The Long Blue Line Guide 2018
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Serving the Long Blue Line

Dear fellow graduates, Association members, friends and supporters of your Air Force Academy,

Since its official creation in 1965, the USAFA Association of Graduates has developed, expanded and refined an exceptional array of services and capabilities dedicated to assisting and supporting Academy grads, cadets, parents, families and the community at large.

In that tradition, the purpose of this Long Blue Line Guide is to provide an appropriately focused, annual resource which summarizes the AOG’s full range of activities, services and capabilities.

The broad readership of Checkpoints magazine will find that this top-level and easy-to-digest guide primarily provides general information while stimulating more in-depth engagement by the reader on topics of special interest. The guide is meant to be to-the-point and useful.

We at the Association of Graduates hope that this publication will serve as a practical reference which successfully articulates and reinforces the AOG’s critical role (together with our partners at the USAFA Endowment) in sustaining and improving the United States Air Force Academy, while encouraging increased participation in that effort by graduates, parents, families and friends of the Academy.

The guide you are about to read is a valued addition to the expanding range of AOG initiatives intended to enhance communications to and among the Academy’s many constituents. All of us at the Association hope you will enjoy the Long Blue Line Guide, and (perhaps more importantly) will find it a valuable aid in appreciating the impressive catalogue of AOG services and capabilities that exist for the benefit of the entire Academy community.

With thanks and best wishes,

Marty Marcolongo ’88
President and Chief Executive Officer
Introduction to the Long Blue Line

When you need a specific AOG service, or when you have a question, you can go to the Long Blue Line Guide and find both references and points of contact to assist you. From the table of contents to the index, the Guide is organized as an informal, eye-catching, but information-packed resource for graduates and for the wider community of Academy friends and supporters.

The Guide catalogues the full range of AOG services and capabilities, aligned under core topic areas that reflect the up-to-date scope of Association activities and priorities. Additionally, there is a list of relevant points of contact for use by the full range of association constituents.
Our Vision
Our Mission

OUR VISION
The Association of Graduates aspires to be the primary organization of United States Air Force Academy graduates and friends dedicated to supporting the Academy mission of building leaders of character for the Air Force and the nation, and providing service and support for graduates and cadets.

OUR MISSION
To pursue our vision and to serve and support the United States of America, the United States Air Force, the United States Air Force Academy, and the graduate community by:

I. Working in partnership with the Academy to produce and foster graduates with an enduring commitment to integrity, excellence and service to country.

II. Providing leadership, communication and support to all of the Academy’s graduates, and promoting camaraderie among them.

III. Promoting the Academy’s heritage, our common traditions and the accomplishments of our graduates.
The Association of Graduates
Serving the Long Blue Line for five Decades

AOG HISTORY
In the early days, the Association of Graduates was operated as an additional duty in the Superintendent’s office by select Academy staff members. In 1968, the AOG became incorporated as a Colorado charitable non-profit organization operated entirely by graduate volunteers assigned to the Academy staff. In 1983, the first non-active duty executive was hired to take over the operation of the AOG.

Under the leadership of Richard Coppock ’61, the AOG grew from a handful of employees operating out of a couple of rooms in Sijan Hall to our own building, Doolittle Hall, built in 1992. Doolittle Hall was our first major fundraising effort. Today, the AOG has a substantial workforce yet still partners with volunteers, chapters and affinity groups to host events and social gatherings or just being ambassadors for the Academy.

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AUGUST 12, 1965
Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Thomas Moorman establishes the Association of Graduates. The first AOG Alumni Secretary, Capt. Dick Mathews ’60, is appointed. The AOG staff includes four civilians and is run out of room 226 in Harmon Hall. The Association of Graduates has experienced tremendous growth over the decades and now employs more than 40 individuals dedicated to serving the Long Blue Line.

1966
The first class reunion is held. In 1984, the AOG provides support to a non-homecoming reunion for the very first time. Today, the Association of Graduates helps organize up to nine reunions a year. In 2017, more than 3,600 graduates and their guests returned to Colorado Springs to celebrate with friends and classmates.

1971
The first Association of Graduates Magazine was published in the winter of 1971. The name was officially changed to Checkpoints in the summer 1979 issue. In the past five years, the magazine has won 61 awards for excellence in writing, photography and design from the Council.

JANUARY 15, 1968
The AOG is incorporated as a tax-exempt, Colorado non-profit corporation.

OCTOBER 10, 1970
The Association of Graduates donates the Graduate War Memorial in the Cadet Area. Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, Commandant of Cadets, speaks at the ceremony.

The curved monolith is constructed of three 7’ by 21’ slabs of black granite.
1972
Former Air Force Academy Athletic Director, Gen. George B. Simler, develops the concept of the Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy and brings the idea to the Association of Graduates. The AOG teams up with its Army and Navy sister organizations to create the three-sided, 170-pound trophy that we know today.

OCTOBER 14, 1978
Through class gifts, the AOG donates the Class Wall below the Cadet Chapel. The Class Wall, a gallery of crests of Academy classes, started when the Class of 1968 presented its crest during its 10-year reunion. The wall is “dedicated by the classes which have gone before to those which will follow in recognition of our common commitment to excellence.”

APRIL 25, 1979
The AOG dedicates a plaque honoring American Unknown Heroes at the Memorial Trophy Room, Arlington National Cemetery.

1981
Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Lew Allen Jr., authorizes the Association of Graduates to sell cadet sabers to graduates.

OCTOBER 3, 1981
The AOG selects Gail McComas, former Cadet Wing hostess, as its first Honorary Member. Mrs. McComas served as hostess at the Academy from 1955 until 1977. Honorary membership is awarded to persons who have rendered outstanding service to the Air Force and/or the Academy. Membership is limited to 25 living persons and must be unanimously approved by AOG Board members voting by secret ballot.

1983
The AOG moves to an all non-governmental staff and Dick Coppock ‘61 is hired as the first non-active duty executive director beginning an exciting new phase in the organization’s development. He would guide the organization until 1999.

JULY 6, 1985
Members of the Class of 1989 are the first to participate in the Life Membership at Graduation (LMAG) program initiated by the AOG. LMAG allows cadets to pay dues throughout their cadet careers and graduate with a paid-in-full life membership to the organization.

1987
The AOG buys and gifts two sailplanes to the Academy.

1990
The AOG awards the first five Graduate Dependent Scholarships. Each year, thousands of dollars in scholarship funds are awarded to dependents of USAFA graduates.

May 1991
For the first 27 years of its existence, the Association of Graduates was housed in various offices at Harmon Hall, Sijan Hall and off campus. Ground was broken on Doolittle Hall, the new Air Force Academy alumni house.

August 21, 1992
Doolittle Hall is officially dedicated.

APRIL 28, 1994
The first Joint Service Academy Career Conference is held. During the past two decades, this AOG-sponsored program has helped thousands of graduates land jobs and advance their careers.

1994
The AOG establishes the Sabre Society. The program is now managed by the USAFA Endowment and has more than 1,400 members.

July 1, 1994
In 1994, Doolittle Hall becomes the first stop for Inprocessing, a tradition that was broken only once due to the Waldo Canyon fire of 2012, but continued in 2013. The alumni house
hosts dozens of events each year, has become the epicenter for reunion activities, and is the shared home of the USAFA Endowment and Falcon Foundation.

1996
The local AOG chapter creates the Appointee Bed and Breakfast Program. Each year, the Association of Graduates, with the assistance of the Rampart Chapter of the AOG, facilitates the opportunity for appointees who are traveling by themselves for Inprocessing to stay at the homes of local Academy graduates, faculty, staff and friends. In recent years, as many as 350 appointees have participated in this annual program.

JUNE 8, 1996
The Association of Graduates purchases a gyrfalcon and presents it to the Academy. The cadets name the white falcon Aurora.

1997
The AOG takes over the procurement of class rings and oversight of ring heritage. On the second floor of Doolittle Hall exists a collection of every USAFA class ring. The display was donated by the Class of 1968.

APRIL 3, 1998
The first annual Founders Day Dinner is held at Doolittle Hall. The dinner has evolved into the premier event at the Academy each year and one of the great celebrations held in honor of our nation’s service academies.

JULY 1999
Col. (Ret.) Jim Shaw ’67 is hired as the AOG’s second CEO. He serves in the position until 2008.

2001
The AOG and the Academy name the institution’s first two Distinguished Graduates: Gen. (Ret.) Ronald Fogleman ’63 and Mr. Harry J. Pearce ’64. Subsequently, 32 more members of the Long Blue Line have received this singular honor.

DECEMBER 2003
The Association of Graduates’ new website, usafa.org, goes live. Its predecessor, www.aog-usafa.org, dates back to 1998. USAFA.org has won several Council for Advancement and Support of Education awards for website excellence. The website contains a wealth of resources including a searchable grad directory, an events calendar, Checkpoints Online and much, much more. Browse the AOG Gift Shop online to find the perfect gift for any Falcon.

2004
The AOG establishes the WebGuy program allowing AOG members, parents and friends of cadets worldwide to follow the progress of their loved one as they tackle the many challenges of the Academy. In 2014, more than 200,000 pictures were taken and the WebGuy website received a staggering 6 million page views.

JUNE 17, 2004
The Class of 1959 Challenge Bridge is dedicated at Doolittle Hall. During Inprocessing, members of the Class of 1959 read the challenge to incoming appointees before they cross the bridge to begin Basic Cadet Training.

MAY 11, 2007
The Memorial Pavilion at the USAFA Cemetery is dedicated. The Pavilion, funded by the Association of Graduates, provides a beautiful and dignified indoor facility for events during inclement weather.

JANUARY 2008
Gary Howe ’69 is hired as the third AOG president and CEO while the AOG conducts a nationwide search for its next CEO.

MAY 1, 2008
KAFA, the Academy radio station broadcasting at 97.7 FM, begins streaming through funds provided by the AOG. The station has since upgraded its streaming service. You can listen to the commercial-free modern rock station at usafa.org.

