

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

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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 30 September 2014)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2014	5	0	5
2015	677	188	865
2016	660	191	851
2017	827	250	1077
2018	886	241	1127
WING	3055	870	3925

❖ These numbers include international students.

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

2 November 2001 -- Lieutenant General John Hopper Jr., Class of '69, receives the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., at the organization's National Historical Museum Annual Awards Banquet in Detroit.

3 November 1993 -- A bronze statue of General of the Air Force Henry H. "Hap" Arnold is dedicated in front of Arnold Hall. The Falcon Foundation donated the sculpture to the Academy.

4 November 1967 -- The first homecoming football game in Academy history is held, a 10-7 loss to Army. A Falcon Stadium-record crowd of 49,536 spectators attended the game.

6 November 1982 -- Air Force captures the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the first time with a 27-9 win over Army. In October, the Falcons had beaten Navy, and the round-robin victory allowed Air Force to win the trophy emblematic of service academy football supremacy.

9 November 1967 -- Captain Lance P. Sijan, Class of '65, is forced to eject behind enemy lines after his F-4 is disabled and his crewmember is killed. Despite grievous injuries, he managed to evade for 45 days. He died in captivity and, in May 1976, he would become the first graduate to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

22 November 1968 - The Orville and Wilbur Wright statues are donated to the Academy. The statues were donated by Milton Seaman. Originally located on the Terrazzo, the statues now reside on the sixth floor of the Library

22 November 1989 -- Fred Gregory, Class of '64, becomes the first African-American to command the space shuttle, as a member of the Discovery crew on mission STS-33.

23 November 2006 -- The Air Force Academy Band marches in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City—back by popular demand after a 37-year absence. While in New York, the Band also performed at Carnegie Hall for the Air Force's 60th Anniversary Celebration.

24 November 1980 -- Cadet First Class Michelle Johnson, Class of '81, becomes the first female cadet to be named Cadet Wing Commander.

TSA Pre✓® expands to students of 4 US service academies

"Cadets and midshipmen of the four academies are now able to enjoy the benefits of this expedited screening program at more than 120 participating airports when flying on 11 major airlines.

"This week, as we recognize veterans of our armed forces, we are grateful to the brave men and women in uniform who continue to serve our nation with honor and distinction," said TSA Administrator John S. Pistole. "Providing expedited screening while on travel is the least we can do for our military and service academies."

"In an uncertain world, I am grateful for what the TSA does in helping keep us safe every day as well as for their continued support of our veterans," said Adm. James Winnefeld Jr., vice chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff. "From their enhanced veterans recruitment efforts to the expedited Wounded Warrior Screening Program TSA continues to make a positive difference with our veterans. My personal thanks goes to TSA as they now expand TSA Pre✓® expedited screening benefits to all United States Service Academy cadets and midshipmen — recognizing the dedication and commitment of those who step forward to protect this great nation in the future."

TSA Pre✓® is an expedited screening program that allows participating flyers to leave on their shoes, light outerwear and belt, keep their laptop in its case and keep 3-1-1 compliant liquids/gels in a carry-on bag. On average, more than 50,000 DoD employees benefit from TSA Pre✓® on a weekly basis."

UPCOMING DATES 2014/2015:

25 Nov – 30 Nov	Thanksgiving Break LMD. Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 30 Nov 14
15 – 19 Dec 14	Finals
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
13-14 Mar 15	Recognition
11-15 May 15	Finals
28 May 15	2015 Graduation
4-7 Sep 15	Parents' Weekend

OFFICE OF CADET WING MEDIA has special photos, yearbooks and DVD keepsakes that make great holiday gifts.

I. INFORMATION ON CADET WING PORTRAITS

Cadet Wing portraits for the Classes of 2015-2018 occur in November. Cadets on fall semester exchange will be notified during spring semester of a photo opportunity and retakes will be available during same time frame, typically in January or February.

