



United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School

Developing Officers of Character in Service to Our Nation

Fact Sheet: Basic Military Training (BMT)

Mission of the USAF Academy Preparatory School:

The mission of the USAFA Academy Preparatory School is to motivate, prepare, and evaluate selected candidates in an academic, military, moral, and physical environment to perform successfully and enhance diversity at USAFA.

Mission of Basic Military Training:

Basic Military Training (BMT) is an intensive 18-day program designed to produce disciplined, physically fit and professionally motivated Cadet Candidates through a challenging and motivating introduction to the military profession and the Preparatory School environment. We equip each Basic Cadet Candidate with the essential military skills and knowledge expected of a Cadet Candidate.

During inprocessing, each Basic Cadet Candidate takes the Oath of Office and is enlisted into the United States Air Force. After the Oath, Basic Cadet Candidates are escorted to their dorm rooms by Air Force Academy upperclass cadets who will be their cadre, or primary trainers, for Basic Military Training. BMT initially focuses on the transition from civilian to military life. Upper-class cadets will instruct Basic Cadet Candidates in military topics including customs, courtesies, the Honor Code, Air Force heritage, marching, and room inspection. Their daily physical conditioning training includes strenuous exercises, running, and competitive sports.

A typical day begins with a 4:30 am wake-up, followed by physical training and then military training. Three hearty meals are served each day in the Dining Facility. Intramural sports take place in the afternoon, and athletes will begin practicing with their respective teams during the last 10 days of BMT. Afternoon sports are followed by briefings on Air Force Core Values, the Honor Code, and other military topics. TAPS occurs at 9:00 pm, ensuring the Basic Cadet Candidates get plenty of rest for the next day's challenging events. All of these activities will condition the Basic Cadet Candidates to meet the physical and mental demands of the Prep School and prepare them for the academic portion of the program. BMT culminates in a parade and ceremony where the BMT Cadet Cadre hand over leadership of the Preparatory School squadrons to the new Cadet Candidates.

BMT is not an easy program. It will challenge Basic Cadet Candidates physically, mentally, and emotionally. But once completed, Cadet Candidates will have expanded their limits and will emerge with a deep sense of pride and confidence in their accomplishments and abilities. They will have taken a first step in their journey to becoming *Officers of Character* in service to their nation.

