

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

AUGUST 2008

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 July 2008)

	Men	Women	Cum
2009	895	175	1070
2010	864	197	1061
2011	916	225	1141
2012	1018	281	1299
WING	3704	881	4585

PARENTS' WEEKEND INFORMATION

Cadets should let their parents/guests know that information on Parents' Weekend is available on the USAFA website at <http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend>. Information on the website has been updated and a printable copy of the brochure and schedule of events is also available. The Parents' Weekend mailing (sent to Fourth-Class cadet parents only) was sent out 15 Aug, but parents should be able to get all info they need from the website. If they do not receive the mailing, their cadet can still pick up parking passes from their squadrons in late August and provide them to their parents/guests when they arrive. Upper-class cadets must pick up parking passes for their parents from their squadrons and provide the passes to their guests on arrival. The base is open to visitors who show a valid photo ID so guests won't have any problems getting on base during Parents' Weekend. International cadets and any cadets who failed to list a POC in the database will be sent their parent packets to provide to their parents.

Cadets and their guests will have an opportunity to visit the Air Warfare Lab (AWL, alias flight simulator) on Friday, 29 Aug. Tickets are required and must be picked up in advance from the AWL (Rm 2H28) starting 25 Aug, 0700-1600 until they are gone. Tickets provide access for cadets as well as their family members for a scheduled 10-minute block of time. The morning session (0730-0910) is set aside for Fourth-Class cadets and their guests only. Upper-class cadets may pick up tickets for the afternoon session (1325-1505). Cadets who are unable to get tickets are invited to bring family members to a designated sim viewing area where they can watch the simulators in operation and possibly experience the sims should there be "no-shows." Cadets may direct any questions to Lt Col DeRay via email or at 333-9429.

Guests should refrain from bringing to the base any large bags, coolers, thermoses, backpacks or other items that will require additional scrutiny or searches from security personnel. Prohibited items include: explosives, guns, large knives (4" blade or larger) or any kind of weapon. Clear water bottles are okay (and recommended!). Bags will be searched at various locations in the cadet area and at the parade field before the parade; to ensure you get to see the parade and are not held up in long lines, please do not bring large bags or any prohibited items.

COMMANDANT SELECTED FOR NEW ASSIGNMENT (from the Public Affairs Office)

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo., -- A leader during one of the most dynamic times in the U.S. Air Force Academy's history is moving on.

Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Susan Y. Desjardins will depart the Academy this fall to become the Deputy Director, Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"Moving on is bittersweet. I am excited about the challenges of serving at AMC, the 'home office' of air mobility," General Desjardins said. "At the same time, being at the Academy has been an amazing opportunity and experience. Nothing can compare with being part of shaping and molding our Air Force's future leaders."

General Desjardins has served as the Commandant of Cadets since December 2005, commanding the 4,400-member Cadet Wing and more than 300 permanent party Air Force and civilian personnel. She is responsible for all aspects of military training for the Cadet Wing, including leadership training, operational skills training, professional military education, character development, cadet discipline, and administering the Honor System.

As the Air Force flexed to meet the demands of winning the Global War on Terrorism, General Desjardins played a key role in reshaping Academy military training to better prepare cadets for the challenges facing them in the operational, expeditionary Air Force.

"General Regni, our Superintendent, had a vision for bringing the 'military' back to our military academy," she said, "and he gave me the charter and great support to implement significant changes to follow that vector.

"We have eliminated training that had only a tenuous connection to preparing cadets for active duty," she said. "And we reinstated daily mandatory formations to emphasize accountability as members of an Air Force unit and personal accountability for upholding standards.

"We also have stressed accountability in our character and leadership development efforts, in bringing back the Cadet Discipline System, and in making the Honor Code the Number-One priority in cadet life," she said. "The intent was for our cadets to feel ownership and hence play a bigger role in enforcing standards both in honor and discipline."

During General Desjardins' tenure, there has been a 58 percent decrease in cadet alcohol related incidents, and a nationally recognized sexual assault response program has been significantly strengthened.

Basic Cadet Training was revamped to better prepare basic cadets physically, mentally, and militarily for their Academy experience. This included increasing BCT physical training from seven sessions to 27 sessions, which resulted in better fitness, morale, and overall performance by basic cadets.

General Desjardins was tasked with reinstating Combat Survival Training at the Academy, one of the first Air Force locations to implement this newly emphasized requirement.

“Air Force personnel are increasingly taking on roles that could leave them vulnerable on the battlefield,” the general said. “Airmen are outside the wire daily performing jobs that had been assigned to soldiers and Marines. CST teaches our cadets critical skills that may save their lives in today’s expeditionary environment.”