II. GREAT GIFT IDEAS:

Give Grandma, Grandpa, or that special someone the gift of experiencing the cadets entire 2018 basic training experience, this professionally produced USAFA sanctioned video make great holiday gifts for family members and out-of town relatives. Order your limited edition copy now and have by the holiday season. Order forms available at: <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

1. Filming began Day 1 - In processing day, through 1st and 2nd Beast; concluded with Acceptance Parade and shoulder-board pin-on.
2. Includes every basic during flight's portrait day or squadron activity film day.

Have a **RECENT GRADUATE**, we have video's and yearbooks available from most previous years.

Photos, yearbooks and DVDs are special keepsakes and make great holiday gifts. Contact Cadet Wing Media early for preholiday shipments. Order forms are available at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>. Thank you for considering Cadet Wing Media in commemorating your cadet's graduation and BCT experience. Product sales from cadet products help cadet programs and clubs.

INFORMATION ON DOWNLOADABLE FREE BCT PHOTOS AND VIDEO:

View free video clips and 1,000's of photos from "2018 BCT DVD" and "2018 BCT Yearbook" on 97.7 KAFA FaceBook page, <http://www.facebook.com>

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT DETAIL:

The Basic Cadet Training; Flight Groups and Family Weekend images are all available for viewing and purchase at <http://events.lifetouch.com/usairforceacademycoloradospringsco>, POC: Maria Turner, Prestige Portrait by Lifetouch, 800-426-9533 x 241

INFORMATION ON CLASS OF 2014 GRADUATAION DVD:

The Air Force Academy proudly announces the availability of a professionally produced DVD from 2014's graduation day ceremony. This special limited edition 2014 DVD includes: senior leadership and graduate's interviews; all graduates walking across stage receiving their diploma, handshake and first salute; highlights from the 4-years: and other special bonus material. For information contact Cadet Wing Media at 719-333-4644 or email cwmedia@usafa.edu

1. Copies of this special limited edition DVD are still available for purchase
2. Order forms are available at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

INFORMATION ON POLARIS YEARBOOKS:

The Air Force Academy proudly announces the availability of POLARIS yearbooks for families, friends and supporters (graduates receive their own copy); produced annually by cadets for cadets, this yearbook is a past recipient of such prestigious awards as: Associated Collegiate Press, Best of Show Winners, etc.

1. Copies of the 2014 Polaris Yearbook are still available for purchase
2. Order forms are available at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

INFORMATION ON BCT YEARBOOK:

Order your own keepsake "Class of 2018 Basic Cadet Training" yearbook. Order forms available at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

INFORMATION ON CONTACTING CADET MEDIA:

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USAFA, CO 80841-6066
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Contact Us: cwmedia@usafa.edu

Thank you for considering Cadet Wing Media in commemorating your cadet's Academy experience. Product sales from cadet media help cadet programs and clubs.

97.7FM KAFA CADET RADIO STATION “VOICE OF USAFA”

- Listen online at <http://www.usafa.org/Media/KAFAPopup>
- Download for FREE from the USAFA apps for Android© or iPhone© click the “Radio” button for mobile streaming
- Station contact info: (719) 333-KAFA (5232), kafafm@gmail.com

AAFES FLOWER SHOP: Petals & Blooms is the only flower shop on The Air Force Academy with access to the cadet area. Petals & Blooms have taken over for Cadet Treats. We have had the honor of serving the cadets for the last 7 years and know how important the milestones are in the cadets’ experience. We are a full service flower shop with cut floral arrangements, plants, gift baskets with your choice of fruits, snacks or baked goods, balloons and stuffed animals. Thank you for your support of our shop and we look forward to serving you for years to come. Kindly, DeNyse/Owner Petals & Blooms (719)-472-8589 petalsnblooms.com.

THANKSGIVING BREAK INFO: 25 Nov – 30 Nov 14. Cadets’ are allowed to depart after their Last Military Duty (LMD). Normally this is their last class, but not before 12:30 pm on 25 Nov 14. The noon formation for lunch is the LMD if the cadet doesn’t have afternoon classes. No flights earlier than 2.5 hours after last class from Colorado Springs or 4 hours after last class out of Denver. Shuttle Bus information for the Thanksgiving Break is below. Buses leave ON TIME from the base of the Core Values Ramp. Cadets must arrive in Denver at least 3 hours prior to USAFA check-in time - 7pm on 30 Nov 14.