AUGUST, 2008
The AOG hires William “T” Thompson ’73 as its fourth president and CEO. He served in the position until 2017.
OCTOBER 1, 2010
The Southeast Asia Memorial Pavilion, which sits along the Heritage Trail adjacent to the AOG’s Doolittle Hall, is officially dedicated and pays homage to United States Air Force Academy graduates who served during the Southeast Asia conflict.

NOVEMBER 15, 2011
The Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Mike Gould ’76, formally concurs with the AOG plan to implement a 50-Year Legacy Program. Under the plan, the 50-year class would begin interacting with the new class, beginning with Inprocessing. This program replaced the 40-year legacy program that started before the Class of ’59 had reached its 50th year.

OCTOBER 19, 2012
The AOG and the Academy dedicate the Falcon Center Heritage Exhibit located in Fairchild Hall. The Heritage Exhibit honors a diverse group of 28 Air Force Academy graduates, each of whom has excelled in one of seven categories. These graduates serve as examples the Cadet Wing can emulate. A replica of the exhibit is available for public viewing on the second floor of Doolittle Hall.

NOVEMBER 6, 2015
Adjacent to Doolittle Hall, the Plaza of Heroes, along the Heritage Trail, was dedicated. The Plaza of Heroes recognizes USAFA graduates who performed conspicuous acts of valor during the Southeast Asia/Vietnam War. The centerpiece of the Plaza is a statue of Lance Sijan, the Academy’s only graduate to receive the Medal of Honor.

JULY 23, 2016
An official ribbon cutting was conducted for the new Polaris Hall, the home of the Center for Character and Leadership Development. The building was made possible through private donations to the USAFA Endowment and through military construction funds. The most striking feature of the structure is the 105-foot glass tower, which is tilted symbolically toward the North Star.

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* Indicates member is deceased.
Prior to 1983, the head of the AOG staff was an active duty officer on the Superintendent’s staff. The title of the position was Executive Director, Executive Secretary, or Executive Vice President. These are the officers who held that position.

BOARD CHAIRS

Mr. James E. Spittler Jr., ’65
1983–1985

Col. (Ret.)
Jock C. H. Schwank ’60
1985–1987

Col. (Ret.)
James E. Wilhelm ’61
1987–1989

Honorable
Eric M. Thorson ’67
1989–1991

Col. (Ret.)
Earl W. Richardson ’71
1991–1993

Brig. Gen. (Ret.)
James P. Ulm ’61
1993–1997

Lt. Gen. (Ret.)
Marcus A. Anderson ’61
1999–2003

Mr. Edward E. Legasey ’67
2003–2007

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
James F. Wheeler ’64
2007–2009

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
Terry L. Storm ’61
2009–2013

Brig. Gen. (Ret.)
Roger Carleton ’67
2013–2017

Col. (Ret.)
Cathy McClain ’82
2017–present

From top left:
Capt. Gerald J. Garvey ’59, 1965–1965
Dr. Thomas J. Eller ’61, 1979–1983
CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
Richard M. Coppock ’61
1983–1999

Col. (Ret.)
James A. Shaw ’67
1999–2008

Lt. Col. (Ret.)
Gary S. Howe ’69
2008

Mr. William “T” Thompson, Esq. ’73
2008–2017

Marty Marcolongo ’88
2017–present
Current Board of Directors

Cathy McClain '82
Chairman

Marty Marcolongo '88
AOG President and CEO

Wally Moorhead '69
Vice Chairman

Ginny Caine Toneson '80
Secretary

Jack Fry '67
Treasurer

Hans Mueh '66

Bob Munson '73

Larry New '76

Frank Gorenc '79

Steve Mueller '79

Will Gunn '80

Tamra Rank '83

Glenn Strebe '87

Kathleen Rock '98

Mark Rosenow '03

Emma Przybyslawski '10

Garry Dudley '68
CAS President
Committees of the Board for 2018

Audit Committee
Voting Members
Glenn Strebe ‘87 (Chair)
Hans Mueh ‘66
Bob Munson ‘73
Everette Vaughn ‘63
Barry Blackman ‘65
Alton Parrish, CFO
Jack Fry, Liaison

Finance and Investment Committee
Jack Fry ‘67 (Chair)
Kathleen Rock ‘98
Mark Rosenow ‘03
Glenn Strebe ‘87
Larry New ‘76
Alton Parrish, CFO

Investment Sub-Committee
Rod Hennek ‘75 (Chair)
Jack Fry ‘67
Kathleen Barchick ‘89
Bill Jennings
Jerry Bruni ‘70
Alton Parrish, CFO

Nominating Committee
Larry New ‘76 (Chair)
Emma Przybyslawski ‘10
Don Avery ‘76
Dave Robinson ‘76
Bill Clifford ‘80
Ray Torres ‘81
Wistaria Joseph ‘93

Heritage and Traditions
Steve Mueller ‘79 (Chair)
Hans Mueh ‘66
Bob Munson ‘73
Garry Dudley ‘68
Kathleen Rock ‘98
Ron Yates ‘60
Andy Biancur ‘60
Dick Rauschkolb ‘70
Robin Rand ‘79
Mark Wells ‘75

Awards and Recognition Committee
Kathleen Rock ‘98 (Chair)
Emma Przybyslawski ‘10
Mark Rosenow ‘03
Frank Staine-Pyne ‘98
Robyn Downer ‘02
Dick Newton ‘78
Bill Clifford ‘76
Brent Wiseman ‘10

Distinguished Graduate Award
Tamra Rank ‘83 (Chair)
Will Gunn ‘80

Athletic Liaison
Wally Moorhead ‘69 (Chair)
Garry Dudley ‘68
Hans Mueh ‘66
Emma Przybyslawski ‘10

CEO Compensation Task Force
Mark Rosenow ‘03 (Chair)
Larry New ‘76
Emma Przybyslawski ‘10

Joint Coordination Committee
Cathy McClain ‘82 (Chair)
Wally Moorhead ‘69
Tamra Rank ‘83
Hans Mueh ‘66
Jack Fry ‘67
Bob Munson ‘73
Glenn Strebe ‘87
Marty Marcolongo ‘88, CEO

Joint Finance Committee
Jack Fry ‘67 (Chair)
Glenn Strebe ‘87

Single CEO Selection
Wally Moorhead ‘69 (Chair)
Mark Rosenow ‘03
Tamra Rank ‘83
Kathleen Rock ‘98
Terry Storm ‘61

Umbrella Task Force
Wally Moorhead ‘69 (Chair)
Tamra Rank ‘83
Jack Fry ‘67
Bob Munson ‘73
Glenn Strebe ‘87
Marty Marcolongo ‘88
Gary Howe ‘69

Ends Task Force
Bob Munson ‘73 (Chair)
Emma Przybyslawski ‘10
Larry New ‘76
Wally Moorhead ‘69
Marty Marcolongo ‘88
Gary Howe ‘69
AOG Leadership

From top left
President & CEO Marty Marcolongo ’88
Executive Vice President Gary Howe ’69
Senior Vice President for Finance & CFO Alton Parrish
Senior Vice President for Communications Bob McAllister
Senior Vice President, Corporate & Association Relations Corrie Grubbs
Senior Vice President of Academy & Non-Profit Relations Steve Simon ’77
Doolittle Hall —
Your Alumni House, Our Home

Dedicated in 1992, Doolittle Hall is the alumni house for the United States Air Force Academy. Located on 24 acres of scenic Colorado landscape, this multi-use facility can host a wide range of events. Surround yourself with our panoramic views of the Front Range at one of the top event sites in Colorado Springs. It’s truly an inspiring setting.

Along with being open to members and visitors, the Association of Graduates rents out Doolittle Hall’s assembly area, atrium, boardroom and library for conferences, off-site meetings and special events. From corporate events and wedding receptions to retirement and promotion ceremonies, Doolittle Hall is the optimal setting to host your next event, large or small.

While we are located on the Air Force Academy, you do not need to have any ties to the military or Air Force Academy to use our facilities for your next event.

Discounts are available to AOG life members. For more information about Doolittle Hall in this Guide, see page 37.

For more information on how you can hold your next event at Doolittle Hall, contact Daisy Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 147, aog.events@aogusafo.org. events.usafa.org
An educational institution is only as good as its product. Bricks and mortar, books and buildings, staff and faculty can exert great influence on a school’s reputation, but the final measure of a university’s worth is how well its students perform after graduation. In this dimension, the United States Air Force Academy earns top marks.

Approximately 49,700 men and women have completed the Academy’s grueling four-year course of instruction and gone on to serve the United States. Individually and as a group, graduates make a compelling argument for the national value of the Academy. The Academy was chartered first and foremost to produce active duty military leaders for service on and off the battlefield. In this regard, the Academy has succeeded magnificently, but grads also have made their marks in civilian service, space, sports and almost every other aspect of American society. At the unavoidable risk of missing deserving individuals, this article highlights some of our most noteworthy graduates.

Any discussion of this topic must start at the beginning. The first group of Academy graduates, the esteemed Class of 1959, set a phenomenal standard for later classes to emulate.

Lt. Gen. Bradley Hosmer was number one in graduation order of merit and was the first Academy graduate to earn a Rhodes Scholarship. (39 cadets have been so honored, most recently C1C Jaspreet Singh). Gen. Hosmer’s accomplishments did not end at Oxford, as three decades later he earned the distinction of being the first graduate superintendent. To acknowledge his stellar service, he was awarded the 2003 Distinguished Graduate Award.

Gen. Robert Oaks, 2002 Distinguished Graduate Award winner, is another celebrated ’59er. He culminated his Air Force career as commander in chief of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and served as commander, Allied Forces Central Europe.

Gen. Hansford Johnson ’59 was the first Academy graduate promoted to four-star general (Harold Todd, his classmate, was the first grad to make brigadier and major general.). Gen. Johnson flew 423 combat missions during the Vietnam War, and later served as commander in chief of the United States Transportation Command and the Air Force’s Military Airlift Command.

