Falcon Family News

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SPRING BREAK

You're almost there - Spring Break begins LMD (Last Military Duty), 24 March 2006. Cadets must return and sign in no later than 7:00 pm, 2 April.

PROP AND WINGS

Upon completion of Recognition, cadets are authorized to wear the standard chrome-plated prop and wings device on their flight caps. Cadets who are direct descendents of members of the Army Air Corps; or Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP); or has a parent with at least 20 years of military service; if either parent participated in combat as a member of any U.S. military service; or if a parent died in the line of duty, are authorized to wear the gold prop and wings device.

APPOINTEE ORIENTATION

Sessions are 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25 April 2006. We are implementing a new program this year and hope the new families will take advantage of it. On Tuesday, while the appointees are shadowing cadets all day, we will offer a walking tour of the cadet area to the families. Since this is a walking tour, it is not recommended for the physically challenged. The families can drive to the Visitor Center or they can ride an Academy bus from either the Academy Hotel or the Hampton Inn North. See agenda below. Families can sign up for this tour when their appointees register on Monday morning.

11:00am	**Buses pick up guests at Academy Hotel and Hampton Inn North**
11:30	**Arrive Visitor Center**
	Receive passes for tour
	Tour/shop in Visitor Center
12:30pm	**Divide into groups of 20-25 (two DoD escorts per group)**
12:45	**Walk over Visitor Center Trail to Sijan Hall**
1:00	**View dorm room**
1:30	**Walk to Mitchell Hall; view 1.6-acre dining room from Staff Tower**
1:45	**Walk to Fairchild Hall; circle 3rd floor**
2:15	**Walk to McDermott Library; tour main floor**
2:45	**Walk towards Vandenberg Hall and go through Entry Control Point; continue to Arnold Hall; take bus to Visitor Center to retrieve vehicles; or take bus to Field House**
	Meet appointees at Field House
4:30	**Bus departs for Colorado Springs Airport**
4:45	**Buses depart for hotels**

BOOTS FOR APPOINTEES

Appointees who attend Appointee Orientation will have the opportunity to get their boots while they're here. For those not attending Appointee Orientation, see information below:

Infantry Combat Boot, PGC 02823 (Price for '06 - $97.60)

Replaced PGC 01895 (Black, leather Combat Boots) as issue boot for Army and Air Force. Boots may be purchased at most AAFES stores [Base Exchanges (BX), Post Exchanges (PX), etc) and at many Army Surplus-type stores. Please call Mr. Ed Richardson at the US Air Force Academy with any questions: (719) 333-3017.

GRADUATION TICKETS

Graduation tickets will be distributed around mid-May. Each squadron will have a cadet project officer in charge. Initially, the cadets will each be issued 16 tickets. Then, they will all be asked how many more they need. They will receive whatever number they request. We are not aware of a cadet not getting the number of tickets requested.

WHO CAN CONDUCT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY?

"Persons being appointed or commissioned in the Air Force may take the oath before a: Civil official authorized by law to administer oaths; Commissioned officer of any component of any Armed Forces of the United States (includes Reserve components), whether on active duty or retired. This includes commissioned warrant officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Warrant officer serving on active duty as an adjutant, assistant adjutant, acting adjutant, or personnel adjutant of a command." A notary public can administer the oath of office; however, the **notary has to be authorized to administer an oath in the place it is taken**....i.e., a Colorado Notary can administer an oath in CO, but a NJ notary cannot. A retired officer conducting the ceremony does NOT have to be in uniform.
Regulation available at:
http://usmilitary.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.e%2Dpublishing.af.mil/pubfiles/af/36/afi36%2D2006/afi36%2D2006.pdf

CADET WING STRENGTH A/O 28 FEBRUARY 2006

Class	Men	Women	Cum	Intl	US
2006	**724**	**165**	**889**	**8**	**881**
2007	**835**	**179**	**1014**	**20**	**994**
2008	**915**	**203**	**1118**	**13**	**1105**
2009	**1026**	**213**	**1239**	**7**	**1232**
CADET WING	**3500**	**760**	**4260**	**48**	**4212**

2006 AIR FORCE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent
Sat.	Sept. 2	Open
Sat.	Sept. 9	**at Tennessee**
Sat.	Sept. 16	Open
Sat.	Sept. 23	**at Wyoming**
Sat.	Sept. 30	New Mexico
Sat.	Oct. 7	Navy
Thur.	Oct. 12	Colorado State
Sat.	Oct. 21	**at San Diego State**
Sat.	Oct. 28	BYU
Fri	Nov. 3	**at Army**
Sat.	Nov. 11	Notre Dame
Sat.	Nov. 18	Utah
Fri.	Nov. 24	at UNLV
Sat.	Dec. 2	at TCU

Have a good Spring Break!