General Desjardins also focused on enhancing the professional development of her permanent party Air Officers Commanding, who command the cadet squadrons, and the Academy Military Trainers, the non-commissioned officers who help lead each cadet squadron.

“It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding almost-three years,” General Desjardins said. “Whatever successes the Commandant’s organization has achieved are due to the amazingly talented Air Officers Commanding, Academy Military Trainers, AMTs, staff and civilian personnel who make up our team, to the support from General Regni and the other mission elements, and to the enthusiasm and commitment of our cadets.”

General Desjardins earned her commission in 1980 in the first class of women at the Academy and is the first female commandant. Being an Academy graduate, she relates to the challenges and triumphs the cadets face daily.

“Being a cadet is not an easy road, but it is worth every bit of the effort,” she said. “Our nation requires intelligent, well-rounded young men and women of character to lead our military. Every day there are cadets who demonstrate they are up to the challenges ahead, and you know that the future of our Air Force and our nation will be in good hands.”

The general has held staff positions at the major command, Joint Staff, and Headquarters U.S. Air Force levels, including deputy military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force. Her commands include an air refueling squadron, a mobility operations group, and the 437th Airlift Wing at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

She is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours in the KC-10, C-17, C-5, KC-135R, KC-135A, and T-37.

The incoming commandant is Col. Samuel D. Cox who is currently serving at the Pentagon as the Director of Air Force General Officer Management for the Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel and Services.

Colonel Cox, a 1984 Academy graduate, has been selected for promotion to brigadier general.

ADDRESSES OF CADETS

Parents’ Club Presidents, be sure to remind your club members that it is the responsibility of their cadets to make address changes in the CAMIS database. Only the cadets can make these changes. If the cadet’s parents are separated, it’s the cadet’s responsibility to make sure both names/addresses are in the database, if s/he chooses to have them both listed. If a cadet decides to not allow any information to be released, that is his/her prerogative, but the parents will not receive mailings from USAFA.

PACKAGE STOP FOR UPS, FED EX AND DHL

The package stop (PAKMAIL) is now located in Richter Lounge (snack bar area of Arnold Hall). Currently the hours of operation are Mon, Wed and Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. PAKMAIL is a government contractor, so there is a \$2.00 charge to pick up a package. The point of contact is Joe Rogers at 719-481-6700.

UPS, Fed Ex and DHL cannot deliver to a post office box (POB) number, so the street address must be used:

C4C John Jones
2303 Cadet Drive, PO Box xxxx (cadet's POB)
USAFA CO 80840-xxxx (cadet's POB)

You can also send packages via US Mail and in that case, you just use the cadet's POB, like you would in addressing an envelope. Your cadet will receive a note in his/her post office box that there's a package waiting and he/she would just step over to the counter to claim it.

C4C John Jones
PO Box xxxx
USAFA CO 80841-xxxx (POB number)

(Note: The ZIP code is different for the street address and the post office address.)

Here's an easy way to remember: If you ship the box to the Academy post office, you only need the cadet's POB. If you ship the box via UPS, FedEx or DHL, it requires a street address AND a PPOB number; it will be delivered to PAKMAIL.

CADET MAIL WITHOUT A POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER

The USAFA post office has received a large amount of letters and postcards with only the cadet's name on the address and no post office box number. The post office does not have enough staff to look up each cadet's POB, so the mail will be returned to the sender. If you don't know the cadet's POB number, please email him/her and ask for it.

CADET/FLIGHT MEDICINE CLINIC

I am Colonel Tim Greydanus (USAFA Class of 1981), and the commander of the Cadet/Flight Medicine Clinic. I am a board certified Family Practice physician, and have been fortunate to serve as an active Air Force flight surgeon in a variety of operational settings. I am honored to be serving at USAFA again, especially with the exceptional staff of the Cadet Clinic, caring for some of the best and brightest young people in the country.

On August 6th, our staff joined hundreds of onlookers in congratulating the Class of 2012 at the Acceptance Day Parade. These brand new Fourth Classmen worked very hard to get to this point, and we couldn't help but feel a sense of pride in the role that we had played in helping them get there. Of course, they did all the hard work!

Our support of these new cadets began back on June 26th, when the Cadet Clinic joined with volunteers from the 10th Medical Group and the local community to medically in-process 1,356 basic cadets. This critical process, where incoming basics are screened for medical problems that might have developed between their DoDMERB physical and arrival at USAFA, set a record for efficiency and accuracy, and ensured that we did our part to make sure the incoming group of Basic Cadets was medically up to the challenge ahead.

