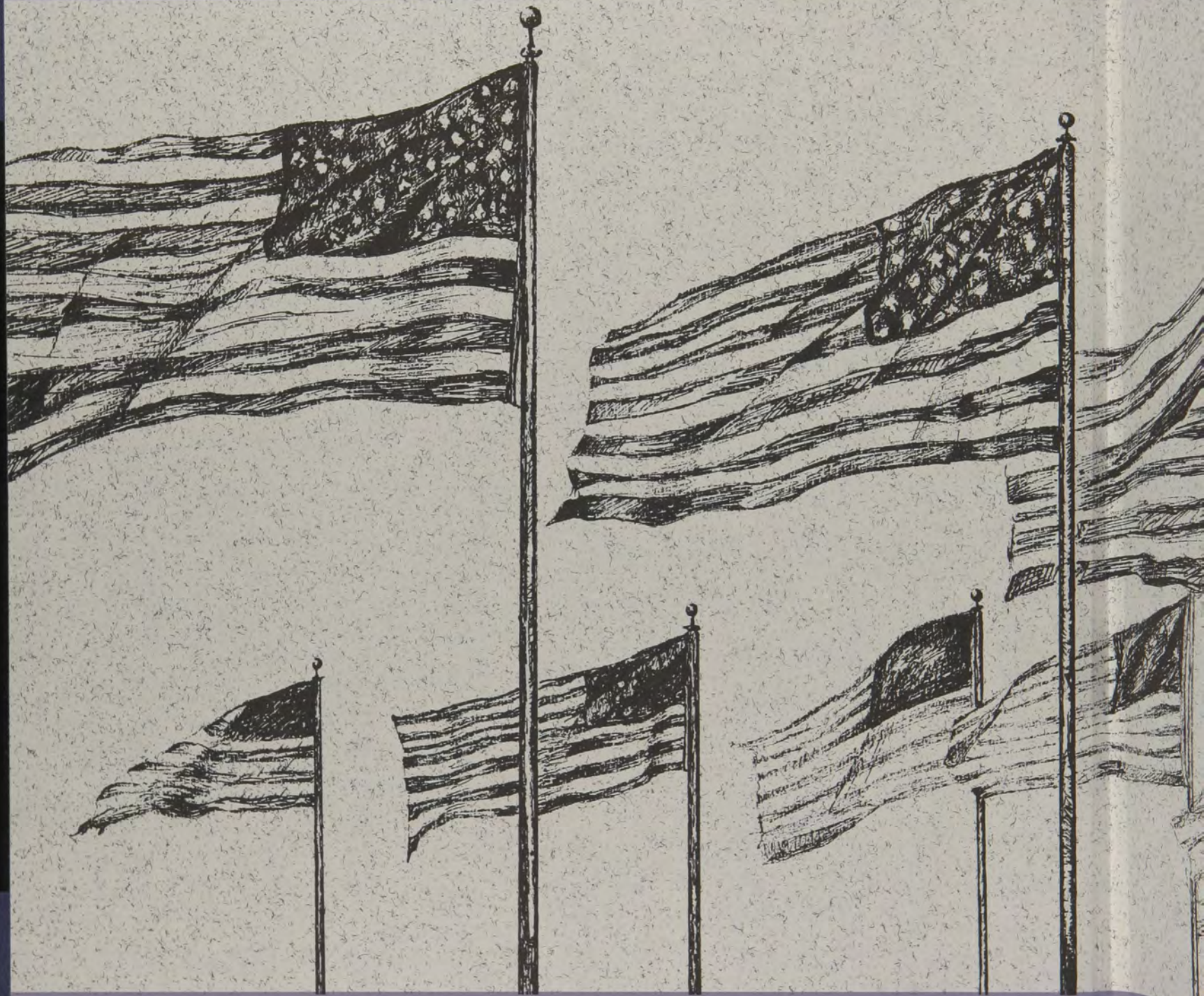


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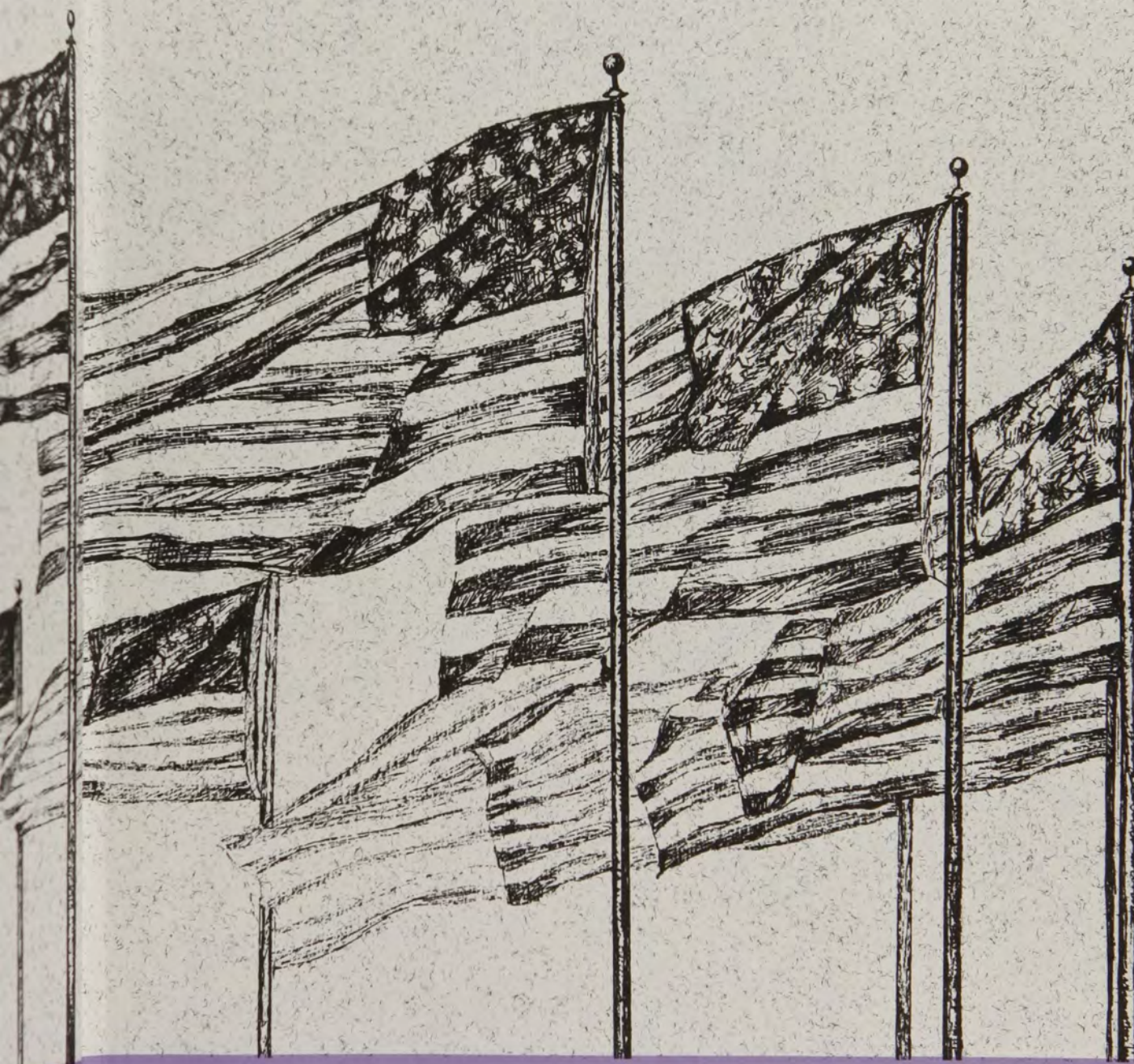
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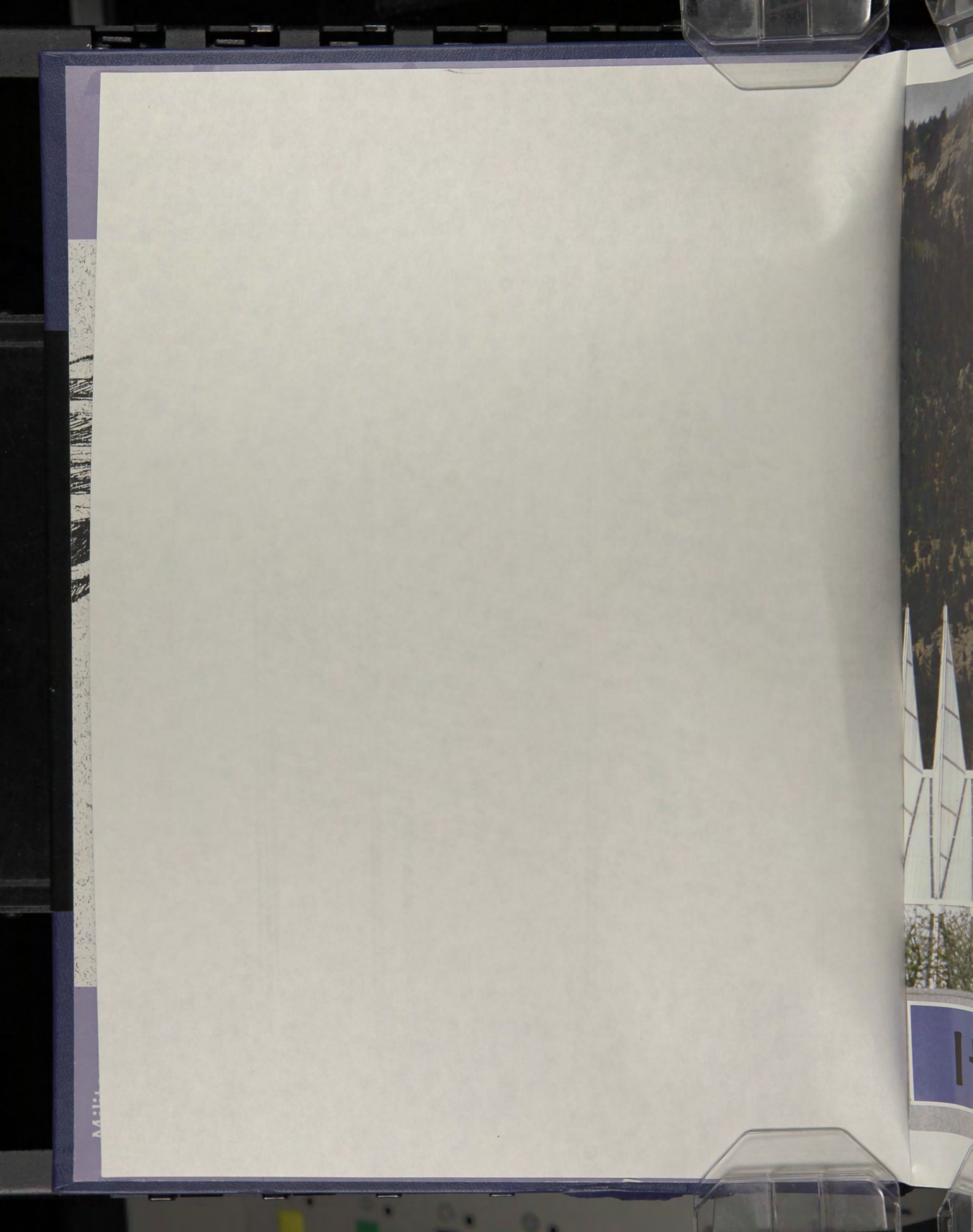
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It's A Matter of Pride

Photo by C. Willis.

The struggle to define “that indescribable feeling...”

During the football game, Fall semester Cadet Wing, semester Brigade First, explain a little more about academy rivalry programs continuing strive toward

From *in-processing* to *Basic Cadet Training*, to four years of academic and military duties, and eventually, graduation, cadets find themselves asking questions such as, “Why am I still here?” or “How will I get through this?” As they meet and overcome the challenges of cadet life, they develop an emotional reaction that is not easy to describe. It is something that affects everything they do, but is difficult to put into words. Perhaps, it is a remembrance of the idealism that motivated them to apply to the Academy, the determination to endure another day, or the anticipation of serving in the United States Air Force. Regardless of how someone describes it, what drives cadets from task to task and day to day is, simply put, *A Matter of Pride.*

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Doing “Iron Mikes” by the dozen, upperclass cadets of Cadet Squadron 10 challenge their fourthclass cadets’ physical abilities. Physical strength and endurance, as well as professional knowledge and military customs, are tested and evaluated throughout a cadet’s Academy career. Photo by M. Taylor.



During the football game against West Point, C1C Matt Hayden, fall semester Cadet Wing Commander, listens to USMA's fall semester Brigade First Captain, CDT CPT Patrick Connelly explain a little more about the Army way of life. Inter-service academy rivalry provides for healthy competition and a continuing strive toward excellence. Photo by B. Lingle.



C1C Chris Forrest and C1C Erynn Ranker march a solemn guard in front of the flagpole during the annual Prisoner Of War / Missing In Action Vigil. This event is a 24-hour long dedication by the Academy to soldiers whose condition and fate is unknown. Photo by S. Myers.

As they fall at nearly 120 mph, C1C Jeffery Matre, C1C Michael Jacobson, C1C James West, and C1C Ryan VanderVeen attempt to make a precise formation while training for nationals in Cape Canveral, Fla. The nationally-ranked Wings Of Blue Parachuting Team represents the Academy at exhibitions and competitions around the country. Photo by SrA Brown.



Excited about another success, these cadets cheer on the falcon football team. Spirit and support for Academy intercollegiate athletics was a focus area during the 1997-98 year, including the issuing of "spirit jerseys" to every cadet. Photo by C. Willis.



CIC Mark Faulstich sights in the bullseye during a practice at the USAFA archery range. Archery Club members practice at the range in preparation for hunting and recreational shooting activities. Photo by Y. Carrico.



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The many sources of inspiration

The PRIDE that cadets gather during their stay at the Academy is merely a part of an ongoing process. The goal is to achieve a self-satisfaction that provides motivation to continue success. But if the Academy is only a part of that PRIDE, where does the rest come from?

The PRIDE felt because of successes at USAFA is in addition to the experiences through a lifetime of accomplishment. Throughout childhood, parents praise for a job well done, and a sense of PRIDE results from what cadets' families value and hold to be important.

The histories of the Academy and the US Air Force provide a nostalgia and connection with those who have served in the military in the past. Additionally, many cadets come to USAFA with a sense of patriotism that only increases by serving as a cadet. Instilled by cadets' personal histories and complemented by feelings about the country and US Air Force, the Academy receives

accomplished individuals, and has the opportunity to produce officers that thrive on success and PRIDE.

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C3C Zen Munn focuses for the next round during his Wing Open final fight. C3C Munn and 19 other boxers participated in the 1998 Wing Open, vying for the opportunity to compete in the National Collegiate Boxing Association regionals, where the Academy has placed #1 for the last 18 years. Photo by B. Lingle.

A Bright Light at the End of the Tunnel

The *culminating event of the Academy experience occurs on the Wednesday following Memorial Day in Falcon Stadium, known as Graduation Day. Throughout a cadet's career, there are events such as recognition, ring dance, and 100's night to mark accomplishments, but walking across the stage and receiving a diploma brings an unmatched smile to the face of each new lieutenant. That smile represents the feelings of achievement and PRIDE in overcoming the four years of challenges the Academy has presented.*

There is an emotion graduates experience as they complete the endeavour at the Academy, and it builds each day through individual accomplishments. It is a culmination of triumphs over hurdles that seemed insurmountable at the outset, but in retrospect were merely bumps in the road to graduation. Each success brightens the light at the end of the tunnel, and helps each cadet realize what they have accomplished. Smaller victories present a flicker of the PRIDE that encapsulates the final, meaningful event called graduation.

By: Gregory Pleinis

While the Wing watched on, the cadet leadership performed a formal change-of command ceremony at the beginning of the spring semester. Throughout the year, special events are occasionally mixed with the normal routine of noon meal and retreat formations. Photo by J. Shelby.





"Egress! Egress! Egress!" The "aircraft egress" scenario is the culminating event of a long day of learning water survival techniques during Combat Survival Training. Photo by E. Bixby

Trail Day brings C3C Arthur Tetterton and his partners a long day of hiking and practicing land navigation techniques. Combat Survival Training is a 3-week summer program that gives cadets the opportunity to learn survival skills under less-than-desirable conditions. Photo by B. Brandow.



"A Reflection on music." The Drum and Bugle Corps provides musical support to many cadet functions, including all home and away football games. Photo by E. Bixby.

MILITARY

Section Editor: Jeremy Eggers

The military training program at the Air Force Academy has many purposes, but one goal is at the core of the training, to produce military professionals.

A professional is someone who, by definition, is engaged in a specific

activity that requires advanced study and specialized training.

A military professional, then, is someone who is engaged in the activity of national defense and is specifically trained in a portion of that endeavor. There is a lofty responsibility to the nation, and it is that responsibility that provides a purpose for quality military training. The knowledge of this responsibility, and a commitment to it, drives cadets toward achieve-

**PRIDE
THROUGH
PROFESSIONALISM** ment of their individual goals.

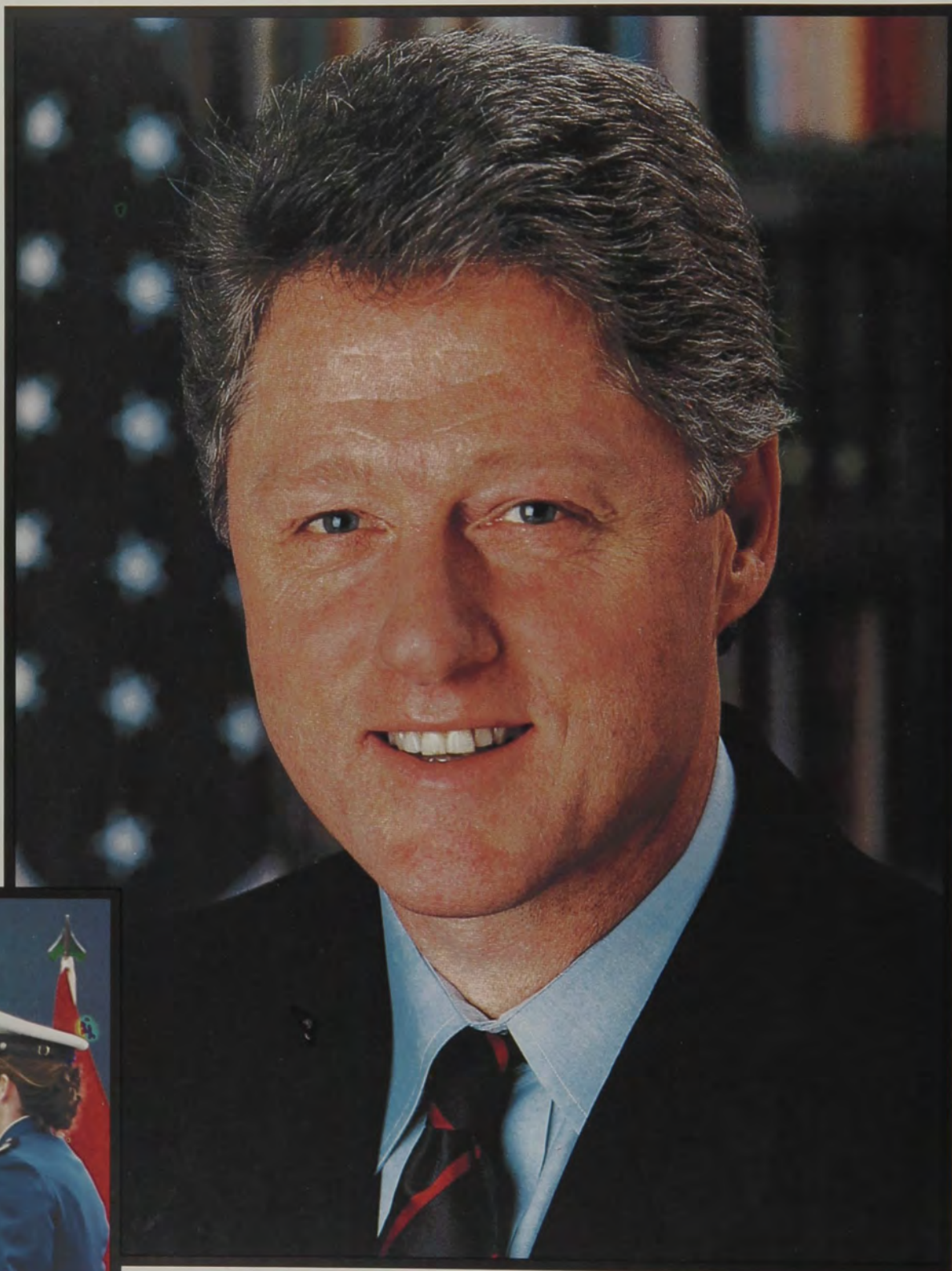
The various training programs at the Academy help to teach a cadet what his role is as a military member, and what may be required of him as he serves the nation. In learning this, a cadet often realizes the solemnity of his duty, and many use military training to provide motivation for accomplishing the other challenges that the Academy presents.



Fourthclass cadets are helping a classmate across a wire as part of the Ranger Challenge. "The Challenge" was held in Jack's Valley, and was a military training exercise that taught small unit tactics and other basic skills. Photo by B. Brandow.



Commander-in-Chief



President William J. Clinton congratulates a new graduate. The president's last graduation appearance was for the Class of 1995. He is slated to be present at the Class of 1999's graduation ceremony



President William J. Clinton

Chain of Command

Secretary of Defense

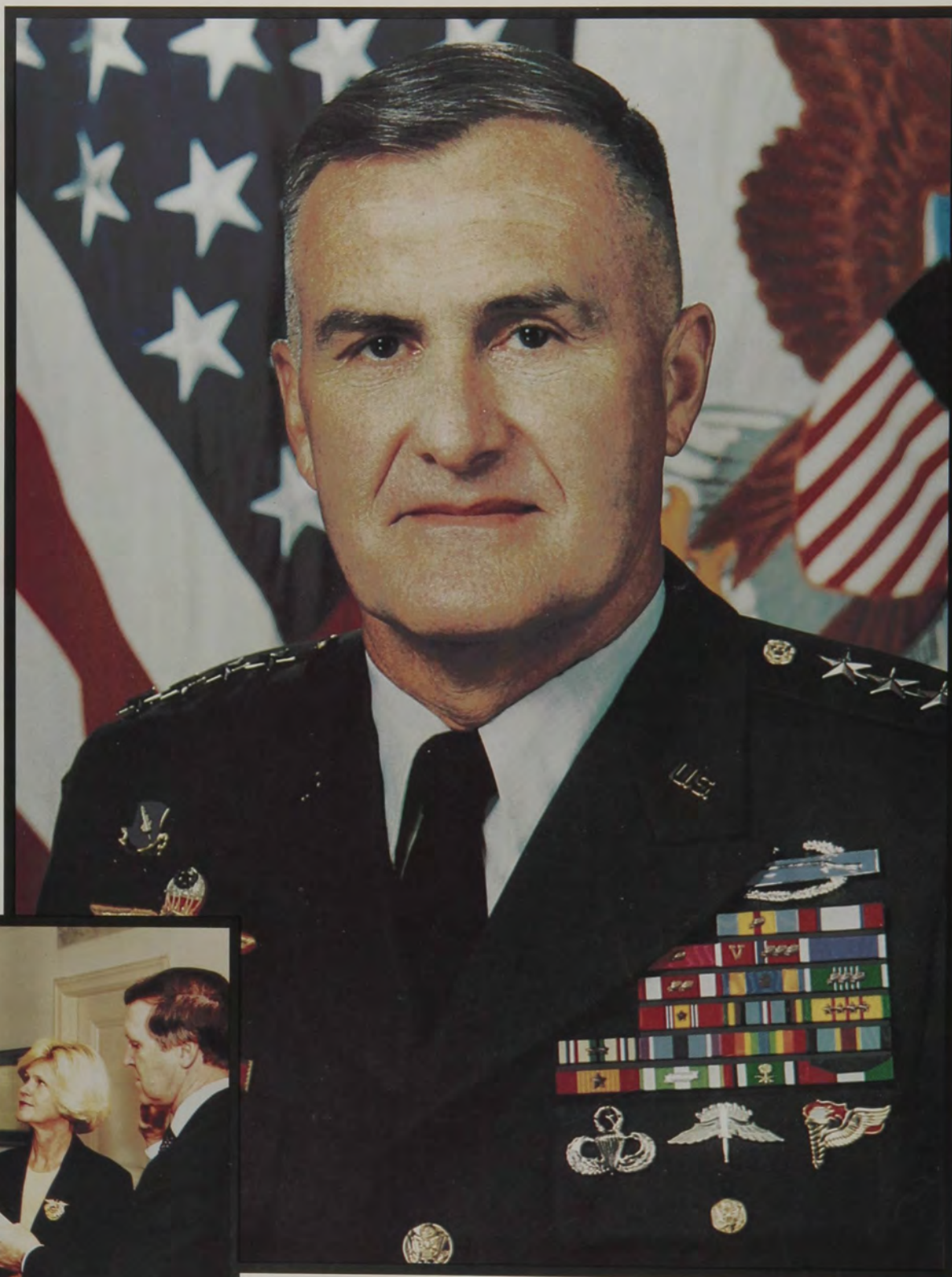


The Honorable William S. Cohen



Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen shakes hands with CIC John Crowe during the Class of 1997's graduation ceremony.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



Gen. Henry H. Shelton, U.S. Army, with his wife Carolyn, is sworn in as the 14th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen during a private ceremony at the Pentagon, Sept. 30, 1997.



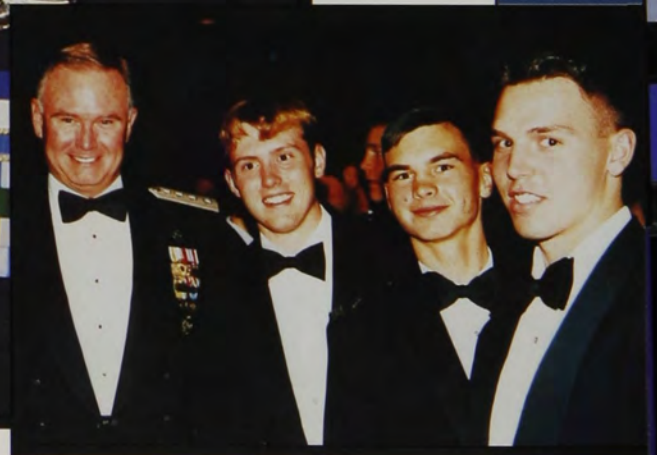
Gen Henry H. Shelton

Chain of Command

US Air Force Chief of Staff



Gen Michael E. Ryan



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen Michael E. Ryan makes an appearance with third class cadets during the 1997 Corona Conference.

Superintendent



Lt Gen Oelstrom enjoys his ride to the top of the "Sea of Blue" with the aid of helpful cadets. Passing up the Superintendent became a common occurrence at home football games.



Lt Gen Tad J. Oelstrom

Chain of Command

Commandant



BGen Stephen R. Lorenz



BGen Lorenz prepares himself to be passed up through the "Sea of Blue." BGen Lorenz participated in many spirit activities.

Fall Semester Staff

Through changes and adversity, cadet leadership had *the right stuff* to adapt and succeed in guiding through this semester.

Wing Staff

First Row: *C. Bong, C. McBrayer, A. Nesbitt, K. Marty, A. Maugeri, T. Alexander*

Second Row: *C. Farrell, B. Beachkofski, J. Nelson, D. Mosely, S. Miller, M. Hayden, S. Jensen, H. Cooper, S. Chanoski, M. Jones, M. Doherty, B. Roschewski, B. Armstrong*

Third Row: *M. French, J. Powell, T. Lane, C. Hayes, R. Gross, C. Bruton*



1st Group

Front Center: *A. Stohlman, D. Mentzer*

First Row: *C. Garnett, K. Joynt, C. Helquist, M. Choisnard, G. Jensen, L. Werner, J. Anderson*

Second Row: *G. DiManna, C. LeDoux, S. Bess, T. Walters, S. Neitzke, M. Shigley, J. Grant, J. Evans*

Third Row: *J. Boston, S. Breske, D. Smith, T. Villano, A. Loilano*



Chain of Command



2nd Group

Front Center: *M. Stolkowski, J. Robin,*

First Row: *C. Guerrero, R. Gordon, J. Schweer, M. Peeler, J. Engerg, B. Bly*

Second Row: *K. Lietzler, C. Sere, M. Beverly, D. Mitchell, D. Bruce, R. Boyle, C. Hammond*

Third Row: *T. David, I. Weisenberger, K. Quinn, R. Neel, J. Cruse*



3rd Group

Front Center: *P. Brown.*

First Row: *M. Grafe, D. Campos, B. Rodenburg, Z. Arnt, J. Dunlap, T. Strawser.*

Second Row: *S. Baker, M. Stevens, B. Holland, T. Pesek, M. Wernersbach, E. Tibbs, E. Irick, J. Jensen.*

Third Row: *J. Ferfolia, E. Wolin, D. Daunt, B. Orgeron, K. Osborne, S. Kavanaugh.*



4th Group

First Row: *B. Nestor, M. Korsmo, T. Emerson, J. Parham*

Second Row: *M. Lutman, B. MacFarlane, J. Muckasa-Magoye, D. Christensen, M. Brown, B. Recker, R. Mims, J. Vinson, M. Meyer*

Third Row: *A. DelGrande, T. Pierce, B. Kapple, A. Eiland, D. Apgar, S. Wartner, J. Kiker, B. Hepler*

Spring Semester Staff

Continuing the excellent decision-making, cadet leadership, without losing a step, *leads the way* and wraps up the year.

Wing Staff

First Row: *K. Dehne, C. Cann, J. Young, C. McBrayer, A. Gregory*

Second Row: *S. Tomlinson, M. Lammertin, R. Slanger, C. Farrell, G. Nettles, M. Barron, T. Curry, B. Healy, J. Warren, J. Reese, J. Scholtz, J. Nelson, J. Nelson, C. Burdick, D. Donehue*

Third Row: *M. Johnston, D. Kostal, L. Rosa-Miranda, E. Bender, R. Gross, D. Siegmund, R. Space*



1st Group

First Row: *C. Garnett, A. Boston, B. Crimmel, L. McDaniel, N. Gipson, H. Triggs*

Second Row: *M. Mosely, C. Helquist, B. Stebbins, P. Brister, D. Bickerstaff, J. Kirkland, B. Burton*

Third Row: *S. Bess, S. Hebbeler, C. LeDoux, P. Braxton, R. Hutt, B. Comer*

Fourth Row: *R. Myers, R. Johnston, B. Bellamy, B. Evans, C. Forrest, S. Baermann*



Chain of Command



2nd Group

First Row: *K. Staff, S. Alholm, B. Haynes, M. Smith, J. Melton*

Second Row: *C. Devemark, D. Landgrebe, E. Taku, J. Schweer, D. Dorson*

Third Row: *M. Sere, M. Thomas, B. Baldwin, J. Sloan, S. Wieland, W. Hales*

Fourth Row: *D. Miller, A. Severson, Z. Barker, J. Engberg, M. Peeler, J. Hill*



3rd Group

First Row: *J. Ferfolia, J. Bell, C. Biehn, M. Cantore, C. Warren*

Second Row: *J. Smith, N. Evans, C. Gilliam, B. Orgeron, E. King, D. DeAngelis, C. Blackshear, R. Hawkins*

Third Row: *M. Gismondi, B. Quinn, M. Lyle, S. Menashi, B. Roth, E. Wolin*



4th Group

First Row: *P. McCoy, K. Rock, S. Myers, T. Mead, J. Zicarelli, S. Nig-A-Qui*

Second Row: *D. Apgar, E. Sligar, T. Moon, W. Manuel, J. Brown, K. Bode, A. Burch, J. Lotsperch, G. Dash, B. Hepler*

Third Row: *B. Recker, M. Dunker, B. Liebenow, J. Parham, M. Garrison, T. Staley*

Meeting the Beast

Taming the Beast and going with the Flow

Whenever I hear the words "basic training", I immediately start convulsing with flashbacks and foaming at the mouth. Images clutter my mind of the summer I will never forget.

These images will never die in my mind's eye, and it is what I have in common with every other cadet in the Wing and those who came before me. It is the common experience we all share, the "initiation" we all pass, the bond only cadets have. It is part of what separates us from all other students in the country.

The strongest and longest images that remain with us always are the positive ones. First Beast, for me, can be summed up easily- "flow control."

"Flow control, I always thought it was float control," commented C4C Gibbons.

I remember being herded into perfect lines with eager and energetic cadre to our left and right. When I

someone in your squad was pulled out, you dropped with him or her.

Everybody had the goal of making it to the chapel as quickly as possible; it was the salvation we all craved - the light at the end of the tunnel.

We greeted at the top of our lungs to cadre who screamed back. Soon, I learned to camouflage to my surroundings.

I made myself mesh with whatever squadron was closest. I stayed near the really short or tall people or anyone who would stand out more than me. I learned to support my classmates and felt the relief of being supported by others as well.

"Float Control?"

glanced, I saw a few hundred clones in front of me and knew the same number would follow behind. It was wise to blend in, rather than show your individuality. If you stood out in any way, you would be pulled away from your classmates and given free work out instructions. And if

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This basic cadet examines his new found best friend, the M-16, fondly known as the "rubber ducky". All basics become well acquainted with the M-16 as it accompanied them on many long runs. Photo by B. Boyd.



1st BCT

This basic cadet grins as Chuck the Barber shaves off the blonde locks. Every basic experienced the common method of removing individuality...the shears. Photo by B. Boyd.





Newly commissioned 2nd Lt Charlie Love bids farewell to his sister, Christine. It was not uncommon to see younger siblings follow in an older brother or sister's footsteps to the Academy. Photo by B. Boyd.



Basic cadets from Hellcast squadron pump their legs as fast as they can during the log relay. Field Day events heralded the end of first half of basic cadet training. Photo by B. Boyd.



This basic cadet struggles to recite a quote perfectly for the cadet inspectors. Inspections were used to check cleanliness of rooms as well as quality of knowledge recall. Photo by B. Boyd.



A new group of candidates stand on the designated footprints at the base of the "Bring Me Men" ramp. Candidates experienced their first encounter with cadre at the base of the ramp and were given an opportunity to turn back before it all began. Photo by B. Boyd.

Two basic cadets battle each other for the title of "Big Bad Basic." This competition concludes the end of every Second BCT session. Photo by B. Scharton.



This basic cadet gets down in the dirt while going through the Assault Course. All basics learned to love low crawling during Second BCT. Photo by M. Connor.



Basics and cadre alike push on the Earth during Reville Formation in Jack's Valley. Second BCT focused on physical endurance and strength. Photo by M. Connor.

This flight prepares to march into the drill area during the drill competition Jack's Valley. Drill competitions occurred during both periods of BCT. Photo by M. Connor.



Beating the Beast

Taming the Beast with fond memories

Sometimes the flow would get congested and a random basic would stimulate the interest of cadre.

I remember holding a muffin above my head and threatening anyone who looked at it. I remember a basic running up and down the line slapping his backside riding his imaginary horse. I remember a fellow classmate casually squirting cadre in the face with lemon juice.

"I got a couple of them straight in the eye"-C4C Isenhour

And everything is so much funnier when you are not allowed to laugh.

When you finally made it to the top of the hill, there was an imaginary line you crossed where everything stopped. The yelling, the greeting, the push-ups, the flutter kicks, it all stopped. The feeling that I had upon and all the other main events, I remember yellow gliders. I remember screaming "AiR-rAiD!" and diving to the ground only to get someone's boot to my head. At first no one was too thrilled about hitting the dirt and scraping knees and elbows. Eventually, it became addictive, as we especially enjoyed screaming "Air raid!" in the middle of

training sessions, regardless if there was a yellow glider overhead or not. I also have fond memories of pinecone grenades.

"Screaming 'Grenade' and hurling your body over a pine cone and your classmates in order to sacrifice yourself for the good of the team, is not something I ever learned in high school or summer camp."-C4C Holzherr

Whether or not these images are you vividly remember is not important. What is important is we have more than enough material for drunken bar stories for the rest of our lives....

by Erik Holzherr

A cadre "pins" fourthclass cadet shoulder boards on a newly accepted cadet. The Acceptance Parade formerly marked the conclusion of basic cadet training and a cadet's entrance to the Wing. Photo by M. Connor.



Basics cheer on their classmate as she attempts to make her way down the logs on the Confidence Course. Every basic cadet faced one fear or another while going through basic cadet training. Photo by M. Connor.



2nd BCT

Combat Survival Training

Third Class Cadets Move Into The Woods

Hiking for eight days on an empty stomach, traveling at night and sleeping during the day, eating MREs - these make up some of the most memorable experiences of Combat Survival Training, or CST.

