Sponsor Families have access to the base during visiting hours unless they have a DoD issued Identification (ID). Sponsor families who do not have an approved ID can get issued a DBIDs card to be able to pick up their cadet at any time required (using South gate after Northgate is closed) by working with the Cadet sponsor POC and admissions office. Cadet Sponsor program's e-mail is cadet.sponsor@usafa.edu , (719) 333-2727.

Acceptance Day Parade (5 Aug, 0900): If you are close you can spend 1 or 2 hours or so with your cadet after the parade. You must stay on campus and suggest you bring a picnic lunch or you will spend all your time in line at Subway or Godfather's Pizza in Arnold Hall. Appointees will not be allowed cell phones so plan on meeting up on the parade field afterward. Shoulder boards have to be put on Cadets, but parents are allowed on the field to observe. To help you find your cadet the squadrons are organized from left to your right. Cadets squadrons 1-10 followed by squadrons 11-20. To the right of the center are Cadet squadrons 21- 30 and 31-40.

Parents' Weekend Website:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20Weekend>. This has lots of information for your planning purposes. Also, make your hotel reservations now. Many parents make the reservations a year out for Parents weekend and Graduation. 4 Degrees must wear their uniforms during your visit. On Friday you can have lunch with your cadet and go to their classes and see their dorm rooms

etc...Parents Weekend is always Labor Day Weekend. Note: Cadets must sit with the other cadets during the football game on Saturday. After that they will be released to you for the weekend and must return on Monday. See schedule of events for times on the website for more information. It hasn't been updated yet for 2014, but still has great information on what to expect.

Printers or supplies: Many parents bring any supplies etc...during Parents' weekend. Please note that many squadrons view printers as a privilege and must be earned. So you may bring it, but the cadet may have to earn the right to put it in their room. They will get issued a laptop or tablet. As soon as I know that information I will put it in the parent newsletter. Advise the Appointee to verify with Air Officer Commanding or Academy Military Training for approval prior to sending.

Combat Boots: Combat boots must have the following characteristics or they will not be allowed to be worn: Sage Green color, Round Toe, Water Resistant, Rubber Sole, No Steel Toe. The boots normally cost \$150+ if you buy on your own, but costs only \$97 from USAFA. The boots issued are very easy to break in. The recommendation is for the cadet to get them here. If they don't meet the standards or are not uniform with the other cadets they will not be allowed to wear them here.

Bigger size feet (Tennis Shoes): Cadet Issue may not have an appointee's tennis shoe size (if they have bigger size feet) immediately on hand so therefore it would be a good idea for the appointee to even wear them to in-processing so that they don't need to pack them in their back pack.

Prep School Cadet Uniforms: Preppies who are accepted into the Academy can bring their ABUs, boot, and leather shoes but they will also be issued all new uniforms and items. With the exception of the ABUs, cadet uniforms are completely different from those issued at the Prep School.

Scholarships: Date USAFA can start to receive them is (TBD). The checks would still be made payable to US Treasury and memo the student's full name and social security number. Mail checks to: HQ USAFA/FMF, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2200, USAF Academy CO 80840-5035. Cadet pay's phone number is (719) 333-6994 if you have specific questions. (More specific information should be coming out within the next month or so)

Cash for In-Processing: Appointees can bring a credit card if necessary. The cadets are buying their cleaning and school supplies from the AAFES Shoppette and a credit card is taken there. Uniforms and equipment come through payroll. Cadets should bring some cash. They will need about \$20 for the Rodeo on 12 July to buy food.

Proof of Cadet Health Insurance: To get proof of insurance cadets can either e-mail Glenda Phillipsglenda.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 wait awhile to ensure their cadet will be staying at the Academy to ensure no loss of coverage.

POST OFFICE BOX, FEDERAL EXPRESS, UPS, and DHL INFORMATION

From the USAFA Postmaster:

The correct mailing address for your cadet is crucial. Mail not deliverable due to the incorrect address or insufficient information will be returned to the sender or sent to the Dead Letter Office (if there is no return address).