During the first portion of BCT, the clinic operated extended hours, standing ready to assist Basics as they acclimated to the altitude, and as their feet adjusted to new boots and hours of marching. But nowhere was the Cadet Clinic more involved than during the second portion of BCT. Beginning with the march out to Jacks Valley, the clinic went into 24 hour-a-day deployed operations. We offered medical sick call from 6:00 in the morning to 6:00 in the evening, treating roughly 100 basics during each of the 12 days at Jacks. Overnight care was available on-call, and ill basics were able to remain in a nursing tent overnight where they could receive intravenous fluids, medications and rest. The nurse's tent averaged 3-5 Basic Cadets per night.

Now, as these brand new Four-degree cadets have joined the returning upper classman and begun the academic year, the Cadet Clinic returns to normal operations. We are open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling (719) 333-5180/5181/5183, or through Tricare Online at <http://www.tricareonline.com>. Cadets who are unable to get an appointment as quickly as they feel they need are encouraged to speak with a nurse in the clinic who will perform an initial assessment and ensure that they receive care appropriate for their condition. The clinic also offers walk-in services between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., for wart treatment, suture removal, wound care and blood pressure checks. After-hours and weekend/holiday care is available at the 10th Medical Groups Acute Care Clinic (ACC). Appointments for the ACC may be made by calling (719) 457-CARE (457-2273).

As parents ourselves, we share your concern with the health of your child, and we know you have an understandable interest in their condition and in the care they are receiving. We will discuss medical information regarding your cadet if we can, but keep in mind that federal privacy laws prevent the sharing of health-related information with parties not directly

involved in the medical care of the patient. This includes parents. Cadets who wish to provide their parents with access to their healthcare information are encouraged to complete a release of information form. They may authorize a general release of any information or may authorize release of information limited to certain dates of treatment or limited to certain people such as you, their parents. This release form is available to cadets on the clinic's webpage, or at the Cadet Clinic.

In summary, you can be justifiably proud of the accomplishments of your brand new cadets. They did very well this summer and, again, we at the Cadet Clinic are excited and honored to be serving some of the best and brightest of our country's youth, as well as our international cadets.

Further information about the services we provide is available on the internet at <http://www.usafa.edu/10abw/10mdg/cc/index.cfm>.

Also, you can contact me at (719) 333-7800, or timothy.greydanus@usafa.af.mil, or the Cadet Clinic nurse manager, Major Deb Jones at (719) 333-6725, or deborah.jones@usafa.af.mil.

FOOTBALL STADIUM RESTRICTIONS

Due to security, there are restrictions on what you can carry into the football stadium. Go to: www.goairforcefalcons.cstv.com to view the list.

Highlights are: No backpacks; maximum bag size restricted to 8.5" x 11"; only sealed water bottles 24oz. or less; cameras OK with lenses 4 inches long or shorter; and no flash photography.

The maximum bag size is small and if women have purses larger than that, they should change to smaller purses. Also keep in mind that the canvas "class tote bags" are larger than the max, so they will not be allowed.

Charles and Kemp Named to Pre-season All-MWC Team

The Mountain West Conference announced its 2008 preseason all-conference team today as selected by members of the league's media. Air Force junior offensive guard [Nick Charles](#) and senior defensive end [Ryan Kemp](#) were named to the team. Charles was a second-team all-MWC selection last season at guard. The San Antonio, Texas, native started all 13 games and was part of the offensive line that helped the Falcons to 299.5 yards rushing per game, ranking second in the nation and first in the MWC. Charles also earned MWC all-academic honors last season. Kemp was an honorable mention all-MWC selection last season. He was the team's top tackler among the defensive linemen with 54 tackles, including four sacks and 8.5 for loss.

PARENTS WEEKEND 2008 LIST OF SPORTING EVENTS

Friday, 29 Aug

1330-1700: Prep School Football vs. Snow College (Prep School Field)

1500-1800: JV Football Intra-squad (Outdoor Turf Field)

1800-2000: W Soccer vs. Valparaiso (Soccer Stadium)

Saturday, 30 Aug

1200-1600: Football vs. Southern Utah (Falcon Stadium)

Sunday, 31 Aug

1000-1200: Volleyball Tournament, Southern Mississippi vs. Univ of Buffalo (Clune Arena)

1200-1400: Volleyball Tournament, AIR FORCE vs. Kennesaw State (Clune Arena)

1200-1400: W Soccer vs. Idaho State (Soccer Stadium)

1700-1900: Volleyball Tournament, Univ of Buffalo vs. Kennesaw State (Clune Arena)

1900-2100: Volleyball Tournament, AIR FORCE vs. Southern Mississippi (Clune Arena)

Monday, 1 Sep

1000-1200: Volleyball Tournament, Kennesaw State vs. Univ of Buffalo (Clune Arena)

1200-1400: Volleyball Tournament, AIR FORCE vs. Univ of Buffalo (Clune Arena)