The summer between their fourth class and third class year, for many cadets, can be one of the most challenging and grueling tests presented to them during tenure at USAFA.

"I was hungry all the time. The worst part was lack of food," commented C3C Randall Deppensmith.

CST is designed to be an intense program and hopefully a rewarding one. Upperclass cadets have been trained by airmen from Fairchild's SERE School to teach survival and evasion skills.

CST could be called an interesting graduation requirement by those outside of the Academy. At other colleges and universities, it is not required to learn how to "thump" rabbits, navigate through the woods or build

aspect. I don't know how to say it, but it was more than just the training."

In addition to learning how to survive, CST teaches cadets how to operate and work in often strenuous or less than desirable conditions.

Cadets learn to push beyond their physical and mental limits.

"CST is more than just learning to make tents. Knowing that you can get by without certain things. It really makes you value those things when you're back!" said C3C Deppensmith.

Upon successful completion of CST, the new three-degrees are allowed to wear their Battle Dress Uniform sleeves up. It is more than just a symbol of their rite of passage, it is to say "I survived."

"I Survived!"

shelters out of parachute gore - making CST all the more unique. Although these skills are not used on a daily basis they could make the difference between life and death in a survival situation.

When asked about his CST experience, C3C Dan Kunkel explained "...[it is] why we are here - the military

by Matt Brown



Linked by their feet, these wet and cold cadets paddle their way to a waiting raft. Photo by E. Bixby.

C2C Tony Paulson shows his cadets how to skin a rabbit while conserving every piece of meat. Photo by B. Brandow.



Combat Survival Training



Trail Day is one of the longest days of survival training. These cadet students watch their footing as they hike to their next point. Photo by B. Brandow.



With the air filled with smoke, from signaling flares, C3C Katie Mitchell prepares to launch a gyrojet. Photo by E. Bixby.



After donning the "poopy-suit" and floatation device, cadets must take one last step out of the egress chamber and into a very cold lake. Photo by E. Bixby.



C3C David Paolillo finds that applying camouflage to the face can be messy, but a necessary aspect to avoid detection. Photo by E. Bixby.

Cadets Take to the Skies

"Oh, I Have Slipped The Surly Bonds of Earth..."

Everyone has seen the big yellow gliders floating above the Academy and wondered, "How in the world does that thing fly, being so big and bulky?"

If the truth were known it's no miracle. It's all about will power. Will power is the driving force behind soaring operations here at USAFA.

It's in the heart of every cadet who gets discouraged after the first few flights and still makes it to solo. It's behind every upgrading cadet Instructor Pilot who fights through air-sickness but still won't quit because of the desire for the Hat-in-the-Ring patch.

It is long hours down at the airfield spent by the cadet leadership of the 94th Flight Training Squadron, slogging through the paperwork that flows endlessly from the officer staff. It's ultimately the dream of becoming a bird, flying solo, free of gravity, above the Academy. It is the

excitement associated with flying a big yellow glider.

Many will look back with hindsight seeing some amazing changes in people who have dreamt of soaring. They will remember eager

"Fully Amazing"

cadets transformed into confident airmen. They will look back at new cadet instructor pilots who struggled with the apprehension of sending their cadets solo. They will hope that the cadet has the right mix of his or her training, techniques, and teaching.

Soaring operations allow cadets the opportunity to take ownership of flight, to reach up and grab the sky and own it, if just for a few flights.

Cadets begin to look upon that "big ugly glider" as MY big ugly glider.

"Soaring was fully amazing," according to C3C Jeremy Eggers who took the class during the summer. "You're at peace with every aspect of your life while up there flying. Words can't do justice in describing the feeling."

Cadet Instructor Pilots no longer see a gaggle of cadets, they begin to see THEIR cadets. Soaring allows cadets to learn, to teach, to lead, and to trust other people.

The word on the street is that the Air Force is the technology force. Not so on this airfield. The same pioneering spirit, the same dream, the same indomitable will power of aviation pioneers, such as the Wright brothers, lives on in the hearts and minds of every cadet who has ever flown one of those big yellow gliders.

by Frank Arnold



Soaring



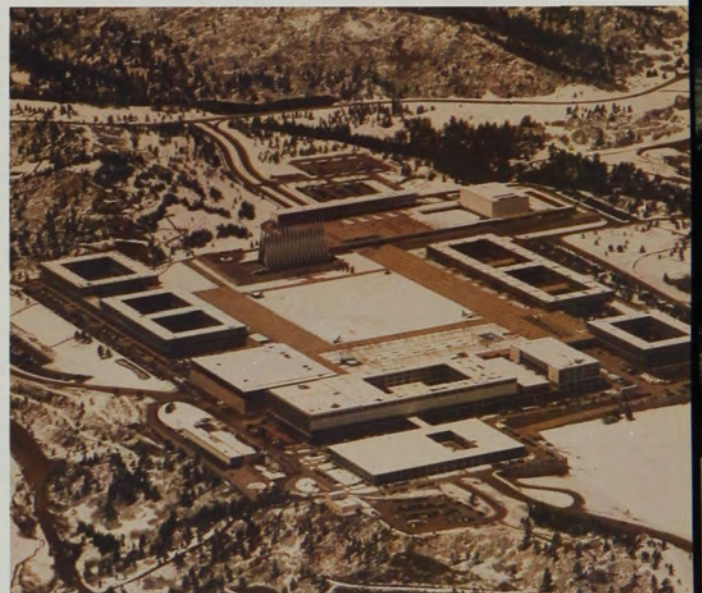
Cadet Jon Gallego goes through his pre-flight checklist with his soaring instructor pilot. Students memorize a series of "boldface" procedures essential to glider operation. Photo by B. Brandow.



C3C Ben George takes his place as a wing runner. The wing runner's job is to make sure the wing doesn't scrap the ground during the first moments of takeoff. Photo by B. Brandow.



A soaring instructor pilot enters into a left turn in aerotow. Aerotow was just one obstacle soaring students had to overcome before soloing. Photo by B. Brandow.



An aerial view of the cadet area. Photo by B. Brandow.



It is sometimes said that "Any landing you can walk away from is a good one." This pilot is just moments away from a smooth landing. Photo by B. Brandow.

Meeting terminal velocity

Cadets Take To The Skies To Earn Their Jump Wings

Many opportunities exist for cadets here. One popularly taken advantage of by adrenaline junkies and the strong-willed is Airmanship 490, simply known as Jump.

Most cadets enroll in the program during the summer after their four-degree year. It's a rigorous, two-week program which first entails an exhausting ground school training. After completing ground school, students nervously board into the Twin Otter to make their first jump.

"I remember it like it was yesterday. All those ground school instructions were running through my head during the entire ride up to jump altitude. It was crazy thinking that I would not be landing on the ground on this plane," said C3C Cory Cooper. "When it was my turn in the door I looked down and saw the ground which looked so far away. When I jumped

out all I could think about was my checklist. Then I landed—it was the greatest feeling ever."

For some, Jump was an opportunity to overcome fear.

"I was scared as hell but I knew I wanted to do it," said C3C Dave Lin. "I'm glad I did.

"The Greatest"

After completing jump, I felt like I could do anything."

After five jumps, cadets graduate the program and earn their jump wings, a badge they can wear on their uniform for the rest of their Air Force careers. Some don't stop there. Each year, about 30 cadets earn the chance to upgrade and become jump instructors. The process runs their entire three-degree year

and takes up many mornings and weekends. But, according to C3C Aaron Lapp, it's all worth it in the end to be a member of the Wings of Blue.

"Upgrading was a lot of work, but there were many good times as well. My teammates are some of my closest friends. It was a great feeling when we all earned that blue suit together," said C3C Lapp referring to the blue jump suit worn by members of the Wings of Blue.

The Wings of Blue compete in intercollegiate parachuting competitions around the nation and have a long history of first place finishes. The team also performs demonstrations at home football games and numerous other events around the country, which perhaps makes them the most notable ambassadors for the Air Force Academy.

by Jeremy Eggers



As the skies fill with 490 students, these cadets approach the drop zone. Airmanship 490 is an optional class taken by many cadets. Photo by B. Brandow.

Delivering the American flag at the beginning of the football game, this Wings of Blue member demonstrates precision parachuting. Wings of Blue performed at all home games. Photo by B. Lingle.

Parachuting





This member of the Wings of Blue concentrates to hit his nickel sized target. Members are renowned for their parachuting ability. Photo by B. Brandow.



These Airmanship 490 cadets walk off their adrenaline rush as they head back for debriefing. Cadets do their first jump solo rather than tandem as with many other parachuting programs. Photo by B. Brandow.

Jumpmaster Jorma Huhtala waits for the remaining 490 cadets to pack up their chutes. Jumpmasters and instructors were also members of the Wings of Blue. Photo by B. Brandow.

Serving Silently

Class Officers Are Backbone

Semester staff changes provide the Cadet Wing with a constant discontinuity in leadership, which is just one reason for class officers. The four officers of each class provide a continuity that exists from their election day at the start of four-degree year to resignation or "death do they part."

"When elected as a class officer, you're elected for life," according to C1C Danny Campos, firstie class president.

The presidential "race" is somewhat parliamentary in that the officers are elected from and by a group of 40 four-degree representatives.

Once elected, the class council goes to work immediately on the class issues and projects of the year.

According to C3C Sam

class dining in," said Rice.

The class officers do this work while receiving little to no recognition.

"Class officers? What the hell do they do?" asked C2C Rodney Keller.

"I see the president guy during dining-ins and stuff, but that's about it."

Lack of recognition isn't a demotivating factor for the officers though.

"I don't care about the recognition stuff. I have a job, so I do it," said Drummond.

"Elected For Life"

Rice, president for '00, each class focuses on different issues. "The '99 officers spent a lot of time on their ring dance and car loans. (We) spent a lot of time working the class ring issue and our annual

by Jeremy Eggers



Class of 1999 Class Officers: Treasurer, S. Scott Fowler; President, James Busch; Vice President, Dave Wilson; Secretary, Nicole Fuller. Photo by B. Anderson.

Class Officers



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Top Picture: Class of 2000 Class Officers:
Secretary, Jeremy Eggers; President, Sam
Rice; Vice President, Mark
VanWeezendonk; Treasurer, Dave
Drummond. Photo by B. Anderson.

Practice makes perfect

Marching Practice Has Cadets Marching, Marching, Marching

Without a doubt, the most favored pastime of the Cadet Wing was marching practice. Whether it was on the parade field or on the terrazzo, the motto seemed to be: practice makes perfect, right?

Standing at attention for long periods of time waiting for commands was not appealing for the average cadet. Cadets would occupy themselves with beloved pastimes such as chewing gum, throwing grass, or philosophizing on the meaning of it all.

When asked C4C Steve Hatton said "I learned to sleep standing up, which eventually lead to dreaming that I was at this college where I was repeatedly 'beaten' for being a freshman. I realized that it wasn't a dream but my daily reality."

Perhaps the most active cadets in practices were the unit-color and guidon bearers. They were an inspiration to the rest of the Wing. Secretly everyone admired the flag holders, for the power and prestige they possessed.

"When I am holding the unit colors, I am holding the fin-

est tradition that USAFA has. It must be upheld at all times," C3C Derrick Connor said.

"I suppose there are many ways in which marching practice is applicable," said

"Life Is Pain"

C3C Andy Cass. "I'm just not sure what those ways are."

On a more positive note, marching is more than what cadets don't like.

Marching is what we do. Everyday, marching is required in the reveille and noon-meal formations. It enables the cadet Wing to enter Mitchell Hall in an efficient and orderly manner. Without it, some say there would be total chaos.

Marching enables us to perform the myriad of parades. Poor marching could perhaps only lead to lessening the value of parades such as the acceptance parade and the graduation parade.

It is a part of every day life for cadets here. One thing taken for granted is the fact that events like marching in the noon-meal formation provide a unique experience for tourists. We provide the public an opportunity to see our pride in the Air Force.

"The taxpayers deserve a good show from us. Marching practice, though boring, enables us to perform that job flawlessly," according to C3C Cass.

Whether it is fair or not, whether we like it or not, we do represent something bigger than ourselves. Our actions help to shape the public's opinion on the military in general.

No one said life is fair, no one said life would be easy.

"Life is pain Highness, anyone who says different is selling something." - Wesley from *The Princess Bride*.

by Eric Holzherr

These cadets head back to their room after the early dismissal from Gen Fogelman's retirement ceremony.

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C3C Andy Cass readjusts his rifle strap as he gets ready to practice rifle manual. Photo by Y. Carrico.

The parade ramp was full of cadets and spectators as they attempted to flee the rain storm.



Heading off for the Parent's Weekend parade, this squadron passes under the "Bring Me Men" ramp.



General Lorenz, Commandant of Cadets, tells Wing Commander Matt Hayden to dismiss the Wing due to the bad weather.

Afternoon marching practice was new for cadets. Photo by Y. Carrico.

What a Saturday

Number Of SAMIs, ORIs Increase For Cadet Wing

If you see someone being strict or honor guard like, they are probably preparing for a SAMI or an ORI. This year, the Cadet Wing's focus was to increase these aspects of cadet life. As a part of the Air Force Academy, SAMI's and ORI's are things a cadet has to deal with on a weekly basis.

The week of a Saturday A.M. Inspection (SAMI) just gives cadets the creeps. It begins on a Monday morning when you look around your room to discover it is out of ranks - messy. As you make this discovery, the words form in your head, "I'll just do it tomorrow." This pattern is repeated until at least Thursday and some even put it off as far as Friday. Even though a Friday night SAMI clean up was not at the top of the list for

most cadets, it was a reality for the majority.

C4C James Thompson from Bull 6 says, "We always get stuck with the dirty work."

The fourthclass cadets

"Dirty Work"

had a lot to learn about fast and efficient techniques to prepare for a SAMI. The areas that needed the most attention were also the most dreaded - the infamous desk drawers and sink cabinets. These areas have collected items stored there from those mini-SAMI's - AMI's.

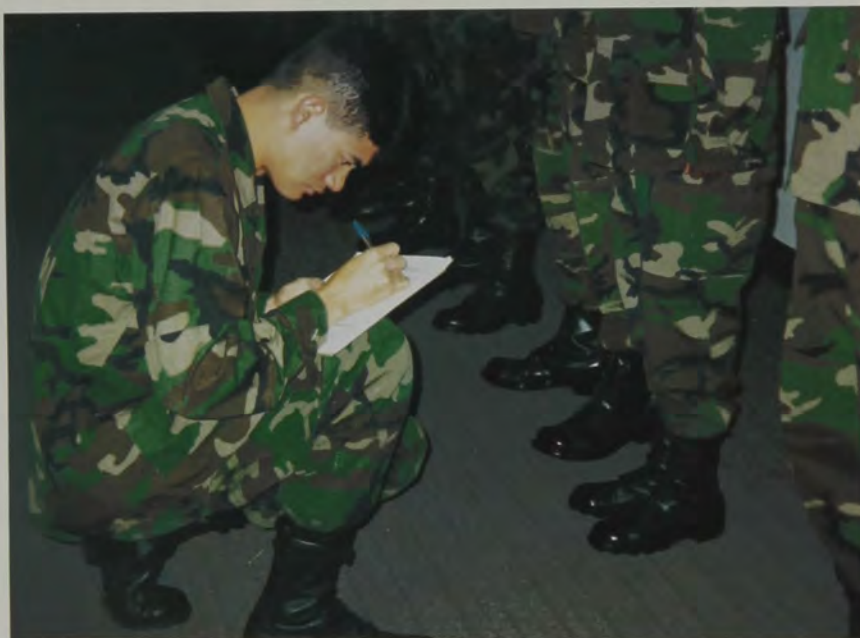
For the third, second, and first class cadets, SAMI's

are an annoyance but the years of experience help to deaden the stressful blow a SAMI can sometimes bring. In addition, the upperclassmen have the advantage of delegating the squadron cleaning jobs to fourthclass cadets.

But with these advantages comes more responsibility. For example, they are responsible for making sure the job is completed and thorough.

Open Rank Inspections (ORI) were just as nerve racking but less stressful since the only thing being inspected is your uniform. But everyone's uniform must be immaculate. In addition, this year the ORI's went from once a month to once a week early in the morning.

by Larry Kitchen



C2C Nolan Diestro looks carefully at the boot shine on the cadet he is grading and grades accordingly. SAMIs are often used to check on the quality of leadership and ensure proper uniform standards are maintained. Photo by P. Caldwell.

SAMI

Even before the school day starts, a flight commander inspects his troops during an ORI. These inspections gave commanders the opportunity to check on the performance of his or her unit at one time. Photo by B. Brandow.





A Standardization/Evaluation NCO briefs a fourth class cadet on his ORI grade. ORI were conducted outdoors whenever the weather was fit. Photo by B. Brandow.



C2C Kurt Alickson takes the extra time during a SAMI to shine his boots for the ORI that would be just two weeks later. Photo by B. Brandow.



While waiting for their flight to be inspected, one firstie reads a magazine while another works on his Engineering 410 project. Photo by B. Brandow.

Keeping the tradition

Honor Guard Has A Tradition of Excellence

In keeping with tradition, the Cadet Honor Guard had an excellent year overall. Twelve new members were accepted to the team in mid-April. With the departure of the Class of '98, it will be up to the newcomers to continue the reputation of excellence and hard work. This school year saw the team busier than ever representing the Academy, honoring veterans and those that have passed away.

In September, the upperclassmen traveled to Pease ANGB, N.H., to drill at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration commemorating the anniversary of the Air Force and the ANG.

In October, we were again busy drilling and helping out with the anniversary of General Chuck Yeager's remarkable flight back in 1947. We also drilled at the Arizona State Fair and during half time at the Air Force-Army football game. Honor Guard was noted for its excellence and outstanding

representation of the Air Force and the Academy wherever it traveled.

As usual, the fourthclass cadets were hard at work earning their patches and admittance to Honor Guard. The fourthclass cadets

"Be Hard"

performed and competed with the usual honor guard flair and distinctive manner at the Veteran's Day parade in Colorado Springs and at a national drill meet in Huntington Beach, Calif. The team received trophies for excellence in every phase of the drill competition. Unfortunately, continuing struggles with airlift and the budget remained evident as trips to the new interservice's drill meet at Annapolis, Md., and the World Drill Meet at Daytona Beach, Fla., were

cancelled. Well . . . Charlie Mike!

In addition to these more recognizable duties, honor guard continued performing flag details each day, providing color guards, flag postings, special details, and escorting the cups to the Doolittle Convention.

The team had the "sad" honor of lying to rest its own classmates, fellow service members, and veterans in 10 funerals this year. We also rendered military honors at the memorial retreat formation on Veteran's Day, a football game, and several other reunions for veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

As long as the Cadet Wing remains, the Cadet Honor Guard will continue its service role with excellence and respect. Integrity, service, and excellence are our bywords and are reflected in all we do. Be Hard!

by Paul Sexton

Honor guard members march by group staff during a Friday retreat ceremony. A different group participated in retreat every Friday.



Honor Guard





C3C Kathleen Hasson folds the flag with the assistance of her honor guard teammates. The honor guard is known not only for their high military standards but their strong sense of teamwork as well.

A guard member catches the flag during retreat. Honor guard is responsible for reveille and retreat everyday. Photo by B. Brandow.



The cadet honor guard supports many functions such as providing this color guard for a home football game.

These cadets pick up the pace during their road march. Photo by B. Brandow.



"Challengers" go to the limit to finish the eight-mile road march. Photo by B. Brandow.



C2C Brian Healy crosses hand over hand swiftly during the rope bridge event. Photo by B. Brandow.

C2C Scott Fowler concentrates on getting across the rope bridge. Photo by B. Brandow.



Are We in the Army Now?

Ground Pounding At Ranger Challenge

The 1998 General Scott Jr. Challenge, known by most cadets as "Ranger Challenge", was held on 11 April. This event brings together nearly 40 cadets from across the Wing to participate in various "challenges."

Each cadet group put together a 10-man team to compete in the Army Physical Fitness Test; an eight mile road march, a single rope bridge event, and an obstacle course held in the Jack's Valley area.

The competition first began in 1996 as a way of exposing cadets to a different style of training. Focused on teamwork and dedication, the events gave cadets the chance to experience some Army training and learn more about how the other services operate.

Each team captain spent several weeks training and preparing their team for the events. Cadets received a

few words of encouragement before and throughout the competition from Lt Gen Winfield Scott Jr., USAF, Retired and Br Gen Stephen R. Lorenz. The generals were there not only to observe but to encourage everyone

"Challenge!"

throughout the competition.

Although there was limited resources and time to train, the teams performed outstanding and represented their respective group's well.

By the end of the competition, the teams, tired and proud of their performance, attended a cookout under Vandenberg Hall. Each team member received a t-shirt and certificate of completion signed by Lt Gen Scott Jr.

The winning team, First Group, also received a trophy that is displayed in their Group AOC's office.

"I was striding it out," commented C1C Joey Markusfeld.

The competition was a success due to the hard work of the team captains and the help of CS-06. Several people and organizations, such as the Association of Graduates, also contributed to the competition.

In the end, the General Scott Jr. Challenge gave several cadets a chance to lead a small group through a different type of training that pushed them both mentally and physically.

Hopefully this competition and others like it can continue to provide leadership training and an unique experience at the Academy. RLTW!

by Gil Muñoz

C1C Gil Munoz assists C2C Brian Healy clip onto the rope. Top honors for this event went to First Group. Photo by B. Bradow.

Cadets were fully energized at the start of the competition and ready to successfully complete the rigors ahead of them. Toward the end, it was their will power that got them through. Photo by B. Bradow.

Ranger Challenge

A Look at the Past

The Biggest April Fool's

In 1948, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal commissioned a Service Academy Board to make recommendations for the establishment of an academy for the Air Force. Six years later, a site was agreed upon and approval sought for construction. Approved for construction on 1 April 1954, it is thought by most cadets and graduates to be the biggest April Fool's Day joke in history.

The site of the Air Force Academy sits on 18,000 acres of land on the eastern slope of Rampart Range. This area was agreed upon due to the high altitude, space, and ideal flying conditions. After all, the primary purpose of the Air Force Academy was to turn out officer pilots.

The original plan for the cadet area consisted of five main buildings:

These two workers sit within the steel structure of the Cadet Chapel. The design was named best use of material. Photo supplied by Academy archives.

Vandenberg Hall (the cadet dormitory named after Gen Hoyt S. Vandenberg, the second Air Force Chief of Staff), Harmon Hall (the administration building named after the first Superintendent Lt Gen Hubert R. Harmon), the Cadet Chapel, Arnold Hall (the cadet social center named after Gen Henry "Hap" Arnold, the first General of the Air Force), and Fairchild Hall (the academic nerve center named after Gen Muir S. Fairchild, the first commander of the Air University). Room was left for the cadet area to expand due to changing times and needs.

The first class of 306 men were admitted for basic cadet training on 11 July 1955. This first class produced four officers that distinguished themselves in the service to their country. Their actions set a trend and stan-

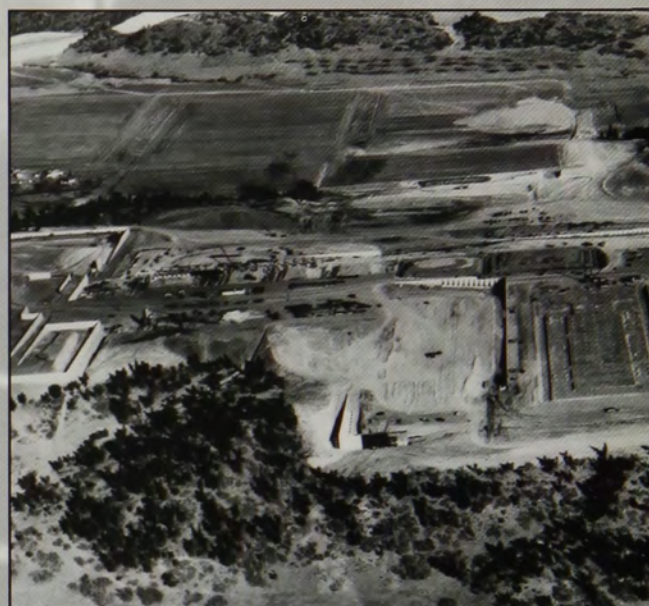
dard for future graduates. Hansford T. Johnson was the first graduate to obtain the rank of four-star general. Lt Gen Bradley C. Hosmer was the number one graduating cadet in Order of Merit and later returned to the Academy as Superintendent, the first graduate to do so. Col Karol J. Bobko was the first graduate to enter the space program. He was awarded the Jabara award for superior performance in aerospace vehicles. Lt Gen Robert D. Beckel is the only person to hold the position of Cadet Wing Commander twice. He became the first graduate to return as the Commandant of Cadets.

The strength of the Cadet Wing is now capped at 4,417 cadets and now includes women, who were first admitted into the service academies in 1976.

Background: An aerial view of the nearly completed cadet area.



A bird's eye view of the construction site. Construction was approved on 1 April 1954. Photo supplied by the Academy archives.



The Cadet Chapel is viewable from a finished Honor Court. The Honor Court is so named because the main wall facing the cadet area features the words of the cadet honor code. Photo supplied by the Academy archives.

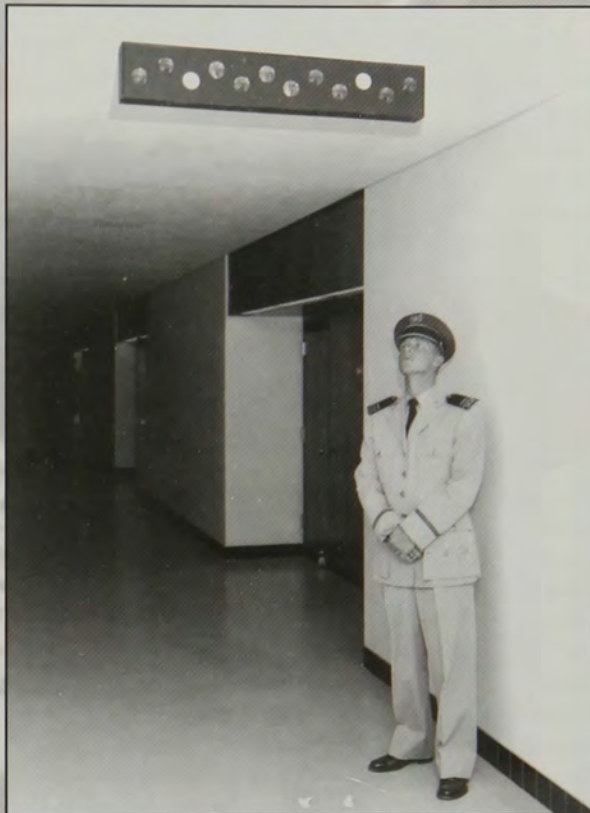
The "Bring Me Men Ramp," the first clear memory most graduates have of the Academy, stands uncompleted. The ramp was named after a poem by Samuel Walter Foss which epitomized the kind of people the Academy desired. Photo supplied by the Academy archives.





A Look At The Past

These two cadets study in their room in the tower of Vandenberg Hall. The dormitory was named after Hoyt S. Vandenberg, the second Air Force Chief of Staff. Photo supplied by Academy archives.



This cadet inspects the hallways of the newly constructed dormitory. Vandenberg Hall was the first dorm built while Sijan Hall was not commissioned until the 70's. Photo supplied by the Academy archives.

These cadets await dismissal after their march from Lowry AFB. Lowry AFB played host to the Cadet Wing during the construction of the Academy. Photo supplied by the Academy archives.



Recognition

It's The End Of The World As We Know It.....

Whistles pierced the air as crowds of anxious fourthclass cadets herded out of Fairchild Hall. This was the beginning of an end to a long arduous year; Recognition had begun. For the next three days, the class of 2001 would be tested physically, mentally, and emotionally.

"FIRED UP!" described the predominant attitude displayed throughout the weekend. The day recognition started every fourthclass cadet "took the hill" during noon meal formation.

"I was not stupid. I did not want to leave the safety of the hill because I knew what lie ahead," commented C4C Erik Holzherr.

The battle had begun, the fourthclass cadets would need to rise above the rest of the Wing to prove that they were no longer "smacks".

As they chanted on top

**"MOVE
OUT!"**

of spirit hill it became obvious that they were ready for whatever was coming. No upperclassman could break the determination the fourthclass cadets felt and showed as they took on the obstacle course, the bayonet course, and every other activity thrown at them.

For those fourthclass cadets that had survived thus far, this was the most anticipated weekend of the year.

Many fourthclass cadets shared the same feeling as Melanie Borchers of CS-31, "It seemed like it took forever to get to, then it started before you were ready and in no time it was over."

"O is for overweight cadre!" and "The bayonet course tossed my salad!" were just a few insults the fourthclass cadets yelled as they fired themselves up to regulate on the courses. Some fourthclass cadets were required to display signs insulting particular cadre on the courses.



*Recognition '98 had finally begun, but how far would 2001's spirit take them?
Photo by B. Brandow.*

*C4C Ireland stares blankly as C2C Kelly Landstrom reacquaints him with the finer points of table decorum.
Photo by B. Brandow.*



Recognition



C3C Erik Martin, O-Course cadre member, gives this four degree some extra attention. Cadre members often paid their respects to those that had trouble with the course, and even those who did not. Photo by B.J. Lingle.



This four degree prepares to KILL...the hay bale that waits for him. Photo by B. Brandow.



"I miss my mother!" These four degrees sit in the "mother" before moving on to another obstacle. Recognition is an awesome test of endurance, a fact that over one-tenth of 2001 realized as they were getting medical attention. Photo by B. Brandow.

The traditional "Run-to-the-Rock" had finally come. These four degrees wished they picked a smaller rock. Photo by M. Taylor.



This basic takes a stab at the Bayonet Course. The course was new to recognition this year. Photo by B.J. Lingle.



Recognition

...But I Feel Fine

On the bayonet course, it wasn't uncommon to see fourthclass cadets like Rob Edison and Michael Provins of CS-23 running satellites around cadre and yelling "BEEP, BEEP I am Sputnik!" and "Houston we have a problem."

Cadet First Class Scott Tomlinson, cadet wing commander, acting as the devil quoting Shakespeare, treated the fourthclass cadets to almost inspiring encouragement. As he walked onto the red-lit, smoke-filled stage, 01's class song "One", by Metallica, played in the background.

"Round around about; All evil may come in all good keep out; By the pricking of my thumbs; Something wicked this way comes." C1C Tomlinson used those words from Shakespeare's play, MacBeth, to explain recognition to the four degrees.

Many of the upperclassmen were just as fired up as the fourthclass cadets. Some would say maybe a little "too fired up," since 179 fourthclass cadets were sent to the hospital almost resulting in an early end to recognition.

As Daimon Geopfert of CS-34 put it, "I'm glad they told me that this was going to be the best experience of my life. Otherwise I might not have noticed."

Despite the hindering efforts of C1C Scholtz, cadet in charge who later earned the title of "Decimator", the class of 2001 pulled through and succeeded in completing another recognition for the USAFA history books.

The battle had ended, the class of 2001 had earned more than their prop and wings. They proved their rite of passage into the Wing and gained new found respect.

"Life's an Ocean, too much commotion, too much emotion, draggin me down. You can imagine the future, we woke up with a scream, we were buying some feelings, from a vending machine. There's somethin' inside of me, cryin' out for somethin' else, and if someone hears this scream, put it in a letter to me."

- Richard Ashcroft

by Janene Drummer

An ambulance crew comes to the aid of a four degree. This sight was not an unusual one during the three days of recognition. Over 100 four degrees received medical care during recognition. Photo by B. Brandow.

Fourthclassmen in CS-04 were pulling chins as their air officer commanding, Capt James Jeffcoat, gave them a pep talk. Photo by L. Lemelson.



ACADEMICS

Section Editor: Gayle Apolonio

Education is thought of as an institution where individuals take in information and hopefully apply it to a profession.

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graduates may not have an occupation that relates directly to their degree.

Despite a potential lack of direct application, cadets spend a great deal of time working to accomplish core requirements and focus on a specific course of study. If cadets tend to concern themselves with grades and tests, what is their motivation?

Many have been striving for

and it has simply become a habit.

For some, the Academy presents academic challenges greater than any they may have seen. Cadets rise to the challenge and develop a determination to succeed. It is this success that creates a sense of PRIDE and accomplishment through learning and having the fundamental knowledge to be a continuing success, regardless of career path.



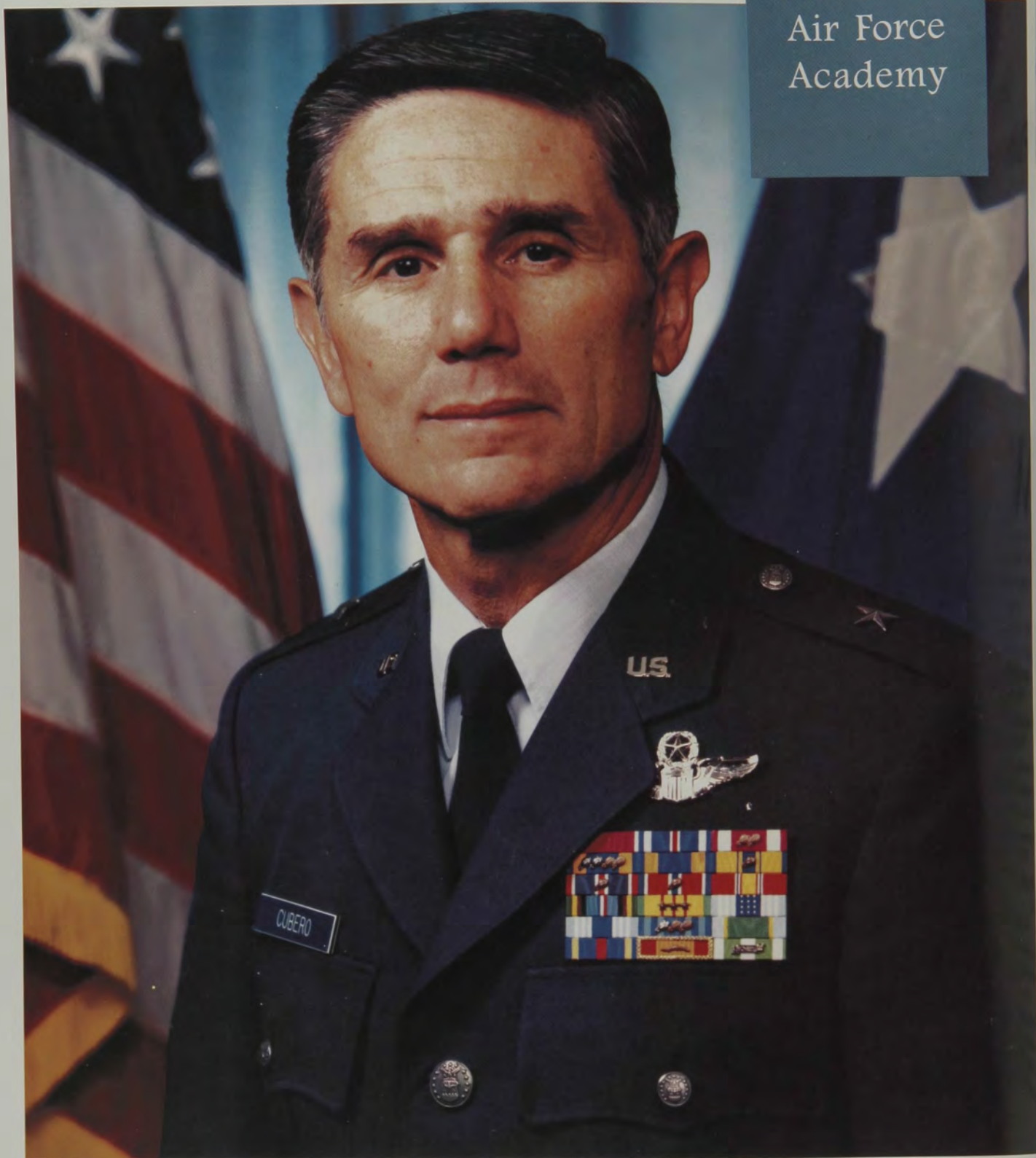
CIC Brian Bellamy works at the drill press as he makes modifications to his Engineering 410 project. Engineering 410 is a required class for all firstclass cadets that provides instruction on the system engineering process. Photo by B. Brandow.



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Moving On



General Ruben Cubero Retires After 32 Years Of Service

By Celeste Rodriguez

After 32 years of service at the Air Force Academy, General Ruben Cubero has decided to retire. General Cubero entered the Air Force in 1957 and is the second Academy graduate to be named Dean of Faculty. He flew the OV-10 during the Vietnam War as a forward controller.

General Cubero was respected and well liked by the cadets. In addition, those who had the unique opportunity to work with General Cubero are sad about his departure but wish him well in the future.

"He is a motivator in all he does and leads others by example. He will be missed by many here at the Academy," commented Bill Scharton, Chief Cadet Wing Media.