Other members of the Class of 1959 have excelled as well. Col. Karol Bobko was the first graduate to enter the space program. He commanded the Space Shuttle Discovery in April 1985 and is the only astronaut to have flown on the maiden voyage of two Space Shuttle orbiters. Gen. Michael Carns served as Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, and Lt. Gen. Robert Beckel, the only person to serve as Cadet Wing Commander twice, was the first graduate to assume a senior leadership position at the Academy (Commandant of Cadets) in 1981.
Following classes have upheld the standard of excellence set by the Class of 1959. The Air Force has benefited greatly from the superior leadership provided by Academy graduates. Class of 1963 graduate Gen. Ronald Fogleman was the first Academy graduate to serve as Air Force Chief of Staff. After flying 315 combat missions, he rose to be commander in chief of the U.S. Transportation Command before being tapped as Chief of Staff. He was the first military recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award. Another of Gen. Fogleman’s many distinctions is that he was the first Academy graduate to deliver USAFA’s commencement address, which he did in 1996.

Four other Academy graduates have served as Chief of Staff: Gen. Michael Ryan ’65; Gen. Norton Schwartz ’73; Gen. Mark Welsh III ’76; and current Chief, Gen. David L. Goldfein ’83.

In 1983, the Academy welcomed its first Academy graduate Dean of the Faculty, Brig. Gen. Ervin Rokke ’62. Rokke also had been the first Air Force Academy graduate to be appointed a permanent professor.

In the past 12 years, female Academy graduates have taken their place in the general officer ranks as leaders of character. In 2004, Janet Therianos, a member of the Academy’s first class with women, the Class of 1980, was nominated for promotion to the grade of brigadier general, making her the first female Air Force Academy graduate selected for promotion to flag officer rank. Also in 2004, Brig. Gen. Dana Born ’83 became the first female Air Force Academy graduate to serve as USAFA Dean of the Faculty. A year later, Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins ’80 joined the Academy leadership team as the first female Air Force Academy graduate to take on the role of Commandant of Cadets. Finally, in August 2013, Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson ’81 completed the USAFA leadership trifecta, taking over as the first female Academy graduate to serve as Air Force Academy superintendent.

Distinguished Graduate Award Recipients

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      | 2002 | Dr. Paul G. Kaminski ’64  
      | Gen. Robert C. Oaks ’59  
      | Mr. Richard T. Schlosberg ’65  
      | 2004 | Col. Frederick Gregory ’64  
      | Gen. Ronald W. Yates ’60  
      | Gen. Michael E. Ryan ’65  
      | Maj. Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier ’64  
      | Mr. Gregg Popovich ’70  
      | Mr. John Martinson ’70  
      | 2009 | Gen. John Michael Loh ’60  
      | Honorable Heather A. Wilson ’82  
      | 2010 | Mr. Max F. James ’64  
      | Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart ’68  
      | Mr. Richard D. McConn ’66  
      | 2012 | Lt. Gen. Marcus A. Anderson ’61  
      | Mr. Edward E. Legasey ’67  
      | 2013 | Mr. A. Bart Holaday ’65  
      | Gen. William R. Looney III ’72  
      | 2014 | Dr. Thomas J. Eller ’61  
      | Gen. Kevin P. Chilton ’76  
      | 2015 | Gregory S. Martin ’70  
      | Mr. Paul S. Madera ’78  
      | 2016 | Gen. (Ret.) George Lee Butler ’61  
      | Gen. (Ret.) Charles Holland ’68  
      | Mr. Robert David Yost ’69  
      | Col. (Ret.) Gary Payton’71  
      | 2017 | T Allan McArtor ’64  
      | John Fox ’63  
      | Gen. (Ret.) Steve Lorenz ’73  

Gen. Ronald Fogleman ’63  

Distinguished Graduate Award
Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger ’80 also holds a very distinct position in Air Force and Air Force Academy history. On June 5, 2012, she became the Air Force and the Air Force Academy’s first female four-star general, as she assumed command of Air Force Materiel Command.

Approximately 655 Academy graduates have earned general stars. This list is long and distinguished, and is certain to grow much larger as Academy graduates continue to excel.

The Vietnam War provided ample opportunity for graduates to demonstrate the discipline and heroism forged during their Academy matriculation. Thousands served honorably in the war, including more than 150 who died there and 33 who suffered as prisoners of war. Each has a compelling story, but space constraints preclude telling all but a few.

Capt. Lance Sijan ’65 is the most famous of the Academy war heroes. On Nov. 9, 1967, he was forced to eject behind enemy lines after his F-4 fighter jet was disabled and his crewmember was killed. Despite a skull fracture, a broken hand and a compound fracture of his left leg, he managed to evade capture for 45 days after rescue efforts were unsuccessful. Shortly after his capture, despite his greatly weakened condition, he overpowered his guard and escaped again, albeit briefly. In captivity, he endured horrific treatment and brutal torture, never losing his resolve to escape and return to the fight. On Jan. 22, 1968, he died from his injuries and mistreatment. Upon his own eventual release in 1973, cellmate Guy Gruters ’64 told Sijan’s story. Sijan’s conduct merited the Medal of Honor, which President Gerald Ford presented to Sijan’s parents on March 4, 1976. In May of that year, the Air Force Academy honored Sijan, the only Academy graduate to earn the Medal of Honor, by naming the newer of its two dormitories after him. He is the only grad memorialized with an Academy building.

Sijan is by no means the only Vietnam War hero. Capt. Kim N. Campbell ’97

Graduates continue to serve — and make the ultimate sacrifice. Five grads were killed in action and four were held prisoner of war during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Two graduates, Leroy Homer ’87 and Charles Jones ’74 were killed in the September 11, 2001, attack. The ensuing struggle has taken the lives of several Academy graduates, most recently Maj. Adrianna Vonderbruggen ’02 who died during an insurgent attack in Afghanistan on Dec. 21, 2015. 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte ’06 became the first female graduate killed in action, also the result of an IED in Afghanistan.

Fortunately, not all the heroism resulted in the loss of life. In 2003, Capt. Kim N. Campbell ’97 recovered her damaged A-10 after it was struck by a surface-to-air missile. Despite losing hydraulics and sustaining heavy damage and the partial loss of her aircraft’s tail during a close air support mission over Baghdad, she was able to land safely in Kuwait. She received the Distinguished Flying Cross for the mission.

It is not necessary for graduates to remain in uniform to serve their country, as the following examples demonstrate. The previously mentioned H. T. Johnson ’59 has served as assistant secretary of the Navy (Installations and Logistics), as well as acting secretary of the Navy. Dr. Paul Kaminski ’64 served as under secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology from 1994-1997. T. Allan McArtor, also Class of 1964, served as administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and is currently chairman of Airbus Americas, Inc. Terrence O’Donnell ’66 served as Department of Defense General Counsel. Gary Grappo ’72 and Jim Smith ’74 have both worked.
Air Force Cross Recipients

Donald D. Stevens ‘60
Monte L. Moorberg ‘61
John L. Carroll ‘62
Phillip V. Maywald ‘63
John B. McTasney ‘63
Jackson L. Hudson ‘64
Karl W. Richter ‘64
Richard S. Ritchie ‘64
Michael C. Francisco ‘67
Dale E. Stovall ‘67
Jeffrey S. Feinstein ‘68
Rowland H. Worrell III ‘68
Joseph A. Personett ‘69
Tilford W. Harp ‘70
Donald R. Backlund ‘71
Richard C. Brims ‘71
William F. Andrews ‘80
Barry F. Crawford Jr. ‘03

as U.S. ambassadors. Lawrence Romo ’78 is the current director of the Selective Service System and Chuck Reed ‘70 was the 64th mayor of San Jose, Calif. Class of 1980 Will Gunn served as general counsel for the Department of Veterans Affairs and currently serves on the AOG Board of Directors.

Class of 1982 graduate and Rhodes Scholar Heather A. Wilson made her mark in politics. In 1998, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, making her not only the first Academy graduate elected to the House, but also the first female veteran in American history to serve in Congress. She is currently Secretary of the Air Force.

Another area of graduate achievement is America’s space program, as many grads have followed Karol Bobko’s lead. As a point of interest, the Academy has produced 40 astronauts. Among them, Frederick Gregory ‘64 became the first African-American astronaut to pilot the Space Shuttle, as a member of the Challenger crew on mission STS-51B in 1985. He was later the first African-American to command a space mission (Discovery in 1989). In 2005, Gregory was named NASA’s acting administrator. Col. Richard O. Covey ‘68 also distinguished himself in the space program. Among his four Space Shuttle flights, he was commander of the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission and piloted the Shuttle program’s critical return-to-flight mission following the 1986 Challenger disaster.

Among the other renowned astronauts is Col. John E. Blaha ‘65, who flew a total of six Space Shuttle missions as pilot, spacecraft commander, scientist and mission specialist. He participated in joint U.S.-Russia research while residing aboard the space station Mir from September 1996 until January 1997. Gen. Kevin Chilton ‘76, a veteran of three Space Shuttle flights, assumed command of Air Force Space Command in 2006, becoming the first and only astronaut to earn four stars. Col. Charles J. Precourt ‘77 flew four Space Shuttle missions, logging more than 930 hours in space. Then-Major Susan Helms ‘80 was the first military female astronaut. She flew on four Space Shuttle missions and spent 163 days onboard the International Space Station during her 12 years as an astronaut. Helms logged a total of 5,064 hours in space, including a spacewalk of 8 hours and 56 minutes in 2001 (a world record for longest spacewalk duration). For their accomplishments, all of these illustrious individuals are enshrined in the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

Graduates also have brought great credit to the Academy in a variety of civilian endeavors. Again, there are far too many worthy individuals to mention. Several who have excelled: Harry Pearce ‘64 earned his law degree and rose through the ranks at General Motors to become vice chairman. He was later named to the position of CEO at Hughes Aviation. He also was the first civilian recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award.
Pearce’s classmate, Paul Kaminski ’64, is another Distinguished Graduate Award winner. While on active duty, Dr. Kaminski worked with Secretary of Defense William J. Perry on the DoD Stealth and Counter-Stealth program and had a pioneering role in the National Reconnaissance Office. After his stellar government career, he served as CEO of Technovation Incorporated and has served in multiple advisory and board positions.

A third civilian Distinguished Graduate Award recipient was Richard Schlosberg ’65. He served as president and CEO of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Prior to that, he was the publisher and chief executive of the Los Angeles Times and the Denver Post.

