Falcon Family News

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GREETINGS.

Hopefully, you've all recovered from losing your cadets to the Academy again (after Winter break), and now you can look forward to Spring Break, which begins LMD (last military duty) on 24 Mar. Cadets must sign in no later than 7:00 pm on 2 Apr.

RECOGNITION and PINNACLE

Recognition (17-18 Mar 06): A tough, but professional, mentally and physically challenging 48 hours; a series of inspections, marches, and physical events; provides a meaningful capstone to 4 degree training, fosters USAFA heritage, and recognizes 4 degrees' promotion to upper class; culminates with 4 degrees receiving their "Prop and Wings", a metal badge that signifies upper class status.

Pinnacle (28-30 Apr 06): A 6-day, major Spring event that validates the four class'-specific Officer Development System outcomes, through the execution of demanding field events, professional military competency testing, and stressful physical training; evaluates cadet core competencies and standards, through room inspections, personal appearance inspections and an evaluated parade.

CADET AWARDS PROGRAM

The Cadet Awards Program offers incentives to cadets for higher achievements in academic, athletic, leadership, military training and related activities by public recognition at the Individual Awards Ceremony which is held on Memorial Day, the Monday before graduation. The awards foster unit and individual competition and enhance morale. Many thanks to the Georgia Parents' Club and the Colorado Parents' Club who currently sponsor cadet awards. We also thank the USAFA Parents

Association of New Jersey and the USAFA Parents Club of the North Los Angeles Area who have sponsored awards in the past. There are currently a few cadet awards available for sponsorship. If you would like more information or would be interested in sponsoring a cadet award, please contact Ms. Cathy Wedo, Chief of Cadet Awards at (719) 333-4410.

CLASS RING PROJECT

A VERY BIG THANKS to those who contributed towards class rings for two of our international cadets; one from Bulgaria and one from Kyrgystan. Charlotte Nelson, Co-President of the SW Missouri Parents Club, found out that these two cadets did not have enough funds to purchase their class rings. She took it upon herself to solicit the parents' clubs and FamNet to raise money to help these cadets pay for their rings. Donations came from 16 families and 5 Parents' Clubs. Later on, she discovered another cadet from Bulgaria was in need, but the brother of a USAFA parent offered to pay for it. This is what the USAFA family is all about - support for our cadets. You're all terrific!! Thanks again.

SQUADRON SHUFFLE

The shuffle is based on a number of factors to include legacy requests (parent, sibling, grand parent graduated from a particular squadron) and certain demographics (sex, siblings at USAFA, intercollegiate, prep school, prior enlisted, etc.). Other than legacy requests, a cadet may not ask for a particular squadron or to be placed in a squadron with a friend. After the shuffle is completed, lists are released to Group AOCs and AOCs for distribution to the cadets. They will get this information this spring semester, but will not change over (Chain of Command) until the Fall semester. The cadets will work within their new squadrons to establish roommates.

MITCHELL HALL RECIPES

Parents of cadets are encouraged to submit favorite recipes to Mitchell Hall. The recipes will be rated by the cadets during their quarterly food tests. Recipes that are approved by the cadets, and can be mass produced by our production staff, will be incorporated into the menu and the parent will receive a plate or mug. Parents may submit their recipe to Shelly Morales (shelly.morales@usafa.af.mil), Dietician, for consideration.

STATISTICS as of 31 Jan 2006

Class	Men	Women	Cum	Intl	US
2006	724	166	890	8	882
2007	836	179	1015	20	995
2008	921	206	1127	13	1114
2009	1036	215	1251	7	1244
Wing	3517	766	4283	48	4235