Thank you to General Cubero and his family for all his dedicated years of service to the U.S. Air Force.

When Basic Cadet Ruben A. Cubero marched into his first day of Basic Cadet Training in the summer of 1959, he probably never imagined that he would finish his career in the same place where it started. However, as he finishes his eighth year as USAFA's Dean of Faculty, Brigadier General Cubero is retiring from the Air Force after devoting 32 years of service.

Entering his position as Dean in 1991, General Cubero set out to serve both the cadet student body as well as the academic faculty. Therefore, focusing on the curriculum in order to make improvements while giving the faculty direction in terms of where Cubero wanted to advance the academic program became his primary priorities.

"We worked to offer the cadets the very best education in all areas. I'm satisfied that I've done all that I could," Cubero said.

Throughout his eight years as the head of the faculty, Cubero worked to promote a number of basic principles which he believed to have crucial roles in every cadet's future. These guidelines included stressing the ability to think critically and teaching both the importance of technology as well as the role of international affairs. However, one of his greatest aims was to promote the presence of character development across the curriculum.

"We try to effectively embed in core courses that good character is truly the essence of officership. Character development is like a 3-bladed propeller. It is a hub of the future," Cubero said.

"When cadets exhibit enthusiasm for my beloved Air Force, that makes me truly happy. I've loved the Air Force since day one and if I could give another 32 years, I'd sign on the dotted line right now," Cubero said.

As General Cubero leaves USAFA and finishes his Air Force career, his commitment to teaching is far from over. Cubero plans to live in Colorado Springs with his family and hopes to pursue a future position in education.

"Good character is truly the essence of officership."

Department of Law



Front (L to R): Col Emerson, Maj Verchio, Dr. Nordquist, LtCol Schmidt 2nd Row: Mr. Eggers, Maj Perry, Mr. Fitzkee, Capt Cole, Maj Fleming, Maj Stewart, Maj Desmond 3rd Row: Maj DiCenso, Maj Duffin, Maj Netsch, Maj Tolan, Jr., LtCol Wolusky, 2nd Lt Lester Gregory

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Losing valuable sleep is one of the drawbacks of early morning common GR periods. This cadet makes his way to Fairchild in the early morning snow. Photo by B. Brandow.



CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE

of calls
could be a
bad and
good thing

By Marcie Cartier

One of the most significant USAFA specialties, setting cadets apart from those civilian college students, is the presence of military activity as a way of life. This added challenge is constant in daily life from In-Processing to Graduation Day. Whether it is a mandatory SAR session with the four degrees, a mandatory briefing that cuts into ACQ, or a mandatory Honor lesson (notice a common theme?) all of

it takes precious time away from studying.

This year, both military and academic aspects were presented with an additional challenge - the change in the schedule of calls. Although the Class of 2001 did not live through the old schedule, and unable to appreciate the absence of an hour of training in the morning, they still did not enjoy the 0625 Common GR period. Even instructors found it difficult to adjust to the new schedule.

"When it started, it was kind of a drag getting up a half hour earlier, but once you got used to it, it wasn't so bad," says Capt Bob Clasen of the Math Dept.

Dr. Patrick Zuraski in the Civil Engineering Dept disliked the time change as well. "I think it lead to more difficulties with GR's. People seemed less energized when they walked into the room in the morning."

Not many instructors, however, saw a noticable drop in GR scores.

"Either they know the material or they don't. It shouldn't matter when they take [the test]," Zuraski added.

Cadets who excel in balancing their military and academic duties are the envy of much of the Wing. C4C Sharon Fitzgerald adapted well to the addition of military requirements to her academic schedule and was able to earn the Dean's and the Commandant's pin.

"Time management is everything here. I didn't start out saying 'I want the Dean's/Comm's pin.' I just did my best," says C4C Fitzgerald.

An answer to the dilemma of balancing academics and military duty will not come with ease, rather most feel they have been left to figure it out on their own. Cadets like C2C Stephanie Ballard agree that something needs to change, but like the rest of us, aren't quite sure what to do.

"They need to fix some stuff, but this [changing the schedule of calls] is not the way to do it," commented C2C Ballard.

Late nights is a fact of life for many cadets even though it's against regulations to stay up past 2300. C3C William Hester is well stocked with caffeine to keep him awake for those last few hours. Photo by B. Brandow.

Singled Out

C3C Lamont Marrow finds that the change in the schedule of calls has some good points as well as some bad points.



"When there are no intramurals or marching, there is a lot of time between 1530 and 2300. But that's only when there are no briefings scheduled during ACQ," he said. "The new schedule of calls also helps militarily and physically because there is more time than last year to work out and get military things done, but still leave enough time to get a good amount of sleep, if you haven't put off your homework."

C3C Morrow said, "The change has given me more sleep, and it seems to have helped my studying habits because I have more time to do homework." The only suggestion C3C Morrow had for this change in the schedule of calls was, "to eliminate the briefings that ran into ACQ time, especially when no one has M-5 the day of or prior to the briefing."

Showing up late to class is a sure way to march tours on the weekend. C2C Jason Ohrenberger sprints to class, with books in hand, to make it before the bell. Photo by B. Brandow.



CADET COACHES TEACH

He endured weeks of grueling training and overcame slues of fierce competition in order to earn the privilege of standing at the top of the Olympic grandstand. However, you won't ever see this humble Olympian on the front of a Wheaties box. Coached by C2C Jason Oatley and William "Leigh" Ottati, "Dr. Evil" was this year's Grand Rat Olympics Champion.

"We spent a lot of time with Dr. Evil and it payed off," Oatley said.

The Olympic festivities are the culmination of a course officially listed as Behavioral Science 335, but more commonly nicknamed the "rat class". The class begins by teaching junior Behavioral Sciences majors the basics on learning principles from such theorists as Tohlman and Skinner. Cadets are then challenged to apply all that they learn from the course texts on an actual "pupil". Teaching their student rats to steer through mazes equipped with towering slides, treacherous bridges, and daring jumps, the cadet coaches all

vie to raise the sharpest rat in the course-wide competition. The rat who successfully earns the most points from course difficulty and race time wins the title of Grand Rat Olympics Champion.

Needless to say, after spending a long semester working in preparation for the Olympics, many cadets become very attached to their fuzzy pupils.

"Dr. Evil sort of became like a son to Leigh and I. We hated the fact that he spent 22 hours a day in a cage, so we tried to get in a lot and work with him. The more time you spend with your rat, the better they will perform," Oatley said.

Spending approximately 50-60 hours working with Dr. Evil, Oatley and Ottati trained their pupil to navigate through a maze lined with a series of obstacles designed not only to test Dr. Evil physically, but also mentally. Dr. Evil's course was rated as one of the most challenging mazes because it required its subject to discriminate between pathways based on the presence of a ball. However, after a long semester in training, Dr. Evil success-

rats to win the Rat Olympics in Behavioral Sciences

By Celeste Rodriguez

fully completed the course with a speedy finish time in order to grasp the coveted Grand Rat Olympics title. "Dr. Evil is now the 'top dog' in the rat lab," Oatley said.

Besides the typical fame and fortune that comes with this victory, perhaps the greatest benefit is Dr. Evil's new status as a demonstration rat for visitors in the Behavioral Sciences department. A majority of the not so successful Olympians are reassigned to the Biology department for snake food duty.



C2C Jason Oatley worked hard with his rat, Dr. Evil. Jumps were set to where he knew Dr. Evil had the capabilities to do them.

"We aimed high, but we didn't overshoot," C2C Oatley said.

Though C2C Oatley was the one teaching his pupil, he also learned a few things from Dr. Evil.

"When you're hungry, you'll do just about anything for food, he said. It was great to see your rat do what you trained them to do," said C2C Oatley.

C2C Oatley and Dr. Evil learned that if they worked together they can both get what they want.

Singled Out

Scurrying across the tightrope, Hoser jumps to safety with coach C2C Joann McCarthy watching from behind. Rat Olympic obstacles are designed to test the rat's abilities. Photo by B. Brandon.





C2C William Ottati is in suspense as his rat, Dr. Evil ponders whether to advance to the next obstacle. Dr. Evil went on to become the Grand Rat Champion. Photo by B. Brandow.

C2C Keri Hamilton and her rat, Algeron, race against time to win the gold in the Rat Olympics. The top three finishers in the annual games are fortunate enough to be exempt from any visits to the Biology 215 labs. Photo by C. Bienenfeld.



Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership



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IT IS A DIRTY JOB, BUT

In the deep, dark valley, between the Assault Course and CATM, rests the Field Engineering and Readiness Laboratory (FERL) site. During first period, budding Air Force civil engineering juniors drop their pencils and engineering paper and pick up hammers, trowels, and other tools of the trade. Air Force enlisted civil engineers serve as mentors in their specialty. Cadets gained hands-on knowledge in fields ranging from plumbing and electricity to asphalt and heavy equipment.

"The mentors were awesome. They provided hands-on, practical experience," commented C2C McAllister.

The class of '99 topped off an ongoing beddown project by building a shower/shave unit and a kitchen. As a result of this construction, the class of 2000 CE majors will be able to live and work at the same site. CE department head, Col.

Swint, said that the beddown experience mirrors that of current and future Air Force operations. Students will live and work together in field conditions. Earlier classes had to commute to and from the work site and encampment in the BCT area. McAllister also said that living together increased teamwork and gave them the opportunity to meet new people in the major.

Besides beddown operations, the FERL program added a taste of joint operations by including ROTC and West Point cadets along with midshipmen from Annapolis.

The Readiness part of the FERL site will most likely affect more than just CE majors in the future. There are plans on the drawing board to include a taxiway and runway to give students practical experience in the topics covered in CE 310. This will be an opportunity to show all cadets the application side of what they see in class.

somebody's gotta do it:
CE students train in Jack's Valley

By Jennifer Phelps

From behind the wheel, C2C Tim Baumgartner and C2C Mark Stevens scope out the area for innocent victims in the path of their steamroller. Safety was stressed while students operated heavy machinery. Photo by B. Boyd.



After spending two weeks deployed to an operational base in PACAF, C2C

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Katherine Dehne was one of 1999's CE majors who learned more about her future Air Force career at Jack Valley.

"The major meant a lot more to me after the program. It raised the motivation of the cadets coming into the school year," C2C Dehne said.

Working under the supervision of enlisted personnel, the cadets had the opportunity to operate front end loaders and other heavy equipment.

C2C Dehne said, "That is why FERL is known to some people as 'Future Engineers Rolling Loaders' instead of 'Field Engineering Readiness Lab'."



C2C Ryan Orfe and classmate use a transit to survey their project's location. Jack's Valley proved to be an ideal location for the ongoing beddown project. Photo by B. Boyd.

C2C Kim Roman has no qualms about getting her hands and shirt dirty. FERL students learned the basics in construction such as spackling. Photo by B. Boyd.



Working under enlisted supervision, C2C Hinojosa lays cement for their project's foundation. By working with operational CE personnel, cadets received a taste of the role that civil engineering plays in the Air Force. Photo by B. Boyd.



Department of Computer Science



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ENGINEERING 410 AT CETF

It's hallways are dotted with heated tanks that house exotic snakes and stone-faced green lizards, and next to these you might walk by glass-enclosed cases occupied by stuffed wild birds. Its chemical laboratories are ready to go with beakers and heated Bunsen burners and its sterilized dissecting stations are equipped with shiny scalpels and trays. If you didn't know that CETF was an academic building, one might mistake its description to be referring to a regular mad scientist's workshop. However, while cadets are mixing chemicals and dissecting frogs on the second floor, there lies another level of this building that many cadets have never explored.

Originally located on the first floor of Fairchild Hall, machinery and equipment belonging to USAFA's Astronautical Engineering and Civil Engineering departments now occupy the bottom level of the CETF building in three separate laboratories, all for the cadets' use.

The most popular laboratory is by far the one devoted to Engineering 410, a core class that all cadets must complete before tossing their caps at graduation. The lab's

equipment inventory has nearly everything that an Engr 410 student might need, ranging from ordinary hammers and screw drivers to new sanders and lathes (used for shaving metal).

Because the laboratories contains hazardous equipment, maintaining safety is crucial to lab operation. MSgt David Hemlock is one of the Engineering 410 lab's main sergeants, who works in the lab to assist cadets and make sure the equipment is operated correctly. According to Hemlock, moving the lab in the new CETF building has drastically improved the lab's working conditions.

"It's 100% better than what we had. It's safer and makes it easier for cadets to work. If you can imagine 40-50 cadetsswinging 4x4s everywhere, you can imagine how dangerous it was," Hemlock said.

Although a majority of cadets use the CETF engineering labs for constructing Engineering 410 projects, a select population of CE and Astro majors devote endless hours in the two neighboring laboratories.

C1C George Noel, an Astro 495 student, spent 12-15 hours per week slaving away in the Small Satellites laboratory and was glad to have the laboratory's equipment available

Cadets
struggle to
remain
academically
competitive

By Celeste Rodriguez

for the class' on going satellite project.

"You really need this when working with sensitive electronics and satellite parts," C1C Noel said.

While USAFA's budding "mad scientists" work in the chemistry and biology laboratories on the second floor, a "dungeon" equipped with new engineering facilities lies only one floor below. After only two years since it was constructed, the CETF building offers cadets opportunities to use a first class facility.



Even the fuzziest of USAFA's majors cannot escape CETF's Engineering 410 laboratory.

However, many cadets agree that aiding worthy causes in the Colorado Springs area was rewarding. C1C Janelle Grover and her class were tasked with constructing a pine wood derby track for a Boy Scout troop in Colorado Springs.

"I thought building it was the most fun. It was kind of neat to see how you start with an idea and see it come out to be something that actually works," C1C Grover said.

After 5 months of hard work and only one casualty (a finger falling victim to the lab's belt sander), C1C Grover and her class successfully completed the track for the Boy Scout troop.

"It's nice to know that all your hard work is going to someone who will appreciate it," C1C Grover said.

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C1C Greg Young uses a clamp to hold the two pieces of wood together. Cadets learned how to use different types of tools to build their projects. Photo by B. Brandow.



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Protecting his ears, CIC Brian Baumann prepares to drill some holes into the wood. Cadets worked on heavy machinery during Engineering 410. Photo by B. Brandow.

These two cadets work together to put the wheels on their cart. The class was mandatory for cadets to take in order to graduate. Photo by B. Brandow.

SCHOOL CAN BE A BORE

Do you ever sit in core classes such as EE or Thermo and wonder what the point is? Two unsuspecting sections of Chem 381, Chemistry of the Environment, were brought face to face with the answer to that question.

It all started innocently enough with the standard ride to the field trip site aboard the USAFA bus. All were knocked out of a seemingly unconscious state when the bus pulled up outside of the ominous stacks of the Martin Drake Power Plant in downtown Colorado Springs. However, these chemistry students did not know that this trip would cover much more than chemistry or even pollution.

Before the trip began, hard hats, ear plugs, and goggles were issued to everyone. The tour guide took the cadets through a maze of

combustors, generators, and turbines. The worst nightmares of any red-blooded thermodynamics student were realized. There, in front of them, stood a turbine that did more than cause them grief on a GR. The cadets, from a variety of majors, stood in disbelief as they watched the process that powered their lives.

After the tour, the guide unraveled a flow chart and explained the entire power production process in painstaking detail. He made connections between processes that had been textbook mysteries for most cadets until then. They were finally learning something that was affecting their lives.

This power plant field trip linked many concepts from the core classes that cadets are subjected to. Cadets should be given the chance to visit such places. Both fuzzy and techy majors could see how the courses play a role in everyday life.

but trips can make it fun, especially at a power plant!

By Jennifer Phelps

"We Power The Springs." Cadets get a tour of the coal power plant located in Colorado Springs. Photo by G. Apolonio



The processes needed to power an entire city is an entity that many people take for

granted when they flip on a light switch or turn on the TV. After touring Colorado Springs' Martin Drake Power Plant with his Chem 381 class, C1C Paul Brister understood what is actually entailed in supplying energy.

"I learned that a lot of these guys working at the plant are underappreciated. They were working pretty hard," C1C Brister said.

The field trip not only served as a valuable opportunity for the cadets to see many of the course's concepts in action, but was also a refreshing break from the classroom.

"I was able to miss Astro and English, so the trip was not at all a waste of time," C1C Brister said.

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C3C Kristen Bakotic looks intently at a boiler in the power plant. Cadets were able to see how a real power plant worked. Photo by G. Apolonio



C1C Chet Bryant is looking at and glasses. Cadets wear protective wear while in the plant. Photo by G. Apolonio



CIC Chet Bryant is looking great in his hard hat and glasses. Cadets wore ear plugs and protective wear while they toured the power plant. Photo by G. Apolonio

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C2C Dan Jordan gets ready for a short orientation flight with the Chilean Air Force. His T-35 flight was one of the many highlights of his spring break international exchange trip. Photo contributed.

Taking advantage of their free time, these cadets pose in front of a German castle. Cadets soaked up the local culture every chance they could get. Photo contributed.



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These cadets enjoy their time at the local watering holes as they listen to a Mariachi singer. Sampling the native cuisine was one of the best parts of their trip. Photo contributed.

SPRING BREAK A FAR

One account of a cadet's trip to Germany

By Sara Freeman

On 21 March 1998, Capt. Paul G. Gillespie (DFH), Escort Officer, C1C Conner Wyatt, C2C Sara Freeman, C2C Ryan Petersen, C3C Russ Magaziner departed from USAFA for the annual cadet exchange at the German Air Force Academy, Offizierschule der Luftwaffe (OSLw), in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany. The USAFA delegation left Colorado Springs for a nine-day visit to the OSLw.

While in Germany, the delegation visited many sights in the area of Bavaria along with becoming oriented with the German Air Force. The trip

provided an excellent source for learning and becoming acquainted with the differences between the United States military systems and the German Air Force. It was an outstanding and very memorable introduction to German and Bavarian culture.

Upon arrival at the Munich airport, four German cadets, a German officer, and the exchange officer from the United States Air Force greeted the delegation. The delegation organized days filled with educational experiences, sightseeing, and tours, as well as exciting nights in Munich discos and local restaurants.

First, the delegation toured the 34th Fighter-Bomber Wing in Memmingen in which they were introduced to the German fighter aircraft, the Tornado. Next, they visited the OSLw survival training at Schongau and Sauwaldhof where they had the opportunity to repel from a 30-ft training dam and 75-ft vertical cliff. Then, they toured and visited the Wieskirche and Neuschwanstein castle. The delegation also saw a MiG-29 Tornado, C-160 AWACS, and A-10 aircraft, and had their picture taken next to the new Eurofighter 2000 prototype at the Daimler-Benz

Aerospace Plant (DASA) in Manching. The Eurofighter 2000 is the new plane for Germany and three other nations which will be introduced in the year 2000 and will replace the Tornado.

The cadets visited the Audi production facility in Ingolstadt and had dinner with a local German family. The highlight of the trip was a scenic flight to Kaufbeuren via the Alps and Neuschwanstein. The flight was absolutely gorgeous! The cadets flew in three flying club aircraft, including a large single-engine Luftwaffe observation plane with large windows offering spectacular views. The cadets had an opportunity to be a pilot on an airplane, and two received their very first flying lesson in German! The delegation also spent a day sightseeing and shopping in Munich with lunch at the Hofbrauhaus.

Everyone from the American delegation agreed it was a wonderful opportunity and experience to have been chosen for the exchange program. The trip was excellent and allowed the cadets from both the United States and Germany to forge relationships and gain a better mutual understanding of life in our respective countries and Air Forces.

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Tom Mahoney visited Uzbekistan for his spring break.

He said, "The culture was amazing and the



food was great. We had to learn the proper courtesies for meals to make sure we didn't offend our hosts. For example they have large round loaves of bread that they break with their hands and pass to people at the table. The center of the bread goes to oldest person at the table and only men are allowed to break the bread."

C2C Mahoney also explained, "The trip helped put everything in perspective. I realized how well we live here in the US. I think the Uzbeks are very satisfied with how they live, but they are still trying to figure out how to make their government work independent of the Soviet Union."

C1C David Thirtle strikes a pose with a statue of a former Bulgarian pilot. Cadets saw many aspects of the other country's military. Photo contributed by Jen Shelby.

C2C Sean Baerman carefully prepares a rat for surgery with iodine. Protecting the specimens from infection was crucial for making sure the rats endured the entire experiment. Photo by B. Brandow.

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C1C Joy Boston and C1C Brad Stebbins inject their rat with sedative before operating. After undergoing the experiment's first part, the rats had somewhat of a rude awakening in the recovery cages. Photo by B. Brandow.





RATS

while cadets win in Human Physiology

By Celeste Rodriguez

You have to be pretty macho to be a specimen for the Biology 447 Human Physiology class. Unfortunately, the notes used for lab #10: Rat Reproductive System, left the laboratory with a little less of their manhood than they had.

As an upper level majors course in the Biology Department, the Hu-

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man Physiology class used a variety of laboratory experiments to study the details of the body's most complex systems. The goal of lab #10 was to observe the effects of sexual hormones on the reproductive systems of rats that were deprived of their primary sexual organs. As such, the experiment offered a unique opportunity for cadets to perform surgery. The lab rats were sedated, castrated by removing the testicles, sutured, and later injected with testosterone. After approximately two weeks of observation and hormone injections, the rats were dissected in order to extract the seminal vesicles, the source of sperm production, and observe the effects of the hormones.

Although the description of the experiment makes most people cringe, C1C McCurdy Jones found lab #10 to be one of the most involved and interesting experiments of the entire semester.

"It was the first time I ever did surgery. The whole time I was just thinking 'better him than me,'" McCurdy said.

Despite a few mishaps with the amount of sedative injected in a handful of the lab rats, the experiment results matched those of the textbooks. Cadets found that the castrated rats who did not receive hormone injections had seminal vesicles that were only 1/2 the size of those who were injected with testosterone.

Dr. Michael Wilcox, a Biology 447 instructor, was pleased with the results of the experiment.

"We really try to do a lab that involves a surgery so cadets can get a chance to work on an animal and hopefully see it survive. This lab shows you the power of using hormones, especially in the case of anabolic steroids," Wilcox said.

When an experiment such as lab #10 is proven successful in Biology 447 and other majors courses, it makes Dr. Wilcox hope that more opportunities for cadets to perform surgeries in a research environment through the Biology Department's 499 courses are offered.



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"The rat lab was interesting, but difficult," said C2C Shawna Wartner.



She explains, "I learned a lot regarding the hormone changes of a castrated rat, but the follow-up experiment on the rats wasn't enjoyable when they died." On a lighter note, it was interesting to watch how the rats behaved after the operation.

C2C Wartner said, "When they awoke, they continued to scratch, sniff, and behave like most of the males do, only until they realized through each other that there was nothing to scratch or sniff. Some males urged the others to behave like nothing was wrong. I guess it was just entertaining to watch!"

Rat "patients" rest in the lab recovery cages. After the preliminary operation, the rats spent a week under observation while receiving hormone injections. Photo by B. Brandow.

Capt Dan Atchley demonstrates the procedures needed to suture the rats after students extracted the rats' testicles. Photo by B. Brandow.

C2C Curt Hayes carefully holds the funnel which is directing the liquid nitrogen into its container. Cadets had to wear the proper gear such as gloves and protective eyewear when coming into contact with certain materials. Photo by B. Brandow.

Department of Chemistry



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Taking it step by step, C2C D'Anne Emmett carefully holds the beaker while using the Roto Evaporator. Cadets had the opportunity to use special equipment in their chemistry labs. Photo by B. Brandow.

Transferring the liquid nitrogen from one beaker to the next, C2C Jake Kunkle and C2C Curt Hayes learned many things during their semester of Physical Chemistry. Photo by B. Brandow.





FUN IN CHEMISTRY

And important for Chemistry Majors

By Eric Holzherr
Contributor Dory Apgar

Oh how Chemistry labs were dreaded this year. It was just another integral part of a long year of fourthclass hazing. Each lab required tedious readings and examination of "Chemtrails" the night before. Even before entering the lab, a pre lab was due on the instructor's desk. Soon

after, the class wandered down the hall to the laboratories. They threw on stylish yet comfortable labcoats as well as gigantic plastic safety goggles that would conveniently fog up every few minutes. Each station consisted of two partners and a prehistoric computer.

Chemistry labs, on the bright side, taught students a lot and gave them hands-on experience. One great aspect was that each lab was unique.

"I liked the lab on photography. It was interesting to find out the chemical process used in making pictures" said C4C Eric Holzherr.

The cadets were unleashed on the academy grounds and allowed to use their creative side in finding suitable subjects. Their camera was a small cardboard box carefully sealed with the exception of a pinhole covered by a single piece of tape.

For some cadets, chemistry is a haze that ends happily when they trash their "Chemtrails" and try to forget the whole experience. Some, however, decide to continue with chemistry by choosing one of the three tracks in the

chemistry major: chemistry, biochemistry or material science. From making pepper spray in Organic Chemistry to the "tedious but not difficult" Physical Chemistry, chem majors learned a lot and even had some fun.

In addition, the Chemistry Club allowed cadets to see some practical applications of chemistry. Instructors from the chemistry department gave lectures on various topics, from famous chemists to nuclear accidents. Toward the end of the year, the club took a tour of the Bristol Brewing Company where they learned all about hops, fermentation and the chemistry of beer. These meetings and trips offered an opportunity to learn more about chemistry in general, as well as the chance to see the real-life, everyday applications of chemistry.



Titrating the liquid, C2C Matt Wolfe watched the reaction take place. Paying close attention to detail was key in helping cadets determine the proper results. Photo by B. Brandow.

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Lalimarmo, a
biochemistry
major, said that
although every
experiment in
the organic
chemistry lab



was an adventure, perhaps the most memorable one involved an accidental mix-up resulting in the creation of a potent batch of pepper spray.

"They didn't even know they made it until the guy's eyes started watering," C2C Lalimarmo said.

While no one was hurt in this mishap, chemistry students are always ready for lessons such as this when entering the laboratory.

"You're putting into practice what you think will work, but theory and your actual results are two different things," C2C Lalimarmo said.

SOME LECTURES

Ah, it's a typical M-Day morning in Fairchild Hall. Although there are only two minutes before your 3rd period History class, you casually make a pit stop by the water fountain, say "Hello" to a friend, and browse over the advertisements for international flags and European Bicycle Tours. As you turn the final corner into the alcove where your classroom is located, the darkened room is the first signal that something is not right. The answer to this dark puzzle is written on the blackboard: "Lectinar today in L-6." Oops! With only 25 seconds left on the clock, your casual stroll to class has transformed into a mad dash to avoid the embarrassment and glares faced when walking into a lectinar tardy.

The race begins. You whirl around and run down the hallway weaving in and out of the last few stragglers and crash through the door that leads to the stairwell. However, stairs are extremely unneeded in this race as you only hit a total of four steps on your way down from the fifth floor. After you pummel a group of Captains waiting for the 1st floor elevator, you finally reach the lectinar with 2 seconds to spare. Whew!

While most cadets have found

themselves running this same race more than once or twice throughout their cadet career, many are unaware that the presentations featured at these lectinars are far from anything last minute.

Captain John Abbatiello, the course director of History 202, said that an average of 40-50 hours went into preparing each of the course's nine lectinars, but was certainly time well spent.

"It's a good opportunity for our instructors who have a particular expertise to give cadets insight into a specific area," Abbatiello said.

One of the most remembered lectinars was part of the history department's Distinguished Professional-In-Residence program which places general officers behind the speaking lectern. This semester's guest was retired General John T. Chain, the former CINCSAC whose time in command was marked by the presence of the nuclear triad. C3C Jaime Webb remembered Gen Chain's lecture and advice as inspirational.

"His whole purpose was to keep us motivated about the military and he did a good job," C3C Webb said.

So before you start to fight the classic droopy eyes and head bob syndrome that often plagues cadets in

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their
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By Celeste Rodriguez

lectinars, remember that these presentations are designed to shed light not only on historical topics, but also issues that cadets will face in the Air Force. According to Captain Basil Georgiadis, the course director of History 101, this semester's lectinars were one of the course's highlights.

"The instructors put a lot of time and preparation into lectinars. I think they're one of the best things we do in this department," Capt Georgiadis said.



For C4C Josh Foxell the most memorable lecture he attended was the POW lecture at A-Hall.

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"I enjoyed the stories they told about how the Academy helped them when they were POWs," he said.

The lecture was about two hours long and the cadets were allowed to ask questions in the end.

C4C Foxwell said, "A-Hall was a good location for this. It was a lot more comfortable than going to H-1 or F-1."

This lecture was liked by C4C Foxwell because, not only did he hear some great stories, but in the film they showed, he saw himself in a scene from 2001's Basic Cadet Training.

The fourthclass cadets listen attentively to their instructor. Lectures are an important way to teach cadets at the Academy. Photo by E. Bixby.





The Civil War lecture is one of the cadets' favorites. History instructors did many things to keep the cadets' attention such as dressing up and bringing historical objects to the class. Photo by B. Brandow.

Department of History



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Learning and eating at the same time, these cadets listen to the political science briefing. If lectures could not be taught in class, instructors scheduled them in the evening when cadets could bring their dinner. Photo by Y. Carrico.



C3C Craig Sorensen looks through a microscope to get a better view of the sample. Cadets used slides to help them recognize certain objects for their lab practicals. Photo by B. Brandow.

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Preparing for her next lab practical, C3C Tianiano looks at a stuffed turtle and a cased shark. Since cadets could only dissect an animal once, they often studied the stuffed and cased animals. Photo by B. Brandow.

A TRIP TO THE ZOO

cadets
explore the
realms of
the animal
kingdom

By Gayle Apolonio

Another "fun" class offered to cadets from the Biology department is Zoology, the branch of Biology that deals with the animal kingdom. In the class, cadets learned about the anatomy, embryology, taxonomy and reproduction of different organisms. They also learned about how animals evolved and their heredity.

The class is two periods long. The first hour is a lecture on topics such as how to identify specific organs and understanding how the body works and develops. After a 5-10 minute break, the rest of class is spent exploring the first hour topics more in-depth.

Many hands-on activities are incorporated into the course. Cadets looked underneath microscopes identifying certain microorganisms. They also had a chance to dissect animals such as frogs, turtles, chickens, and fetal pigs.

C2C Tom Mahoney said, "The class was a lot of fun and interesting. When we were dissecting frogs, the heart was still beating!"

During the frog dissection, cadets had to keep their frog's heart beating for the experiment. They had to cut off the top of the frog's head and use a needle to "scramble" their brains so that they wouldn't feel what was happening to them. Once the heart was exposed, they placed different chemicals, like nicotine, on the heart. Some people think that smoking has a

calming effect when, in reality, it makes the heart race.

C2C Mahoney explained, "We didn't hold our frog very well and it jumped off the table with its head cut off and we had to try and catch it."

The labs were a good time for the cadets, however, some preferred not cutting up the animals. Others couldn't wait to take scalpel in hand and get to work.

C2C Mahoney said, "My partner was so gung ho about it and she would always say that she wanted to cut it up."

Besides dissecting animals, cadets had to memorize many biological names of animals to include the genus and species. That was probably the toughest part about the class according to C2C Mahoney.

As a wrap-up for the course, cadets had the option to go on a zoo field trip. They got to see larger animals such as monkeys and lions. The trip helped bring everything into the big picture perspective of Zoology. Plus, the trip gave cadets a nice break from the Academy.

Singled Out

Forty-two lessons of blood, guts, and bugs, and if it could be mutilated they dissected it, everything from honeybees and



earthworms to frogs, chickens, and the mighty shark. What do starfish eat? How do spiders breathe? These are some of the questions C2C Allyne Castillo and her classmates attempted to answer throughout the semester.

"We learned everything you could possibly want to know about animals, and even some things you didn't want to know," said C2C Castillo.

Classes were often two periods long, but Maj Putnam did everything from dance around class with antlers on his head to keep us awake. And then of course there were all the vocabulary words and the impossible lab practicals — but nothing can beat the sweet smell of formaldehyde and those cool latex gloves!

"Overall, I enjoyed the course, I learned a lot and had some fun in the process," said C2C Castillo.

Dissecting the shark, C3C Carlos Mararac finds the kidney and stomach. Cadets learned how to identify different parts of the dissected animals. Photo by B. Brandow.



IT'S HARD TO STAY AWAKE

It's fifth hour, you've just had lunch, you're listening to yet another lecture in another core class, when suddenly, that all-to-familiar feeling begins to come over you. First, you feel a little down...just a hint of fatigue. You shift around in your seat and concentrate on the speaker. Soon the eyes start to go...you blink over and over, struggling to keep your eyelids up. Before you know it, you have the "head-bob" syndrome and you snap back up every time your chin hits your chest. Each time you snap up you are momentarily alert. Not too much longer and you just can't help it anymore...your head drops slowly down, the pen falls out of your hand...and you're out.

Sleeping in class is practically a USAFA tradition. Cadets are naturally tired. No matter how much sleep they get, cadets almost invariably fall asleep in class. It is not infrequent to walk into a USAFA classroom and see more than half the class standing. If the class is watch-

ing a movie—forget it, you're done. If you're lucky, a considerate classmate will kick you to keep you awake. If you're even luckier, your teacher just won't care. In most cases though, the teacher will snap you back to reality by firmly saying your name and then ask you to stand up. Cadets try everything to stay awake—standing, tap dancing, pacing, gum, candy, water, caffeine, and even self-torture. Some of the techniques work, but most of them are futile. Sleep almost always wins out.

Infamous for "encouraging" sleep are the history lecturers. They are frequent and just can't seem to keep cadets awake. The history department has taken to having a minimum of two teachers in every lecturer—the one talking, and the one walking around to make sure people stay awake. Other times, they will have some artifact relating to the lecturer that they can throw at sleepy cadets. Often they will use some embarrassing piece of headgear for cadets who can't stay awake.

when
instructors
start to
lecture in
class

By Jen DiCarlo

Yes, sleeping in class is a tradition at USAFA. Many people consider it a cover-up by DF to prove that cadets learn more in their sleep. One thing is for sure, cadets get plenty of sleep, even if it's not their own beds.



Sleeping is a good thing... unless you're doing it in class. C4C Angelinda Fedden found it hard to stay awake for her

morning classes of Physics and Comp Sci.

"I'm not a very good morning person," she said. "When I start drifting off to sleep, I have to concentrate harder and focus more on what's going on to stay awake."

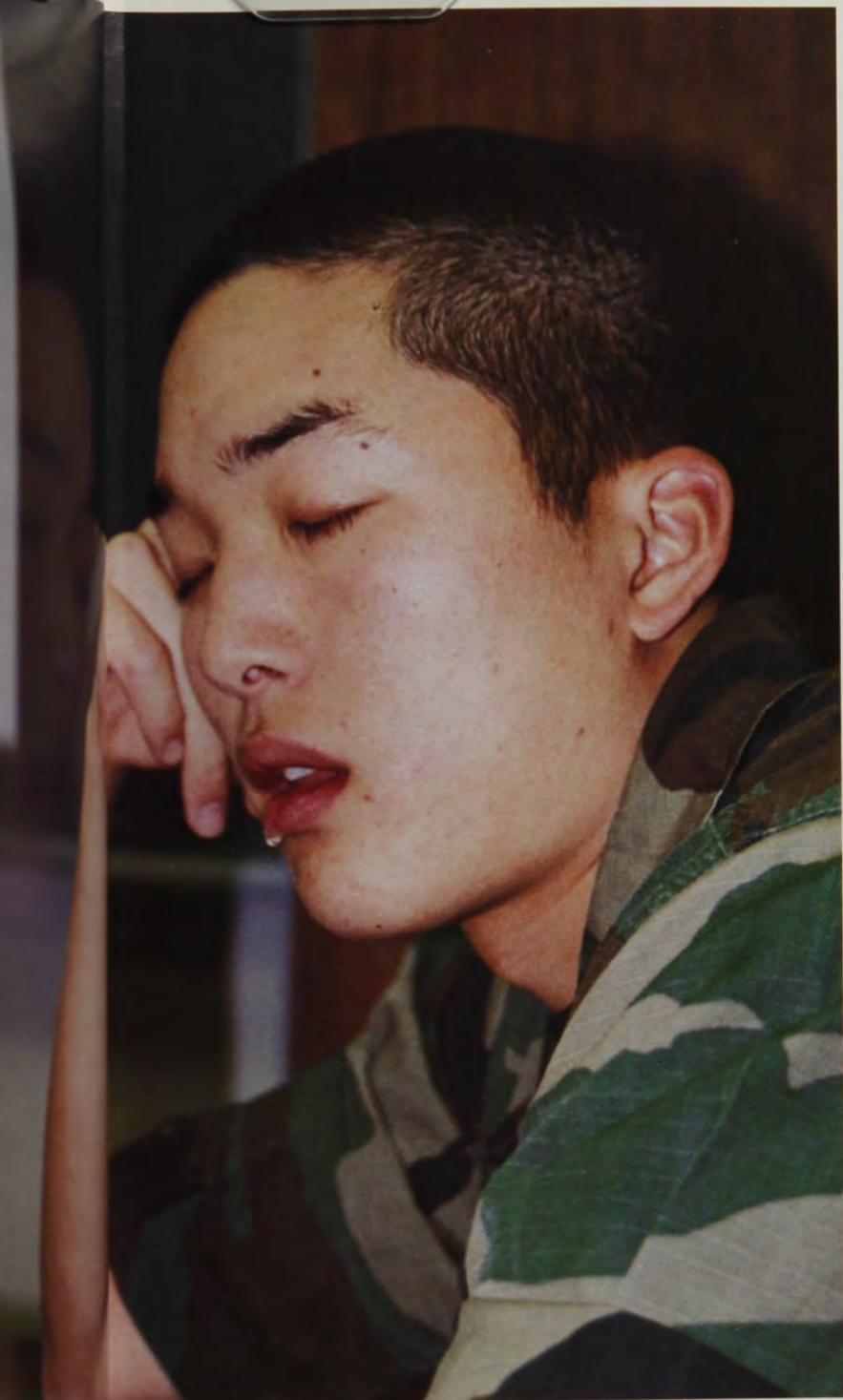
Many cadets find it easier to give into temptation by resting their head on their hand or even laying down on their desk when they start feeling tired. Some even make it comfortable by using their bookbag as a pillow. Cadets know that they shouldn't be sleeping in class and when they realize that they have been dozing off, it's already too late. The teacher calls on you to answer the next question.