Perhaps the most publicly famous of all Air Force Academy graduates is Chesley Sullenberger ’73. On Jan. 15, 2009, Capt. Sullenberger landed US Airways flight 1549 on the Hudson River after the plane hit a flock of geese and lost power. His actions saved the lives of all 155 people on board. For his actions, Capt. Sullenberger was awarded the Academy’s 2009 Col. James Jabara Award for Airmanship. Established in 1967, the Jabara Award is presented annually by the Academy, the AOG and the Jabara family to a USAFA graduate, living or deceased, whose actions directly associated with an aerospace vehicle set him/her apart from contemporaries.

A final area of graduate success is the world of sports. The Academy program requires individuals to be well-rounded, with athletics being an important part of the curriculum. Air Force Academy scholar-athletes have fared well in the sports world after graduation, reflecting credit back on their alma mater. Twelve Air Force Academy graduates have participated in the Olympic Games. In 1976, Class of 1970 graduate Robert Nieman became the first Academy graduate to compete by taking part in the Modern Pentathlon. Three years later, he became the first American to win the International Modern Pentathlon Individual World Championship.

Class of 1983 graduate Alonzo Babers won two track gold medals (in the 400 meters and the 4-by-400 meter relay) at the 1984 Olympic Summer Games in Los Angeles. Men’s epee fencer Seth Kelsey ’03 has participated in three Olympic Games, finishing a tantalizing fourth place at the 2012 games in London. Two grads, David Higgins ’16 and Cale Simmons ’13, competed in the Rio Olympics in 2016. Higgins competed in small bore rifle shooting, and Simmons in the pole vault.

In pro football, 1988 graduate Chad Hennings starred at defensive end for the Dallas Cowboys, winning three Super Bowl Championships (1993, 1994 and 1996). Gregg Popovich, Class of 1970, has excelled as head coach for the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association, winning five NBA championships and three Coach of the Year Awards, including in 2014.

While in no way providing a complete accounting of notable Air Force Academy graduates, we hope we have conveyed the depth and breadth of the extraordinarily impressive service which Academy graduates have given to the nation.
The Graduate War Memorial

**Class of 1959**
Capt. Davis, William Sheldon III
Col. Derrickson, Thomas Gardner II
Capt. Hallow, Harlow Kenneth
Capt. Oberdier, Lyn Douglas

**Class of 1960**
Capt. Bunker, Valmore William
Maj. Davis, Robert Charles
Capt. Hyde, Michael Lewis
Capt. Mills, James Dale
Maj. Waters, Samuel Edwin Jr.
Maj. Waugh, Grant Reed

**Class of 1961**
Capt. Dixon, Lee Chris
Lt. Col. Koonce, Terry Treloar
Capt. Moorberg, Monte Larue
Maj. Morgan, Burke Henderson
1st Lt. Sanders, Thomas Andrew
Capt. Stackhouse, John Ernest
Capt. Walker, Thomas Tyler

**Class of 1962**
Capt. Baker, Samuel James
Capt. Brinkman, James Martin III
Maj. Brucher, John Martin
1st Lt. Carn, Robert Marion Jr.
Maj. Carroll, John Leonard

**Class of 1963**
1st Lt. Adams, Lee Aaron
Capt. Bunker, Park George
Capt. Butterfield, Douglas Holman
Maj. Clark, Thomas Edward
Maj. Gilchrist, Robert Michael
1st Lt. Goodman, James Donald
Capt. Hathaway, John Hooper V
Capt. Hemmel, Clarence Joseph
Maj. Mitchell, Thomas Barry
Capt. Newberry, Wayne Ellsworth
Capt. Pirruccello, Joseph Samuel Jr.
Maj. Ralston, Frank Delzell III
Capt. Rex, Robert F
1st Lt. Skoro, John Peter Jr.
Capt. Thomas, Leo Tarlton Jr.
1st Lt. Wax, David J.
Maj. Wynne, Patrick Edward

**Class of 1964**
Maj. Alfred, Gerald Oak Jr.

**Class of 1965**
Capt. Adams, Stanley Lee
2nd Lt. Bonnell, George Harrison III
Capt. Callies, Tommy Leon
Maj. Crew, James Alan
Capt. Daffron, Thomas Carl
Capt. Davenport, Robert Dean
Capt. Hackett, Harley Benjamin III
Maj. Hesford, Peter Dean
1st Lt. Johnson, Theodore Wesley
Capt. Keller, George Richard
Capt. Lucki, Albin Earl
Capt. Melnick, Steven Bernard
Capt. Newendorp, James Vernon

1st Lt. Krogman, Alva Ray
Maj. Lodge, Robert Alfred
Capt. Midnight, Francis Barnes
Capt. Moore, Larry Albert
1st Lt. Pazdan, Dennis Sigmund
Capt. Reeves, Robert Linton
1st Lt. Richter, Karl Wendell
Maj. Rickel, David J.
Capt. Risher, David Horace
Capt. Salzarulo, Raymond Paul Jr.
1st Lt. Spangler, James Nelson
Capt. Trent, Alan Robert
Maj. White, James Blair
Maj. (USMC) Williams, David Beryl
Capt. (USMC) Francis L. Zavacki
Capt. Raymond, Paul Darwin  
Capt. Sijan, Lance Peter  
Capt. Smith, Victor Arlon  
Capt. Warren, Gray Dawson  
Capt. Wood, James Watson  

Class of 1966  
Capt. Brunner, Gary Edward  
Capt. Bush, John Robert  
Capt. Cheeseman, Alan Browne  
Capt. Crist, Kenneth Roy  
Capt. Estrada, Carlos Alberto Jr.  
Maj. Gourley, Laurent Lee  
Capt. Mravak, Thomas Anthony  
Capt. Orlowski, Joseph Michael  
Capt. Ross, Joseph Shaw  
Capt. Setterquist, Francis Leslie  
Capt. Spitz, George Ross  
Capt. Vincent, Halton Ramsey  

Class of 1967  
Maj. Albright, John Scott II  
Maj. Bosiljevac, Michael Joseph  
Capt. Chorlins, Richard David  
Capt. Davis, Daniel Richard  
Maj. Donahue, Morgan Jefferson  
Capt. Ferguson, Douglas David  
1st Lt. Gilmore, James Robson Jr.  
1st Lt. Henderson, Hal Kent  
Capt. Henry, George Donald Jr.  
Capt. Hoskins, Charles Lee  
Capt. James, Samuel Larry  
Mr. Kruzel, Joseph John Jr.  
1st Lt. Moore, Donald Robert Jr.  
Maj. Pugh, Dennis Gerard  
1st Lt. Rosen, Max Emmanuel  
Maj. Shay, Donald Emerson Jr.  
Capt. Smith, James Leonard  
Capt. Steadman, James Eugene  
1st Lt. Svane, Kennard Errol  

Class of 1968  
1st Lt. Caudill, Elmon Cleveland II  
Capt. Duffy, John Everett  
1st Lt. Fehrenbach, Theron Carl II  
Capt. Hallenbeck, Ted Brian  
Capt. Jackson, Paul Vernon III  
1st Lt. Kollenberg, Charles Louis  
Capt. Ryder, John Leslie  
Mr. Sawyer, Wallace Blaine Jr.  
Capt. Sigafoos, Walter Harrison III  
1st Lt. Uhls, Willis Grant  
1st Lt. Voris, Russell Earl  

Class of 1969  
Capt. Bond, Ronald Leslie  
1st Lt. Kamenicky, George Wayne  
Capt. Kohn, Robert Alan  
Capt. Lockhart, George Barry  
Capt. Martin, Douglas Kent  
Capt. Paul, Craig Allan  
1st Lt. Ryan, Robert Edward  
1st Lt. Rydlewicz, John Michael  
Capt. Tousley, George Henry III  

Class of 1970  
1st Lt. Blassie, Michael Joseph  
1st Lt. Christy, Richard Neil II  
1st Lt. Gravrock, Stephen Howard  
Capt. Hardy, Arthur Hans  
1st Lt. Hargrove, William Stone  
1st Lt. Haselton, John Herbert  
Capt. Rovito, Gilbert Allan  
Capt. Townsend, Francis Wayne  
1st Lt. Turose, Michael Stephen  

Class of 1971  
1st Lt. Gray, Richard Tenney  
Capt. Kays, James Grier  
Capt. Peterson, Mark Allan  

Class of 1972  
1st Lt. Froehlich, Laurence Eugene  

Class of 1973  
Capt. McMillan, Charles Thomas II  

Class of 1974  
Col. Jones, Charles Edward  

Class of 1976  
Maj. Hook, Peter Samuel  
Col. (Ret.) Butler, Michael W.  

Class of 1979  
Maj. Weaver, Paul Jennings  

Class of 1982  
Capt. Phillis, Stephen Richard  

Class of 1985  
Capt. McCarthy, Mark Patrick  

Class of 1986  
Capt. Hawkens, David Andrew  
Capt. Olson, Jeffry Jon  

Class of 1987  
Maj. Homer, Leroy Wilton Jr.  
Capt. Olson, Patrick Brian  

Class of 1989  
Lt. Col. Shea, Kevin Michael  

Class of 1992  
1st Lt. Piper, Laura Ashley  
Maj. Plumhoff, Steven  

Class of 1995  
Lt. Col. Bryant, Frank Diehl Jr.  
Capt. Das, Eric Bruce  

Class of 1998  
Maj. Rodriguez, Rodolfo Ivan  

Class of 1999  
Capt. Brodeur, David Lawrence  

Class of 2001  
Capt. Argel, Derek Mears  
Capt. Fresques, Jeremy Jeff  

Class of 2002  
Capt. Wisniewski, David Anthony  
Maj. Vorderbruggen, Adrianna Marie  

Class of 2005  
Capt. McDowell, Mark Russell  

Class of 2006  
1st Lt. Schulte, Roslyn Littmann  
Capt. Steel, James Michael  

Class of 2007  
Lt. Helton, Joseph Dennis Jr.  

Class of 2008  
Capt. Pinckney, Victoria Ann  
Capt. Voss, Mark T.  
Capt. (Lissy) Lyon, David I.  

