

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

MAY 2007

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 Apr 07)

	Men	Women	Cum	Int'l	US
Class of 2007	814	177	991	19	972
Class of 2008	851	187	1038	13	1025
Class of 2009	949	196	1145	7	1138
Class of 2010	950	230	1180	19	1161
CADET WING	3564	790	4354	58	4296

FACT SHEET: USAF ACADEMY CLASS OF 2007 (Information as of 16 May 2007)

When They Entered in June 2003:

1,629 were offered appointments
1,302 were processed into the Academy

83.0% or 1081 males
17.0% or 221 females
18.0% or 216 minorities
59.0% or 768 pilot qualified
21 International students

High School:

Average GPA: 3.83
Average SAT scores: 630 Verbal, 663 Math
Average ACT scores: 28.5 English, 29.6 Reading, 29.9 Math, 29.1 Science

As They Graduate on 30 May 2007 (as of 15 May 2007):

Graduating: 988 will walk across the stage
Men: 812 (82.2%) Women: 176 (17.8%)
Minorities: 165 (16.7%) 32 Black, 69 Hispanic, 57 Asian-Pacific Islander, 7 Native American
International Students: 20 (one each from Cameroon, Columbia, Ecuador, Jordan, Korea, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Qatar, Taiwan, and Tunisia) (two each from Bulgaria, Lithuania, Pakistan, Peru and Sri Lanka). Total international grads for all years: 249.

Average Cumulative GPA: TBD
Attrition Rate: 318 or 25.2%

Sets of Twins: 2
Third-Child Graduates: 4
Second-Child Graduates (other than twins): 47
Second Generation Graduates: 45
Posthumous Graduates: None

Graduates Going To Pilot Training: 534
Graduates Going To Combat Systems Operator (Nav) Training: 30
Graduates Going To Air Battle Manager Training: 10
Total Rated Officers in Class: 574

Service commitment: Graduates from the Class of 2007 who enter pilot training incur an active duty service commitment of ten years after earning their wings. For navigators, the service commitment is six years after successful completion of training. All remaining graduates incur a five-year active duty service commitment.

Total Graduates for all years: (Including Class of 2007)	Male 36,204	Female 3,572	Total 39,776
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USAFA Graduates Who Have Attained the Rank of General:

Number: 453 (202 Active duty, 242 retired, 9 deceased)

OATH OF OFFICE (exact wording for commissioning)

I, (state your full name), having been appointed a Second Lieutenant, United States Air Force, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.

BANNERS AND NOISE MAKERS

Banners/poles are not allowed in the stadium and only hand-held poster-sized signs are allowed. Guests will not be able to enter the stadium until 0800 at which time the gates will be staffed by security personnel who will be searching bags and ensuring guests are not bringing in prohibited items. The USAFA Athletics webpage offers a list of items that may not be brought into the stadium at <http://goairforcefalcons.cstv.com/facilities/falcon-stadium-requirements.html>. This list includes “artificial noisemakers of any kind.” We hope that parents of our 2007 graduates will be courteous to those around them so that all families can hear their own cadet’s name being announced.

OPS ASSIGNMENTS

The selection process has a random component after considering many factors. A cadet-created computer program actually does the matching. There is no longer a preference to

the top cadets getting the overseas locations, since all cadets should be able to go overseas once.

Here are some of the factors

1. Distribute cadets across the globe (each base tells us how many cadets they can support, based on lodging, dining, transportation constraints and how many officers/NCOs are available to mentor).
2. Do not repeat a previous location from prior years.
3. Expose cadets to multiple missions in different years.
4. Overseas for all in one of their 3 years (not always achievable due to other constraints).
5. Seniors should have the ability to see their likely AFSC at the base.
6. If any, at least four women at any given location.
7. Equality: equal average MPA/OPA at each location (no pooling of top or bottom cadets at a given base).
8. Leadership: At least one C1C at each location to serve as CIC.

As far as how many cadets we send to a given base, it is mainly dependant on the base's capabilities to support (the base provides that information). Some bases do not have billeting or dining facilities, so we do not send cadets there. Other bases are very expensive to travel to, so we are reducing our numbers to those bases. The class assignments to those bases depend on how many NCOs (to mentor the 3-degrees) and officers (for the Firsties and 2-degrees) are available. Firsties must go to a base that has their AFSC available (i.e. if a rising senior is going into space ops, we won't send him to Ramstein, even if he hasn't been overseas yet). Two-degrees must go to a base with a flying mission so they can see the ops and support missions. Three-degrees can go anywhere as long as the base can support them logistically and with an NCO mentor.

There are other factors which are considered, but basically -- the answer is that numerous factors go into the decision and matching process. Bases are not ranked as a "good base" or "bad base" because this is clearly subjective -- beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Clearly, the process tries to maximize the experience for all cadets and doesn't penalize cadets based upon their class ranking, etc.

SUMMER LEAVE CONFUSION

There has been a lot of confusion about the sign out and sign in dates for summer leave. The Wing has advised that if the cadets are confused in any way they need to ask their

AOCs/AMTs for clarification. The situation can be different for each cadet, so no one should just “guess.” Also, it is better if parents allow their cadets to make their own airline reservations since they know their schedules!