Sometimes, in the case with C4C Fedden, "I jerked awake in math class and everybody was laughing at me. It was really bad."

Singled Out

C2C Karina Emhof had no preference when it came to choosing the right pillow for her afternoon nap. After lunch at Mutch's, cadets found it hard to stay awake for their afternoon classes. Photo by B. Brandow.



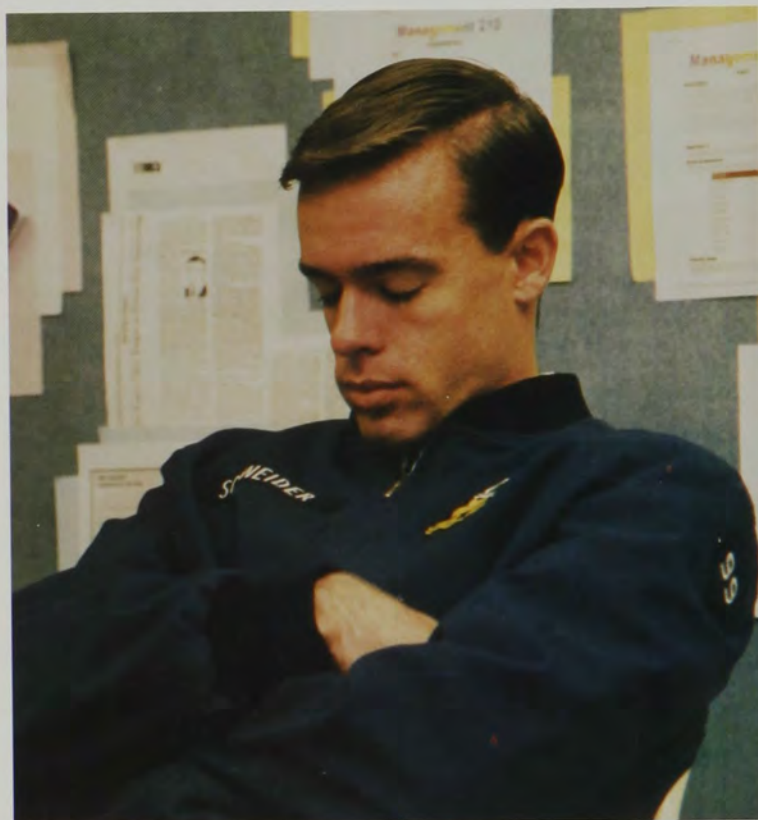


Not afraid to show his sleeping habits in class, C3C James Do drools on his notes. After waking up at the crack of dawn, it is not unusual for cadets to find their first period class just as comfortable as their beds. Photo by B. Brandow.

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C2C James Schneider stealthily tries to blend in with his classmates by resting his eyes and maintaining his posture. Many cadets learned to master the technique of sleeping in class without being noticed. Photo by B. Brandow.



Learning through osmosis, C3C Lindsay Nelson takes a different approach to studying. Cadets take advantage of the time allotted between classes to power nap. Photo by B. Brandow.

SPORTS

Section Editors: Jen Shelby
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Whether it be in the WAC Championships, wing intramural championships, or a friendly afternoon game of basketball, cadets constantly find themselves in athletic competition.

A competitive spirit and determination for victory fills the heart of all Academy athletes.

It is this desire for triumph that drives intercollegiate competitors to endure the grueling seasons of long practices and many weekends of traveling. Many times, competing becomes more work than fun, and requires a conscious determination and commitment to press on.

Amazingly, athletes accomplish their successes while tackling the

**PRIDE
THROUGH
DETERMINATION**

normal rigors of cadet

life. Athletes

are full-time students and participants in a rigorous military training program, and still have the motivation to voluntarily represent the Academy in competitions around the country.

At the end of the season, though, an athlete can look back on the hard work and seemingly unbearable demands of their season, and take PRIDE in their commitment and the victories it produces.



C3C Brooke Effland puts all her effort into a kill shot against an Army defender. The 1997 USAFA Women's Volleyball Team finished their second season in NCAA Division I competition. Photo provided by Sports Information.



kill shot against the
Volleyball Team
at Loughborough.

Director of Athletics



Col Randall W. Spetman

“My feeling is that athletics serve as a leadership seminar, and it allows you as an athlete to test your abilities not as an athlete, but as a leader”



BY JEN DICARLO

Never Too Close

On a sunny day in late August, the Falcon football squad opened its 1997 season against Idaho in front of a crowd of parents in town for Parents' Weekend.

The Vandals scored first with a field goal on their opening drive. The Falcons, led by C2C Blane Morgan, answered right back with a touchdown on their first possession. C2C Morgan replaced his brother Beau as the Falcon quarterback. The Falcons had not only lost Beau Morgan but also six other starters. This early score by the offense forecasted a bright future for the Falcons.

In the third quarter, the Falcons scored another touchdown to make the lead 14-3. The Vandals returned the favor with a touchdown of their own on their next possession. The score would remain at 14-10 for the remainder of the game as each team's defense dominated the field.

C2C Blane Morgan completed 10 of 18 passes resulting in 143 yards. C2C Spanky Gilliam had two touchdowns among his 23 carries and 84 yards. The victory proved that the Falcon defense would indeed play a large part in the team's success for the season, while also proving that the offense had more power than originally thought.

Air Force's record improved to 3-0 after a close victory over UNLV 25-24. The game started out quite grim as UNLV jumped to a quick 14-0 lead in the first quarter. While only scoring three points on a single field goal, the Falcon defense held the rebels to a total offense of negative three yards in the second quarter.

The Falcons had a huge third quarter. On their first possession of the half, C1C Tobin Ruff scored a touchdown and made the two-point conversion to close the gap to 14-11. On the Rebels next possession they were forced to punt. C2C Tim Curry blocked the punt and allowed Ruff to score another touchdown to put Air Force on top 18-14.

A quick touchdown and field goal by the Rebels put them back in the lead 24-18. However, on the next Falcon possession Air Force scored the last touchdown of the game to make the score 25-24. Falcon defense prevented any further mischief by the Rebels.

Coach Fisher DeBerry stated after the game, "Every game is our Super Bowl. We've won three Super Bowls. Let's get a fourth."



C2C Bryce Fisher drags down an Idaho Vandal in front of the Parents' Weekend crowd. C2C Fisher and the rest of the Falcon defense held the vandals to one of three on fourth downs.





C2C Tim Curry and C2C Jason Sanderson pummel an Idaho Vandal. Defense played a huge roll in the Falcon 14-10 victory. Photo by C. Benavides.

C2C Jemal Singleton hits some strong UNLV defense. He had a total of 78 yards against UNLV. Photo by B. Lingle.

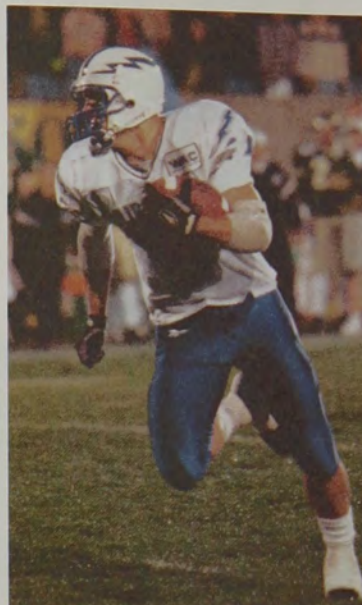


C2C Jemal Singleton gets a huge block from C1C Charles Parks. C2C Singleton rushed for 57 yards on nine carries against UNLV. Photo by B. Lingle.

C2C Jemal Singleton breaks past the Idaho defense. He carried the ball nine times for 39 yards against Idaho. Photo by B. Lingle.



C2C Jemal Singleton spots trouble to his left and makes a quick cut away. C2C Singleton rushed for a total of 429 yards in the 97 season. Photo by B. Lingle.



C2C Matt Farmer accelerates with the football down field. Photo by C. Willis.



C2C Bryce Fisher and C3C Shawn Thomas celebrate a fumble recovery. Turnovers were essential to this and many other games this season. Photo by C. Willis.

Air Force gang tackling is the name of the game on this play as linebacker C1C Chris Gizzi and company bring down the Aztec runner. Photo by C. Willis.



BY JEN DICARLO

Sweet Revenge & Dramatic Victories

Revenge can be a beautiful thing—especially in football.

On a drizzly night in Fort Collins, in front of the third largest Ram crowd in history, Air Force broke a five game losing streak against Colorado State in a 24-0 shut out. It was CSU's first shut out at home since 1973 and the first time in 157 games that the team failed to score a point.

Quarterback C2C Blane Morgan said, "One thing we didn't do was let up. We knew we couldn't get conservative. We played to win instead of playing not to lose."

Simply put, the Falcon's just played great football while a large number of Air Force contingents as well as most cadets watched on the big screen at Arnies back at the hill.

Air Force had a slightly harder time against San Diego State University when SDSU scored 11 points at the end of the fourth quarter to tie the game at 18 apiece. Air Force was ranked number 25 with a 4-0 record going into the game. C2C Tim Curry returned an intercepted pass 80 yards in the first possession of overtime to win the game for Air Force 24-18.

C2C Curry said of his game winning play, "I was just asking the Lord, Lord if you give me a shot, I'm not gonna miss this one."

At the end of the evening, Air Force had out-played SDSU with 314-154 yard difference despite the close score. The victory gave Air Force a 5-0 record and kept the Falcons in the top 25.



C1C Sean Finnan and C2C Bryce Fisher combine to drag down an Aztec ball carrier. An Air Force victory in overtime put the Falcons at 3-0. Photo by C. Willis.

C2C Spanky Gilliam powers past a Ram defender. C2C Gilliam rushed for 97 yards, including one touchdown against CSU.

BY JEN DICARLO

Rightful Commander of the Trophy

Service academy football rivalries are some of the most competitive contests in college football. The main reason for the fierce competition between Army, Navy, and Air Force is the prize to the winner—the Commander in Chief Trophy. This year's winner was the Air Force.

President Clinton, during the ceremony at the White House where the trophy was presented to USAFA noted, "The 1997 Falcons have proven beyond question that they deserve the Commander in Chief Trophy."

The first victory towards possession of the trophy came against Navy at Navy-Marine Memorial Stadium in Annapolis. This 10-7 Air Force victory was sparked by the sixth blocked punt of the season by the Falcons special teams. The punt was blocked by C3C Charlie Jackson and recovered in the endzone by C2C Tim Curry.

Soon after Falcon quarterback C2C Blane Morgan was injured with a slightly separated right shoulder, placing C3C Cale Bonds in quarterback for the remainder of the game.

With the first opponent beaten, Air Force was able to move on to the contest with Army. Playing with home field advantage and the entire cadet Wing decked out in BDU's and spirit jerseys, the Falcon's had plenty of support. Two touchdown runs, one by

C3C Matt Rillos and the other by C1C Tobin Ruff gave Air Force a 14-0 lead going into the second half. A forced fumble by C2C Jason Sanderson and C2C Curry's ensuing fumble return in the third quarter made it 21-0. A final field goal left the score at 24-0, Air Force's second shut out of the season.

The game marked the first time the Falcons have had two shutouts in one season since 1966. The second victory gave Air Force its 11th Commander in Chief Trophy and sweet revenge against an Army team that had taken the trophy from Air Force last season for the first time since 1988. The trophy is now safely back in Falcon hands.

Coach Fisher DeBerry said after the victory over Navy, "The Commander in Chief Trophy is our main goal and everything we work for is centered around winning back that trophy. We have an empty trophy case and we want to fill it."

C2C Barry Roche escapes one Army defender and looks on to his next opponent. Falcon ball carriers successfully eluded most of the Army defense beating the Knights 312-155 in overall yardage. Photo by B. Lingle.





You're not going anywhere! Several Falcon defenders ensure that this unfortunate West Point cadet is stopped in his tracks. Photo by E. Ferrill.



C3C Matt Rillos races towards the end zone. Late in the second half, C3C Rillos scored his first career touchdown on an 11 yard run. Photo by E. Ferrill.



C3C Shawn Thomas wraps up this Army running back. The Falcon defense held the Black Knights to an average of only 3.1 yards per play.

C1C Jeff Parr, who started every game at center for the Falcons this season waits for his cue from C2C Blane Morgan. Little does Navy know, they are about to be trounced on their own turf. Photo by E. Ferrill.

C2C Spanky Gilliam and C1C Karl Falk charge the Bulldog defense. Photo by M. Connor.

C1C Steve Fernandez sacks the Citadel QB. C1C Fernandez had 28 unassisted tackles in the regular season, including three sacks. Photo by M. Connor.



You're going down! C2C Jason Sanderson drags down a Fresno State Bulldog. C2C Sanderson had 43 unassisted tackles this season. Photo by B. Brandow.



C2C Blane Morgan finishes up a short run. C2C Morgan rushed sixteen times for 28 yards and threw 7/17 for 106 yards against the Citadel. Photo by M. Connor.



C2C Jemal Singleton breaks through the line. C2C Singleton started every game this season at right halfback. Photo by B. Brandow.

BY JEN DICARLO

Close Battles End In Falcon Victory

In early October, Air Force met the tradition-boasting Bulldogs of Citadel. As the Falcon's claimed on spirit T-shirts and later proved by their play, "Tradition don't mean JACK on the field."

In a closely contested game, Air Force came out on top 17-3. While the score seems to point to a fairly one-sided victory for Air Force, the win against the Citadel was one of the Falcons toughest this season.

The Citadel actually beat Air Force in overall yardage with 367 yards to the Falcon's 302. Bulldog running back Antonio Smith ran for 185 yards; however, his two turnovers (which contributed to the Citadel's total of four) played an important role in the game.

Citadel scored first with a field goal early in the game, but Air Force came right back with a touchdown set up by an interception by C1C Steve Pipes and a field goal resulting from one of Smith's two fumbles. Going into the third quarter with a 10-3 lead, Air

Force scored its final touchdown of the game on the 80 yard opening drive of the quarter.

Coach Fisher DeBerry said of the close game, "It wasn't pretty, but by gosh our motto is just win. And that's exactly what it was—it was No. 6."

Air Force had been ranked 23rd going into the game and was ranked 18th by the time the Falcon's played Navy the following week.

In another closely contested game later in the season, Air Force suffered its first loss against Fresno State. Air Force had a 7-0 record ranking them 17th going into the game. The Falcon's actually had a 17-10 lead going into the fourth quarter but Fresno State managed to tie it up with a touchdown early in the fourth quarter. The game came down to a 51 yard field goal by Fresno State late in the fourth quarter to beat Air Force 20-17.



C3C Cale Bonds looks to hand-off the ball while eluding the defensive line. C3C Bonds started the game against Fresno State for the injured C2C Blane Morgan. Photo by B. Brandow.

BY JEN DICARLO

Record Breaking Falcons

In the second game of the season, the Falcon's faced the Rice Owls, coached by former Falcon head coach Ken Hatfield. The 41-12 victory gave Air Force a 2-0 start for the season. This win held special meaning for Coach Fisher DeBerry as it marked his 100th career win as a football coach.

Contributing to the landslide victory were two blocked kicks, one by C1C Steve Pipes and one by C2C Bryce Fisher. The two blocked punts led to eight points. These two blocked kicks were only two of six turnovers forced by the Falcons. All tolled, turnovers contributed 24 points to the Falcon's total. C2C Blane Morgan ran for two touchdowns and threw for two more. C3C Matt Farmer had a 51 yard touchdown run while C2C Alex Wright kicked two field goals for the Falcons.

Air Force had 414 yards to the Owls 260 and also controlled the ball for 37 minutes keeping the Owls to

only 23 minutes of possession.

In the last regular season game of the year, Air Force won a tough 14-3 victory over Wyoming. With a single field goal, Wyoming scored first. They were still leading 3-0 at the half. The Cowboys beat the Falcon's in overall yardage 384 to 301, but their two missed field goals and two turnovers led to disaster.

With the score at 7-3, the Cowboys were arriving near the end of the fourth quarter. However, C1C Frank Staine-Pyne intercepted a pass and returned it 93 yards to clench the victory at 14-3.

It was the longest interception return in Academy history breaking the record of 90 yards that had stood since Jim Smith returned an interception against Boston College in 1970. The win put the Falcons at 10-2 for the season and kept their hopes alive for a possible bowl berth.



C1C Chris Gizzi and the rest of the Falcon defense pummel a Rice ball carrier. The Falcon defense pulled through time after time during the season to keep the Falcons alive. Photo by M. Connor





C3C Matt Farmer takes the ball on a return. C3C Farmer was a WAC leader in kickoff returns with 17 returns, averaging 23.9 yards each. Photo by M. Connor



C1C Tobin Ruff braces to make a move around a defender. C1C Ruff rushed for 273 yards this season. Photo by B. Brandow

C2C Bryce Fisher stops a Rice running back in mid-air. C2C Fisher started all 12 games this season as defense tackle and accumulated 63 tackles with 28 unassisted. Photo by M. Connor



C2C Blane Morgan prepares to receive the snap from C1C Jeff Parr. This dynamic duo started almost every game on offense for the Falcons. Photo by E. Bixby

C3C Matt Farmer runs back a punt against the Ducks in the 1997 Las Vegas Bowl. C3C Farmer returned three punts for 27 yards in the contest. Photo by C. Willis.



The Falcons' ground game was not very productive against Oregon in the Las Vegas Bowl. Fullback C2C Matt Paroda looks for an opening up the middle of this play. Photo by C. Willis.

C2C Jason Kirkland, the Falcons' punter, had a busy afternoon in the Las Vegas Bowl. C2C Kirkland was forced to punt nine times in the game. Photo by C. Willis.



BY MR. BROWN

Ducks Soar Past Falcons

The Air Force Academy Falcons' football team encountered one ugly duckling at Las Vegas Bowl VI on Dec. 20, 1997.

Prior to the Bowl Game, the 1997 football campaign had been a fairly impressive one for the Falcons. The 1997 Falcons got off to a 7-0 start and became only the fourth team in Academy history to record 10 wins in a season. The 1997 Falcons recaptured the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy by whipping Army and Navy and the Falcons handed Colorado State University its only Western Athletic Conference (WAC) loss of the season (24-0).

Then came the post-season Bowl Game and this is when it became ugly. The Falcons met the Oregon Ducks in Las Vegas Bowl VI and were thrashed 41-13.

"I've never felt so embarrassed," said Falcons' offensive guard C2C Frank Mindrup.

"A great year isn't so great all of a sudden," said Falcons' free safety C2C Jason Sanderson.

The Ducks scored touchdowns on their first two offensive plays from scrimmage and it was clear flying from there. Oregon added two more TDs in the second quarter and the halftime score was 26-0.

Air Force tallied first in the second half to cut the Oregon lead to 26-7. However, the Ducks squashed any comeback attempts by scoring with a TD of their own.

Down the stretch, each team scored another TD to make the final a lopsided 41-13 win for Oregon. The final team statistics demonstrated just why the score was so one-sided. For

example, Oregon had 583 yards of total offense compared the 211 for the Falcons.

"You just have to remember the good things," said Falcons' quarterback Blane Morgan following the game. "Yeah, we got beat badly in the Bowl Game. But we also had a lot of success this year, a lot of fun. And if you remember, there wasn't a whole lot expected of us."

The Falcons lost 18 first downs off the 1997 team, but head coach Fisher DeBerry does not seem to be too worried about this.

"I'm excited about the returning players," said DeBerry.

POST-SEASON EXCITEMENT

On May 26th, the Air Force Academy and seven other schools decided to leave the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) in 1999.

The Academy, along with Colorado State, Wyoming, Utah, BYU, New Mexico, UNLV, and San Diego State, will start up their own conference next summer and the new league will begin play with the 1999 football season.

According to Academy officials, factors leading to the break from the WAC included, but were not limited to: a lack of natural affinity among the 16-member teams; a breakdown of traditional rivalries; the huge geographical spread of the current WAC teams; and a serious decline in revenues.

During the 1998-99 academic year, the eight schools plan to put the pieces together for the new conference, including its name.

Oregon's middle linebacker Jeff Simpson pressures Falcon's quarterback C2C Blane Morgan during Las Vegas Bowl action. C2C Morgan had a dismal game with only 65 yards of total offense. Photo by C. Willis.

BY RYAN COLLINS

Another Falcon First Down!!!

To say the least, this year was quite demanding, but fun and rewarding. To start the long season off, most of the members of the 1997-98 Cheerleading squad attended a NCA cheerleading camp at Southwest Missouri State and brought home the infamous "Sprit Award." Camp was a chance to get to know each other and learn more about cheerleading, all while missing school in the process.

Once back, it was time to start a long and demanding football season. It was an extraordinary season and we were all excited to have been a part of it. From Navy to California, to Hawaii, our incredible football team and spirit led us to all reaches of our great nation. The games were exhilarating, the spirit was an inspiration to the football team, and us. The season was definitely one to remember.

Although for us, it didn't stop there. Football games are indeed our main support, but there are many

other events involved: football luncheons, spirit dinners, bon fires, basketball games, volleyball games, gymnastics meets, and even the occasional soccer game. Not to mention our appearances at AOG functions and the "boogie-down" Halloween party at the PACAF commander's house in Hawaii (Gen. Olstrum can attest to that). And we can't forget our groovy appearance at the Wing Open. Yes, we're "Stayin' Alive!"

We also had a special appearance on the Blue Tube. We advertised for those ambitious and enthusiastic individuals wanting to tryout for cheerleading.

Despite the long season, we always kept up the spirit and the cheers. To Subways, stink bombs and boat commanders, to stopping every block on those Hawaiian streets, to running over little kids, to swimming in random Houston pools, to "Yo, Adrian," and of course to General Lorenz and his cheers from the stone ages. Thanks to everyone for the spirit...GO AIR FORCE!!



C2C Ericka Cazares hugs a future Air Force Academy cheerleader. Photo by E. Ferrill

C3C Diane Santos rallies the crowd at a 1997 football game. Photo by C. Willis.

C2C Gloria Field and C2C Ericka Cazares stay in step as they cheer for the mighty Falcons. Photo by C. Willis.



Spirit and professional poise - USAFA cheerleaders! Photo by C. Willis



Retired Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Sheila Widnall is escorted by our cheerleading gang to do a little crowd surfing. Photo by C. Willis.

BY JOHN BLOCHER

Bird, Bird is the Word.

Jump around, act stupid, and make people laugh." That is the job description for this mascot, affectionately known as "The Bird." His crazy antics on and off the field have won him a place in the hearts of all Falcon fans. But where did he get his start?

Only a little over a decade ago in 1986, "The Bird" made his debut. Cheering alongside what was then known as the "Yell Leaders"; the Bird continues to strut his stuff.

Nowadays, if you don't see him dancing on the sidelines, you will probably see him at anything from Sabre Society dinners, to football luncheons, to Col. Conner's retirement party.

"Actually most of the work is kissing babies and shaking hands. I feel like a politician sometimes," claims this anonymous Bird.

What most people don't know is the highest demand for appearances by the Bird are public relations.

"I have probably shaken General Oelstrom, Lorenz, and Cubero's hand more often than any other cadet... and they don't even know who I am!"

"My favorite part would probably be the fights," claims another Bird.

Scuffles on the sidelines were commonplace, as the gridiron of the

football field was not the only place competing school's tried to prove their dominance.

"I sucker punched the Idaho Vandal, dented the Navy goat's face, and gave the CSU Ram a bloody lip," said this more aggressive Bird.

However, the pinnacle of the mascot's clash came at the Navy game when a group of Air Force Cadets rushed the goat and ripped off his horn. The Bird then proceeded to taunt the Navy cadets with the broken horn as their ship sank in a 10 to 7 victory for the Falcons. This proves that the Bird thrives on spur of the moment humor.

This Bird comments that, "I do what I think will make people laugh. Like at the Army game, some fourthclass cadet stole the Army flag and gave it to me. So I did what I thought would be funny. I used it as toilet paper!"

Antics such as these won the Bird recognition this year, as the National Cheerleading Association named him an All-American athlete.

All in all the Bird seems to have a fun time, and he enjoys it. Now if only we could find out whom those masked men are?



Here he catches a few rays while crowd surfing. The bird was only one of many dignitaries to be passed up the stands this year. Photo by E. Ferrill.





AFA's beloved mascot, The Bird, takes a moment to boogie with a Falcon cheerleader. The Bird found many ways to pass the time on the sidelines. Photo by E. Ferrill.

No, no, no... You gotta get down more! The Bird instructs G-Lo on the finer points of spirit dancing. Photo by E. Ferrill.



Kiss my tail feathers! The Bird shows his fourth point of contact to the opponents to illustrate a point. Photo by E. Ferrill.

"Here is a toast..." The Bird stands with his classmates to honor those who have gone before us. Photo by E. Ferrill.



If you like big yellow feet and blue feathers, I am the Bird for you... Photo by M. Taylor.

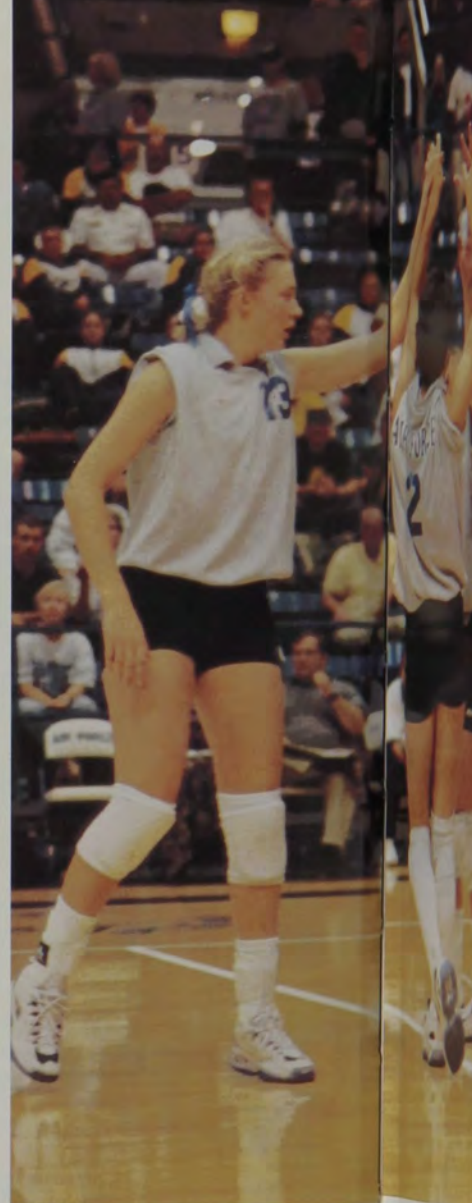
Support, encouragement, and teamwork is what it's all about! Photo by J. Schenk

C2C Kat Dehne intensely focuses on the perfect form for the perfect set. Photo provided by Sports Info.

Defense is the best offense, especially with a block like C3C Summer Koons'. Photo provided by Sports Info.



C3C Robyn Duncan has the idea. Photo provided by Sports Info.



BY JEN SHELBY

A Brighter Future

For the second consecutive year, the season was opened with a victory on home ground. Three new starts emerged for the Falcons. Foremost among them was the impressive outside hitting duo of C3C Brooke Effland (11 kills) and C3C Robyn Duncan (10 kills). While C4C Shaylor Billings made an impressive debut with 11 kills and six blocks. C4C Billings was named to the all-tournament team in her first weekend of competition.

With a 4-6 record in hand, things began to unravel for the Falcons at their third home tournament, the Air Force Classic. The Falcons lost three five-game matches. The match against Denver was an epic 2-hour battle, with the Pioneers winning. C3C Effland and C3C Summer Koons each smashed 25 kills and had 79 assists, four short of the Falcons all-time record. Effland added 26 digs in a spectacular performance.

The Falcons battled through a winless season in the WAC, setting a school record with 14 consecutive matches lost. Air Force finished the

season 5-28, 0-14 in the WAC. Despite many losses, the season had its highlights. The Falcons improved in nearly every statistical category from the 1996 season, including hitting percentage. C3C Duncan and C3C Effland became the first Falcons since 1994 to collect over 300 kills for the season. C3C Duncan, who was used mostly as a defensive specialist in 1996, led the team with 349 kills. While both players tripled both their kill and dig totals from 1996, C3C Duncan also became the first Falcon since 1992 to average over three kills per game. C4Cs Billings and Jamie Rempel led the team in hitting percentage.

Although the drama in the first half of the season gave way to disappointment in the latter half, the future still looks bright for the Falcons.

According to team captain C2C Kat Dehne, "We are a close group and enjoy playing together. Our motto is 'Air Force One' which sums up our goal of playing as a unit and not six individuals."



1997-98 Women's Volleyball Team

First Row (L to R): C. Welde, S. Freeman, T. In, K. Dehne, S. Nocum. Second Row: S. Billings, J. Rempel, A. Purdue, A. Ortega, E. Shannon. Third Row: S. Koons, L. Terry, K. Clark, T. Wilkerson, R. Duncan, B. Effland.

With smiles on their faces, C3C Summer Koons and C3C Robyn Duncan prepare for the next shot. Photo by Y. Carrico.

BY TODD KREUTZER

Eliminating the Competition

The '97 men's soccer team had been slated as a rebuilding team after losing six firstclass cadets from their roster. The remaining team members, however, had only one thing on their mind: revenge. Last year, after proving to be a force in the WAC, and after defeating number 8 SMU; the team was notably jilted from the NCAA Tournament.

As the fall approached, the Falcons proved to be a force to be reckoned with. Led by C1C Drew Dougherty, hardworking C2C Ryan Schaffer, and stalwart C2C Nate Lambert, the team began the year confident and mindful of their goal.

The season began with a hard fought exhibition game against BYU. After sixty fierce minutes, C2C Burgner hit a rocket shot into the upper corner to seal the victory and set a tone for the rest of the season. The Falcons had many close games, waiting until the final seconds to pull off exciting victories by the skin of their teeth.

This year's team also footed an impressive 13-5 record, and even began the season with 8 straight wins, beating the team of '88's record of 7 wins. Another previous school record for number of wins in a season was tied with thirteen. Along with the many team records, Coach Sagastume earned his 200th win with the Falcons.

The Falcons owe much of their offensive power to C2C

Schaeffer. He led the team in points (29) and goals (12) for the second straight season, despite a knee injury that sidelined him for two games. As the team's lone first-team all-WAC selection and team MVP, he scored a goal in nine of the 16 games he played. By the end of fall, C1C Dougherty had accumulated 86 career points with the Falcons. He was also named to the second team all WAC, making him a definite missed attribute to the team.

C2C Lambert, second-team all-Far West region, was an important part of a defensive unit that allowed only 22 goals in 1997. C2C Lambert, named Defensive MVP of the Falcon Invitational, helped the defense shut down attacks.

Finally, the unselfish play of midfielders C2C Byron Pompa and C2C Jamie Burgener helped control the field. Both secondclass cadets shared the team's most inspirational player award.

The team seemed to have their strong season cut short with a small confusion during the WAC tournament, but in the end the team was awarded a NCAA bid! This led to a home game at Falcon stadium against rival Crieghton. Although a barrage of shots were fired on the Blue Jays goal at the end of the game the Falcons came up short.

Hats off to the 97 Falcons, it doesn't look like anyone will stop them next year.





C1C Josh Bieler dribbles the ball down field in search of a teammate to pass to. Photo by C. Willis.

C3C Keith McDaniel passes the down field. Photo by C. Willis.



C2C Jaime Burgener uses his head to catch a BYU defender off guard. C2C Burgener moved from forward to midfield this season. Photo by C. Willis.



C4C Ryan Sagastume gets tangled up with a BYU opponent. Sagastume added speed and strength from midfield on the varsity team. Photo by C. Willis.

C4C Josh Bieler uses his skills to juke his opponent in a 1997 season match-up. Photo by C. Willis.

Midfielder C2C Laura Harding races past an IowaState opponent in a home match-up. Photo by P. Rose.

Returning starter C2C Polly VanEss sends the ball down the field in an attempt at a scoring drive. Photo by M. Connor.



Forward C4C Rebecca Wyffels looks to pass to a teammate. Photo by M. Connor.



C4C Jennie Schoeck takes a free kick in a 1997 season match-up. Photo provided by Sports Information.

C1C Paige Wyatt shields the ball away from a Cyclone defender. Photo by P. Rose.



BY KRISTEN THOMPSON

Chemistry on the Field

The women's soccer team, in their second year of Division I competition, had a very successful season and the future seems even brighter.

The team finished the season 7-10-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the WAC Mountain Division. After losing the first three games of the season, the Falcons made a tremendous comeback beating Colorado College 3-1 in an exciting match.

C3C Karrie Bracken stated that, "One of the team's best games this season was a 3-1 win over our biggest rival, Colorado College."

This victory inspired a four game winning streak, ending in winning the Portland State Tournament. At the Service Academies Tournament in St. Louis, Mo. two weeks later, the Falcons placed second beating Navy 1-0 in overtime.

In mid-October, the women's team traveled to the WAC Conference Tournament in hopes of winning the Western Athletic Conference. AFA defeated Wyoming, but then tied Tulsa, and lost the next three consecu-

tive games. This left the Falcons with the realization that the tournament would not be theirs this year.

Despite a disappointing end to a strong season, the team has a positive outlook on the future.

"The team has really come together and the chemistry has never been better," commented C3C Bracken.

With only two firstclass cadets graduating, captains C1C Erin Munson and C1C Paige Wyatt, the future looks promising. A strong third and fourth class, including C4C Jennie Schoeck and C4C Stephanie Rader, both first team all-WAC honorees, look to lead the team for the 1998 season.

With most of the team's strongest players returning next year and the haunting disappointment of the WAC Championships, the team is ready for the 1998 season to get under way.



C4C Rebecca Wyffels cuts the ball to the left, leaving her Wildcats defender in the dust. Photo by M. Connor.

C2C Todd Moenster struggles to pass a Colorado Buffalo. Photo by M. Connor.

C1C Zach Smith and C1C Will Woodward take the lead with several Falcons and opponents close behind. Photo by M. Connor.



These Falcon women pull from each other's strength to take the lead in the pack. Photo by M. Connor



C1C Jen Young and C1C Lynn Alexander double team the opposing runner to move ahead in the pack. Photo by M. Connor.

Extra effort, energy, and sweat lead C2C Chris Roberdeau, C2C Matt Allen, and C3C Matt Compton. Photo by M. Connor.



BY ERIC BIXBY

Running to Improve

Falcon track showcased two very different teams this season. The men's team spent a hard season holding onto a very impressive record. The women on the other hand, forged ahead for the second year in the WAC making equally impressive progress.

For the third season in a row, USAFA men's track finished in the top three teams in the WAC championships at Fresno State in November. At the championship, C1C Zachary Smith took third place for the second year in a row, with C3C Jim Nelson finishing 21st and C2C Matt Allen close behind, even after taking a year off to upgrade in soaring.

The team was also ranked 25 out of 299 teams in the WAC Coach's Poll. The men also clenched the USAFA Team Excellence award for the second year running by maintaining a team GPA of 3.1, proving they excel at both academic and athletics.

The Lady Falcons strove to build up their young team and its reputation. Of course, the team wasn't only young in WAC experience, but also membership with C1C Jennifer Young and C1C Lynn

Alexander representing the class of '98. C1C Young and C1C Alexander placed in the top five in the majority of this season's meets. The women ended eighth out of 16 teams this year in the WAC, beating out teams that have spent far more time in the conference than the Falcons.