Class of 2009  
1st Lt. Wilkens, Justin James  

Class of 2010  
Capt. Roland, Matthew David  
Capt. Pierson, Jordan Bradford
Benefits of Membership

While membership benefits of the Association may seem intuitive, they bear summarizing here, if only to reinforce that access to many AOG resources requires membership. More will be said about it in the Communications section of the Guide, but the award-winning Checkpoints magazine continues to be a well-documented membership draw for alumni and friends of the Academy alike. Graduate and member directories and the Register of Graduates provide a foundation for keeping up with fellow grads. The AOG can arrange member tours of the Cadet Area, and even make golf reservations on the two Academy courses. Expanded access to the AOG website (another award-winning enterprise) is also a membership benefit, and includes links to class websites and to a host of alumni services.

The AOG offers coordination services with cadet ring manufacturers in obtaining repairs or replacements. As a side note, with the support of the Class of 1968, the AOG created an attractive and historic Class Ring display which is located on the second floor of Doolittle Hall.

The AOG facility itself is a unique venue, and is available to members (at a discounted rate) for hosting social or professional events, to include coordinating all the requisite supporting services that go along with this robust capability. For bargain hunters, Association membership rewards include a broad range of discounts on merchandise and services—from gifts to athletic gear, to joint membership costs. Even class reunion registration fees are discounted for AOG members. For all discount programs, be sure to have your member number handy!
The Association also sponsors competitive Graduate Dependent Scholarships for deserving students. Dependents of member grads can apply for scholarship support their senior year of high school, and re-apply subsequently as they matriculate through their college course of study.

While the Association focuses on members, it also provides valuable services to non-AOG members. The wider community outside the Association can and does access the AOG-Endowment website to catch up on posted news items or review the calendar of events. The two AOG electronic newsletters, ZoomiEnews and 7258°, enjoy a large external readership and provide weekly updates on Academy news, events and activities throughout the year. Additionally, participation in the Joint Service Academy cruise program and in Go Next travel opportunities is extended beyond alumni.

For more information on membership, contact Meagan Bollman, (719) 472-0300, ext. 108, megan.bollman@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/membership
Our AOG Members by State

- Delaware: 97
- Florida: 969
- Georgia: 294
- Hawaii: 263
- Idaho: 191
- Illinois: 387
- Indiana: 92
- Iowa: 321
- Kansas: 65
- Kentucky: 316
- Louisiana: 58
- Maine: 777
- Maryland: 603
- Massachusetts: 5796
- Michigan: 145
- Minnesota: 2654
- Mississippi: 255
- Missouri: 291
- Montana: 128
- Nebraska: 437
- Nevada: 611
- New Hampshire: 846
- New Jersey: 374
- New Mexico: 603
- New York: 901
- North Carolina: 184
- North Dakota: 83
- Ohio: 256
- Oklahoma: 2284
- Oregon: 296
- Pennsylvania: 318
- Rhode Island: 25
- South Carolina: 263
- South Dakota: 2788
- Tennessee: 577
- Texas: 271
- Utah: 296
- Vermont: 22
- Virginia: 265
- Washington: 294
- West Virginia: 104
- Wisconsin: 262
- Wyoming: 92
Our AOG Chapters
Alumni Services

The very nature and character of the AOG have evolved significantly since its early days. Perhaps most representative of this trend, there are now some 49,700 USAFA graduates, and the rising median age of the graduate community reflects a broadening and maturing of interests which are addressed by a number of unique services provided by the Association.

The AOG plays a vital and growing role in sponsoring and publicizing many categories of graduate achievements and awards. The AOG’s Falcon Center in Fairchild Hall has included exhibits (also replicated in Doolittle Hall) on grad notable firsts, chiefs of staff, academic and business leaders, exemplars of military excellence and heroism, and graduates distinguished in government service. Graduate authors are highlighted via the AOG website. Premier Association honors are the Jabara Award, which recognizes exceptional airmanship, and the Distinguished Graduate Award program acknowledging lifetime achievements in service to the Association, the military and our nation.

The AOG fosters an abiding memory of those graduates who have gone before. The “In Memoriam” portion of our services and capabilities includes preparation and publication of “Gone But Not Forgotten” and associated obituaries of deceased graduates overseen by a full-time researcher and editor within the AOG Communications staff. The Association maintains a liaison with the Academy Office of Mortuary Affairs, and facilitates class notifications of local funerals and interments. Within or outside of the reunion context, the AOG assists in planned class and family memorial ceremonies. In honoring those grads who have suffered imprisonment in times of conflict, the AOG maintains on its website a list of Prisoners of War (POW) that links to the Friends of the USAFA Library Graduate POW website (usafo.org/Heritage/POWs), which sustains a detailed repository of graduate POW records.
Business Operations and Partnerships

Engaging the community. Nurturing strategic relationships. Providing useful services.

AOG GIFT SHOP AND SHOP.USAFAR.ORG
The AOG Gift Shop and shop.usafa.org provide the greater Air Force Academy community with unique USAFA-themed merchandise that will be sure to delight even the most eclectic tastes. Squadron- and class-themed gifts offer a personalized touch for grads, parents and cadets alike. Additionally, cadet sabers can be rented from the AOG for weddings and other special occasions. AOG members receive a 15% discount on all purchases.

For more information on the AOG Gift Shop, contact Jan Howard, (719) 472-0300, ext. 153, jan.howard@aogusafa.org. shop.usafa.org

Event Sponsorship and AOG Advertising Opportunities
The AOG is continually looking to partner with businesses and individuals who would like their brand associated with the high standards of the Air Force Academy community. Sponsorship packages are available for the USAFA Golf Tour, AOG tailgates and other high-profile events. You can advertise with the AOG and get your business name in front of the Air Force Academy community through opportunities available in the AOG’s award-winning alumni magazine, Checkpoints, the Parent Handbook, and its popular electronic newsletters, 7258’ and ZoomiEnews. Media kits with rates and information are available on the AOG website.

For more information on event sponsorship and AOG advertising opportunities, contact Jef MacLean, (719) 472-0300, ext. 167, jeff.maclean@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/sponsorship

GO NEXT TRAVEL PROGRAM
The AOG’s partnership with Go Next Travel allows graduates to sail to exotic locales around the world, at a great price, while helping support the mission of the AOG. With Go Next Travel, graduates enjoy longer vacations aboard elegant, mid-sized ships featuring large-ship amenities. Bring country club casual ambiance to your journey — tuxedos and gowns are never required! Take comfort in knowing that your travels continue to support the mission of the AOG!

For more information on the Go Next Travel Program, contact Nina Johnson, (719) 472-0300, ext. 168, nina.johnson@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/membership/travel_gonext_2015

JOINT ACADEMY TRAVEL PROGRAM
Several times each year, the AOG joins with the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine Academy alumni associations in the Joint Academy Travel Program. The program is designed to bring alumni from each service academy together to provide a unique and unrivaled travel experience.
experience. Enjoy wonderful destinations, luxurious hotels and ships, fantastic tour guides and itineraries that will have you visiting locales around the world that you’ve always wanted to see. Begin your adventure today!

For more information on the Joint Academy Travel Program, contact Nina Johnson, (719) 472-0300, ext. 168, nina.johnson@aogusafa.org. [usafa.org/membership/travel](http://usafa.org/membership/travel)

TRUE BLUE BUSINESS PROGRAM
The True Blue Business program is designed as an exclusive local group of Academy supporters who are interested in increasing their presence on the Academy campus and expanding their networking opportunities through unprecedented access to Academy events. With sponsorships starting at $1,250, True Blue Business sponsors receive the following benefits and more!

– Invitations to high-profile Association of Graduates and Air Force Academy events, including Founders Day and the National Character and Leadership Symposium
– A behind-the-scenes tour of the cadet area for you and up to three guests
– Logo recognition on the AOG’s Corporate Sponsors webpage
– Logo recognition in the lobby of Doolittle Hall
– 15% off AOG Gift Shop merchandise

For more information on the True Blue Business Program, contact Jeff MacLean, (719) 472-0300, ext. 167, jeff.maclean@aogusafa.org. [usafa.org/truebluebusiness](http://usafa.org/truebluebusiness)

USAA PARTNERSHIP
USAA is the Premier Sponsor of the Association of Graduates. The partnership makes the AOG USAA Rewards credit card available to graduates and their families. USAA Bank makes a contribution to the AOG when accounts are opened and with each eligible purchase. We strongly encourage getting and using this benefit-filled card. It’s an easy way to support your Academy and the Association!

For more information on the USAA Rewards credit card, contact Corrie Grubbs, (719) 472-0300, ext. 105, corrie.grubbs@aogusafa.org. [usafa.org/sponsorship/corporate_sponsors](http://usafa.org/sponsorship/corporate_sponsors)
Career Services
Support to ease professional transitions, connect with fellow alumni, and search for jobs

SERVICE ACADEMY CAREER CONFERENCE (SACC)
Administered and supported by the Association of Graduates and the alumni associations of the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, this is the only job fair exclusively for service academy alumni conducted by the alumni associations.

Four times each year, SACC allows candidates to interface with a large number of corporate and educational institutions. Companies and universities are encouraged to have in-depth conversations with the candidates to evaluate their skill sets. Semi-private “interview” tables are provided at each venue. By registering in advance, the candidate has the opportunity to have his or her résumé reviewed by the companies prior to SACC and the companies are encouraged to reach out to the candidates and invite them to their booths. It is a win-win for all involved, especially the thousands of service academy graduates who have found employment through the event.

This event is suggested for alumni of all experience levels. Junior officers should expect to use SACC as a tool to learn about the civilian workforce, search for entry- to mid-level management positions, and begin the interview process. Senior officers are encouraged to take advantage of the resources provided at SACC, including professional development seminars, networking events, and face-to-face interaction with corporate hiring managers who can be valuable additions to their professional network.

