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

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 September 2014)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2014	6	0	6
2015	678	188	866
2016	661	191	852
2017	829	250	1079
2018	891	241	1132
WING	3065	870	3935

❖ These numbers include international students.

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

1 October 1966 -- The Academy football team earns its first victory over Navy, a 15-7 win at Falcon Stadium. It was the Midshipmen's first football game in Colorado.

1 October 1989 -- General Hansford "HT" Johnson, Class of '59, becomes the first Air Force Academy graduate to achieve four-star rank. He had assumed command of the Military Airlift Command on 20 September 1989.

5 October 1955 -- The first live falcon is presented to the Cadet Wing. The bird, a peregrine, was named Mach 1.

7 October 1975 -- President Gerald Ford signs Public Law 94-106, the Military Procurement Bill, authorizing the admission of women to the service academies. The Academy had been preparing for this change for years, and the June 1976 admission of the first 157 female cadets was uneventful.

13 October 1972 -- Captain Jeffrey Feinstein, Class of '68, scores his fifth kill in Vietnam, making him the second Air Force Academy graduate ace (Steve Ritchie, Class of '64, was the first). Feinstein was a Weapon Systems Officer in the F-4 Phantom II, and scored all five of his kills in 1972.

19 October 2007 -- At a Broadmoor dinner, the first Air Force Academy Athletic Hall of Fame class is inducted. The class is comprised of Olympic champion sprinter Alonzo Babers (Class of '83), basketball players Bob Beckel ('59) and Michelle Johnson ('81), former athletic director Colonel John Clune (Navy, '54), and football players Brock Strom ('59) and Chad Hennings ('88).

20 October 1962 -- The dedication of Falcon Stadium is held at the second home football game, a 35-20 loss to Oregon. Actor and Air Force Reserve Brigadier General Jimmy Stewart served as emcee.

24 October 1997 -- The Academy's first orbiting spacecraft, "Falcon Doolittle," launches. It was launched as a fixed secondary payload on an Atlas-Centaur. The payload sampled the GPS spectrum once every five minutes.

28 October 1983 -- The Falcon Foundation donates the "Gallery of Secretaries" to the Academy. The portraits of the Secretaries of the Air Force were given to the Academy Library.

UPCOMING DATES 2014/2015:

31 Oct 14	Fall Festival (Optional all classes)
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

ACADEMY'S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RETIRING IN JANUARY

Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, Air Force Academy Superintendent, announced that the Academy's Athletic Director, Dr. Hans Mueh, will retire in January. Dr. Mueh had previously announced he would retire in June 2015, at the end of his current contract.

"Dr Mueh is an honored combat veteran who has served his nation for 50+ years, 38 of which have been at our great Academy. We are indebted to him for his faithful service and unwavering commitment," Johnson said.

Dr. Mueh said a number of factors played into the decision.

"It has been my incredible honor to serve as the Academy's Athletic Director for the past nine years, to be associated with this amazing institution for 38 years, and I am extremely thankful for my time here," Mueh said. "Following on the heels of an incredible football victory over Navy, I was able to reflect on my time as the AD and my service in our Nation's Air Force and here at the Academy. Upon reflecting, it looks like the hiring process will work as planned, so I feel that, with the impending hire of our new Athletic Director, it would be best for the Academy, for the new Athletic Director, and for my family that I retire in January."

The Academy is currently going through the hiring process for a new Athletic Director and expects a selection to be made sometime in December with a potential start date in early 2015.

INSPECTOR GENERAL COMPLETES INSPECTION OF ACADEMY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- The Air Force Academy Inspector General office completed its inspection of the Academy Athletic Department and the overall grade was "effective," which indicates the unit performs its mission. The inspection team highlighted both unit strengths as well as areas for improvement.

"This inspection validates some of the areas where we know we can improve," said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson. "However, it also highlights there have been significant gains over the past year and that there are program strengths and a number of areas in the department that are effectively meeting their mission."

Nothing rose to the threshold that would require a follow-on legal investigation.

"The purpose of an inspection is to give leaders an independent assessment of the overall effectiveness, readiness, discipline and resources of a unit so that leaders can take those results and make improvements," said Academy Inspector General, Col. David Kuenzli.

According to General Johnson, this inspection report will allow the Academy to do just that.

Using a unit inspection process established Air Force-wide over the past year, the IG inspected portions of the Athletic Department against four major graded areas: Managing Resources, Leading People, Improving the Unit and Executing the Mission. Those major graded areas align with the expectations for all Air Force unit leaders as directed by Air Force Instruction 1-2, Commander's Responsibilities.

Ratings can range from outstanding, highly effective, effective, marginally effective, or ineffective.

Colonel Kuenzli also said it's important to differentiate between an inspection and an investigation.

"We (the Academy IG) conduct inspections as well as investigations. As explained previously, this was a standard unit inspection using a methodology established by the Air Force inspection process," said Kuenzli. "This was not an investigation. Investigations are based on specific allegations that an agency violated a DOD or Air Force regulation, or any laws that govern the DOD." However, he also added that "It's important to note that while this was an inspection, it did not uncover any allegations that would initiate an investigation."

In addition to the core IG team, the IG recruited, trained and certified inspectors as subject matter experts from areas like finance, contracting and manpower. The inspection team also employed resident expertise from the faculty to assess the Athletic Department's strategic alignment and organizational practices.

Some of the department's strengths and best practices included the fact that the department excels in executing its mission. The inspection highlighted that all cadets are afforded a competitive experience in a physically demanding environment and department employees exceptionally plan, orchestrate and successfully execute hundreds of events annually. In addition, intercollegiate coaches are continuously considering cadets' time, especially when balancing the desire to train for competitions with the rigorous demands of the Academy to include academics, military and leadership training.

The NCAA compliance section was a notable strength because NCAA standards are communicated and understood, consistently applied and non-selectively enforced.

Regarding areas for improvement, the IG report noted that department pride in its mission remains high, but morale has suffered from various external and internal factors such as sequestration and budget constraints. The inspection identified a culture in which members had lost a sense of common belonging and recommended several methods to complement the on-going improvement efforts. It also recommended improvements to the management of administrative and personnel actions.

"I want to thank the IG members for their professional and thorough inspection that will only better this institution as we continue to spread the mindset of a Culture of Commitment and Climate of Respect," said General Johnson. "This offers yet another opportunity for us to continue to improve and grow."

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS: USAFA can receive now scholarships. The checks need to 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.

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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