Though the teams are very different in strategy, their futures look similar. Although another class is departing, C3C Jim Nelson will continue to be a competitive force in the upcoming two years. They also have several recruited athletes entering with the class of 2002.

C3C Heather Johnson, their top finisher at every meet this year, will return next year along with classmate C3C Rachel Smith. The women can also look forward to steady improvement from C4C Jamie Flood and C4C Dalia Wenckus.

With outstanding returning talent and promising recruits, expect to see the men return to the top three in the WAC, and expect the women there too in just their third year in WAC competition.



Prepping for the race, these USAFA women prepare to mentally edge out the competition. Photo by M. Connor.

BY ERIC BIXBY

Dangerous With Talent

This year's USAFA waterpolo team went a long way to prove that it takes more than just talent to build a winning team. Despite losing the Academy's top three players to graduation last year, the team had hidden talents in the form of fourthclass cadets and the leadership of head coach Lt. Col. Jeff Heidmous.

The team struggled not with talent, but with attitude and chemistry. The team started strong and at mid-season was holding a 7-4 record with two wins over Long Beach State and a 10th place national ranking. As the season progressed, the team's mental preparedness and cohesiveness began to falter and the team's record declined dramatically adding a 3-11 streak to finish 10-15.

Coach Heidmous said in reference to the teams problems that, "If I had it to do over, I would have been more aggressive in changing the teams line-up."

The team finished the season 17th, making this the first year in Coach Heidmous' 16 year career the team finished out of the top 15.

The Falcons did, however, manage to reconcile team differences and pull together for a great performance in the Western Water Polo Association Championships, making this the tenth straight year the Falcons have gone to the WWPA. At the WWPA, the Falcons won two matches and lost one to finish third at the championship.

In the struggle to become a better team, USAFA waterpolo now looks to the future and training for next year. As with past years, the experience of the firsties leaves, but left behind lies a tough and talented underclass team with experience under their belts and the talent to be dangerous.



The Falcons had an opportunity to play outdoors in Santa Clara. In this match-up, #4, C2C Jason Nolting prepares to pass to an Academy teammate. Photo provided by Sports Information.



Academy water polo player C3C Casey Wood attempts to block an opponent's pass. Photo by B. Brandow.

Team captain C1C Jay Reaves looks for an open teammate to pass to during the Western Water Polo Association Championships. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C3C Casey Wood gets ready to unleash a scoring strike during the '97 campaign. Photo by B. Brandow.



C2C Frank Layo gets a pass by the outstretched arm of an opponent. Photo by B. Brandow.

Coach LtCol Jeff Heidmous gets an opportunity to give instructions to the Falcons during a time-out. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Controlling his breathing and every muscle in his body, C4C Daimon Geopfert works to improve his shooting style. Photo by B. Brandow.



C3C Matt Berube looks intently down the range, waiting for the perfect moment to fire off his next shot in the prone position. Photo by B. Brandow.



BY GAYLE APOLONIO

Shooting Their Way To Victory

The rifle team has one of the longest practices here at the Academy. After lunch or M-5, these cadets head out to the Olympic Training Center to practice for 4-5 hours and return just in time to catch some dinner at Mitch's. Their rifle season lasts year-round - no breaks or rest for these cadets.

Each match lasts around six hours, shooting 120 shots with their modified 22 rifle and 40 shots with the air rifle with only a two minute break in between shots.

C4C Daimon Geopfert said, "It's challenging mentally, you have to control every muscle in your body and control your breathing."

Each member has their own style of shooting. With the three different positions of prone, kneeling, and standing, they must learn to perfect every shot.

C3C Matt Berube, who has been shooting for 11 years said, "I'm always trying to do better, to shoot that perfect score, but it's very challenging."

C4C Geopfert also commented, "It's really mentally rewarding when

you finally put it all together."

Two of their strongest teammates, C1C Matt Johnson and C1C Courtney Hamilton, a walk-on for the team, will be greatly missed. As team captain, C1C Johnson had earned NCAA All-American for 2 years and honorable mention last year. With his fellow teammates, C1C Hamilton, C3C Matt Berube, and C3C Beau Nicewanner, they comprised the top 4-person team for the Falcons. Another strong competitor on the team was C4C Kevin Mandrik, who received the most improved player.

C4C Mandrik said, "My score improved every time I shot. I totally revamped my shooting style."

The rifle team finished 7th in the NCAA. Normally placing in the top 5, they are still the highest ranking NCAA team at the Academy. As the season came to an end, the Falcons looked for ways to improve their record.

C3C Matt Berube said, "We'll get more organized and change the way we practice so that we can practice more."



In the standing position, C4C Kevin Mandrik takes careful aim at his target. Photo by B. Brandow.



C4C Rachael Westergren uses her own style of shooting when it comes to perfecting her shot. Photo by B. Brandow.

C3C Laura Powell registers a score against C4C Eva Sanchez. Photo by Eric Bixby.

C4C Eva Sanchez (left) scores a touch against C3C Laura Powell. Photo by E. Bixby.



C4C Faith Hitchcock shows C4C Laurie Moffett the proper Epee' arm position. Photo by E. Bixby.



BY JIM MARION

Beating the Odds

Despite all the odds being stacked against them, the fencing team persevered to another top 20 finish in the NCAA standings for the eighth straight year - placing 18th.

The team's start was less than promising with no head coach and a continual wave of injuries, including our assistant coach. Women's Epee struggled as well welcoming in a new group of women and watched C2C Heidi Triggs and C3C Kristen Haley suffer season ending injuries. Women's Foil had a consistent season led by their team captain C1C Zoë Hawes.

Men's Sabre was once again the team's stronghold led by firstclass cadets Vince Zabala and James Steiner. Men's Epee, with all of its members returning, continued to build from the previous year's performance led by the team captain, C1C Jeremy Fischman, and significant contributors C2C Ryan Moon and C1C Tripp Dibble. Men's Foil brutalized as many opponents as possible, bringing home some wins.

Highlights of the season included a second place finish at the NCAA

conference tournament in Notre Dame, a second place finish at West-erns, a charity tournament in Wyom-ing and another exciting victory over West Point. In addition, the team sent C1C Hawes, C1C Steiner and C2C Moon to nationals where they finished in the top twenty.

The team's biggest highlight was the arrival of their new coach Abdel Salem. This nationally renown coach arrived less than two weeks before the teams first NCAA tournament. In less than a month, with the dependable help of assistant coaches Capt. Denise Chambers and volun-teer Bill Georing, Salem literally turned the program around.

Team captains C1C Hawes and C1C Fischman provided leadership to help the team through the transition and C2C Dusty Pittman provided the team's morale when it needed it most. With the new coaching staff in place, this young squad holds great potential to finish even stronger next season.



C2C Michelle Quitugua scores to the shoulder as C1C Laurie Moffett tries to counter-attack. Photo by E. Bixby.

C2C Ryan Moon takes his opponent's blade into the low line and scores a touch on the foot. Photo by E. Bixby.

BY GEOFF MANN

Improving Play

In 1997-98, the Air Force Academy golf team continued the trend of lowering their stroke average and improving their tourney finish. Six times this year, Air Force placed in the top ten, including four top five finishes. For the third straight season, the team won the Service Academy Golf Classic to keep the Bill Reemstma Memorial Trophy.

Head Coach Gene Miranda had a veteran lineup starring C1C Geoff Mann, C2C Matt Peterson, and C3C Danny Visosky, who played in every varsity tournament. With this experience, the Falcons set a school record with the lowest competitive stroke average in Academy history with a 299.4 average.

This year was a big year for Coach Miranda, who was inducted into the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame. He became the first college coach from Colorado to be inducted as well as the first service academy coach.

The last fall tournament, the Service Academy Classic, was very important for Air Force. The Falcons were pitted against Army, Navy and the Merchant Marines. AFA led from start to finish, and won by 20 strokes. C2C Peterson became the third Falcon to win the tournament. He had no rounds above par en route to a career-best 213. Including C2C Peterson, five of the top 10 golfers were Falcons as they brought home the trophy.

The other fall highlight came in the team's own Falcon-Cross Creek Invitational. Led by C3C Visosky's 214, the Falcons broke the tournament record of 874 by three strokes. However, California (865) rallied past Colorado State (869) and the Falcons on the third day to win the tournament title.

The Falcons shot three sub-300 rounds for the second straight year. Their first-day total of 286 was one of the lowest rounds ever shot by an Academy golf team. Individually, the "Young Cinderella", C3C Visosky would place third for the second straight year, only four shots off the tournament's medalist, Nebraska's Jamie Rogers.

Air Force started off the spring season right by shooting an 881 at the International Intercollegiate in Monterey, Mexico.

The Falcons traveled to San Diego to play in the USD/Ashworth Invitational. The team placed an impressive third (897) out of 18 teams, only four strokes from the top spot. C2C Peterson placed third overall (219), while C1C Mann finished fifth with a 220.

Air Force entered the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate with some momentum. In a very strong field, the Falcons were third after round one with a 288. C3C Visosky fired a three under par 69 to not only lead Air Force but the entire field. After play was hindered by tornado-like winds in the second round, the Falcons placed eighth out of 18 teams.

The final tune up before the WAC Championships found the Falcons in Wichita, Kansas for the Diet Pepsi/Shocker Classic. The team's fifth place showing (895) placed them ahead of 15 teams.

With eight teams ranked in the nation's top 30, including No. 1 UNLV, the WAC Championships remains one of the premier tournaments in college golf. Air Force was ninth after day one. C2C Jason Jensen broke out with a two under par 70 to pace the team's excellent performance. Unfortunately, the Falcons finished a disappointing 14th overall (896).

C1C Geoff Mann lines up a putt. Photo provided by Sports Information.





Golf Team L to R: C2C Jason Jensen, C3C Danny Visosky, C2C Matt Peterson, C2C Joe Petrosky, and C1C Geoff Mann.



C1C Geoff Mann watches his putt sail wide of the hole during a '98 home match. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C1C Mann chips the ball towards the flagstick at the Eisenhower golf course. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C3C Danny Visosky checks the distance for his next shot as he prepares to hit a long iron. Photo provided by Sports Information.

C4C Brittney Killen, C4C Nancy Rosenow, and C4C Candice Staubitz show off their winter swim wear. Walk-ons had the opportunity to make friends for life. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Taking time from practice, C2C Katie Quigley smiles for the camera. Cadets who were walk-on intercollegiates had to work just as hard as the other intercollegiates. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C4C Brandon Zuercher, C4C Justin Saravia, C4C Brian Wieland, and C4C Jamie Peterson take a break and enjoy each others company. Teams that worked hard together made friendships that lasted. Photo provided by Sports Information.

C4C Justin Saravia is grateful to his coach, Lt. Nichols, for all of his help. Cadets learned a lot, not only from their fellow teammates, but from their coaches as well. Photo provided by Sports Information.



BY MAE-LI AMICK

What Is A Walk-On?

Are you thinking about "walking-on" one of the Academy's intercollegiate sports teams? Are you wondering if the work and time commitment is worth all the sacrifices?

Take a look into the mindset of a few USAFA walk-on intercollegiate athletes regarding their experiences as a "walk-on" athlete. Each walk-on athlete made their respective sports team in a different way and had many different experiences on the way.

The most often asked question is, Do you feel you had to work harder and prove more to the coaches than those athletes that were recruited? Most walk-ons believe that they were given the same chance as the recruits to be on the team. C4C Gabe Carrejo, a guard on the JV basketball team, thought that he would have to work harder than the recruits, but later he realized the coach demanded the highest level from everybody. Although the fencing team does not receive many recruits, C3C Tracy Tinianow said that those that were recruited worked with her on her fencing techniques. Their knowledge of the sport, coupled with her desire to learn, helped her earn a spot on the team.

C4C Carrejo said "Despite this being my freshman year, this year has been the best year of my life because of the experiences I went through while on the team. I also learned more from my coach and my teammates than on any other team I've ever played on."

C4C Carrejo is working hard and hopes his dedication will later result in a spot on the varsity basketball team.

Time management is something that all cadets, both intercollegiate and non-intercollegiate, must learn. C3C Tinianow has learned to manage her homework time around afternoon practices.

"I have committed to both academics and fencing, so most of the time my academics go with me on my fencing trip so I don't get behind," said C3C Tinianow.

In addition, C3C Tinianow says it helps to prioritize well and do not procrastinate.

Most walk-on athletes played their sport throughout their high school career. C3C Tinianow, however, had no formal experience in fencing and learned it her first year at the Academy. Yet, C4C Carrejo has been playing basketball for most of his life.

Aside from the trips being longer, there are other major differences between participating in sports in high school vs. college competition. C2C Katie Quigley, currently a walk-on soccer and basketball player, was originally recruited for tennis her freshman year.

"A major difference was that the competition for a position on the team is a lot tougher. There are a lot more athletic girls to compete with than there were in high school," said C2C Quigley.

"The level of play, importance

of team cohesiveness, and weight-training were big differences from high school," said C1C Michelle Tibbitts, women's tennis team and a former walk-on in soccer.

C3C Mindaugus Butkus, a sprinter on the track and field team, said, "The biggest difference is that I take the sport more seriously here than I did in Lithuania."

When asked, what did you learn from playing the sport at this level, most agreed they learned more than just how to improve their level of play. C2C Quigley learned about different coaching and leadership styles. C4C Carrejo learned how to be a good friend, how to be a teammate, how to work, and most importantly, don't take what you've been given in life for granted.

C4C Brandon Zuercher, a hurdler on the Men's Track and Field Team, commented that "Hard work is the only way to succeed in sports, everyday."

If you think you are ready to tryout for your favorite sport at the intercollegiate level, you must first decide whether the benefits outweigh the commitments and time constraints of trips and practices associated with playing the sport. These athletes have dedicated themselves to their sport but also realize a balance must be found with other facets of their lives, such as academics. These walk-on athletes are willing to work hard and persevere, even against unfavorable odds.

C3C Allen Hasbargen and C3C Matt Zitzlsperger team up to keep control of the puck for the Falcons. Photo by B. Brandow.

C2C Dan Davies focuses as he tries to take the puck from an Iowa opponent. Photo provided by Sports Information.



The 1997-98 Falcon Hockey team. Photo provided by Sports Information.



Team high-scorer C2C Justin Kieffer had an outstanding season. He was the first cadet to score more than 50 points since 1982. Photo provided by Sports Information.



BY DAVE TOLLER

New Coach, New Season

Entering the 1997-98 season with its first new coach in 12 years and the third in school history, the Falcons were entering into unfamiliar territory. However, that skepticism was erased as soon as first-year coach Frank Serratore stepped onto the ice.

The team quickly adopted Serratore's enthusiastic, full-speed approach to the game. In the season opener, Serratore gained his first win wearing the blue and silver as the Falcons defeated Nebraska-Omaha 4-2. A physical, upbeat, attacking style of play was introduced and began to gain momentum as the season progressed.

Prior to the season, Serratore stated, "We want to be the hardest working, most disciplined team in the country. Our philosophy will be the hockey version of Vince Lombardi football."

Air Force finished the 1997-98 season with a 15-19 record, the best record and most wins in three years. The team nearly doubled the win total from the previous season and

posted more wins in the last two seasons combined.

Air Force finished the season well represented in the national rankings. C2C Justin Kieffer ranked 14th in points scored and 18th in goals per game. He was also in the top 25 in assists per game. As a team, the Falcons were 11th in power play percentage and 12th in penalty killing percentage.

"This team came a long way from our opening series in October," Serratore admitted. "We suffered a couple tough losses to Mankato State and Colorado College, but we bounced right back against Army. That says a lot about the character of this team."

The Falcons have much to look forward to next season. With 84 percent of the team's offense returning, all six defensemen and all three goalies, the Falcons will look for their first winning season in eight years.



CIC Mike DesRoche takes on two defenders in this Falcon contest. Photo by B. Brandow.

CIC Mike DesRoche concentrates on the game while another Falcon turns his energy toward the referee. Photo by B. Brandow.

First Night Out

Having shown us no respect,
Before the Lord, we genuflect.
For what's next reflects the Jurassic Age —
Wolverine's bestial rage —
No man made cage can contain
On this ninety-foot bombing range!
Point pacin' game, wings runnin' lanes,
Trailin' posts cry, "No more pain
Let it rain from open bombays
The will of a hot shooter's craze
And alley-oop plays!" Praise this new day
And know its our game you must play
And no other way! Victory
Is Mortal Kombat Fatality,
Is ruthlessly taking your pride,
Callin' off the dogs, but still brandin' raw-
hide!
Retire and hide when the smoke dissipates!
Remember nine records, the havoc we can
create
When we play with the fury of
"Whatever It Takes!"

by Rod Smith

CIC Mike Freeman fires home a bank shot from close range against Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. The Falcons breezed past Cal Poly in this December non-conference tilt.



1997-98 Men's Basketball Team

Back row (left to right): Louis Stewart, Billy Humphrey, Brian Summers, Steve Kincanon, Mike Freeman, Mike Isenhour, David Schuck, Miguel Garcia. Front row (left to right): Barry King, Glen Gonzales, Jovan Hollins, Jarmica Reese, Rod Smith, Dylan Pope, Lawrence Yazzie. Photo provided by Sports Information

CIC Rod Smith (#22) drives the lane for the Falcons in a home contest against WAC foe Wyoming. Photo by J. Schenk

BY ROD SMITH

Heart and Soul

Round raised fists of fury', come men of steeled passions, practice-hardened, as their "get-hype" chants echo the tunnels of Clune Arena. And as they gather in their pre-game Mosh Pit of Chaos, they etch onto their hearts that it will take everything they did — and did not — have to prove to the world, who did not believe in them, that they were going to win! 1-2-3... "WHATEVER IT TAKES!"

It was obvious to anyone who ever kept up with the Men's Varsity Basketball Team, that the '97-'98 basketball season had a different feel. Run with me on this fast break, if you will, and see a C3C Miguel-Garcia-pass for a C1C Jarmica-Reese-3 or a C2C Lou-Stewart-grandfunk masterflash-dunk! Feel the mighty-unintentional-Schuck-elbow clear the way for another C1C Freeman-double-double! Be dazzled by the Yosemite-Sam-3-ball-shootin'-lights-out-without-a-conscious of C3C Dylan Pope and C3C Lawrence Yazzie! Listen for the Billy-Humphrey-"WOO!" as C2C Glenn Gonzales and C2C Jovan Hollins close the gates on yet another offense..."LOCK-DOWN!" Watch that C1C Rod-Smith-award-winning smile after an unsuspecting dunk or another Robocop-shot three!

Laugh with Bryan Summers as he taunts another member of the opposing team, while C4C Mike Isenhour and C4C Steve Kincannon show the world that C1C Freeman did not have to battle the big boys alone! For the first time, in a very long time, this year's Academy team had talent, skill and depth at every position on the floor!

As Freeman put it, "You can throw a fish line and hook outside your car window and into the grass, but that doesn't mean you are going to catch a fish!"

Jarmica Reese continues, "We worked hard this year to do everything we could to make this a winning season. Even though we did not make the WAC tourney, I must tip my hat to all those who sacrificed all to make this a better team."

We broke 100-points in two different games, set 9 school shooting records and won 10 games for the first time in 14 years. Standouts this year included C1C Reese, who became one of the all-time scoring leaders in Academy history, and C1C Freeman, who joined a select few Falcons to end his career with more than 1,000 points and 500 rebounds!

For now, let it be known that the brothers of the '97-'98 basketball season could flat-out play!



C3C Billy Humphrey (#44) and C3C Miguel Garcia congratulate C1C Mike Freeman after he nailed a hoop for the Falcons. Photo by S. Gatto

1997-1998 Women's Basketball Team

Front Row: R. Hein, J. Karlstad, E. Hall, S. Newton, L. Payne, K. Quinn, Back Row: N. Purnell-Davis, K. Grove, M. Peters, H. Meyer, S. Fortna, L. Maher, M. Thredeman T. Hunter. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C2C Elycia Hall looks for the beginning of the next play. A basketball player's keen sense of the court can transform the entire pace of the game. Photo provided by Sports Information.

C2C Julia Karlstad yells out the next play to her teammates. The team has to be ready to execute any play at any moment. Photo provided by Sports Information.



Looking To Improve Team Play

The 1997-98 season may remain forever etched as the most difficult and the most frustrating. Head coach Marti Gasser prepared diligently for the Falcons' second season in Division I, revamping the offense in order to utilize her team's strengths.

In a victory against Texas Pan American, Air Force set a school record for free throws made in a game (33). The Falcons hit just 37 percent from the field, but held the Aggies to 15.9 percent, and just .065 percent from three-point range. The 81 points were the most by the Falcons since December 1995.

Air Force then won its first road game in Division I - and did it in style by beating service academy rival Army for the second consecutive year. The win propelled the Falcons into the championship game of the West Point Holiday Tournament, but St. Bonaventure out-matched the Falcons with an 89-43 win. C2C Hall earned all-tournament honors by scoring a combined 25 points at the tourney.

In one of the season's turning points, Air Force dropped a heart-

breaking 53-52 loss to former Division II rival Denver. C1C Meyer picked up 16 points in the loss, while thirdclassman Megan Thiedeman hit three treys on her way to a 13-point game.

After a promising preseason in which the Falcons blazed to 5-5 record, the Falcons dropped their final 16 games, setting a dubious record in the halls of Air Force history. The Falcons failed to win a conference game, finishing the year 5-21, and losing the program's most storied coach in the process. After 15 years at the helm, Gasser chose to resign at the end of the season, citing the need for new guidance for the program.

"I love the Academy. That's why I feel it is necessary to step aside and let someone else breathe new life into this program," said Gasser.

The Falcons will have a new coach for the 1998-99 season, and four of their top five scorers will return. How well Air Force can rebound from the setbacks of this year remains to be seen, but never count these Falcon athletes out.

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C2C Sara Fortna drives to the hoop from the top of the key against Wyoming. Determination is what gave the Falcons the upper edge. Photo provided by Sports Information.

"Catch the ball!" C1C Kallie Quinn passes the ball to one of her teammates. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C4C James Bales waves to the crowd during his backstroke event. Photo by B. Brandow.

C4C Bales comes up for a breath during the breast stroke. Timing is crucial to breathing in this race. Photo by B. Brandow.



1997-98 Men's Swim Team:

On Deck: Cody Rasmussen, Shanon Anderson. Front Row (L to R): R. Fiechtner, J. Finch, S. Percival, C. Bohn, J. Bowen, M. Shipstead, D. Mitchell, G. McCall, M. Grados. Row 2: J. Chapman, S. Clark, M. Dunker (captain), T. Paschke, A. Smith, C. Alonzo, L. Lemelson, R. Bremer, M. Ihlenfeld. Row 3: S. Leslie, J. Marion, M. Foster, S. Hudson, C. Steipp, J. Bales, T. Paige, W. Hepler, Coach Converse. Row 4: S. McDermot, J. Badgett, A. Hale, L. Hauck, D. Tharaldson, R. Wierzbowski. Photo provided by Sports Information.

C3C Tim Paschke quickly leaves the starting blocks. Many races are won by a good start.



BY LESLIE HAUKE

Leading the Way, Taking out the Competition

Without a doubt, the 1997-98 men's swim season showed that Air Force Swimming is again a top competitor in the Western Athletic Conference. This year, the Falcons held an overall record of 11-1-1, while improving their WAC Championship finish to 5th place, and set some new all-time swimming records.

"Beating Wyoming in both dual meets was the highlight of the season," said team captain C1C Matthew J. Dunker.

The final score against Utah also indicated a huge upset to the Utes - the first time in ten years. Unfortunately, endless feuding between the Utes coach and head coach "KC" Converse concerning a scoring error, the meet resulted in a tie.

"The [Utah] meet really brought the team together, and also let us know that we could compete on a level with the best teams in the WAC," said Billy Helper.

The fourth-class speed and upper class leadership were reasons for the turnaround season, as the group of twelve "Doolies" nearly outnumbered the remaining fourteen swimmers. Fourthclass cadets Tyler Paige (Sprint Free), Matt "Pugsly" Ihlenfeld (Breaststroke), and water-polo/swimming shining star Charles "Chaz" Toth (Sprint Free) made strong consistent swims.

"If this class gets this much better in the coming years, lookout WAC we're gonna scrog some," said thirdclass cadet and lead sprinter Tim Paschke.

It seems evident that the future of this squad will undoubtedly follow the many winning USAFA swimming traditions.



C1C James Bales performs the butterfly in his race. The butterfly is one of the hardest strokes in swimming. Photo by B. Brandow.

BY JEN DICARLO

Upping the Intensity

With help from a new assistant coach, the USAFA women's swim team had a great year.

Team captain C1C Rachel Tukey had this to say about new coach, Rob Clayton, "He is really motivational. He has no sympathy for cadets, so he makes us practice really hard. It's good for us."

The team's WAC record for the season was 12-1-1, competing against schools such as CSU, Rice, and University of New Mexico.

"We're also getting more used to Division I competition," notes C1C Tukey.

There are 20 girls on the team, along with four divers.

"We have a small team compared to other schools, but we do surprisingly well nonetheless," says C1C Tukey.

The team broke a lot of school records this year—the 800 freestyle relay, the 200 freestyle relay and the 100

yard butterfly. In addition to improvements the team made as a whole, there were a couple of individuals who especially stood out.

C1C Beth Haynes, who joined the team her four degree year as a walk-on, edged out C1C Beth Zeman for the title in the 100 backstroke.

C2C Connie Cann became the only team member to ever go the NCAA Championships as a representative of the USAFA Women's Swim Team. Her extreme dedication and perseverance accredited her with breaking her own school record twice in the 100 fly.

C1C Tukey reported that "She came in 21st out of 40 in the 100 fly at the fastest NCAA's ever!"

The women's swim team is very proud of its list of accomplishment throughout the year, and they are looking forward to a competitive season next year with C2C Connie Cann as team captain.



Always giving the competition a swim for their money, C3C Lindsey McRoberts attacks the Backstroke leg of the 400 Individual Medley. Photo by B. Brandow.

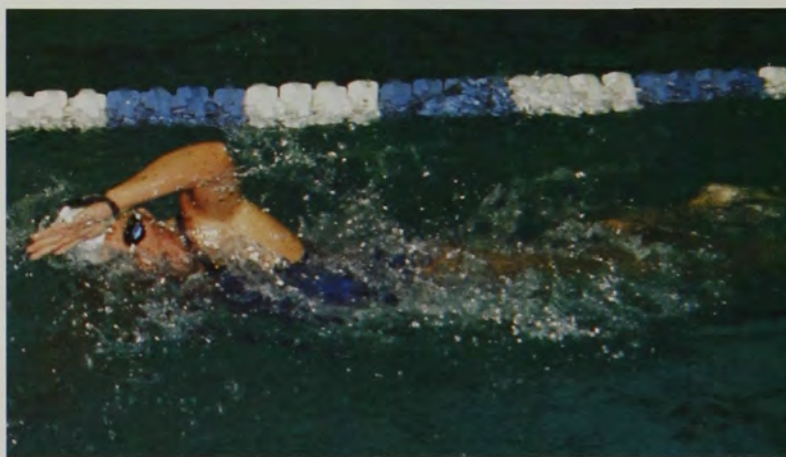
Accelerating off of the starting block, C4C Candice Staubit attempts to gain the lead in her event. Photo by B. Brandow.





C3C Diane Moerer swims to the limit as she tries to catch her opponent in the 200 Butterfly. Photo by B. Brandow.

Taking another breath, C4C Mary Edith Smith does the 100 Butterfly with ease. Photo by B. Brandow.



C3C Lindsey McRoberts finishes strong in the Freestyle leg of the 400 Individual Medley. Photo by B. Brandow.



1997-98 Women's Swimming Team

Front Row: D. Hansen, N. Rosenow, S. Freas, D. Silva, D. Moerer, M. Szwarc, J. Hughes, W. O'Connell, C. Wyatt, Middle Row: J. Tukey, J. Haney, L. McRoberts, C. Staubitz, B. Killen, R. Tukey, B. Haynes, Back Row: A. Cowden, B. Zeman, K. Steenbergen, C. Cann, J. Turner, L. Eckert, D. Haylett, M. Smith, Not Shown: A. Smith. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Closely supervised by a teammate, C4C Wendy O'Connell prepares to begin her dive from the ten-meter platform. Photo by B. Brandow.



C2C Dory Apgar leaves the platform in an open position for a graceful and slower rotation. Photo by B. Brandow.



C3C Jim Marion practices his pike in tight form. Practicing from the springboard prepares the diver for the real ten-meter tumble. Photo by B. Brandow.



C3C Donna Silva is in a tuck on her way down from the ten-meter. The tuck allows the fastest rotation and the greatest number of flips. Photo by B. Brandow.

C2C Dave Devemark performs a preparatory jump before his dive off the one-meter spring board. Photo by B. Brandow.



BY JIM MARION

Leaping with Finesse and Style

The men's and women's Falcon diving team saw a lot of success this season. The team's strong mixture of youth and experience proved their place in the WAC while setting the stage for strong seasons to come.

Secondclass cadets Coby "Worthless" Leslie and C. Dave "Sac" Devemark, who are on group staff, led the team through example and charisma, producing one of the most cohesive and athletic diving teams in Academy history.

"Our main goal this season was to perform well and dive against ourselves. Diving is a sport of concentration, power, and finesse. As a team, we put out several personal best showings throughout the year. This fact shows promise of improvement for this young team," commented C2C Devemark.

Thirdclass cadets Jim "Swampfox" Marion and Jake "Jakels" Chapman, who show great promise for the future, enhanced the team this year. C3C Marion and C2C Devemark both turned in strong performances in the WAC, the former placing 10th and 11th on one and three meter, respectively, and the latter

placing fifth in the platform event. Another highlight of the season was the team's outstanding performance at the BYU invite.

The women's team performed well in the pool and made a respectable name for themselves as a team.

As thirdclass cadet Donna Silva says of the women's team, "We're divers, not athletes."

C3C Silva distinguished herself by becoming the only Academy diver this season to qualify for the NCAA zone meet, a feat that Coach Stan Curnow not only hopes to duplicate, but exceed next season.

"We should have several divers competing at the zone meet next season," Coach Curnow said.

The hopefuls include returning members Janice Hughes and Wendy O'Connell, as well as several members of the men's team.

Coach Curnow sums up the season by saying, "Generally speaking the season went well. I think individual consistency was significantly improved over the previous year. We certainly scored better at both WAC meets and I was pleased with the effort given in practice and in meets."



C2C Coby Leslie and C2C Dave Devemark pause at the top of the ten-meter. Unison is essential in side-by-side dives.

BY MATT BAKER

Too Tough for You, Baby

The 97-98 Air Force Wrestling team had one of the best seasons since the Falcons joined the WAC in 1981. Not since the Falcons won the WAC in 1991 has there been such a strong showing for the Air Force Academy.

This season boasted an impressive 8-2 dual record, three WAC Champions, four NCAA Championship qualifiers and two tournament titles. The Falcons brought home the All-Academy trophy for the first time.

In Provo, UT, the Falcons ended the drought they had experienced in years past by winning three WAC champions. Air Force placed fourth (69 points), only 16 points behind six-time champion Fresno State. It was no surprise that Sherer manhandled his opponents and swept the tournament, but Kallai and C4C Shawn Finnicum wrestled the best they had all season. With Finnicum's unexpected win, he became the third Falcon to win a title in his first year.

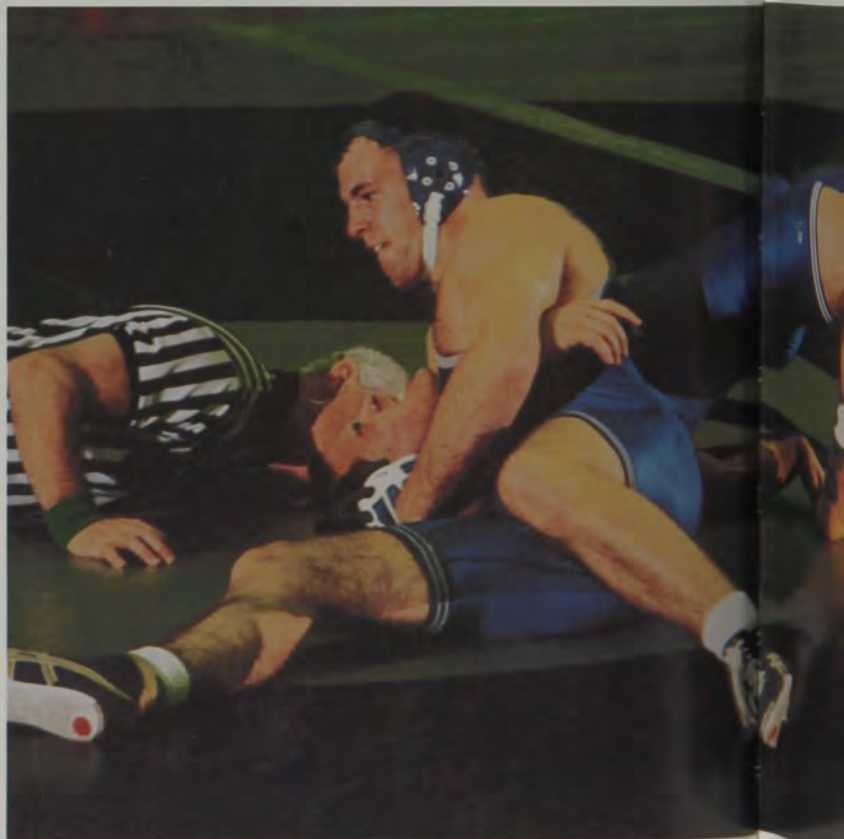
The Falcons sent another qualifier to the NCAAs when Bindreiff received one of the league's at-large. Placing third at the WAC were Eknes and C4Cs Ryan Montanez and Justin Bowen. Due to the Falcons surpassing everyone's expect-

tations at the WAC tournament, head coach Wayne Baughman was named Co-Coach of the Year for the third time.

With four on their way to the NCAA tournament, the Falcons went into the tournament with a strong focus and fought hard throughout the tournament placing 41 with five team points. Bindreiff, Kallai, and Sherer all won in the second round. The team's performance was the second best showing among the WAC schools and the best showing of the service academy schools.

C3C Phil Johnston joined Montanez as the team's surprise performer of the year. Johnston came out after the football season ended and immediately was named WAC wrestler of the Week after placing first at HWT at the USC Open. He ended on a 10-7 record and led the team in pins.

This 97-98 wrestling season will be remembered as one of the finest showings that the Academy had for several seasons. C1C Mike Kallai stated: "Wrestling at USAFA was one of the toughest most gratifying experiences of my life."





This cadet uses an arm bar to ride his opponent. Wrestlers constantly try and out-wit their opponent in every match. Photo provided by Sports Information.



Going for the pin, this cadet muscles his opponent for a victory. Wrestlers must painstakingly ensure that both shoulders are flat at the mat to earn a pin. Photo provided by Sports Information.

C2C Luke Bindreiff puts his opponent in a headlock. Despite his opponent's best effort to remove himself from the uncomfortable position, Air Force still took the win. Photo provided by Sports Information.

BY STEFANIE MYERS

Never Giving Up, Turning Up the Heat

The men's gymnastics team finished the 1998 season with a 5-5 record. This year's team was the second team in Academy history to qualify for NCAA regional competition. They also finished third overall at USGA Collegiate Nationals, and seventh in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

Early in the season, the team loss of two of its top athletes, C2C Nate Drewery and C2C Jason Colbert, to gymnastic related injuries. C1C Greg Meis, the captain, was also unable to compete.

"The team started out slowly, but finished strong. These injuries played a major role in the slow start," remarked Lou Berkel, head coach.

Two Academy records were set this year in the parallel bars and the

pommel horse. C4C Levi Torkelson tied and broke his own record on the parallel bars. C3C Jared Whiles also set a new pommel horse record replacing the one set in 1996. Collectively, C1C Ryan Mahoney, C4C Torkelson, C1C Geoff Jensen and C2C Erin Montague set the all time best parallel bar record.

At nationals, several team members showed impressive scores. C2C Montague finished second on high bar which helped him to finish twelfth overall. C3C Javin Peterson earned a fourth place finish on rings.

With the returning members and those off the injury list, next year's team should be able to fill the void left by the class of 1998. Look for next year to be another record breaker.



C2C Casey Guerrero shows intense concentration on the parallel bars. To the average spectator, this event appears easy, but in reality, it requires hard work and balance. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C3C Parker Marshall suspends himself in the iron cross. Perhaps one of the most well-known and respected gymnastic positions, the iron cross is a mix of brawn and sheer concentration. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C4C Daniel Schan perfects his floor show. The Falcons were a force to be reckoned with. Photo provided by Sports Information.

C4C Levi Torkelson exemplifies his expertise on the pommel horse. This event requires strength and timing. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C2C Shawna Wartner performs a handstand with ease on the balance beam. Photo by E. Bixby.