In addition to regular mail (envelopes) you may also send packages to the post office box and the cadets will receive a note in the boxes instructing them to pick up their packages at the counter. The address must be complete and correct. 2016 appointees were sent their P.O. Box number with their appointment package (on

cover page). (Note that the zip code for cadets is 80841 rather than 80840.) The correct address for all cadets is below:

John Doe
PO Box xxxx (post office box number)
USAFA CO 80841-xxxx (post office box number)

(If you wish, you can also put the cadet rank (C4C, C3C, etc... before the name or as a basic cadet it should be "Basic Cadet John Doe"))

If you choose to send a package via **Federal Express, UPS or DHL**, you need a street address. They will not deliver to a post office box. The pickup location, called Pak Mail, is in the Cadet Book Store in Vandenberg Hall. Below is the correct mailing address:

John Doe (add the rank before the name if you wish)
Pak Mail
2360 Vandenberg Dr.
USAFA CO 80840-xxxx (*post office box number)

*The post office box number is added to this as a 4 digit zip+4 as a means of identification when the cadet picks up the package at Pak Mail.

Cadet Contact: Don't be surprised when you can't talk with your cadet much or they don't get back to you quickly. They will have very limited time due to classes, studying, and military duties/classes. They have to learn to juggle and prioritize many things so be patient with them.

Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (12 Jul 14): The Basic Cadets take time out of their busy summer schedule to attend the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in Colorado Springs. This year it is the 74th annual rodeo. The afternoon gives your cadet a chance to relax and enjoy one of the area's oldest western heritage traditions. This year they will attend the matinee performance on 12 Jul 14. However, the cadets will not be allowed to interact with family or friends at the rodeo. Suggest cadets have \$20 cash for food.

SILVER/BLUE Weekends: Silver Training Weekends means there is official military training on the weekend. Blue Training Days means cadets should have free time with no official training. These weekends may change based on the cadet wing requirements/needs. Always check with your cadet for the latest.

Hometown News Release: Your cadet (not parents...the cadets are adults) can go to the following link and put in a Hometown News release for their achievements here at USAFA (once they are in-processed). The cadet has to release their Privacy Act Information for the article to be use. Please note that you must have a CAC card (active duty ID) to use this program. Parents can no longer update for their cadet.

<https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public>

Approved Academic Calendar 2014//2015

The link for the calendar is: <http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>.

Care Packages during BCT: Do not send care packages during BCT. Cadets may receive them after the Acceptance Parade. If you send before then, it will be held until then so send only nonperishables.

Ways to send your love to your Cadet throughout the Year: There are several ways to send gifts to your cadet.

CADET TREATS: Cadet Treats delivers all Valentine's Day gifts, care packages, gift baskets, balloons, flowers, and birthday cakes directly to your cadet's squadron Monday-Friday. Check out our website at www.USAFAsupport.com/Cadet-Activities/Cadet-Treats. Call our staff at (719)333-3908 or toll free at (877) 9-CADETS (922-3387) and we'll create a personalized gift for your cadet with just one call. These gifts will be delivered to your cadet's Squadron Charge of Quarters (CQ).

NOTE: Other deliveries can be sent to Arnold Hall for your cadet to pick up. (online orders for example) Sorry it can't be a surprise. The address is 10 FSS/FSL, 2302 Cadet Dr., USAFA, 80840. Please ensure your cadet's name and Squadron is on the delivery receipt so they can contact your cadet for pickup.

Emergency Contact Form POC: Please contact the Cadet Personnel office at 719-333-3244,

BCT Turnbacks In-processing: Cadets who were administratively turned back and are returning won't have access online to find out their Squadron until they in-process. Turnback cadets can in-process at any time on in-processing day. Cadet Personnel works squadron information and may or not be able get that information to the cadet before in-processing. If cadets have questions they must contact Cadet Personnel at (719) 333-1043.

High School Excusals: If you have a high school student needs to come out for a formal tour and will miss school, 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/>.

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

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 2017 class year.

The Association of Graduates (AOG) also provides pictures for a cost by class year. For example the class of 2018 costs \$20.18 per month. You can sign up with their Webguy using this link: <http://www.usafawebguy.com/>.

Cadet Media: Cadet Media also takes lots of pictures and you can access them online at no costs. You will also order yearbooks class photos etc...through them. Cadet Media's website is: <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

Helpful Websites:

Preparatory School Information: You can also contact Mark Winter at (719) 333-2583, mark.winter@usafa.edu

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

Academic Calendar website: (2014/2015 calendar)

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>.

Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

Association of Graduates and USAFA Endowment:

<http://www.usafa.org/>

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.

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