For more information on the Service Academy Career Conference, contact Karina Ross, (719) 472-0300, ext. 100, careers@aogusafa.org. sacc-jobfair.com

AOG CAREER CENTER
Designed specifically for alumni of the U.S. Air Force Academy, the recently transformed AOG Career Center uses the latest technology in alumni career services to provide online support through all of life’s professional transitions. The website can be used for:
• Connecting with mentors/professional contacts
• Résumé writing and revising
• Job fair preparation

• Career transition preparation
• One-on-one career advising
• Networking

Alumni Mentoring Program
Built into the AOG Career Center, the Alumni Mentoring Program is designed to facilitate interaction between alumni for the purpose of professional and career support. Mentors are invited to develop their alumni profiles, so others can search for them using the website’s search and filter tools to find suitable matches based on the work and personal experiences the mentor provides. Those who wish to find a mentor or protégés are invited to develop their profile and search for others with common backgrounds or career paths. Protégés may use the website’s messaging feature to request a mentoring relationship with fellow alumni. careers.usafa.org

SACCentral
Administered by the West Point Association of Graduates, SACCentral mirrors the AOG Career Center, inviting graduates of all service academies to use their alumni profiles to search for jobs and receive the most up-to-date information regarding the SACC and other joint-service career events. Air Force Academy alumni can access SACCentral by logging in to their AOG Career Center account.

For more information on AOG Career Services, contact Karina Ross, (719) 472-0300, ext. 100, careers@aogusafa.org. careers.usafa.org
Constituent Programs
To connect, serve and strengthen the Long Blue Line.

AOG AFFINITY GROUP PROGRAM
A small number of Affinity Groups throughout the country bring people of similar professional, personal and/or vocational interests together. Affinity groups offer graduates the opportunity to stay connected with the Academy and each other beyond the traditional regional structure of the AOG Chapter Program. Examples of such groups include Graduate Way of Life, Academy Women, Space Group and the Blue Alliance. We are actively trying to grow the Affinity Group Program and encourage our graduates to unite through this venue.

For more information on the AOG Affinity Group Program, contact Karina Ross, (719) 472-0300, ext. 100, karina.ross@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/group/affinityprograms

AOG CHAPTERS
There are now some 85 local and regional AOG Chapters — a number which has grown from only 30 chapters in just five years! Each chapter has a unique personality that represents the collective outlook of its members. The Association provides extensive advice on chapter set-up and management in the Chapter Handbook, and keeps website design tools available for budding chapter organizers. Every fall, at the annual Chapter Presidents Conference, chapter representatives hear from Academy and AOG senior leaders about the current state of the Academy. During this conference, chapters that go above and beyond are recognized with the Distinguished Chapter Award. See chapter map on page 28.

For more information on AOG Chapters, contact Bill Preston, (719) 472-0300, ext. 121, bill.preston@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/group/chapters

COMMEMORATIVE PAVERS
At Doolittle Hall, some of the grounds surrounding the facility are paved with granite bricks inscribed with the names of Academy graduates, family members and friends of the Academy. Graduates and friends of the Academy can forever link themselves, or a loved one, to the tradition and future of the Air Force Academy by purchasing an engraved granite commemorative paver.

For more information on the Commemorative Pavers, contact Nina Johnson at (719) 472-0300, ext. 168, nina.johnson@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/heritage/pavers

GRADUATE DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
Since 1987, the AOG Board of Directors has continued its long-standing support for the Graduate Dependent Scholarship Program. In 2015, more than 100 applications were submitted to a volunteer committee of Academy graduates for review. Awards totaling in the thousands of dollars were approved for 20 students, directly supporting postsecondary education for the children of AOG graduate members.

For more information on Graduate Dependent Scholarships, contact Bill Preston, (719) 472-0300, ext. 121, bill.preston@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/membership/scholarships

50-YEAR LEGACY CLASS PROGRAM
Members of the class which graduated 50 years ahead of the incoming class serve as mentors and a support system for the newest cadets. Graduates are encouraged to take part in legacy events with the class during its four years at the Academy. Those events include: Acceptance Parade, Exemplar Dinner, Commitment Dinner, Ring Dining-Out and 100th Night.

For more information on the 50-Year Legacy Class Program, contact MJ Kellebence, (719) 472-0300, ext. 139, mj.kellebence@aogusafa.org.
usafa.org/connect/events_legacy

USAFA PARENTS CLUBS
The AOG welcomes parents to the Air Force Academy community. USAFA Parents Clubs are located throughout the country and serve as a support network for parents and cadets alike. Parents Clubs keep families connected with their loved ones and their experiences as they tackle life at the Academy. The Association Graduates helps support USAFA Parents Clubs by improving their visibility and partnering with them on events that support cadets and promote the institution.

For more information on USAFA Parents Clubs, contact Bill Preston, (719) 472-0300, ext. 121, bill.preston@aogusafa.org.
usafa.org/group/parentsclub
WebGuy

The wildly popular WebGuy program provides families and friends with a sneak peek into the Air Force Academy and many of the important milestones of their cadet’s journey to become members of the Long Blue Line. WebGuy coverage includes photos, high-resolution image downloads, videos and a blog. Free access is available to all USAFA Graduate AOG Life Members and there are several other membership options available to gain access to WebGuy. We encourage you to take part in the Family Plan, which provides a litany of benefits for both you and your cadet.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- WebGuy access for 4 years
- Daily Blogs
- Free downloads of videos and pictures
- Life Member for parent/guardian*
- Life Membership at Graduation for your cadet
- Graduate Directory
- Career Services
- Invaluable networking opportunities
- Reunion discounts
- Cadet member benefits
- Exclusive offers
- Free or discounted events
- Shopping discounts
- Exclusive “WebGuy Giveaways”
- Communications: Checkpoints, ZoomiEnews and 7258’
- 15% discount at the AOG Gift Shop (Doolittle Hall and shop.usafa.org)

*Limit 1 membership per household. Benefits and services are based on type of membership.

For more information on WebGuy, contact Kelsey Glenner, (719) 472-0300, ext. 100, kelsey.glenner@aogusafo.org.
usafawebguy.com

For more information on membership, contact Megan Bollman, (719) 472-0300, ext. 108, megan.bollman@aogusafo.org.
usafa.org/membership/benefits
Events

ANNUAL AOG SINGLE MALT SCOTCH AND BOURBON TASTING
This popular event brings vendors from across the Pikes Peak Region together and provides attendees with a unique spirit and food sampling experience and a special registration gift. The event typically takes place in March, so be sure to check the USAFA Master Events Calendar (usafa.org/Calendar/Events) for the 2018 date because tickets go fast! Proceeds from the tasting support the Next of Kin Coffee, a wonderful AOG-sponsored event that is described on page 38.

For more information on the Annual AOG Single Malt Scotch and Bourbon Tasting, contact Daisy Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 147, daisy.hall@aogusafa.org.

AOG TAILGATES AND FAN FESTS
Before several away games each year, including the interservice rivalry game, the AOG hosts a tailgate or fan fest, which includes food, drink and entertainment. The events provide a fantastic opportunity to bring AOG, USAFA Endowment, Air Force and Academy leadership together with grads and supporters to connect and cheer on our Falcons. The events are often attended by the Falconers, USAFA Cheerleaders, the Drum and Bugle Corps and more. Entertainment also includes a DJ where available. You can get your business name in front of the graduate community by sponsoring a tailgate or fan fest. Several sponsorship packages are currently available.

2018 Tailgates
September 8 – Florida Atlantic Owls
November 3 – Army

For more information on AOG Tailgates and Fan Fests, call Michele Bergeman at (719) 472-0300, ext. 136, michele.bergeman@aogusafa.org.

DOOLITTLE HALL FACILITY RENTALS
Other AOG-facilitated events not associated with the organization include some 100-150 receptions, conferences and socials held in Doolittle Hall each year. Rental information is available on the AOG website. Take advantage of one of the top event sites in Colorado, with panoramic Rampart Range vistas and stunning views of the Cadet Chapel and the Cadet Area.

EVENT SPACES
Doolittle Hall is a one-of-a-kind venue offering a wide variety of accommodations for all your conference and event needs. The grid below shows the capacity and options for each of our available spaces for rent. Our large parking lot offers ample free parking for all guests as well as large bus parking. Doolittle Hall is handicap accessible and is a smoke-free facility, although we do have a smoking area available outdoors if needed.

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For more information on Doolittle Hall facility rentals, contact Daisy Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 147, aogevents@aogusafa.org.
FOUNDERS DAY DINNER
Each April, the Association of Graduates celebrates the Academy’s birthday by hosting a dinner and program which includes the presentation of the Distinguished Graduate Award. Attendees are treated to a gourmet meal as well as live and video entertainment packaged in an “Academy Awards” style presentation. This year’s dinner is tentatively set for Friday, April 6, 2018, so mark your calendars!

For more information on Founders Day, contact Daisy Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 147, daisy.hall@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/connect/events_usafa

NEXT OF KIN COFFEE
Graduates and cadets who have passed away between 1 July and 30 June each year are honored at the annual Memorial Ceremony held on Homecoming weekend in the Fall. The next of kin are invited to return to the Academy to participate in a special reception with the Academy’s senior staff just prior to the ceremony on the Terrazzo. The AOG issues invitations, organizes the reception, prepares the brochure, and provides the ceremonial wreath.

For more information on Next of Kin Coffee, contact Daisy Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 147, daisy.hall@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/heritage/notify_graduatedeath

JABARA AWARD BANQUET
The Jabara Award Banquet, sponsored by the Association of Graduates and the Air Force Academy, honors each year’s award recipient. The event is attended by senior AOG and Academy staff and includes the plaque presenta-
tion. We strongly encourage you to attend and support the extraordinary achievements of these graduates. See more about the Jabara Award on page 42.

For more information on the Jabara Award Banquet, contact Daisy Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 147, Daisy.hall@aogusafa.org.

USAFA GOLF TOUR
The USAFA Golf Tour is coordinated by the AOG to benefit the Long Blue Line and its supporters, including alumni, parents and friends of the Academy. All proceeds from these events allow the non-profit organization to fulfill our mission to serve and support the United States Air Force Academy and our graduate community. Sponsorship packages are available for the USAFA Golf Tour.