Swinging around the high bar, C1C Michelle Roxburg perfects her routine. Photo by E. Bixby.



Keeping eye contact with where she wants to land, this gymnast twists and turns her body as she moves through the air. Photo by E. Bixby

BY A. NONYMOUS

Battling the Big Ones

Most would consider a record of 7-11 disappointing but not in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The MPSF is one of the strongest federations in existence as well as it holds some of the most profound and best female gymnasts.

The women's gymnastics head coach Lou Burkel feels the 1998 team performed very well.

"The schedule was probably the most difficult in history, but the women competed very well against highly ranked teams," said Coach Burkel.

Similar to their male counterparts, the women's team was harbored by several key injuries.

"One all around competitor did not finish the season and another missed the entire season recovering

from knee surgery," Burkel said.

On a more positive note, several individual performance stood out during the entire season. C4C Katrine Waterman and C1C Michelle Roxburgh both qualified for NCAA regional competition. Joining those two at the United States Amateur Gymnastics competition were C1C Jennifer Baggozzi, C2C Kelly Roxburgh and C4C Elizabeth Weber. In addition, C1C Waterman and C2C Roxburgh were named USAG All Americans.

With many returning stars, next year's team has unlimited potential. Don Meadows, women's assistant coach, is excited about his returning gymnasts. The incoming recruits and revamped strength and conditioning program



C1C Jen Baggozzi is in deep concentration as she practices her bar routine. Photo by E. Bixby.

C1C Kerrie Gribuski lands with balance and grace during her beam routine. Photo by E. Bixby.

C4C Mike Thiessen gets a force out on this base runner. Better luck next time! Photo by M. Taylor.



Keep your eye on the ball! This opposing batter doesn't have a chance against Falcon pitcher Eric Eldridge. Photo by M. Taylor.



C3C Jim Murphy slides safely into second. Photo by M. Taylor.

C3C Chris Humphrey makes contact to send the ball for a ride. Photo by M. Taylor.

BY NATE TARKOWSKI

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

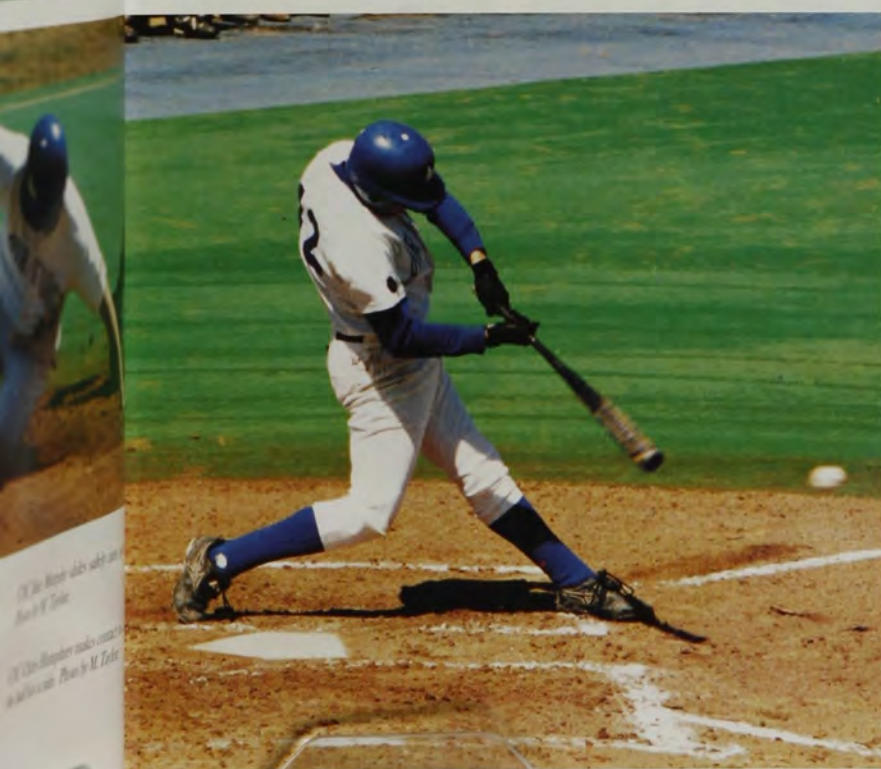
The sound of bats and balls could be heard once again this January as the cadets returned from Christmas Break. While most people were enjoying the skiing and snowboarding that makes Colorado famous; the Varsity baseball team was fighting Mother Nature and preparing for one of the most competitive seasons in recent history. This year's varsity baseball team approached the upcoming year with a dedication not seen in the recent past and the effort and hard work began to pay dividends.

The Varsity team this year featured eight firstclass cadets that composed a strong nucleus dedicated to winning. Competing in the Western Athletic Conference for baseball has never been easy. The conference is one of the nation's premier baseball conferences and this year was rated the fifth best conference in the pre-

season by "Baseball America" magazine. The non-conference schedule was also competitive featuring games against such national powers and regional qualifiers as Wichita State, Troy State, Kansas State, Mississippi, Memphis, Creighton, and traditional rivals Army and Navy.

This year's squad featured an uncharacteristically deep and experienced pitching staff. Seven of the team's top pitchers had varsity experience entering the season. The staff was led by the starting pitching of Travis Lauritsen, Ryan Johnson, and Eric Eldridge. These three firstclass cadets had 61 career starts between them entering the 1998 season. The depth of the team did not end there fortunately. The bullpen was led by firstclass cadet Todd Ladd who was in the nation's top ten in saves throughout the entire year. Other members of the relief corps included firstclass cadets Nate Tarkowski, Ben Menges, thirdclass cadets Dan Mortenson and Jason Amidon, and fourthclass cadets Mike Tufte and Brad Bashore.

As the year continued the bats also came alive. Lauritsen led the attack but had help from secondclass cadets Mike Boomsma, Mike Stolley, and Chad Hillberg. Fourthclass cadet Mike Thiessen won the starting short-stop job in the second series of the year against Troy State and proved to have a bright future ahead of him by showing off a strong bat and slick fielding. Thirdclass cadet third baseman Chris Humphrey and catcher Jim Murphy also made great strides throughout the season.



CIC Eric Eldridge gets ready to release yet another blazing fast pitch. Photo by M. Taylor.



CAC Doug Fike hits an easy forehand over the net. Photo by B. Brandow.

Aiming the ball for his opponent, CAC Doug Fike makes sure he has good contact with the ball and his racket. Photo by B. Brandow.



Using his forehand stroke, CAC Doug Fike hits the ball close to the ground. Photo by B. Brandow.



1997-1998 Men's Tennis Team

Front Row: R. Ramirez, J. Anderson, N. Cooper, J. Caplinger, C. Bryant, B. Flis, T. Deangelis, D. Fry, D. Fike, Back Row: B. Bak, D. Hills, D. Chow, S. Jucknies, D. Thawley, C. Gregor, R. Gugat, J. Rivera, V. Garza, D. Dickson, P. Rayner, A. Grace, M. Ayn. Photo provided by Sports Information.

BY THERESA VICK

A Pillar of Stones

The Falcons continued their dominance at home, winning 17 of their 18 matches to improve to 155-9 at home in the 1990s. The squad has won 79 of its last 81 home matches. The lone loss in 1998 at home came to national power Arkansas-Little Rock, 5-2. AFA posted wins over such powers as Memphis, 7-0, Southwest Missouri State, 6-1, Wichita State, 4-3, and Montana State, 6-1.

The Falcons entered the WAC Championships as the 12th seed. After falling to No. 4 TCU, 4-1, the team rebounded to defeat Hawaii, 4-1, to advance to the semifinals of the consolation bracket. The team finally lost to eighth-seeded Utah, 4-0.

C2C Jason Anderson led the team all season. The Greeley, Colo., native posted a team-best 21-7 record at No. 1 singles. C2C Anderson has compiled a 43-11 record at No. 1 singles in two years at AFA. C2C Anderson has a 70-20 career collegiate record after posting a 27-9 mark at Boise State as a freshman before transferring to AFA.

C1C Chet Bryant closed out his career with a 20-8 mark at No. 2 singles. C1C Bryant's 20-win season is the third of his career and improved his career record to 79-36. His 79 wins rank eighth in Academy history. C1C Bryant was 17-5 in doubles to move his career doubles record to 61-28. His 61 doubles wins are seventh best in AFA history.

C1C Bryant was the lone firstie in the top six. The Falcons used a youthful lineup for most of the season. C3C Tom DeAngelis recovered from a back injury that kept him on the shelf for the first half of the season. He was 10-4 at No. 4 singles. C3C Brian Flis took advantage of his first opportunity to play in the top six and posted a 14-7 record at No. 6 singles.

C4C Doug Fike and C4C Rene Ramirez showed they'll be forces in the future. C4C Fike was 12-15 playing mostly No. 3 singles while C4C Ramirez capped his rookie campaign with an 18-9 mark.



The Falcons practiced hard for all of their matches, at home and away. Photo by B. Brandow.

With the look of determination in his eyes, C4C Doug Fike uses his backhand to get the ball over the net. Photo by B. Brandow.

CIC Cheryl Crow lunges for the ball in a doubles match. Photo by B. Brandow.

CIC Cheryl Crow drills at the ball across the court and follows through with her fore-hand swing. Photo by B. Brandow.



CIC Cheryl Crow nails a powerhouse serve to her opponent. Photo by B. Brandow.



CIC Cheryl Crow and teammate CIC Christel Helquist exchange a high five after putting one more point on the board. Photo by B. Brandow.

CIC Christel Helquist smashes an overhand, while CIC Cheryl Crow watches in amazement. Photo by B. Brandow.

Won't Take No for an Answer.

If you thought the Falcons would not be competitive once they moved into Division I, you were wrong.

True, the Falcons may not be winning any WAC titles soon, but this does not mean they are not a team to be reckoned with.

Air Force closed the 1998 season with a 12-15 record, increasing the school's record to 27-25 since going Division I two years ago. Considerably better than the sub-.500 record most thought would be posted.

The Falcons had several big wins throughout the year, beginning with the 5-4 win over Army at the Academy in the fall to win the Gideon Cup. AFA also posted wins at Gonzaga, 6-3, at Bethune-Cookman, 8-1 and at home versus Missouri, 7-2 and Northern Iowa, 6-3.

C3C Nadine Lynn led the Falcons. She posted a 16-11 overall record playing No. 1 and 2 singles.

She was 8-6 at the top spot and 8-5 at No. 2. C3C Lynn also recorded an 11-9 doubles mark. Fellow thirdclass cadet Julie Weiss was 12-11 overall, playing mostly No. 2 and 3 singles. She was also 10-9 in doubles.

The team used several different lineups throughout the year, giving many young players valuable experience. C3C Jen Shelby posted a 10-8 record in the top six. C4C Jessica Pierog was 3-5 at No. 6 singles while C4C Melanie Bates, C4C Mae-Li Amick, C1C Michelle Tibbitts and C4C Julie Wass combined for a 10-5 record.

Firstclass cadets Cheryl Crow and Christel Helquist also contributed. C1C Crow was 9-13 in singles and 15-8 in doubles. C1C Helquist added a 4-4 singles mark and a team-best 17-7 doubles mark.

With such an impressive record in Division I competition this past season, the women are sure to continue their winning streak.



C3C Julie Weiss reaches for a lofting ball to slam back at her opponent. Photo by B. Brandow.

BY JOHN TUIITE

Undergoing Rebuilding

Air Force Men's Lacrosse finished this year at 4-7. Regardless of the bad luck, the Falcons pressed on with a solid core of players, led by four-year starter C1C Chris MacAulay and fellow co-captains C1C Rob Makros and C1C Brett Schumer. C1C MacAulay, one of the best attackmen to play at Air Force, became a one-person wrecking crew from the first game.

The season opened at Army. The Falcons held a 5-2 halftime lead over their service academy rival, but Army unleashed a 6-0 run in the third period to grab the lead and finish with a 12-6 win. The game showed the early signs of a pattern developing for Air Force - future games would also have opponents rallying back to overcome a strong Air Force lead.

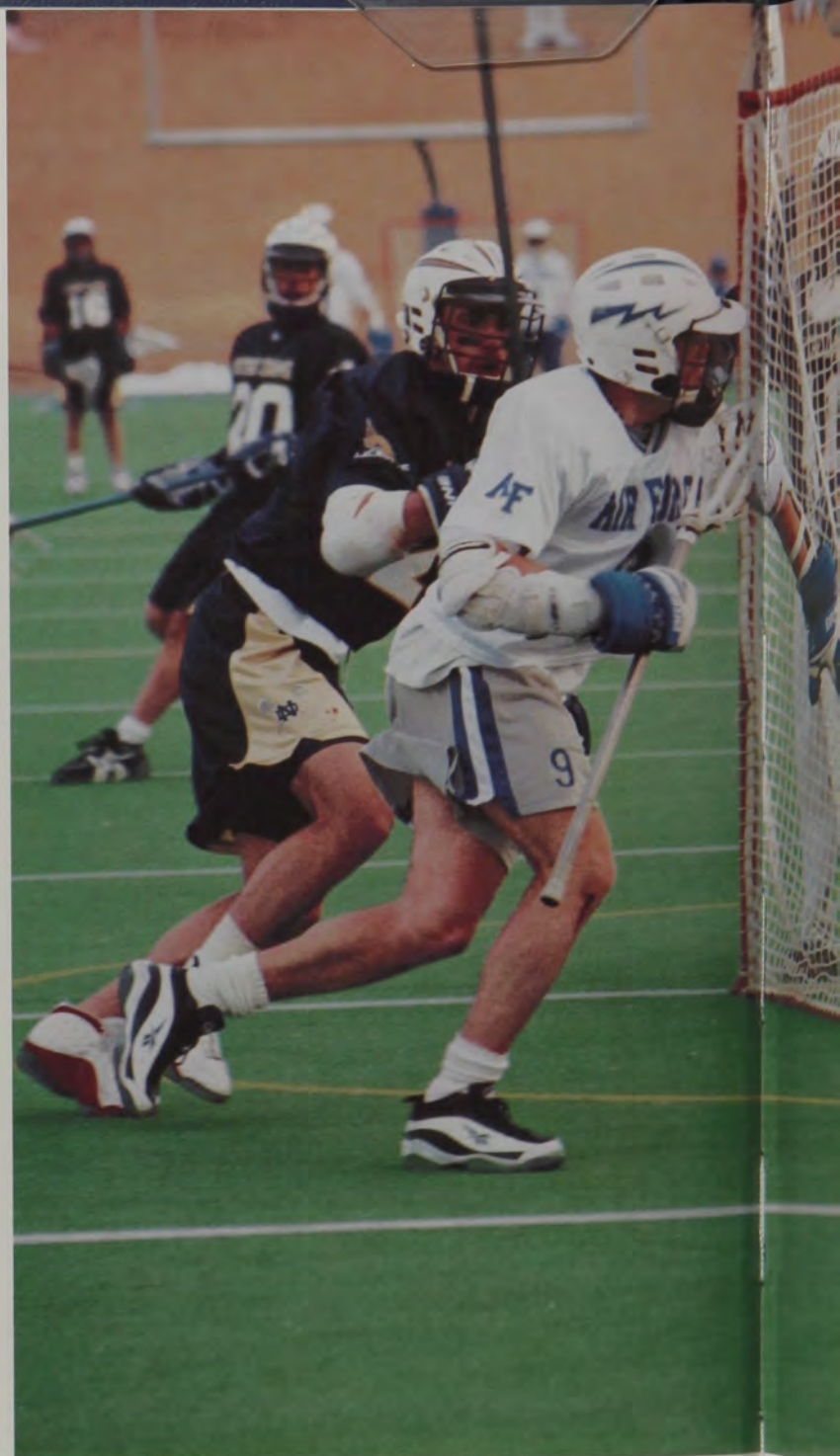
C1C MacAulay, however, saved his best for last in the Falcons' final game of the season. He treated fans to a magnificent display, collecting 10 points (six goals, four assists) in the Falcons' 14-13 win over Denver. The 10-point performance equaled the number one performance by a Divi-

sion I player all season, and it was a career-high for the four-year starter. Besides C1C MacAulay, who finished third in the nation in goals (37, 3.36 p/g) and eighth in points (50, 4.55 p/g), the Falcons had strong performances from other players.

C2C Seigfried matched his 1997 performance with 19 points during the season, while C3C David Wright more than tripled his performance from his fourthclass year, scoring 19 points. C3C Schnobrich, who scored once as a freshman, tallied 13 points in his second campaign. C1C Brett Schumer averaged over six ground balls per game (72 total), and his 14 ground balls against VMI ranks No. 3 on the Falcons all-time single game list. C2C Principi saved 133 shots to increase his total to 286 - eighth on the all-time list.

The Falcons finished the year 4-7, 1-3 in the GWL - only the third losing season in Falcon lacrosse history. The Falcons will be starting out strong next year with their returning players.

C1C Chris MacAulay looks for another scoring opportunity against Notre Dame. Photo by M. Taylor.





CIC Chris MacAulay takes the ball behind the goal in an attempt to set up a scoring play for the Falcons against the Fighting Irish. Photo by M. Taylor.



C3C Peter Schnobrich leaps in front of an opponent for a big steal. Photo by M. Taylor.



CIC Patrick Lowe receives a pass while a Notre Dame defender attempts to trip him up. Photo by M. Taylor.

C3C Nick Dipoma goes down to keep a low pass away from a ND defender. Photo by M. Taylor.

Making Strides - Indoor & Outdoor

This year proved to be both good and bad for the indoor and outdoor track teams. While the indoor team excelled all around, the men finished 7th and the women placed 13th, the outdoor team did not do as well. Regardless, both teams saw records set and new stars come forward.

On the indoor team, C3C Kevin Griswold broke Olympian Alonzo Babers' record in the 200-meter dash with 21.06. Babers' record was number one for nearly fourteen years.

C1C Katie Joynt broke a seventeen-year old school mark held by Diane Elwer in the pentathlon races with 3,229 points. This score also ranked her sixth in the league.

C1C Zach Smith was the only Falcon to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships. His performance in the 3,000-meter run with 8:02.74 was the fastest in the conference and second best school mark.

C1C Will Woodward took second in the WAC in the 5,000-meter run with a clock of 14:32.09. He was just one second short of the fastest time.

C3C Jake Gensic closed out the season in pole vault at 16'8 3/4". This

height placed him second on Air Force's all-time list and earned him All-WAC honors with a second place finish.

Others to earn honors on the indoor track were C2C Rob Mishev with a high jump of 6'11", C4C Ana Ortega with a pole vault of 10', and the women's distance medley relay team comprised of C1C Jennifer Young, C2C Tisha David, C2C Dalia Wenckus, and C3C Heather Johnson. The team set a school record with 12:39.22 at the conference championships.

On the outdoor team, Griswold nearly ran the fastest time in school history in the 100-meter and 200-meter dash with a time of 21.17 and 10.63 respectively. However, the times were labeled as wind aided and thus were not recorded in the record book.

C2C Robert Jertberg, triple jump, and C1C Reggie Wesley, hammer throw, were ranked number two in their respective events with 50'4 1/4" in the triple jump and 189'9" in the hammer throw.

C3C Joe Bonner had the second best throw in school history for the javelin competition when he threw the spear for 193'7".



Academy hurdler C4C Kurt Duffy stays in front of his competition from CSU during the 110 meter race. Photo by B. Brandow.

The 1997-98 season Falcon track team. Photo provided by Sports Information.





C4C LeNetta Banks smiles as she sails over the bar during the high jump competition. She posted a season best of 5'6". Photo by B. Brandow.



Long distance specialist C1C Zach Smith maintains the lead in the 3,000 meter race during the Falcon's indoor season. C1C Smith was a 1998 indoor Track and Field All-American in the 3,000 meter run. Photo provided by Sports Information



Falcon sprinter C4C Andre Phillips speeds towards the finish line with his teammate not far behind. Photo by B. Brandow.



USAFA Runners C1C Katie Joynt and C3C Jennifer Stehwen lead the pack in the 100 meter hurdles. Photo by B. Brandow.



The pre-match routine for C3C Aaron St. Clair includes, of course, lacing the boots and listening to music. Photo by B. Brandow.



C2C Tre' Irick fires a right cross at C3C Zen Munn during their highly competitive 156-pound match. Photo by B. Brandow.

C3C Zenzaku Munn gets set to throw a counter left following an overhand right by C2C Tre' Irick. C3C Munn captured the win in this 156-pound category. Photo by M. Taylor.

C2C Erwin Vargas (right) lands a left jab to the chest of C2C Ryan Dahlin during their 147-pound bout. C2C Dahlin earned the victory in this contest. Photo by M. Taylor.



BY BIG CHIEF

The Wing Open - A Tradition Unlike Any Other

It's a tradition unlike any other. No, it's not the Master's. It is USAFA's Wing Open.

The Wing Open finals fill Clune Arena to the rafters and the crowd is stoked. The boxers are definitely "ready to rumble."

A Wing-wide boxing tournament gets underway in early February and concludes with the Wing Open finals. The tournament is an extension of an optional boxing class and intramural boxing program. Any cadet may volunteer for the tourney.

The pugilists let it all hang out in the finals. A Wing Open win brings with it a trip to regional competition and a win at regionals means a trip to the national tourney.

Another important aspect of the Wing Open is the charity fund-raising part of the event. Down through the years, several charitable organizations or individuals have benefited from the Wing Open.

At the 1998 Wing Open, the cadet Wing chose leukemia patients Madeline Pearson (2-years of age) and Seth Hickox (3-years of age) as beneficiaries. In addition to the youngsters, former USAFA instructor Ann Freeman, who was injured in an auto accident, was chosen as a beneficiary. The 1998 Wing Open raised \$14,000.

The 1998 Wing Open results were: 119 lbs—C4C Joel Rivera def.

C2C Justin Mokrovich; 125 lbs—C1C Al Kinkle, Jr. def. C4C Bryce Dahlin; 132 lbs—C1C Roy Blanco def. C3C Paul Gabriel; 139 lbs—C3C Mike Benza def. C4C Gerardo Sanchez; 147 lbs—C2C Ryan Dahlin def. C2C Erwin Vargas; 156 lbs—C3C Zenzaku Munn def. C2C Tre' Irick; 165 lbs—C2C Chris Lance def. C1C Chris Goad; 175 lbs—C3C Aaron St. Clair def. C3C Lincoln McLeod; 185 lbs—C3C Mark Sletton def. C4C Jeremy Wimer; Hywt—C2C Tyler Smith def. C2C Cliff Reimer.

The Col. John J. Clune Award goes to the outstanding boxer in the Wing Open. For 1998, the Clune Award went to C1C Blanco.

Following the Wing Open, the USAFA boxing team traveled to Reno, Nevada, for the National Collegiate Boxing Association (NCBA) regionals. The Falcons won their 19th straight regional team title and qualified nine boxers (C1C Kinkle, C3C St. Clair, C3C Mark Sletton, C4C Rivera, C1C J.B. Wells, C2C Lance, C1C Blanco, C2C R. Dahlin, and C3C Benza) for the NCBA national championships.

At the national tournament, USAFA finished second to Navy in the team standings. C3C Benza and C3C Sletton captured first place gold medals for the Falcons.

Fighting at close range was the style demonstrated here by C3C Lincoln McLeod and C3C Aaron St. Clair. This 175-pound encounter was won by C3C St. Clair.

AWARDS

Information provided by Sports Information and the Academy Spirit.



MOST VALUABLE MALE PLAYER

C1C Chris Gizzi

C1C Chris Gizzi was the key to the Falcon Defense, leading the WAC in tackles. A third team All-American, C1C Gizzi was the second Falcon ever to win back to back WAC Pacific Division Defensive

Player of the Year titles. *Football News* named him All-WAC First Team Performer. He was also named All-WAC First Team Defense for two years and WAC Player of the Week four times.

CO-MOST VALUABLE FEMALE PLAYER

C1C Jen Petykowski

C1C Jennifer Petykowski, a four year member of the Academy Track and Field Team, culminated her career by becoming the Academy's first female WAC Champion. She set a school record of 5-9 3/4

inches in the high jump in 1996 and was named to the Division II Academic All-American team. In addition to her Athletic honors, C1C Petykowski won the 1997 Budget Car Rental Scholar-Athlete Award.



CO-MOST VALUABLE FEMALE PLAYER

C1C Michelle Roxburgh

For three consecutive years, C1C Michelle Roxburgh has led the Academy gymnastics team to qualify for the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships. Qualifying in the All-Around four times, she was the

Academy's first qualifier to the NCAA Division I Regionals. In addition, she is an USAG All-American in the all-around, vault, and balance beam. Serving as a team captain, she is a three-time most valuable gymnast.

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

C2C Justin Kieffer

C2C Justin Kieffer was the first athlete from the Academy hockey team to be nominated for All-American Honors in more than twenty years. He led the team in almost every offensive category and led the NCAA Division I play-

ers in power play goals. In addition to his athletic skills, C2C Kieffer was able to maintain a 3.60 grade point average in the Operations Research major. He was also selected to the GTE Academic All-District and All-American teams.



SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

C1C Will Woodward

In C1C Will Woodward final track season, he placed third in the 5000 meter run at the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track Championships. C1C Woodward holds records on the Academy's indoor

and outdoor all-time lists in the 5000 meter run. He is also a four time WAC Scholar-Athlete. C1C Woodward graduated in the top five percent of the class of 1998 with a grade point average of 3.79.



ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

C1C Chris MacAulay

Lacrosse team captain and the team's second leading scorer, C1C Chris MacAulay earned a second selection to the all-conference team. In addition to his athletic prowess, C1C MacAulay has also earned

military honors by holding a 3.19 grade point average, serving as a flight commander, element leader, first sergeant, and flight NCO. C1C MacAulay also volunteered as a youth lacrosse coach.



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

C1C Jarmica Reese

C1C Jarmica Reese, team captain and true leader, raised the overall performance of the team. Individually, C1C Reese has earned three Most Valuable Player Awards and four WAC Player of the

Week Awards. In 1997, he was one of the nations top 64 players giving him the opportunity to try out for the USA basketball games. In addition, he was selected to the All-District 13 team of the NABC.



BY JEN DICARLO

Pride In Intramurals?

Cadets thrive on competition. Intramurals provide cadets the opportunity to express their desire to compete. Many cadets develop deep ties to their intramural sports.

Some squadrons will buy special t-shirts for their teams to wear in competition instead of the usual intramural jerseys. The t-shirts helped the squadron stand out from the rest.

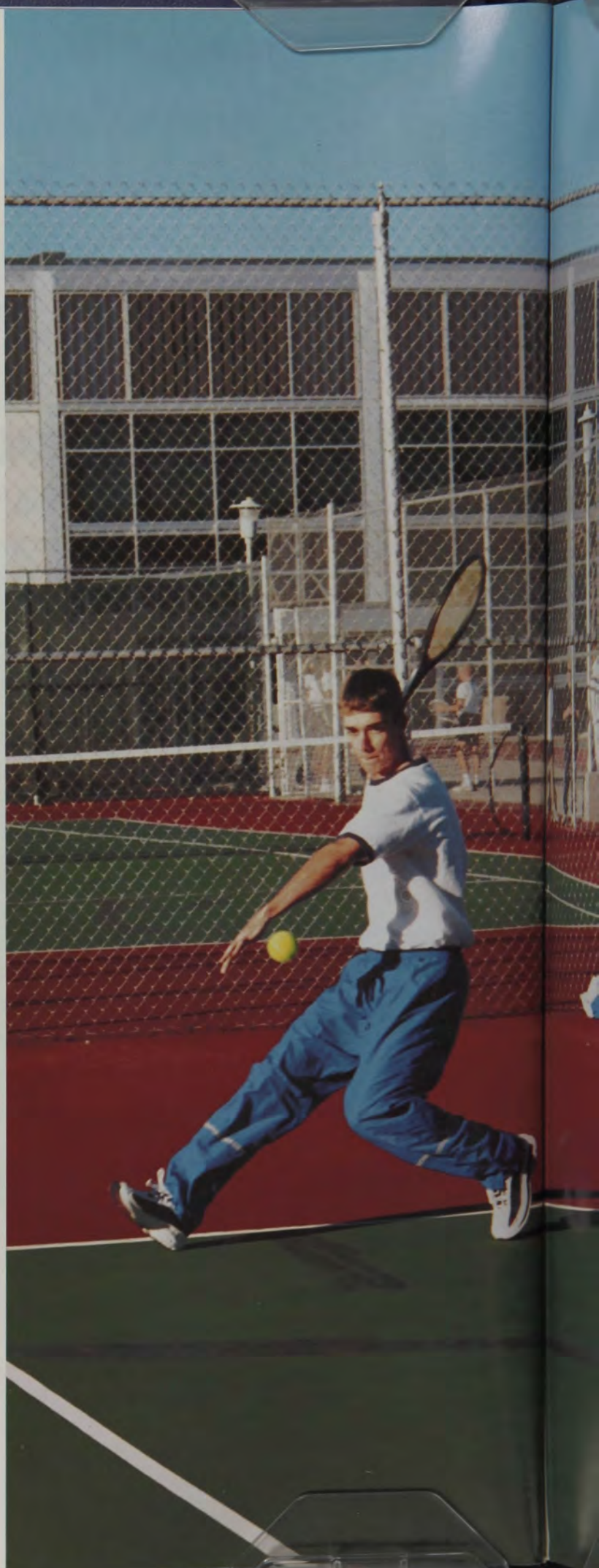
Many squadrons feel that if they won the championship in a particular sport for several years in a row, that they must uphold the tradition and continue to dominate in that sport. When they arrange intramural teams, some squadrons will power pack a certain sport so that they can win.

Intramurals are often taken very seriously. Teams, such as rugby, will come down to the quads a few days before their scheduled practices and start their own practices to help them have an edge over other teams. With every extra practice, a team can learn more about its strengths and weaknesses.

Though the competition was fierce at times, cadets also had fun playing intramurals. It gave them a break from schoolwork and time to socialize with their fellow classmates. Cadets on the side lines could be heard cheering for their team. Intramurals was a way cadets could compete with each other and still have fun at the same time.



There are no losers or winners down at the intramural fields. After playing hard, teams shook hands and did "ra-ra's" for the other team. Photo by M. Taylor.



C2C Phil Robichaud takes perfect form as he prepares for the next shot from his opponent. Photo by M. Taylor.



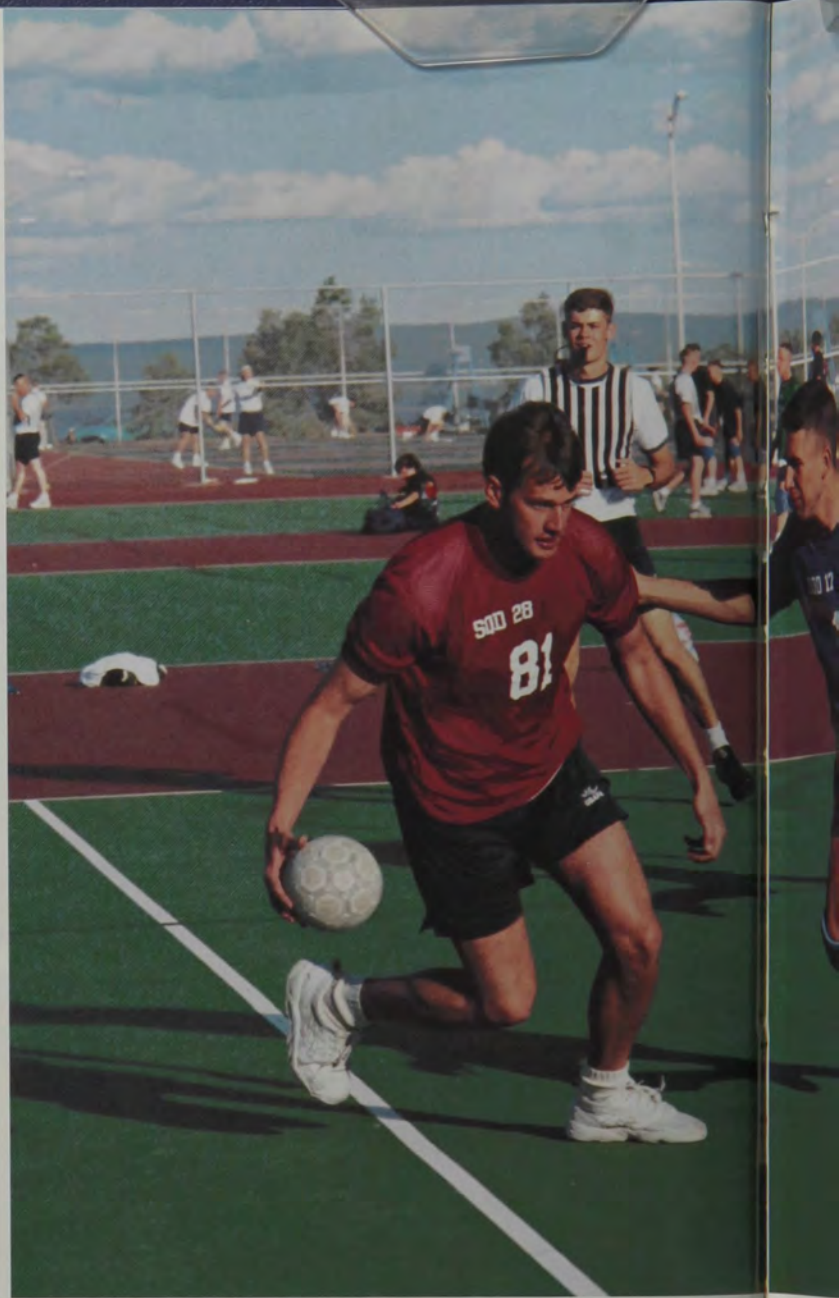
Follow through is key. Some cadets took intramurals very seriously. Photo by M. Connor.



C3C Charlie Miles controls the soccer ball to give the Rebels of CS-11 an edge. Photo by M. Taylor.

C2C Don Rynkowski tries to make his way past a CS-17 defender in Team handball. Photo by M. Connor.

C2C Wesley Adams sprints out of a pocket and on his way to a touchdown. Photo by M. Taylor.



C1C Eric Tibbs gets hit just as he passes the ball to his teammates. Photo by M. Taylor.



RESULTS

FLAG FOOTBALL:	CS33
FLICKERBALL:	CS05
TEAM HANDBALL:	CS13
SOCGER:	CS12
CROSS COUNTRY:	CS06/CS10 (TIE)
BASKETBALL:	CS01
BOXING:	CS12, CS17, CS21, CS40 (WON TITLES)



*This cadet charges ahead in a game of rugby.
Photo by B. Nickel.*

*This cadet prepares to pass between these
flickerball defenders. Photo by M. Taylor.*

BY JEN DICARLO

Break A Leg, In Intramurals

“**A**ttention in the Area, Attention in the Area. All outdoor intramurals are cancelled for today. Operations Center, Out.” This all too uncommon announcement usually brought cries of joy from all corners of USAFA.

As fun as intramurals can be, the prospect of a free afternoon is usually more enticing. Nonetheless, twice a week, every squadron diligently walks down to the Athletic Complex to participate in a variety of exciting and competitive sports without being part of an intercollegiate team. Even if you were the star of your high school team, sometimes the competition for intercollegiate teams is just too tough. Through intramurals everyone can still enjoy the sports they love.

Intramurals are intended to keep the entire student body involved in Athletics without forcing everyone to be a part of an intercollegiate team. There are enough options that each cadet can find a sport that suits them. Everything from cross country to ultimate frisbie and handball are available. Cadets are allowed to choose their sport and enrollment is based on interest and availability of spaces. Many times in order to create even teams the underclassmen are “ram-jammed” into sports. Ram-jamming always makes intramurals more interesting since a cadet may not know how to play the sport he was assigned to. The atmosphere is competitive but the empha-

sis is on the team concept and having fun.

Intramurals also serve another purpose besides athletic participation. Down at the field house and athletic arenas, ranks and positions disappear. Everyone is equal. Obstacles produced by the cadet leadership system are knocked down, allowing conversations to start and friendships to form. Even though many of these friendships can only exist down at the Athletic fields, intramurals help to bridge the gaps that tend to form between upperclassmen and underclassmen. Instead of trainer and trainee they become teammates and must work together to win.

One of the more popular Spring Intramural sports is rugby. Rugby is played much like football; however, you can only pass the ball to your teammates by throwing it backwards. In intramural rugby very little protective gear is worn. This lack of protective gear often leads to frequent injuries. Many players have been known to get hurt more than once in the same season. Some of the more common injuries are broken noses and ACL injuries. So why do cadets continue to play rugby even though it's risky? C3C Guma, who himself was injured twice playing rugby, notes, “Cadets keep playing rugby despite injuries because it is a challenging and very physical sport.” Cadets will risk anything for a little excitement and adventure...even in intramurals.

C2C Todd Kruetzer lunges for the ball, followed closely by two defenders. Photo by B. Nickel.