WINTER BREAK INFO: The Winter Break is from Saturday, 20 Dec 14 – Sunday, 4 Jan 15. That being said. You need to check with your cadet because if they take their last final on Wednesday then they can leave after that final with AOC's permission (standard release is normally given). Your cadet can go into the computer system (CAMIS) and look up each of his or her classes and see when their finals are. The shuttle bus service schedule is below, and is provided by Outdoor Recreation for a cost. The return date is 4 Jan by 7pm. Cadets must arrive in Denver at least 3 hours prior to USAFA check-in time at 7pm.

THANKSGIVING BREAK SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE:

2014 CADET THANKSGIVING BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting October 14 thru November 14, 2014

No refunds or changes after November 14, 2014

All seats sold after Nov 14 sold on space available basis

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

Cadets will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

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

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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

25 NOV 2014: 0400, 0500, 0800, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

26 NOV 2014: 0400, 0500

RETURN 30 Nov 2014: 1200, 1230, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800



Type of Ticket

**Purchase Tickets
14 Oct 14 – 14 Nov 14**

Round Trip

\$45.00

One Way

\$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

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

25 NOV 2014: 0415, 0515, 0815, 1315, 1415, 1515, 1615, 1715

26 NOV 2014: 0415, 0515

RETURN 30 Nov 2014: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket

**Purchase Tickets
14 Oct 14 – 14 Nov 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

******* (Note: this information for all shuttle bus purchases Thanksgiving/Winter)**

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, Weekends and Holidays
*Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation
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2014 PREP SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting Tues, Oct 14 thru Fri, Nov 14, 2014

No refunds or changes after Nov 14, 2014

All seats sold after Nov 14 sold on space available basis

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

Prep school students will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

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

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Nov 26, 2014: 0930

RETURN 30 Nov: 1430



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 14 Oct 14 – 14 Nov 14
Round Trip	\$45.00
One Way	\$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Nov 26, 2014: 0945

RETURN 30 Nov: 1430

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 14 Oct 14 – 14 Nov 14
Round Trip	\$30.00
One Way	\$20.00

WINTER BREAK BUS SCHEDULE:

2014 CADET WINTER BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus tickets will go on sale starting October 14 thru December 5, 2014. All seats sold after DEC 5 sold on space available basis. Cadets will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes. Please call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand. MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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

*15 DEC 2014: 1300, 1600, 1800
16 DEC 2014: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800
17 DEC 2014: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800
18 DEC 2014: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800
19 DEC 2014: 0400, 0800*

RETURN 04 JAN 2015: 1200, 1230, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 14 Oct 14 – 5 Dec 14
Round Trip	\$45.00
One Way	\$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

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

**15 DEC 2014: 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815
16 DEC 2014: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815
17 DEC 2014: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815
18 DEC 2014: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815
19 DEC 2014: 0415, 0815**

RETURN 04 JAN 2015: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 14 Oct 14 – 5 Dec 14
Round Trip	\$30.00
One Way	\$20.00

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2014 PREP SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting Oct 14, thru Dec 5

No refunds or changes after Dec 5

All seats sold after Dec 5 sold on space available basis

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

Prep school students will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

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

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



DEPART from Prep school parking lot Dec 18, 2014: 0930
RETURN Jan 4: 1430



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 14 Oct 14 – 5 Dec 14
Round Trip	\$45.00
One Way	\$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Dec 18, 2014: 0945
RETURN Jan 4: 1430

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 14 Oct 14 – 5 Dec 14
Round Trip	\$30.00
One Way	\$20.00

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Helpful Websites:

Cadet Academic Calendar website: (2014/2015 calendar)

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

Cadet 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 **NEW** Point of Contact for questions for our Prep School Candidate parents.

Contact 2Lt Kyle Mahan at (719) 333-2583, kyle.mahan@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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