For more information on the USAFA Golf Tour, contact Michele Bergeman, (719) 472-0300, ext. 136, michele.bergeman@aogusafa.org.

golf.usafa.org
Support of history and heritage is one of the Association’s most vibrant and relevant programs. It is indeed a collaborative and ongoing effort of the AOG, the Endowment and sponsoring classes. The program is an impactful way of highlighting both the Air Force’s and the Academy’s roots, and of acknowledging the sacrifices and achievements of the Long Blue Line. The very art on the walls of Doolittle Hall (and indeed within all of the Academy’s major buildings) attests to this history-centric perspective. History and heritage projects range from the humble to the awe-inspiring. Below is a non-exhaustive list of examples where the AOG is helping preserve USAFA heritage.

**DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD**
The Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes exceptional graduates who have set themselves apart by making extraordinarily significant contributions to our nation and/or their communities. It is a unique honor bestowed by the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Association of Graduates, recognizing graduates whose accomplishments are inspirational and elevate the reputation and the standing of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Distinguished Graduates provide an example to all graduates and cadets of the standards that we value and of the abilities that have made our country and society great. Each April, the Distinguished Graduates are presented with the award at the USAFA Founders Day Dinner. They are all recognized with a pedestal on the Heritage Trail and a display on the second floor of Doolittle Hall. To date, 34 USAFA graduates have been bestowed with this honor. See page 18 for a complete listing of our Distinguished Graduates.

For more information on the Distinguished Graduate Award, contact Corrie Grubbs, (719) 472-0300, ext. 105, corrie.grubbs@aogusafo.org. [usa.a.org/heritage/distinguished_graduates](http://usa.a.org/heritage/distinguished_graduates)

**DOOLITTLE HALL**
Doolittle Hall is home to the AOG, the Falcon Foundation, and the USAFA Endowment offices. It also serves as a repository of Academy history and heritage exhibits. Memorial Window Etchings in the Assembly area honor the first Air Training Officers at the Academy who trained the classes of 1959 and 1960 and female ATOs who trained the first women admitted to the Academy, specifically members of the classes of 1980 and 1981. The Library Lounge boasts a collection of books, a POW bracelet display and other important Air Force Academy memorabilia. On the second floor, you can view the Doolittle Raiders display, the Class Ring display, the Air Force Academy Heritage Exhibit which honors notable grads, and the Distinguished Graduate Exhibit, among other items.

For more information on Doolittle Hall’s history and heritage, contact Corrie Grubbs, (719) 472-0300, ext. 105, corrie.grubbs@aogusafo.org. [events.usafa.org](http://events.usafa.org)

**HERITAGE IN THE CADET AREA**
In and around the Cadet Area, there are many testaments to history and heritage which have been sponsored by the AOG. Dedicated to character, education and leadership, the Class of 1959’s Harmon Memorial commemorates the Academy’s first superintendent, and is set off by nearby sculptures and plaques dedicated by a number of warfighting and commemorative organizations. Along the Terrazzo, a stunning War Memorial honors all graduates who died in combat. Closer to the library and parade ground ramp on
the east end of the Cadet Area is the Mall of Heroes. Dedicated by the Class of 1964 are three sculptures of graduates who paid the ultimate price during the Vietnam War: Val Bourque ’60, Karl Richter ’64 and Lance Sijan ’65.

For more information on heritage in the Cadet Area, contact Corrie Grubbs, (719) 472-0300, ext. 105, corrie.grubbs@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/heritage/projects

HERITAGE TRAIL
The inspiring Heritage Trail is where all new cadets begin their Academy journey. Adjacent to Doolittle Hall, the trail is a journey through time, enhanced by the Class of 1959’s Challenge Bridge and the Class of 1960 and 1973’s walkways. The Class of 1970 provided a beautiful and history-imbeded Southeast Asia Memorial Pavilion, whose combination of striking architecture and first-hand wartime accounts can best be appreciated only over several visits. There are also a number of other memorials that honor members of the Long Blue Line.

For more information on the Heritage Trail, contact Corrie Grubbs, (719) 472-0300, ext. 105, corrie.grubbs@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/heritage/heritage_trail

HONORARY ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES MEMBERSHIP
Honorary Membership may be awarded to persons who have rendered outstanding and conspicuous service to the Air Force and/or the Academy. Honorary members must be recommended by a member of the AOG Board and receive unanimous acceptance by all members present at a quorum of the Board voting by secret ballot. Honorary Membership is restricted to 25 living persons. See a complete listing of honorary members on page 7.

For more information on the Honorary Association of Graduates membership, contact Gary Howe, (719) 472-0300, ext. 107, gary.howe@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/heritage/honorary_members

JABARA AWARD
The Air Force Academy, in conjunction with the Jabara family and the Association of Graduates, established the Col. James Jabara Award for Airmanship on Jan. 5, 1967. With 15 kills, Col. Jabara was the second leading Air Force ace of the Korean War and the first American jet ace. Each year, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Association of Graduates present the Col. James Jabara Award to an Academy graduate or graduates whose airmanship contributions are of great significance and set them apart from their contemporaries. The recipient(s) are presented with the award at a dinner hosted by the Association of Graduates. To date, 54 Air Force Academy graduates have been bestowed with this honor.

For more information on the Jabara Award Dinner, contact Daisy Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 147, Daisy.hall@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/heritage/jabara_award
Engagement with and support for cadets are major mission elements for the Association. In fact, this process begins before cadets arrive ... or are even selected for admission. The Association develops and provides incentives to graduating cadets that encourage membership in the organization and a commitment to the institution of the Academy. The AOG, in sum, renders full “life-cycle” support to the Wing, from the students’ first day to their last as cadets – and beyond.

**AOG BED & BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The Association of Graduates, with the assistance of the Rampart Chapter of the AOG, provides bed and breakfast to appointees who will be traveling alone to the Academy for Inprocessing. For a minimal processing fee, the Bed & Breakfast Program provides appointees the opportunity to stay at the home of Academy graduates, faculty, staff and friends. The program is also available for appointees of the Prep School.

For more information on the AOG Bed & Breakfast Program, contact Sherry Cooper, (719) 472-0300, ext. 138, sherry.cooper@aogusaafa.org, usafa.org/connect/bed_and_breakfast

**CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

The AOG also is a resource for securing graduates to support honor and ethics instruction and advisement and to provide speakers for cadet professional development programs. While the Endowment led the efforts for the construction of the Center for Character and Leadership Development (CCLD), the AOG through its Moller funds has been a multimillion-dollar contributor and plays a supporting role encouraging and sustaining funding for this effort. Within its impressive architecture, the CCLD will host conferences and implement character and leadership development curricula supporting vital aspects of cadet professional growth.
For more information on Character and Leadership Development, contact Gary Howe, (719) 472-0300, ext. 107, gary.howe@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/give/character

CLASS RING PROGRAM
The Association of Graduates provides support to each class by assisting the cadets in the conceptualization of their class ring, design and refinement process as they work side by side with a ring design expert. The class crest design process begins in August of their third-class year with a meeting of the Class Crest/Ring Committee selected by the class president. The cadets come to the meeting prepared to discuss their ideas to personalize their class crest, which also includes six mandatory features that must be represented. By September, artists from Jostens meet with the committee to hand-sketch the crest voted on by the committee. The Association of Graduates continues to facilitate meetings with the class and Jostens until all of the rings are ordered, delivered to the Academy, and ready to be presented for the first time at the Ring Dining Out. The Association of Graduates also assists cadets and graduates in contacting Jostens if their ring needs to be resized or replaced.

For more information about the Class Ring Program, contact MJ Kellenbence, (719) 472-0300, ext. 139, mj.kellenbence@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/heritage/classrings

FALCON FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP
The AOG partners with the Falcon Foundation, which provides scholarship funds for preparatory enrichment of deserving students seeking admission as cadets at the United States Air Force Academy. The AOG provides the Foundation with office space, web technical support and other supporting infrastructure.

For more information about the Falcon Foundation, contact Donna Porter, (719) 472-4097, donna.porter@falconfoundation.org. usafa.org/falconfoundation

INPROCESSING AT DOOLITTLE HALL
As “Falcon Zone 1,” Doolittle Hall allows the entire Association staff to help facilitate new class Inprocessing. This includes an introduction from AOG senior leadership, a walk across the Challenge Bridge and a broad introduction to Academy history and heritage. Staffers offer assistance and information to appointees and parents throughout this milestone process.

For more information on Inprocessing at Doolittle Hall, contact Daisy Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 147, Daisy.hall@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/connect/cadet_inprocessing

50–YEAR LEGACY CLASS INTERACTION
Beginning with Inprocessing, each class is exposed to the 50–Year Legacy Class program. Graduates of the class 50 years prior to the incoming class will take part in key activities: from the Acceptance Parade and presentation of Contrails book of knowledge, to Commissioning and bestowal of specially engraved 2nd Lt. bars, the Legacy Class program is integral to all significant cadet milestones.

For more information on 50–Year Legacy Class interaction, contact MJ Kellenbence, (719) 472-0300, ext. 139, mj.kellenbence@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/connect/events_legacy

PROP AND WINGS OFFICER PROGRAM AND ALO SUPPORT
In coordination with Academy Admissions, the AOG supports state and regional Admissions Liaison Directors through the Prop and Wings Program, which facilitates interactions between Academy graduates and prospective candidates and their families. The AOG also maintains an online Visitors’ Guide as an aid to candidates and families.

For more information on the Prop and Wings Officer Program and Admissions Liaison Officer (ALO) support, contact Bill Preston, (719) 472-0300, ext. 121, bill.preston@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/connect/propandwings
Family Services

If there is one aspect of operations that is emblematic of the AOG’s evolution over the years, it is the increasingly strong component of family and community interaction that has become part and parcel of the Association’s new breadth of purpose. Facilitating the family’s ability to support their cadet has been nothing short of transformational for the AOG.

PARENT HANDBOOK
Each year the AOG sends the parents of current USAFA cadets a parent handbook that provides a wealth of valuable information. The handbook includes helpful resources, student academic services information, legacy and milestone event information, USAFA terms, a listing of parents clubs, a map of the Academy, information on local attractions and a cadet calendar to plan trips home. You can download a PDF of the handbook at the AOG website.