"They're after me!" This cadet had better run a little faster if he intends to escape these defenders. Photo by P. Rose.



"Where's the ball?" These cadets are so wrapped up in tackling each other that the ball seems to have disappeared. Photo by B. Nickel.



"I got it!" Body parts get jumbled up as these cadets shove elbows for the frisbee. Photo by B. Nickel.

CIC Dan Polsgrove sacrifices his body for the frisbee and the team. The sport of Ultimate Frisbee is a staple of the intramural program. Photo by B. Nickel.

Looking for a strike, this pitcher's focus is expressed by his picture perfect form. Photo by P. Rose



Preparing to run, this cadet hurls the ball far into the out-field. Photo by P. Rose.



C2C Stan Seegars of CS-11 prepares to play as the intensity of the scrum increases. Photo by P. Rose.



RESULTS

SOFTBALL: CS24

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: CS26

VOLLEYBALL: CS14

RACQUETBALL: CS30

RUGBY: CS27

CROSS COUNTRY: CS12



1998 Spring Intramural Wing Champions
Front Row: T. Hawkins, J. Matusak, C. Zegar, M. Armendariz.
Back Row: S. Souza, M. Roberts, G. Anderson, D. Polsgrove, M. Erpelding, S. Noyes

CLUBS

Section Editor: Connie Garcia

Military training, classes, and athletics occupy a majority of cadet days, yet they search for something more, in their pursuit of the Academy experience.

Many cadets turn to extra-curricular clubs for enhancement in their lives, whether as part of a club sport, hobby-related, or academic interest club.

Organizations and the activities they sponsor provide an opportunity to build relationships around common interests. These interests can last a lifetime bringing new people into our lives.

Club members participate in fun activities, and often use their collective

**PRIDE
THROUGH
ENHANCEMENT**

talents and interests to contribute to the

Academy and Colorado Springs communities. Often, clubs such as Arnold Air Society are a part of a national organization that has chapters across the country.

By becoming a part of a service organization, or just participating in an activity they enjoy, cadets gain a sense of fulfillment and pride that sometimes lacks within other daily activities.



C3C James Ryan shows off one of the Academy's falcon mascots to a child from the audience at the Parent's Weekend parade. C3C Ryan and other Falconers support many Academy events by performing public demonstrations and allowing the falcons to interact with the public. Photo by B. Brandow.



● Arnold Air Society

Photo by B. Nickel.



● Explorers

Photo by M. Taylor.



Honor Guard lowers the American Flag and the POW/MIA flag during the Wing Wide Retreat concluding POW/MIA appreciation week. Arnold Air Society sponsors the annual event. Photo submitted by the club.



CIC Zach Guza enjoys a dinner with an ROTC Arnold Air Society member. Arnold Air Society sent several cadets to conferences throughout the country during the year. Photo submitted by the club.

CIC Jeremy Stringer and a fourthclass cadet march in front of the POW/MIA flag during the 24 hour vigil. Participation in the vigil was open to non-club members. Photo by Polaris Staff.



SERVES

Arnold Air Society

Local and National community

The Arnold Air Society (AAS) is a national, professional, honorary, service organization comprised of United States Air Force Academy cadets and selected Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets from approximately 150 of the nation's colleges and universities.

AAS is a private, non-profit group with approximately 3,000 member cadets and was founded in October 1947.

Essentially a community oriented organization, AAS accomplishes its goals by carrying out projects in the local community that serve the disadvantaged, foster environmental awareness, and promote awareness of the plight of Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. Service projects range from joint national projects, which are established at the national convention each year, to local community or campus service projects.

AAS carries out its mission by aiding in the development and production of effective Air Force officers, establishing a closer and more efficient relationship among Air Force officer candidates through community involvement, and advancing air

and space age citizenship.

Other objectives are geared towards creating the ideal officer to support the mission of the Air Force by supporting aerospace power and its role in national security and furthering the purpose, traditions, and concepts of the United States Air Force.

This past year, members tutored elementary school students in math and science, assisted in the renovation of local homes for the elderly, represented the Academy at the local Veteran's Day Parade, volunteered services at Care and Share, and organized the annual POW/MIA vigil.

This year, the National Convention was held at Atlanta, Georgia. Several dedicated and determined members were sent to bid for a position on the national staff in upcoming years. The main goal was to relocate the national seat to the Air Force Academy.

The organization hopes to expand membership of Air Force Academy cadets in Arnold Air Society and continue to uphold a remarkable tradition.

by
**Jason
Simmons**

● Prior Enlisted Council

Row 1: J. Phillips, D. Campos, D. Dohle Row 2: K. Roman, M. Borchers, S. Peake, T. Huyhn, R. Hall, J. Simmons, L. Garcia, M. Horrell Row 3: L. Brenneke, T. Kurutz, J. Heimgartner, B. Larson, L. McDowell, J. Mackoey, W. Kinsel, C. Wherry, J. Scott, B. Trinkle, J. Brown, B. Crozier Row 4: B. Jandorf, J. Miller, J. Ferguson, V. Amin, J. Friebe, L. Kitchen, D. Huinker, A. Maldonado, J. Longbrake, C. Roberts, C. Stiverson, M. Provins, J. Chaperon Photo by G. Pleinis.

● Corbin Council

Row 1: H. Green, L. Adams, C. Biehn, Lt. Col. Gruner Row 2: C. Rhodes, J. Keneally, K. Marty, M. Elssesser Photo by M. Taylor.



Forensics Team

COMPETE

On the National level

Until now the USAFA Forensics team was one of the Academy's best kept secrets. Tucked away in the far reaches of Fairchild Hall, the Forensics team practices from 1330-1800 everyday. Well, what do Forensics people do anyway? Cut up dead bodies and examine crime scenes? No, Forensics is an intercollegiate competition forum for various speech, and debate events.

Nicknamed "The Dean's Team," the Forensics team is the only cadet intercollegiate academic team. The team competes against hundreds of schools across the nation including academic powerhouses like Emory, Michigan, Michigan State, and Northwestern to name a few.

This season the Forensics team competed on the national level and brought home many honors as usual.

At Novice and JV nationals, C4C Amanda "I can speak faster than you" Myers won first place speaker in the nation out of 400 competitors. Her partner, C4C Rashad "The WU" Howard won

fourth place speaker and went on to win sixth place in the tournament with Amanda.

In JV, C3C Andy "Mutt" Meudt was the seventh place speaker in the nation. C3C Jessica Trafecanty and C2C Chis "The God Father" Dinote placed sixth in the nation.

At Varsity Nationals two of the team's top debaters, C1C Shawn "At least I can see my feet" Briscoe and his partner C2C Luke "The perpetual

Budda" Savoie lost in double octo-finals to the current national champions, and took seventh place. C1C Shawn Briscoe made the All-American Team and C1C Marshall "The Tao" McMullen made the Aca-

ademic All-American Team.

Over the course of the year, the team traveled from coast to coast including to Sunny Point Loma, California where the team ran on the beach with SEAL Team 5, to the frozen wastelands of Rochester, New York for nationals.

by
Luke Savoie

Forensics

Row 1: M. McMullen, L. Savoie Row 2: Col. M. Braley, J. Trafecanty, K. Megorden, C. Geisel, C. DiNote, Ms. R. Woodward Row 3: R. Magaziner, M. Pennington, A. Myers, B. Epps, A. Meudt Row 4: R. Kohler, R. Howard, R. Pelkola, Capt. J. Collins Photo submitted by the club.



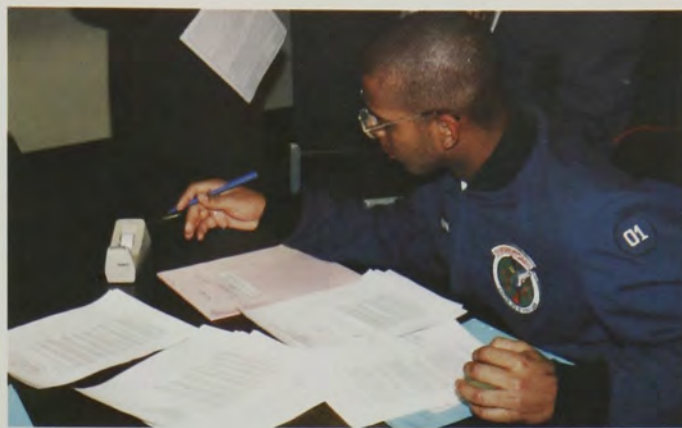
Combat Pistol

Row 1: M. Cartier, D. Ellis, L. Brenneke, M. Horvath Row 2: M. Matzke, T. Bozung Row 3: K. McGlone, C. Palmer, J. Liang, Maj. D. DiCenso Photo by B. Bradow.





C4C Ryan Kohler and C4C Michael Young prepare their practice parliamentary debate round. Group debates required hours of practice to smooth out bugs and transitions. Photo by Polaris Staff.



C4C Rashad Howard cuts evidence for the CEDA debate. Preparing evidence entailed hours of research in the library and on the internet. Photo by Polaris Staff.

C2C Luke Savoie and C1C Marshall McMullen stack the boxes of evidence needed for a debate trip. A couple hundred pounds of evidence was taken on every debate trip. Photo provided by the club.



Archery

Photo by B. Brandow.



Squash

Photo submitted by the club.

C2C Ryan Sullivan helps C4C Amanda Myers find research material on Lexis/Nexis. Cadets used all resources available to them to find the material needed for their debate. Photo by Polaris Staff.

VOCALIZE

Mormon Choir

Faith and rise to the challenge

The United States Air Force Academy Latter Day Saints (LDS) cadet choir was formed in the Spring of 1997.

The Academy reserves every Monday night for Special Programs In Religious Education classes, "S.P.I.R.E.," during which time the LDS cadets hold the class. One such night, the senior chaplain of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colonel Robert Gilman, attended one of the classes. He was so moved by the rendition of the hymns that he challenged the cadets to form a choir.

"It is a brand new choir which means that we would be experimenting with new pieces of music and trying to carve a niche out for ourselves," said CIC Karsten Anderson.

Dr. Chris Brady, a Colorado Springs dentist, volunteered to direct the choir. Chaplain Steve Merrill, the first LDS chaplain ever to serve at USAFA, provided the necessary support for the

choir, and scheduled most of the performances.

The first performance took place Mother's Day 1997 in the USAFA Cadet Chapel. The performance was in front of nearly 200 people, mostly tourists, during a Protestant service. The LDS Choir has continued to raise their voices once a month for the Protestant Services.

"Satisfaction comes partly from singing praises and worshipping through song, but also from the joy we can see on our audience's faces," commented Jeremy Klomp.

The LDS are very proud of the national satellite broadcast from the cadet chapel that was held last May. Most selections sung highlight patriotism, but more importantly, are focused on the simple principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ - faith, prayer, and being an example to our fellow man.

by
**Jeremy
Klomp**

LDS

Row 1: J. Klomp, P. Winterton, V. Nielsen, J. Askins, E. Cottrell, S. Bailey, E. Bernkopf Row 2: M. Caldwell, D. Croft, S. Garcia, U. Orland, L. Belcher, J. Frank, B. Crossley, A. Sorensen Row 3: W. Hales, O. Benson, J. Distelhorst, D. Grab, S. Nelson, D. Lane, T. Tripple, A. DuBois Row 4: J. Dillon, M. Robey, A. Speed, P. McClellan, J. Scott, J. Thayne, R. Tanner, J. Spillane, K. Anderson, W. Southam Row 5: B. Bly, R. Brown, M. Bradford, M. West Photo by Polaris Staff.



Cadet Chorale

Row 1: V. Miller, A. Abraham, A. Fischer, A. Feldmann, H. D'Annunzio, D. Newman, M. Stohlmann Row 2: T. Gifford, B. Lane, J. Comtois, M. Payton, P. Parsons, S. Stanton, B. Bellamy, J. Jarvis, J. White Row 3: Reed Wangerud, K. Spencer, R. Brooks, R. Ellis, B. Salmi, D. Knerl, J. Willey, D. Eisenhofer, M. Ziemann Row 4: J. Kreinbring, M. Hanson, B. Laubscher, J. Thayne, R. Shertzer, P. Christians, P. Emslie, E. Vanley, B. Mack, J. Friedman, D. Blair Photo by Polaris Staff.



CIC Erica Cottrell follows along during an evening service. LDS services did not require signing talent for cadets to participate. Photo submitted by the club.



Dr. Chris Brady leads the LDS choir in a practice session. Dr. Brady contributed his time and expertise to get the choir started. Photo submitted by the club.



● Bowling

J. McCalpin, K. Englin, E. Dutkiewicz, R. LePome, J. Perrin Photo by B. Brandow.

● Pistol Team

Row 1: A. Duran, T. Benson, A. Koller, K. Hamilton, W. Sanchez, Maj. D. diCenso Row 2: Lt. Col. G. White, H. Furman, P. Cole, T. Miller, D. Anderson, M. Walker Not Pictured: M. Schroering, J. Benson Photo by B. Brandow.



LDS cadets raise their voices in praise during a Monday evening worship service. LDS met every Monday night with the other religious organizations. Photo submitted by the club.

CIC Karsten Anderson, formerly a member of '97, supplies the piano music for the choir. Most LDS cadets leave the Academy for two years in order to complete their mission. Photo submitted by the club.

Alpine Ski

Front: L. Jorgensen, B. Peebles, L. Lee, L. Buckley, T. Sobolewski Back: J. Gingers, D. Hingley, J. Daily, T. Wilcox, B. Perusse, E. Kunrath, S. Shallenberger

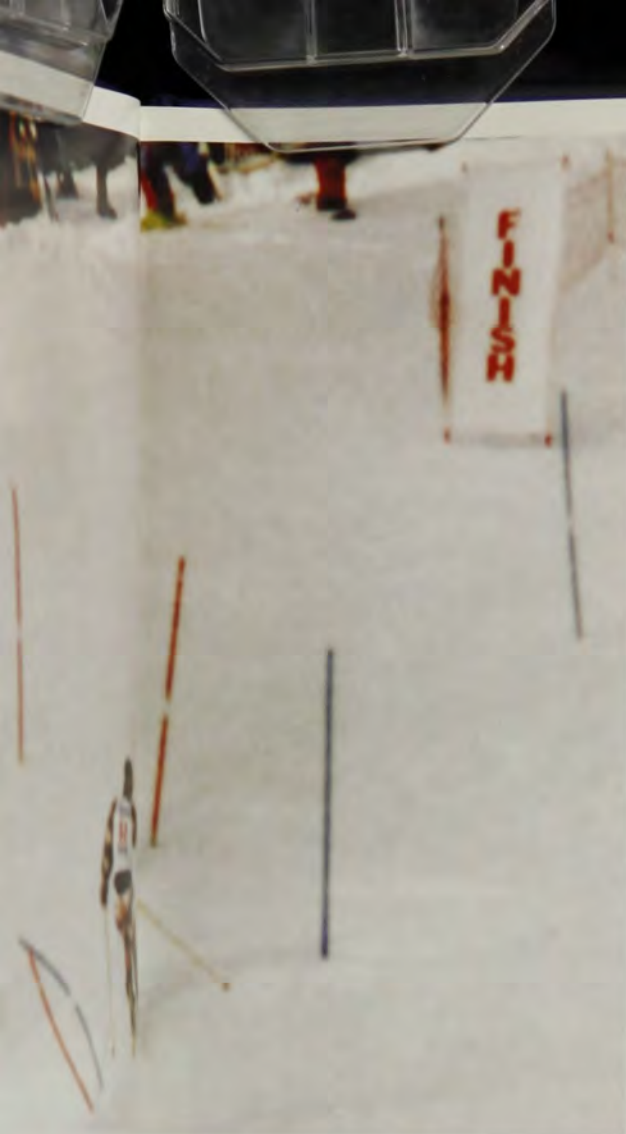


Wargaming

Row 1: C. DiNote, M. Buchholz, J. Cinq-Mars, J. REeve, H. Jones, T. O'Hara, J. Deim Row 2: J. Learned, A. Tetterton, C. Furman, P. Dorsey, J. Kilker, R. Hart, B. Hale, S. Barr Row 3: D. Eastman, A. Skrivaneck, D. Wangen, J. Ulmer, J. Seal, J. Lacock



C2C Jeremy Daily completes a turn at the Copper Mountain Giant Slalom race. He lead the team in top performance. Photo submitted by the club.



DOMINATE

Alpine Ski Team

Slopes across the country

The Alpine ski team competes against eight different schools from Colorado to qualify for regionals. The events include both Slalom and Giant Slalom with the competitions sanctioned by the United States Collegiate Ski Association.

This year, both the men's and women's teams placed third in their conference. The placement earned them a trip to the regional competition in Park City, Utah.

C3C Travis Wilcox commented: "We had a pretty successful season even though we were a very young team, only three out of seven guys were upperclassmen."

In January, the team hosted a race in Breckenridge. Other competitions took place at

prime Colorado ski areas including Steamboat Springs, Copper Mountain, and Loveland.

The women's team was led this year by C4C Lisa Jorgensen from Massachusetts.

The men's team was lead by their secondclass cadet-in-charge, Jeremy Daily, with three degrees Travis Wilcox and Dan Hingley close on his heels. Wilcox

performed well in Giant Slalom while Hingley competed admirably in the Slalom.

The team hopes to maintain its momentum and improve performance and overall standings during the next competitive season.

"We have a good chance of making nationals, and with a year under our belt we should perform much better," stated C3C Wilcox.

by
**Jeremy
Daily**



C4C Travis Wilcox speeds down the mountain during the Giant Slalom race at Copper Mountain. Cadets had a choice between Slalom and Giant Slalom. Photo submitted by the club.



● Sabre Drill



● Ninjitsu

DISCOVER

AISES members

Nation's history

The 97-98 year of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) was filled with meeting and learning about new people. Throughout the year, a number of experienced speakers shared thought provoking experiences with club members.

Some of the more memorable visitors included BGen Lorenz and his experiences in the Air Force, Mr. RedHawk and his experiences in the Army, Mrs. Sandy Swinson and her knowledge of local affairs, Dr. Sega with his personal exploration of space, and Ms. Sutteer with her vast understanding of the Little Big Horn battlefield.

by
Ryan Moon

The club also made great progress in achieving the goal of including other chapters from local campuses with USAFA for joint meetings. The hope is that a sense of community can be built upon so future members can enjoy the open dialogue and exchange of ideas.

AISES continues to be one of the youngest organizations at USAFA. Membership consists mostly of third and fourth class cadets. Ideally, these members will continue with the club and encourage future membership. AISES would like to thank Maj Roda, Capt Cecil, and Stan Hampton for their assistance in all of the club's endeavors. Nothing would have been possible without their help.

● AISES

R. Moon, K. Dorhosti, K. Cornell, M. Cornelius, J. Damron. Photo by Polaris staff.



● Ultimate Frisbee

Row 1: P. Kasarski, D. Leung, S. Lloyd, T. Earp, C. Rohrig. Row 2: M. Garner, D. Bergin, A. Roesner, T. Hacker, J. Simmons, B. Watts, D. Polsgrove, T. McCaleb, G. Anderson, N. Boss, Maj. J. Wood. Photo by Polaris staff.



Two cadets meet with a guest speaker during the annual AISES dinner. Cadets had the opportunity to interact one-on-one with native Americans from the surrounding area. Photo submitted by the club.



Two native Americans from the Colorado Springs area demonstrate a traditional dance during the annual USAFA Pow Wow. AISES met with different groups of native Americans in order to learn about the different cultures. Photo submitted by the club.

Gen Ruben Cubero, the Dean of Faculty, addresses members of AISES at their annual dinner. Distinguished native Americans met with AISES to discuss their personal experiences. Photo submitted by the club.



Protestant Choir

Row 1: K. Megorden, H. D'Annunzio, J. Comtois, M. Payton, B. Bellamy, I. Lalimarmo Row 2: A. Cagle, G. Hoffman, K. Heinrich, M. Strohmeier, R. Ellis, B. Salmi, A. Schlag, R. Carlson, D. Eisenhower Row 3: M. Zeigler, D. Moore, B. Larson, J. McDaniel, N. McClure, J. Weed, D. Ware Photo by Polaris Staff.



Softball

Photo by Polaris Staff.

EXPLORES

Caving Club Members

Depths of nature's home

The changes in the SCA policies this year certainly conspired against the Caving Club and its activities. Without SCA approval, the club did very little during the first semester since they could not get excusal from football games or four degree training. Members had to take personal passes on the few trips the club did manage to take that first semester.

In October members managed to make two trips to the Fly and Marble Caves in Canon City. Although no group found themselves locked in a cave this year, both caves provided good experience for the club's new spelunkers. The denizens of the caves were not quite as impressed with their unexpected visitors, and a few cavers found themselves the unlucky victims of perturbed bats.

Second semester went a little better for the club. Though they still had to take their own passes, there were more trips, most of which were in Manitou Springs near Cave of the Winds. In February, the

club held vertical training in the cadet field house in anticipation of a planned spring break trip to Carlsbad National Park, New Mexico. The cavers spent the afternoon repelling out of the catwalks of the field house learning technique and safety.

During spring break the club took five members and actually made it to New Mexico to spend five days exploring caves in the area, including a 300 foot

repelling exercise. The trip was a great success, especially for the members who had been waiting to go for two years but had been canceled twice due to lovely USAFA weather—snow in spring!

So even through adversity, the caving club got out and got muddy. Already, planning is underway for more difficult explorations in northern Colorado next year. Hopefully, the SCA committee will see the error of their ways and the club can once again plunge full speed ahead, er down?

by
Eric Bixby

● Caving

Photo submitted by the club.



● Rattex

Photo by Y. Carrico.



"Uh...put down the camera and help. I think I'm stuck!" C3C Eric Bixby explores the Marble Club in Canon City. Many cadets were curious about hidden corners in the caves. Photo submitted by the club.



"So, when do we get to China?" C3C Dawn Golding climbs up through a passage way inside Narrows Cave in Manitou Springs. Explorers were required to wear hard hats for safety. Photo submitted by the club.



● Show Choir

Photo submitted by the club.



● Nordic Ski Team

Row 1: C. Kochen, L. Wagner, L. Shipunoff, A. Nesbitt, S. Alholm, A. Hamel Row 2: S. Ahrens, E. Jung, D. Yousey, J. Glover, S. Gleason, K. Easteler Row 3: D. Jokine, K. Ross, C. Frohman, J. Caldon, J. Newham
Photo submitted by the club.



"I think we took a wrong turn at Albuquerque, this doesn't look like Tahiti." C3C Joy Harwood takes a break with her fellow cadets. The club's trips took them to neighboring states for spelunking. Photo submitted by the club.

C3C Joy Harwood, C3C Eric Bixby and C4C Carl Wolfe rest after climbing out of the Fly Cave in Canon City. Most trips required cadets to crawl through narrow passages and exert energy to climb back out. Photo submitted by the club.

C2C Jake Kunkle uncorks a right hand kill shot to the front right corner during the 1998 national collegiate handball championships. Kunkle was the top point producer among the USAFA male players at nationals. Photo submitted by the club.

C2C Stephanie Ballard moves into position to return the ball during play at the national collegiate handball championships last February in San Francisco. For C2C Ballard, it was her first year of handball competition. Photo submitted by the club.

Handball

J. Kunkle, E. Wolin, Coach B. Scharton, C. Prather, C. Deibel, T. Morel L'Horset, G. Kochanowski, S. Ballard, J. Schiess Photo submitted by the club.



Karate Team

Photo by Polaris staff.



Rookie handballer C4C Jim Schiess checks out his opponent's return during a match at the 1998 national collegiate handball championships. C4C Schiess was one of squadron five's newcomers to the handball club in 1997-1998. Photo submitted by the club.



C2C Christina Deibel displays excellent concentration as she gets into position to smack a shot off the back wall. C2C Deibel was the top point producer among USAFA female competitors at the national collegiate handball championships in 1998. Photo submitted by the club.





Handball Club

DOMINATE

National collegiate championship

The handball club team placed ninth in the men's and women's combined team standing at the 98 U.S. Handball Association National Collegiate Championships held February 22-25 in San Francisco, Calif. Twenty-six colleges participated in the event.

In the women's team competition, USAFA place ninth in the final standings. C2C Christina Deibel was the top point producer for the team by advancing to the semifinals in the women's contender division. C2C Angela Arredondo and C2C Stephanie Ballard were the other female competitors for USAFA at the national championships.

On the men's side, the USAFA handball club team placed eleventh in the final standings. C2C Jake Kunkle was the top point scorer for the team by advancing to the quarterfinals in the men's

C division.

The other male competitors for the USAFA at the national handball collegiates were C1C Ely Wolin, C1C Brad Brewington, C1C Tristan Morel L'Horset, C2C Craig Prather, C4C "Givey" Kochanowski, C4C Billy Hintz, and C4C Jim Schiess.

At the Colorado State Singles Handball Championships in April, C2C Kunkle and C2C

Prather battled their way through opposite ends of the bracket and made it to the finals in the men's C division. Kunkle defeated Prather in the title match and came away with the state championship.

In October, 1997, Kunkle and Prather teamed together to capture the B Division doubles championship at the National YMCA Handball Championships that took place at the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region in Colorado Springs.

by
Bill Scharton



Traditional Karate

Row 1: Capt. L. George, K. Roman, D. Diaz, D. Le Row 2: T. Sorensen, J. Seal, J. Ulmer, J. Renken Photo by Polaris staff.



Womens Lacrosse

Row 1: L. Jorgensen, E. Stanley, M. Guynn, S. Webb, N. Vigil, C. Peterek, A. Waibel Row 2: W. Volkland, E. Hamblin, E. Brennan, R. Nelson, C. Weber, J. Cruse, J. Malerba, J. Hatch Row 3: Coach J. Cappello, A. Blackwood, S. Whalen, J. Guynn, L. Grupe, K. Townsend, A. Mauppin, M. Scott Photo by Polaris staff.

Members of the cycling team enjoy a leisurely ride during practice. Led by C2C Simon Palfrey and C1C Brandy Kappel, both the men's and women's team received national ranking. Photo submitted by the club.

C2C Greg Freeman races down the road during practice. The Academy suited the team well as a practice area with plenty of hills to test endurance. Photo submitted by the team.



● Cycling

Row 1: B. Kappel, M. Edberg, G. Freeman, J. Gaona Row 2: K. Olson, N. Hartman, C. Gage, J. Peterson, J. Trew, J. Shaffer Photo by B. Brandow.



● DODO

Photo by B. Brandow.





BUFFED

USAFA Cycling Team

Tight shorts and toned bodies

The USAFA Cycling Team actually enjoys being at the Academy. The Academy is the perfect place to train because of its high altitude, hills, and miles of road right outside the dorms. The only problem is finding the time to use the environment to train.

The cycling team has to face the same obstacles that many other cadet clubs face. These include heavy classloads, military duties, and lack of LOS. Still, the team uses its free time to train individually on the rollers when the weather is bad or outside on team rides when enough people can make it.

The team has grown over the last few years and has become quite competitive. Last year, thanks to the strong riding of former junior national champion C2C Simon Palfrey and C2C Joe "the Mook" Augustine, the men's team received national ranking. This year, the team looks even stronger as younger riders step up and new members have joined the team.

The women's team also looks promising.

They made nationals as a team last year. This year, they look to be in the top ten in the country as C2C Sarah Alholm, C2C Amy Nesbitt, C2C Nichole Hartman, C1C Brandy Kappel, and C1C Cami Gage have been putting the hours on the bike in the off-season.

Apart from road racing, the team also spends as much time as possible in the summer months at the 7-11 Velodrome in Colorado

Springs. Both the men's and women's team went to the track nationals in San Diego, California.

Capt Walick, who works in the psychology department and is the officer in charge of the team,

has a philosophical approach to what the team is all about: "The great thing about this team is that they epitomize the term student athlete."

The team hopes to build on its intensity, determination, and favorable riding environment to represent the Air Force Academy well at the National Collegiate Cycling nationals in South Carolina.

by
Simon Palfrey



Equestrian

Row 1: H. Fox Row 2: J. Yates Row 3: M. Knapp, J. Harris, C. Simpson, M. Andrews, C. Gibert Photo by C. Bienavides.



Equestrian

Row 1: J. Harris, C. Simpson, J. Quigley, D. Wilson Row 2: R. Pantusa, R. Nelson, M. Andrews, C. Gilbert, M. Schilling, C. Rustad Photo by J. Gatto.



Members of the team race against each other on the roads of the Academy. The team has managed to grow despite the heavy demands on cadets' time. Photo submitted by the club.

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Clubs

KAFA ENTERTAIN

Cadet Wing with musical variety

KAFA is USAFA's only true alternative radio station. According to cadets, it is also the only radio station that plays true alternative music in the Colorado Springs area.

KAFA, staffed by cadets, is overseen by Bill Scharton Chief, Cadet Wing Media. Scharton provides direction to the cadets regarding broadcast regulations and AFA guidelines. Cadet DJs broadcast from Vandenberg Hall every day, bringing their unique personalities and musical formats to the Wing.

Even though the main focus of the station is alternative music, there are also many specialty shows. From "The Wrath" co-DJed by Agony and Lurch playing the best gothic, ambient and indus-

trial, to Fudge's Four O'Clock Freeride jams.

This year, KAFA received a new mixing board and two new broadcast quality CD players to enhance the quality of sound. Although limited to 20 watts of power by the FCC, the station can be heard around the Academy and sometimes even in the Springs.

KAFA also can be heard at home football games playing music for tailgaters as well as at Arnold Hall DJing various dances throughout the year.

KAFA even set up in Mitch's for an "Oldies Night" and various Spirit Dinners and pep rallies this year. KAFA is USAFA's voice...tune it in - 104.3 on the FM dial!

by
Kim Roman

KAFA

Photo by B. Brandow.



Fly Fishing

Photo by Polaris Staff.



CIC "Frenchie" Morel L'Horset, CIC Phil Hagen, and CIC Jason Brugman consult with each other on the music line-up for a spirit dinner. KAFA entertained at dances, spirit dinners, football games, and club parties. Photo by B. Brandow.



Model Engineering

Row 1: J. Brooks, D. Gehl, B. Murdock
Row 2: D. Pierre, A. Lee, P. Batish, R. Schafer, C. Holland, D. Walpole, B. Mikay
Row 3: D. Bruce
Row 4: S. Burkhalter, J. Cashion, B. Dungan
Photo by Polaris Staff.



Jump

Photo submitted by the Club.



KAFA entertains cadets prior to a Falcon football game. KAFA provided a music and variety shows to the Cadet Wing throughout the year. Photo by Polaris Staff.

This cadet prepares to entertain the Cadet Wing on a weekend. Most cadets remained with KAFA throughout their cadet career. Photo by Polaris Staff.

C4C LeNetta Banks does a traditional folklore dance. Kwanzaa is a time to learn about historical roots. Photo by Y. Carrico.

Two cadets show off the current fashion at Kwanzaa. This year, cadets featured the different fashions through the decades. Photo by Y. Carrico.

● Powerlifting

Photo by Polaris Staff.



● Aikido

Photo by Polaris Staff.



These cadets walk spectators through the history of African-Americans in the United States. Way of Life Committee opens the celebrations up to anyone interested in history and folklore. Photo by Y. Carrico.





CREATES

Way of Life Committee

Understanding and appreciation

The Way of Life Committee (WLC) was established for the purpose of appreciating and celebrating cultural diversity in the cadet Wing. WLC is predominantly composed of African-Americans, but is open to the entire Wing.

One of the main avenues it uses to communicate and promote cultural understanding is cadet run forums which focus on pertinent issues that affect the African-American community. Other avenues of promoting cultural understanding comes through WLC's annual Kwanzaa celebration, held every year around the Christmas season to celebrate the African harvest. Salsoul, a joint program with Los Padrinos, celebrates African-American and Latino traditions through dance and music.

Besides Academy functions, WLC is very active in performing community service projects throughout the year. These service projects include

mentor programs, tutoring programs, African-American Youth Leadership Conference, and several minority recruitment programs for the Academy.

At the beginning of the school year, WLC does a minority recruitment program called Reach For Tomorrow. This program offers young inner-city kids a chance to experience the Academy through daily interaction with cadets.

"The one thing I love about WLC is that you have a family away from home and every activity we do brings us closer together,"

says C2C Tre' Irick.

WLC contributes consistently to the community and the Academy to promote cultural understanding and celebrate cultural diversity. While doing all its activities, WLC is also creating a support base for minority cadets at the Academy.

by
Tre Irick



Way of Life Committee

Photo by Polaris Staff.

These cadets demonstrate the current trend in dress and music. Kwanzaa is celebrated each year along with Christmas. Photo by Y. Carrico.

CADET LIFE

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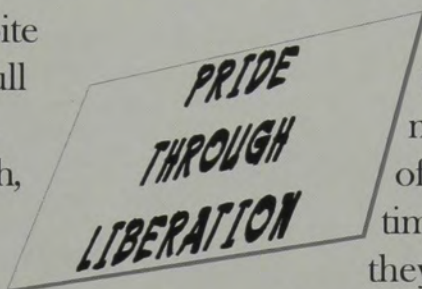
Some may say that "cadet life" is an oxymoron, since most Academy days are filled with many externally-directed activities.

Despite the full days, though, cadets

find ways to "let their hair down" and perhaps enjoy their college-age years.

Academy life often consists of spending time in the cadet area, which makes privileges even more crucial. As a cadet progresses, privileges such as a stereo, TV, or car are granted. The freedoms that come with such privileges are often minimal, but are treasures in the eyes of a cadet.

The limitedness of cadets' free time forces them to



make the most of any time they are

able to get away from the Academy. Many cadets use free time to enjoy activities such as hiking, skiing, or visiting attractions around Colorado.

However, whether it is because they see other cadets wherever they are, or thinking of the return to USAFA, cadets find it difficult to forget where they came from, and what awaits them upon return.



As part of a CS-09 MWR event, C3C Matt Medley and C4C Nick Johnson race to get their orange to the finish line first. MWR events are a stress reliever for most cadets. Photo by B. Lingle.



"Mr. Medley and CACNA
to the finish line first. MPT
of London. Photo by B. L. L.

Overlooking every Falcon football game this season, the play-by-play announcer keeps the audience informed about the action on the field. The announcer was one of the unseen members of the Falcon Football support structure. Photo by E. Ferrill.

The Bird greets some of the younger Falcon fans during halftime. His avian duties included playing with children, jumping into the stadium and helping the fourthclass do their push-ups. Photo by E. Ferrill.



Cadets race past each other in a vain attempt to be on the first conveyance following a football game. The unfortunate few who were too slow usually ended up waiting for an hour for the second convey. Photo by E. Ferrill.



Hot dogs, get your hot dogs! The Colorado Parent's Club sets up their tailgate right next to the Mitchell Hall tents. Such a prime location gave Coloradan cadets a choice between mom's and Mitch's. Photo by E. Ferrill.

Leading the cadets in the 'Hey Gang' cheer, CIC Charlie Parent fulfills his duties as Wing Spirit Officer. This position was created by General Lorenz to increase the Falcon contribution as the twelfth man on the field. Photo by E. Ferrill.





REALITY CHECK

An alternate reality where football games exist without all the athletic supporters *by Elizabeth Ferrill*

Your stomach grumbles and you stare at the empty field as the halftime clocks tick down. The game itself is going well, but wouldn't it be great if there was somebody to lead a cheer or maybe you could buy something to eat? Of course, these few sentences describe an alternate reality from the one enjoyed by the cadets and other spectators at Falcon Stadium in the fall.

In reality, a football game is much more than just the 11 players on the field. From the spectator's point of view, the Falcon Football experience includes the cheerleaders, the Bird, the Jump Team and much, much more. From the *Braveheart* clips provided by the scoreboard operators to the yummy hot chocolate at the concession stand, the victorious Falcon Season had it all. As the cadet arrived at the stadium, perhaps he was greeted by a squadron tail-

*"In the first game with sound, we played the thunder noise and some people got up and left, 'cause they thought it was going to rain."
- C2C Adam Brayson*

gate or the Mitch's game-day annex. Inside the stadium, the spirit was enhanced by Rattex's tunes, the Bird's antics and D&B's rendition of Y.M.C.A.

And if someone got hurt at the game the clinic staff was there to help, complete with two golf-cart ambulances.

Senior Airman Andres Lacuesta said, "The best part of our day is when we pick up the cart from the golf course and 4-wheel it over to the stadium."

Up in the press box, a dedicated team updates the scoreboard, picks graphics and plays sounds.

C2C Adam Brayson, who operates the new sound effects, said, "In the first game with sound against San Diego, we played the thunder noise and some people got up and left, cause they thought it was going to rain."

Finally next door in the announcer's room, C1C Craig Fitzpatrick who narrated march-on pointed out, "I don't think I have really contributed to the Falcon's winning since I am not reading any better than I did last year."

Concession stand employee, Leonard Williams said, "Sometimes, when the Falcons are winning, it seems to us like the stands are gonna fall down."