For more information on the Parent Handbook, contact Jeff MacLean, (719) 472-0300, ext. 167, jeff.maclean@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/parents.

PARENTS CLUBS
Through the WebGuy Parents Portal, you can find useful links to resources in one convenient location, including information on the 88 USAFA Parents Clubs located throughout the country. The AOG actively works to engage and partner with USAFA parent members to provide support and facilitate engagement with other AOG constituencies in order to build a more robust capacity to support the institution.

For more information on USAFA Parents Clubs, contact Bill Preston, (719) 472-0300, ext. 121, bill.preston@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/parents.

PARENTS PORTAL
The Parents Portal is your family’s gateway to news, blogs, photos and videos of day-to-day cadet life. Find vital information about Academy events and important milestones in the life of a cadet as well as access the AOG’s popular WebGuy homepage, download a copy of the Parent Handbook, and more. Even Parent Forums, AOG Chapters, Admissions Liaison Officers, educators and Congressional committee staffs have been known to access the site for a first-hand look at what is going on. Together, the Parents Portal and the WebGuy tools provide a membership service for parents, and parents have accordingly become much more engaged in the Academy process than ever before. Through this innovative and exponentially growing medium, parents can follow their cadet year-round in a way not previously possible.

For more information on Parents Portal, contact Bill Preston, (719) 472-0300, ext. 121, bill.preston@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/parents.

WEBGUY
WebGuy is an innovative program for parents of USAFA cadets. The program allows parents to keep up with the important milestones in the life of their loved one. The WebGuy program is unique among service academies providing exclusive photos, videos and other information that parents with children at other academies simply do not have access to. It has become one of the AOG’s most popular initiatives. See page 36β for more information on the WebGuy program.

For more information on WebGuy, contact Kelsey Glenner, (719) 472-0300, ext. 100, kelsey.glenner@aogusafa.org. usafawebguy.com
Communications

The AOG communications staff is perhaps closest to the heartbeat of the organization. It is communication, after all, that helps facilitate many of the aforementioned services of the AOG to the outside community. We have many tools for accomplishing this task. In 2017, AOG communications won a record 18 Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VI awards for print, video and digital news achievements. The organization hopes to eclipse that number in 2018!

AUTHOR’S CORNER
Are you a graduate author? If so, contact us and we will add your book to the Author's Corner of usafa.org. The site provides an alphabetical listing of graduate authors, the title of their book, and a link to the author’s website or a website where the book can be purchased.

For more information on the Author’s Corner, contact Jeff MacLean, (719) 472-0300, ext. 167, jeff.maclean@aogusafa.org.

usafa.org/graduateauthors

CHECKPOINTS ALUMNI MAGAZINE AND CHECKPOINTS ONLINE
Checkpoints magazine started representing the Association in 1971 as a black and white publication in ordinary
newsprint format, and has grown today into the award-winning voice of the Association. As the only major Academy publication that reaches the proverbial “outside world,” it has become an important vehicle for Academy senior leaders, staff, faculty and cadets to communicate. In telling the Academy story, Checkpoints underscores the institution’s achievements as well as its challenges and future direction. With dozens of images and more than 60,000 words per issue, it is a significant publication whose influence reaches far beyond the cadet and graduate communities. The magazine also features the important “Gone But Not Forgotten” obituary section, to honor those graduates who have passed on, and “Class News” which keeps members of the Long Blue Line engaged with their classmates. Additionally, Checkpoints Online allows readers to defer the paper copy of the magazine. It also provides bonus content and video featurettes that bring readers even closer to the story. If you have a story idea, an article you would like to submit, or a letter to the editor, please contact us.

For more information on Checkpoints, contact Jeff Holmquist, (719) 472-0300, ext. 143, jeff.holmquist@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/checkpoints

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS
The AOG Communications team produces the ZoomiEnews and 7258’ electronic newsletters. These award-winning e-newsletters hit inboxes on alternating weeks and keep constituents informed about all things related to the Academy, graduates and the Association. ZoomiEnews provides the latest news from the Air Force Academy, the Endowment, athletics, the graduate community and more. 7258’ keeps the community apprised of all the AOG’s latest products, services and events.

For more information on electronic newsletters, contact Troy Surratt, (719) 472-0300, ext. 125, troy.surratt@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/membership/newsletters

PHOTO AND VIDEO ARCHIVES
The Communications team also maintains an extensive library of photo and video galleries. You can view videos that bring the latest USAFA events (like Inprocessing and Founders Day Dinner) to your computer, phone or tablet along with profiles of cadets and graduates alike. There also are photo galleries available on the website that bring stunning images from Checkpoints and other Academy events to life.

For more information on our photo and video archives, contact Ryan Hall, (719) 472-0300, ext. 140, ryan.hall@aogusafa.org. usafa.org/heritage/phototour usafa.org/videos

SOCIAL MEDIA
The Communications staff has fostered phenomenal growth in social media links to the Association. They have even facilitated Twitter chats among grads during football games! This mode of communication exchange serves as a “bridge” to people who are not on the AOG email group listings, and may be a potential means
for bringing grads on the margin “back into the fold.” In the past year, the AOG Facebook page following continued to increase giving us more Facebook likes than any other alumni association in our conference, the state of Colorado, and across all service academies. Go Air Force! This may be an indication of the digital savvy of the graduate population, but is certainly reflective of how far the AOG has come in the realm of up-to-date communications. Join the AOG’s LinkedIn group to connect with USAFA grads and AOG members in the business community. There also are regional subgroups for more local discussion.

Finally, make sure to check out the AOG’s Instagram account for images of the Academy and AOG events. Links to all our social media accounts can be found at usafa.org/socialmedia.

For more information on Social Media, contact Troy Surratt, (719) 472-0300, ext. 125, troy.surratt@aogusafa.org.

AOG MOBILE APP
Since its launch in July 2016, the Association of Graduates’ new mobile app has been downloaded by more than 2,600 smartphone users. The app provides access to each member’s digital membership card, event calendar and issues of Checkpoints. USAFA grads also will see a button for their class graduation year when logged in. App users can read messages from their classmates and click to join in the class conversation. It’s a reunion everyday on your phone! Log in with your last name and AOG ID.

USAFA.ORG
The AOG designs, programs, maintains and populates all of the Association’s web-based applications, from the AOG main site (winner of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education [CASE] “Best Website” award) to the Parents Portal and sub-sites for WebGuy, Doolittle Hall Reservations and other services. We host AOG Chapter sites, and maintain access to class websites as well. The website also connects members through a searchable Graduate Directory which allows you to locate grads and find real-time self-reported information on their background through a range of search criteria. The AOG Member Directory provides the same options for those searching for members, and a PDF version of the most recent Register of Graduates is available online with the click of a mouse.

For more information on our website, contact Troy Surratt, (719) 472-0300, ext. 125, troy.surratt@aogusafa.org.usafa.org
The Association of Graduates and the United States Air Force Academy Endowment share a commitment to expanding the excellence of the Air Force Academy and its mission of producing leaders of character to serve the Air Force and the nation. While the AOG endeavors to serve and expand the community of Academy graduates and friends, the Endowment is focused on value-driven fund raising to support large-scale capital construction, cadet programs and other strategic initiatives that strengthen the Academy.

Private support is not intended to replace the government’s responsibility but is used to raise the level of excellence that sets the Academy apart as one of the finest institutions of higher learning, leadership training, character development and military training.

During the 10 years since the Endowment was formed in 2007, the tradition of rallying private support for Academy and cadet programs has flourished. Graduates, parents and friends have donated more than $128 million to enhance every aspect of cadet life at the Academy: character development, athletic competition, academic discovery and military education.

Today, the Endowment and the AOG are working more closely together than ever to create a seamless network of graduates and friends who are committed to supporting the Air Force Academy and those who are called to serve.
THE USAFA ENDOWMENT’S FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

We are committed to a positive and supportive approach: The Endowment is committed to providing private financial support for vital Academy projects and programs. We will not make any public pronouncements on the policy decisions of the Academy or the Air Force.

We are stable and independent: The Endowment Board of Directors is composed entirely of donors. Our structure and governance model, similar to those of other university foundations, ensures the permanence and stability required to properly steward private support over time. This is especially important as donors consider gifts from their estates, often the largest gift of their lifetime, and a significant part of their personal legacy.

We are fully transparent: Our financial operations have complete audit and donor visibility. The USAFA Endowment provides audited annual reports to donors with respect to the Endowment as a whole; and to endowed funds, and selected capital and program funds.

GIVING SOCIETIES

Our donor recognition societies and programs exist to acknowledge the support of our generous supporters who choose to include the Academy in their philanthropic endeavors year after year.

1954 Society

Named in recognition of the year in which the Air Force Academy was founded, the 1954 Society celebrates loyal donors of the Academy community. The 1954 Society provides much-deserved recognition to donors who support the Air Force Academy annually through the USAFA Endowment. These committed donors set a philanthropic example for fellow graduates, parents and friends and play a vital role in ensuring that the Air Force Academy continues to stay on the cutting edge as a service academy and institution of higher learning.

Sabre Society

Donors who give $1,000 or more annually to the Air Force Academy Fund are recognized as Sabre Society level donors. These leadership gifts from graduates, parents and friends enable the USAFA Endowment to fulfill its mission of supporting cadets, the Academy and graduates.

54th Squadron

Cadet parents, family and friends who support the Academy through the Parent & Family Giving program can create a pathway to inclusion in the 54th Squadron with a gift of $1,000 or more. Inclusion in the 54th Squadron also opens the door to leadership opportunities within the Parent & Family Giving network.

Polaris Society

Individuals who establish estate gifts to benefit the Air Force Academy and its graduates are members of the Polaris Society. Polaris donors leave a lasting legacy at the Academy, which can make a substantial difference to the future of the institution and the officers it produces.

Guidon Society

Benefactors who support the Academy on a continuing basis uphold the tradition of philanthropy that is vital to the Academy’s success. We are pleased to feature Guidon Society donors, recognizing those individuals, corporations and foundations that have cumulatively given $100,000 or more. Their contributions lead the way to building a better Academy for generations to come.

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