From the El Paso Sheriff to the Master Sergeant selling seat backs for the NCO organization, everyone who supported the game seemed to agree that Falcon Football is more than just the team on the field.

*The Wings of Blue announcer looks high over head to see the first jumper coming out of the Otter. To get the best view of the situation, the announcers for both soaring and jump stood on the roof of the press box.
Photo by E. Ferrill.*



The Drum and Bugle Corps warm up the tunnel before march-on. At noon meal formation, the Corps included "The Imperial Death March from Star Wars" and "Louie Louie" as part of their repertoire. Photo by E. Ferrill.

Celebrating the most recent Air Force touchdown, the Sea of Blue hoists their mascot up and over their heads. Other common passes include the Superintendent, the Commandant and the Secretary of the Air Force. Photo by C. Benavides.



The Class of 1999 shows that they aren't the only ones with spirit. Although it was slow in coming, '99 eventually adopted the motto, "Sierra Hotel" in response to their class year. Photo M. Taylor.

Surf's up for the "HUAH" Class of 1998. C1C Jason Alderman surfs the crowd as the D&B plays "Wipeout." Such spontaneous fits of spirit were not uncommon among the more motivated members of the firstie class. Photo by E. Ferrill.



HUAHMANIA

Although some are quiet about their spirit, others *by Angel Santiago* choose to shout it loud and proud

Spirit and pride are two things that most cadets don't think of when they describe life at the Academy to others. That is surprising considering the intrinsic motivation, which is necessary to survive this place is spirit and pride. In reality while most cadets don't think they have spirit, they seem to show it all the time.

Some have pride in a favorite athletic team and others take pride in their nationality or religious denomination. Honor Guard takes pride in raising the flag and cadet deejays take pride in producing quality radio shows.

Even for those who would not admit that they love USAFA, the cynicism at the Academy can be still overwhelming.

Everyone has heard the infamous "HUAH" that comes out of the mouths of the Class of 1998. The firsties have set themselves apart from all others classes when it comes to the topic of spirit and pride.

Not to be outdone, the class of

1999 has followed suit with the phrase "Sierra Hotel." Perhaps there is hope that the ideals of spirit and pride can flourish again at USAFA.

"CIC Mike Reavey comments that he is most spirited, "about the unlimited pass packages for firsties. I am also most proud of our pretty green grass and when it is not we paint it green."

When the urge to complain about USAFA arises, think back to the time when you applied to come here. Remember waiting for that letter in the mail, or for the phone call from your Congressman? "Congratulations! On behalf of the Superintendent, it is my pleasure to announce your appointment to the United States Air Force Academy..."

Remember the sense of accomplishment and pride you felt after receiving that letter and how everyone looked at you? Do we still feel that way now? If not, what changed your mind? The point is that if you do not have spirit or pride in the Academy, what keeps you here?



CIC Josh Anderson and CIC Greg Young sport some fashionable T-shirts at a Spirit Dinner in November. The senior class were especially good about wearing their HUAH t-shirts to optional uniform events such as these. Photo by E. Ferrill.

At the annual Air Force-Navy game, the exchange cadets make a feeble attempt at spirit, by spelling "BEAT USAFA" on their service caps. Despite their efforts, the Air Force team still trounced Navy on their home field. Photo by E. Ferrill.

WINE & DINE

Cadets get the chance to enjoy
by Jessica Graham a meal while
using their newfound social skills

Each year, cadets attended a variety of "charm school" events tailored just for them. These dinners ranged from dining etiquette training to fine wine appreciation. The commandant hoped that these events would give cadets another chance to develop their social skills.

As a fourthclassman each cadet was expected to learn and abide by the rules of the Mess. This skill was important since officers often are invited to dining-ins. If a cadet can't take a little grog, how can he or she lead people?

"I liked dropping knives when the sabre drill guys performed," said C3C Dan Brown, when asked to reflect upon his fourthclass dining-in experience.

C3C Ronnie Garcia added, "I thought learning to clap with my fork was neat."

During the thirdclass year came the most useful social training: etiquette indoctrination. Representatives from the Jon D. Williams Cotillions company covered traditional topics such as which fork to use and how to pass the salt and pepper as well as modern issues such as cell phone etiquette.

"I'll never divorce the salt and pepper again," remarked C2C Oktavec, who obviously took away some of the more valuable lessons.

Although nothing new was learned during the secondclass year, Ring Dance did mark the chance for soon-to-be-firsties to show off their skills to a civilian date. In its second year, the "Firstie" dinners were the last chance to make an

impression before graduation. The first dinner focused on wine tasting and the second included a fashion show—even officers don't wear a uniform all the time. However, these commandant-sponsored dinners did afford the cadets an opportunity to wine and dine with the "The Big Cheese" himself.

According to C1C Nate Harris, "It was interesting, but there should have been more wine."

Despite all of this etiquette training, cadets still like to have a good time and let their hair down at spirit dinners, which were a mandatory part of the

Wing's preparation for war. These spirit dinners were marked by questionable "uniforms" of more-spirited four degrees. After the first dinner, which was filled with underwear hats and jock strap shorts, the first sergeant had to approve all "spirit uniforms." Finally, the drought experienced at the first dinner was ended when Mitchell Hall decided that cadets were responsible enough to keep the water pitchers safely grounded to the table.

In the end, social "training" was designed to prepared cadets for life outside the walls of the Academy. This new type of "education" was meant to put cadets on the same level socially that they were academically upon graduation.

"I'll never divorce the salt and pepper again," remarked C2C Frank Oktavec, who obviously took away some of the more valuable lessons.

During a fall semester Spirit Dinner, this four degree gains strength and power from his dinner plate. Creative uniform combinations were encouraged by the Commandant to spice up an otherwise normal dinner at Mitch's. Photo by E. Ferrill.





In the Formal Dining Room, the social training instructor shows this thirdclass cadet how to properly shake hands. Meeting and greeting people were important skills that served all cadets when they were finally commissioned. Photo by E. Bixby.



These two thirdclass cadets practice passing the condiments to the right at the social training dinner. Many cadets were surprised to learn that the salt and pepper were "married" and should always be passed together. Photo by E. Bixby.



CIC Kevin Osbourne consults his colleague on when to start the football highlight film. The spirit dinners were a major effort, including the cheerleaders and cadet bands, organized by Wing Spirit staff. Photo by E. Ferrill.



After chowing down at a squadron tailgate, 3 four degrees from Mighty Mach One sun themselves to pass the time. The mood is more mello than particularly spirited. Photo by B. Brandow.



A small band of BDU liner clad four degrees plan their assault on the "Bird." After the falcon mascot lost his head during the first spirit dinner, such activities were actively discouraged by the Wing Spirit officer.

Next to the F-16, CIC Phil Brown plays Taps to his counterpart across the Terrazzo. This mirrored version of the song was only performed during the Homecoming retreat ceremony. Photo by E. Ferrill.



A vase of flowers is left by a loved one at a grave in the Academy Cemetery. Only a small number of cadets were actually buried on the Academy; most were returned to their hometowns. Photo by E. Ferrill.

The Polaris memorial shines in the sunlight overlooking the Academy Cemetery. In 1996, the memorial was relocated from the base of the trail to the Visitor Center. Photo by E. Ferrill.



ABSENT, SIR

Losing nine cadets in less than a year, cadets *by Stefanie Myers* reflect with sadness and tears

Whether you knew them or not, the deaths of fellow cadets impacted us all. There is a brotherhood among us. Although we come from different places and backgrounds, each one of us are here for some of the same reasons.

To hear about the death of another cadet was hard, but when it was someone in your own class, it brings it closer to home. Maybe you supported each other during Basic, or survived CST together, or maybe you kept each other awake in class. Maybe they lived down the hall from you, or maybe they were your best friend. The death of another person is a tragic loss, but when it is a cadet, it seems even if you never met him, somehow you knew him.

The 2-7 Dinner for the Class of '99 was an example of how death can affect

each one of us. When General Lorenz started his speech to the class with the tragic news of yet another cadet death, the bright attitude disappeared. The room was silent. Some tears even fell. All without even the mention of a name. It didn't matter. One of our own had fallen.

The Wing Wide Retreat during Homecoming was another time we reflected on the recent tragedies. As our own class years were called out and the Squadron Commanders somberly replied, "Absent, Sir," the tears fell yet again. The murmurs from the crowd seemed

to say they were too young to die. And as Honor Guard paid tribute to our fallen classmates with the 21 gun salute, the third verse of the Air Force Song renewed its meaning, "Here's A Toast . . ."

*"These cadets carry with them the robe of a nation's flag. May they join those heroes who have given themselves to a life of service."
- Chaplain Ofsdahlsa*



As narrator for the Homecoming ceremony, C1C Karin Klein reads the names of graduates who died during the past year. The names were read in order from earliest graduate to the most recent cadets. Photo by E. Ferrill.



As their daughter's name is read, C3C Stephanie Pollard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pollard remember her achievements. Pollard passed away during CST at Sailor Park. Photo by E. Ferrill.

DIAMONDED

Cadets find gems, entrees, fancy
by Eric Bixby & Elizabeth Ferrill footwork &
fine wine at Arnold Hall classes

Guys, if you lost control of your senses, and let a member of the "smarter" sex get her hooks into you, the gem education class was the place to go. Before you knew it, she was demanding for you to prove your love. And you know what that means—jewelry.

JK Kalkhorst, from William Crow Jewelers, has been coming to USAFA and helping all these poor suckers the gals have wrapped around their little fingers.

"It's amazing how easy it is to get taken when you don't know what you're doing," said C3C Eric Bixby about buying diamonds.

The class focused on- how not to get suckered by the mall jeweler. Kalkhorst taught the class participants everything they need to know about what makes a diamond valuable and all the scams that were used to pass off poor quality stones. The best advice was not to bring the future Mrs. along when buying her ring, because she finds a setting she likes and no matter how poor the stone it's all over.

"I had to go to ballroom dancing so I could show my moves at the reception."
- C1C Jordan Grant, future husband-at-large

Kalkhorst even brought a four karat diamond for cadets to observe. No matter how bad she's got you, on a cadet's pay you'll never be able to afford that rock.

In addition, A-Hall offered other classes to help cadets become more socially skilled. These included dance classes, cooking classes and wine education. For a small fee or even for free, cadets learned from a professional about the fine art of Mexican cuisine or how to pick a good dessert wine. Ballroom dancing became so popular that cadets started a club to promote it.

"I had to go to ballroom dancing so I could show my moves at the reception," said C1C

Jordan Grant.

All in all, these classes were enjoyed by everyone, from the restricted fourthclass cadet to the socially inept firstie.

C2C Timothy Ash practices his gracious dip on C2C Alissa Ochoa at an A-Hall dance class. Students were lucky enough to learn the Waltz, the Swing, the Jitterbug and sometimes even the Tango. Photo by R. Marshall.

At the A-Hall evening Wine Education classes, the instructor describes the flavor and history of the wine, before the class indulges. The three-class series included Californian, French and specialty wines such as cognac. Photo by B. Nickel.





This cadet twirls his partner while learning the Swing. Dances such as the Swing required that cadets learn their left from their right. Luckily marching everyday gave them daily practice in this pursuit. Photo by R. Marshall.

Really getting his nose into his education, C1C Gage Anderson and C1C Jennifer Pollard enjoy the bouquet of this red dessert wine. Many cadets found the smell of the wine was nothing like the actual taste. Photo by B. Nickel.



This cadet slices his chicken for an Arnold Hall Mexican cooking class. Firsties were especially interested in learning to cook since they wouldn't be eating in Mitchell Hall next year. Photo by J. Keneally.

Cadets spin their guests into a blur around the ballroom dance floor practicing the new moves they just learned. Attendance seemed to increase as Ring Dance approached. Photo by R. Marshall.

RISE & SHINE

Cadets experience 0-dark-30 and extra light due to the earlier schedule of calls

by Tom Preston

No, it wasn't a dream: it was the reality of the exciting new schedule of calls. A drastic change was made since the academic year 1996-97. Everything was moved up 30 minutes. Classes started at 0730 instead of 0800, and got over at 1520 instead of 1550. Taps was also 30 minutes early, at 2300 instead of 2330.

According to BGen Lorenz, "Cadets are now scheduled for 7 hours of sleep every night."

This may not seem like a drastic change, but to cadets who lived under the old system it took a little getting used to.

For the firsties and two degrees, who had lived under the old schedule for two or three years, there were numerous comments.

C1C Brian Burke was not fond of the schedule, remarking "It sucks. I hate taking a GR at 0dark30 when I can't see straight, much less think!" C1C Burke spoke for most of the firsties who had lived so long with the old schedule.

However, there were benefits. With school ending at 1520, there was a lot more daylight for practices and intramurals. This was very beneficial when the sun sets at around 1521 in the winter months.

Munching in bed, C2C Stu Solomon relaxes during the afternoon. Although cadets sacrificed time in the morning, they did have an extra half-hour in the afternoon to workout, sleep or do homework. Photo by B. Bradow.

*"My roommate and I coped with the new schedule by sleeping through formation, classes, and breakfast if we were tired."
- C2C James Serra*

C2C Bone liked the schedule almost as much as C1C Burke, but did have something positive to say: "It sucks, but I'm getting used to it and there's more daylight to play."

The biggest problem was that most cadets study late, and moving taps did not result in people going to bed any earlier. It just made them get up earlier.

Cadets tried different means of coping with the change in schedule, from taking caffeine enhanced pills to stay up later or just not sleeping at all.

"As it turned out, we got more sleep than ever, sleeping not only through meals and formations but M-5s as well. I never felt so rested before, waking up well after the sun came up," said C2C Serra. Not necessarily the approved solution according to the Commandant, but it worked for some.

The conflicts with the new schedule did not result in an increase of cadets sleeping in class or briefings. The extra daylight was a nice bonus, and even though most of us didn't quite get our scheduled seven hours of sleep, we still managed to rise each morning.



Spending another late night in his room, C2C Matt Taylor spends time burning the midnight oil. Cadets got up earlier due to the new schedule, but rarely did they go to bed early. Photo by M. Taylor.

The new schedule of calls required cadets to march to breakfast every morning. Cadets are always on parade - even if tourists don't wake up at 0640. Photo by M. Taylor.



C1C Trey Neimeyer, C1C Brian Carroll and C1C Brian Roberts depart early from a night out. Since Taps sounded a half hour earlier under the new schedule, cadets often had to cut short their evening plans. Photo by B. Brandow.

C3C Drew Stedman begins his morning ritualistic stumble to the showers. Sleepy-eyed cadets found themselves competing for morning mirror space a bit earlier this year. Photo by M. Taylor.

Collecting money in her pitcher, CIC Meng Stolkowski spends her noon meal working for the Wing Open. The Open relied on contributions from cadets as well as organizations like the Officer's Wives Club and the Prep School. Photo by E. Ferrill.



Enjoying his chocolate egg, Seth Hickox finishes his meal on the staff tower a few days before the Wing Open. Seth and Madalyn were both invited along with their families to dine as guests of the Cadet Wing. Photo by E. Ferrill.



CIC Beth Crimmel consults with C2C Corrine Gadus and C2C Steve Gwinn while she waits for the guests of honor to arrive. The Wing Open was a chance for the Academy to put its best foot forward in support of a good cause. Photo by E. Ferrill.

CIC Zach Warakowski, CIC Erynn Ranker, CIC Cami Gage and others count the money collected from cadets in Mitchell Hall the day before the Wing Open. Cadets were encouraged to contribute money before the event. Photo by E. Ferrill.





OPEN HEARTS

Cadets volunteered their hearts, wallets & boxing skills for a trio of people

by Jess Graham & Elizabeth Ferrill

For the past several years, Mighty Mach One has been involved with a very special charity event—the Wing Open Boxing Tournament.

“The Wing Open is totally cadet-run, except for the boxing,” said C1C Beth Crimmel.

The event had two C1Cs, C1C Beth Crimmel and C1C Joe Cox, three cadet NCOICs, whose job is to watch and learn for the next year, and countless other volunteers. Planning for the event is a big deal, usually beginning in late fall. However, this year with cadet Crimmel in France for the fall semester, much of the preliminary planning was accomplished via e-mail. The planners ask for volunteers to usher and collect money since there is usually a quick response.

While the athletic department handled the qualifying boxing bouts through the “Friday Night Fights,” everything else from planning to publicity was organized by cadets. The charity recipients are chosen from seriously ill military dependents in the local Colorado Springs area. This year’s choices were Seth Hickox and Madalyn Pearson, as well as

Capt Ann Freeman, a former instructor at the Academy.

This year’s Wing Open was the third most successful in the history of the event.

“We raised around \$13,500 for our charities this year,” said Crimmel.

In addition to the individual donations, organizations such as the Prep School, the Air Force Association and the Officer’s Wives Club provided a large proportion of the final donation amount.

The Wing Open has changed a lot over the years.

“Back in the late 80’s, the girls who held the round number signs used to wear bikinis,” said Crimmel.

However, what was once just a sporting event has been transformed into a truly “classy” event. This year’s round announcers were the intercollegiate team captains in suits and dresses. C1C Crimmel noted that there is always an enthusiastic response from the cadet Wing saying, “The cadet response to the Wing Open—money collection in Mitchell Hall and Wing Open attendance—is amazing...that’s what makes it so worthwhile.”

“The cadet response to the Wing Open is amazing...that’s what makes it so worthwhile.”
- C1C Beth Crimmel, Wing Open C1C



Center stage between bouts, Madalyn Pearson and her parents explain her illness to Regen Wilson, the ring announcer, and the audience. Unfortunately, Madalyn was too shy to say anything to the crowd. Photo by E. Ferrill.

MONEY PIT

Small purchases and big loans add up
by Jennifer DiCarlo to huge debts
for cadets regardless of class

When most people open their credit card bills, they see a few charges listed, but each charge can be quite substantial. When most cadets open a credit card bill, the list of charges is huge, but the average individual charge is quite small. This phenomenon is proof of the commonly known fact that most cadets don't carry cash. Who needs cash? Your Falcon Card buys you any uniform item and a credit card or check can cover bills at the cadet store. Cadets have been known to charge \$0.99 to a credit card for a quick morning snack. Almost without thinking cadets charge everything; as a result, cadets are in debt early in their career.

For four degrees it's easy to forget the debt. They only get paid sixty dollars a month and figure they'll just make up the difference when they get a pay raise next year. Using this same logic, three degrees buy their stereos and start going out more without realizing the increase in spending inhibits their ability to pay off old debts. By the time a cadet gets to be a

two degree, they have substantial debt built up before they even pay for their refrigerators, ring dance, and class rings.

C1C Lemons said, "I knew a guy last year who had to declare bankruptcy. He owed something like \$15,000 above and beyond his loan."

The debt continues to carry over into their firstie year when TV's, VCR's, and new stereo systems drive them further into debt. Firsties also incur debt since they can go out on weekdays. Even though they make more money than any of the other classes, they still never seem to have any of it.

C1C Marty Crawford said, "Between my credit cards and paying off my loan, I'm not sure how I'm going to do it."

It seems that cadets are perpetually in debt. If they weren't offered quite so many credit cards they wouldn't accumulate these huge debts. Perhaps until such measures are taken, the sound of charging credit cards will continue to ring at USAFA.

"I knew a guy last year who had to declare bankruptcy. He owed something like \$15,000 above and beyond his loan."
- C1C Jason Lemons

At the C-Store ATM machine, C2C Ryan Orfe takes money from his account. The ATM was installed two years ago and sometimes it has been an unwelcome convenience to those with anemic bank accounts. Photo by B. Brandow.





C2C Alfredo Foster attends a briefing about the USAA car loan at the Embassy Suites hotel. Second class cadets were required to attend the briefing if they wanted to take the USAA car loan. Photo by B. Brandow.

Writing probably the largest check of his life, C2C Kurt Alickson discovers that there are a lot of 0's at the end of \$18,000. Some cadets chose to spend their entire loan on a brand new car. Photo by M. Quitugua.



This cadet finds that he has more paperwork to fill out for a loan than he did to get his security clearance. In addition to paperwork, some cadets had to open bank accounts with the loaning institution to get their money. Photo by B. Brandow.



C2C Beau Miller makes weekend plans with a friend in another squad. With the expanded freedom of the secondclass year, many cadets found more opportunities to spend their precious funds. Photo by B. Brandow.

With the help of his friendly car salesman, C2C Kurt Alickson puts the final touches on his deal to buy a 1998 Nissan Maxima. As with many cadets, Alickson chose to buy his car at the Elway dealership in Denver. Photo by M. Quitugua.

SNOW DRIFT

El Nino delivers snowmen, snowball wars & diving into snowdrifts in October's blizzard

by Jennifer DiCarlo

On an average day in Colorado, you can look out the window and actually see the ground. The Academy is seldom a white wonderland; however, this winter was a little more unique. Snow was still infrequent, but when it snowed, it SNOWED. The harsh reality of El Nino descended on USAFA early into winter—October to be exact.

On a cold day in the middle of the month, weather reports said four to six inches would fall—the first snow of the season. In typical Colorado fashion, four to six inches quickly became forty-two. Take 42 inches of snow, add it to four thousand snowbound cadets, and finally multiply by the USAFA boredom and it all equals to several really strange days here at Camp USAFA.

Group staff ended up serving spaghetti to their hungry classmates, and warm civilian clothing was authorized for dinner. Witnesses saw a massive terrazzo snowball fight—team Vandy versus team Sijan. Besides white-

washing classmates, cadets kept themselves occupied with snowman building and jumping off the class wall into snowdrifts.

Perhaps the best benefit of the snow was to get an idea of what real college life is like. Classes were delayed until 9:30 am, the next Monday, allowing many cadets the opportunity to sleep in. School doesn't seem quite so bad when you have time to make a cup of coffee in the morning. Life returned to normal until another snowy day in March. Unsuspecting cadets were sitting in fourth hour class when suddenly the lights in Fairchild went out. Here we go again....

C1C Michelle Tibbitts must have been surprised to see her desk snowed in during the blizzard. Photo by B. Brandow.

C2C Kurt Allickson takes a giant leap off the parade field bleachers. Photo by B. Brandow.

Recovering from her dive into the snowbank, C2C Michelle Quitugua regains her senses in waist deep white stuff. Many of the shorter cadets could be found literally buried by the snow. Photo by B. Brandow.

The battle begins on Spirit Hill during the Great Blizzard of 1997. The battle included Vandenberg on one side and Sijan on the other and snow forts to protect the defenders. Photo by P. Rose.



The More Things Change

The More They Stay the Same



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Throughout the nearly 50 years of the Air Force Academy's life, the school and its occupants have strived to build a history of tradition much like Annapolis and West Point. Many cadets and graduates might contend that the Academy has fallen short in reaching this goal. However, upon further examination, it is possible to see a thread of tradition forming through the decades. This tradition is not necessarily one of strict and formal rules, but rather is a tradition of pride, determination and integrity that is instilled in every USAFA graduate who is willing to accept it. Take a look back on the short history of the Academy and the continuing effort to build a future of excellence...



National Champion C1C Scott Tomlinson performs a precision landing into Falcon Stadium during the Army Game. USAFA dominated the competition between the two Academies.

Wings of Blue

to a 2 meter inflated balloon called a tuffet.

This spring, the team traveled to the US Parachuting Association's Collegide Nationals. At the competition, the team won best

back to one of the founding PTWOB members, Capt Lance P. Sijan who later became the first and only USAFA graduate to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

winning and representing the Academy well. This tradition extends all the way

chicken strips, brownies and Mrs. Hosmer's apple cake, although the cake lost its owner's name. Another favorite, the apple crispito, was discontinued because the gummy filling clogged up the master deep fat fryer each time they were made.

Unlike the rest of the Air Force whose worldwide menus are planned from the central office at Randolph AFB, the Cadet Wing was lucky enough to have its own nutritionist and meal planning program.

Nancy Leonard, the Mitchell Hall nutritionist, gathers recipes from a variety of sources including; magazine articles, Mitch's bakers and a program called Parents to Mitch's that encouraged parents to send in

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continue to make history

More than three decades ago, a small group of cadets, bound by their common interest in parachuting, founded the Wings of Blue. From the outset they were a success bringing the Academy acclaim not to mention a truckload of trophies year after year.

The team now has three Otters from which they perform in three types of competitions and teach the Airmanship 490 classes. In the precision competitions, jumpers aim for a 3 centimeter spot that is anchored

overall, best four man and individuals C1C Scott Tomlinson, for the Master's category and C2C Michael Bullard for the Intermediate category. The team's primary competition and rival is West Point's jump team. However, unlike the WOB, the Army cadets do not teach other cadets to jump, they just perform.

Over the years, the team has changed planes and moved from jumping with round chutes to the "sporty" square chutes. The first summer 490 class to jump with the square chutes was back in 1994. These chutes provide more control to the jumper and generally a smoother ride.

The Wings of Blue have a proud tradition of

Gone the way of the apple crispito

Over a single cadet career, each cadet consumes over a thousand meals in Mitchell Hall. During the 1997-98 class year, the lower three classes were required to attend two meals a day at Mitchell Hall; the firstclass was required to eat at only the noon meal.

With all these meals, the menu became quite a hot topic. Cadets continued to enjoy favorites such as

a cadet's favorite recipes from home. Mitchell Hall can make food with almost any ingredient.

"About the only thing that we can't make is fried eggs, toast and homemade cookies," said Leonard.

To determine what cadets would like, Mitchell Hall conducted a food test using about 100 cadets as the test group. Winners from the food test became part of the regular menu.

In the recent decade, the menu has tended towards healthier and lighter fare. The first light tables were established in 1976 when the female cadets arrived. Originally there were only about ten light tables in a separate section in Mitchell Hall. However, the

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courageous parents to us

In Mitchell Hall, the waiter displays the chicken strips. This dish was the premier favorite of the Cadet Wing. The number of cadets rushing for seconds proved this to be true.



This "ad" appeared in the April Fool's Day issue of the Warrior Update. The entire issue was dedicated to poking good-hearted fun at USAFA.

tables were incorporated into the squadron tables back in 1994 and as a result their popularity skyrocketed. In the future, despite the loss of the beloved apple crispito,

cadets can look forward to cereal bars at breakfast and apple burritos and choco-tacos for dessert at the noon meal.

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If you could change one thing about the Honor Code, what would it be?

by Jaime Melton & Nole Curry

I'd add hoggin' to the toleration clause. Some things should just be illegal.

-C1C Matt Dunker

I would like to see more officers have faith in it.

-C2C Matt Van Hook

Make it so that all ya hafta do is accuse somebody and they're gone. Period. No trial. That way, its easier to

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Parent's Weekend brings showers

The stands were packed for the parade. Just as the Cadet Wing assembled, flashes of lighting appeared near the Field House. However, since so many family members came to see the parade, it continued as scheduled.

Moments later another bolt of lighting appeared that made every guidon bearer shake in his shoes. As the rain began to fall, the Cadet Wing about faced and headed for drier parts.

get rid of people that you don't like.

-C1C Regen Wilson

I'd put the name "Boutros-Boutros Ghali" in the Honor Code for no apparent reason.

-C1C Brian Liebenow

I would take out officer and NCO interaction and the intent to deceive, because no one can judge someone's intent.

-C3C James Burgess

Cadet's attitudes in general towards it. Too many feel that it's just another haze, but it should be something we're proud of.

-C3C Susan Murphy

This piece was adapted from the Warrior Update, 6 Feb 98.

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Above the Class of 1959's crest shows the elegance of simplicity and is reflective of a young institution. The Class of 1998's crest, below, is more complicated and filled with symbolism of the Academy's 40 years and the changing trend in society.



1959 Class Crests Gain New Features

The Class of 1998 was the fortieth class to graduate from the Academy. As with every class before them they had a class crest. Over the decades class crests have grown increasingly crowded with airplanes, class mottos, the chapel, the mountains and prop & wings. This trend continued through the Class of 2000, who chose to return to the classic design of a simple crest.



C1C Greg Young and C1C Janelle Grover discuss the finishing touches for their Pinewood Derby project. This Engr 410 project was built as a community service project. Photo by B. Brandow.

early '80s The Mother of All Core Classes

While most firstclass cadets will admit that Engi-

1981 Corvette craze

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This cartoon, from a 1998 issue of the Dodo, depicts a common problem for fourthclass cadets who try to maintain a social life despite their restrictive lifestyle.

neering 410 is no picnic and secondclass cadets would probably pay money to skip Thermo, they have no idea what kind of classes cadets of the past had to endure.

A personal favorite of cadets from the early 80's was the Structural Technology and Basic Literacy course. Despite the fancy names, the classes were essentially a typing and audio-visual introductory course. Before the Academy had PowerPoint or even computers at all, cadets had to learn how to use the electric typewriters and overhead projectors.

Upon completing the course, many cadets were inspired to go out and purchase their own typewriters.

passed by SUVs

Every cadet who takes the Firstie car loan has heard the stories that back in the "good old days" every cadet had a corvette. But alas today cadets can only afford a much more modest car with their \$18,000 car loans.

Although it may be an exaggeration to say that every cadet had a corvette, the parking lot definitely had more of them than today.

Lt Col Gary Yale, Class of '81, said that most cadets bought used corvettes during his years. The most important factor was that 1980

was the first year that the corvette cost over \$10,000. As a result, other sports cars such as the Trans Am became increasingly common.

Though every cadet may not be able to buy a corvette, secondclassmen can simply be thankful for the opportunity to own a car. From the Academy's inception until the Class of 1981 became two degrees, only first class cadets were allowed to own and maintain a vehicle on base.

Even when '81 was allowed to own a car, they could only park on a dirt patch that would later become the "Two Degree" lot. Another '81 grad, Maj Rick Mraz recalls that the lot had a sign that read "Lot 81," signifying that was the only lot in which they could park.

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The Difficulty of Life Before USAFAnet

If the squadron phone is busy and you can't wait for distro, then just send the person an e-mail. If you forget to tell someone something in class or a teacher wants to send out the grades for the GR, just send out an e-mail.

While e-mail has been a nemesis for some due to the high volume of traffic

The secrets of the USAFAnet are revealed when one looks at its inner workings. This bundle of wires and servers became a major part of each cadet's daily existence. Photo by M. Taylor.



and strict rules, overall electronic mail has been a blessing.

But what was the Academy like before such conveniences? Most graduates admit that they just kept trying the CCQ phone or if it was

det have a computer and e-mail became a viable method of communication. Ever since, computers and e-mail have been an integral part of the Academy lifestyle.

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Today, while sports cars are still popular, the sports utility vehicle, or SUV, has become a favorite. From Jeeps to Ford Explorers cadets like the 4-wheel drive and storage space afforded by such cars.

During a noon meal formation pep rally, the members of the Corvette Club show off their pride and joy. Many of these cadets looked at their automobiles as not just transportation, but as an investment as well. Photo by E. Ferrill.

really important, they actually got up and walked over to talk to the other person. For fourthclass cadets, the library was the neutral ground for such meetings.

Back in the early '80s, CCQ was a 24-hour duty which helped with the communication problem.

The first class to actually receive computers was the Class of '90. At the time, FalconNet, the precursor to the USAFAnet, was not actually completed. So during the late eighties, cadets passed floppy disks around rather than attaching work to an e-mail. It is hard to believe, but the FalconNet was less reliable and slower than the current USAFAnet.

Not until the Class of 1993 arrived did every ca-

GLo and Go



"REAL LIFE, REAL PASSES"

To compensate for the lack of free pass opportunities in the second semester, the Wing Spirit staff devised the Points for Passes program. By attending athletic events, cadets could get stamps in each block and when the card was full, the cadet got a free pass. The idea was to increase cadet attendance thus making the Wing a true "Force Multiplier."

**If you
weren't a ca-
det right now,
what would
you be doing?**

I would be at UNC...being a normal kid...watching basket-
ball. If a freshman was ever yell-
ing outside my door he might
disappear mysteriously
-C3C Jon Seelbinder

I'd be a lieutenant in the
Michigan Militia. Enough said.
-C3C Ryan Wood

I've always wanted to teach
a Chihuahua how to use a pogo
stick, so I'd probably be doing

Locations & Dates Change; Spirit Remains Same

Walking across the stage at graduation is a moment that every cadet and their parents anticipate for four long years. Most cadets are confident that the moment will take place on a sunny day in Falcon Stadium during the last week of May.

in a modified fashion. Rather than completing the tradi-
tional half-step, mass march
through the tunnel, they
marched in a single file line
and spent the ceremony sit-
ting in the lower
level seats of the
stadium.

Despite small
changes over the
years, the gradua-
tion ceremony it-
self has remained
quite unchanged.
From the day they
step off the bus into
basic cadet train-
ing, every cadet has
and always will be
focused on that
moment when the
hats go up in the
air and the
Thunderbirds fly
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At Lowry AFB, Denver, the Class of 1959 culminates four years of intense military and academic training at the graduation ceremony. Today's ceremonies are conducted at Falcon Stadium.



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that with a traveling circus.
-C2C Chris Papa

Sleeping.
-C1C Ryan Savageau

Up on the chapel wall watch-
ing, so all the cadets could have
formation when the Terrazzo is
soaking wet, the wind chill fac-
tor is -15, and the fog is so thick
you can't see any other group.
-C3C Isham Barrett

If I wasn't a cadet right now,
I'd be a matador in Espana
(Spain), fighting los toros(the
bulls).
-C4C Daniel Cruz

Two words: Baywatch Life-
guard.
-C1C Matt Dunker

This has not al-
ways come true. The
first class at the Acad-
emy graduated indoors
at Lowry AFB on 11
July 1959.

Even though the
graduation ceremony
has never been moved
to the Field House due
to weather, every cadet
has always received
four inclement weather
tickets, just in case.

Due to repairs to
the field at Falcon Sta-
dium, the Class of
1997 had to graduate

*This parody comes from the
1998 Graduation Issue of the
Dodo. This issue was tradi-
tionally a look back at clas-
sic dodo cartoons from the
Firsties entire cadet career.*

SHORT WAVY LINE

From BCT to
Graduation and After
The USAFA Odyssey
of the Class of 1998

"Stunning...astounding...Heck...
a very moving book."

-Washington Unleashed Book World

Joseph Clancy



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*This piece was adapted from
the Warrior Update, 11 March
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At Lowry AFB, Denver, the 1975 cadets celebrated four years of military and academic training. Graduation ceremonies are conducted at Ft. Carson.



During noon meal formation before the Army game, Bed Check Charlie decimated this Army tank with mini-rockets as a symbol of the outcome of the forthcoming football game. Photo by E. Ferrill.

On enemy turf at Annapolis, the Bird defends himself from the advances of the over aggressive Navy Goat. Never fear; by the end of the fight the Goat left with his tail between his legs when one of his horns fell off. Photo by E. Ferrill.



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Long-standing rivalries are alive and well

Sister service academies have a long tradition of rivalry and this fact was more evident during the Army and Navy week activities. In terms of spirit missions, almost anything goes when it was aimed at either West Point or Annapolis.

During Army week this past November, even the Army instructors had to

take pause when entering their offices. Major Boyd Brown, USA, of the 34th Education Squadron, found his office was rearranged and a healthy helping of dirt and rocks had been added to the decor. The idea was to make Major Brown feel at home despite the fact that his office wasn't exactly "in the field."

For Lt Col Steve Heinecke, USA, in the Math department, entering his office meant traveling out to Spirit Hill. Despite the new location of his office, Lt Col Heiniki still completed a full day's work to the amusement of the entire Cadet Wing during noon meal formation.

Even though the game against Navy was on their

turf, the Navy exchange cadets felt the need to remind us of their confidence in the outcome of the game.

A few days before the game, the Cadet Wing was doused with yellow ping-pong balls during noon meal formation. The little yellow spirit bombs were affixed with "Go Navy" stickers. The USNA middies claimed that they dropped nearly 2000 of them, but in true academy rival spirit, USAFA cadets claimed many less.



In the summer of 1997, cadets were treated to a brand new Cadet Clinic. The clinic was moved from the first floor of Fairchild Hall to the ground floor of the new Consolidated Education and Training Facility. Photo by M. Taylor.

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Bedcheck Charlie fires the fatal shot at an Army tank during the noon meal formation. Photo by E. Ferrill.



These class colored lights hung in Mitchell Hall. The lights were used to dismiss the Wing back in the '60s. Photo by B. Nickel.



1966

BedCheck Charlie is Reincarnated

Everily reminiscent of the first flyboys with a long, flowing white scarf, cavalry boots, leather flying jacket, and leather helmet complete with flying goggles, this "ghost" from the past prowls through crowds at home football games stirring up the fans. He is also sometimes spotted at spirit dinners, lectures, and heritage briefings. Who is this "masked" man? None other than Bedcheck Charlie. Although he appears sporadi-

cally through the years at the Academy since 1966, not many graduates or cadets quite know of his humble origins.

Bedcheck Charlie made his debut in the comic strip "Terry and the Pirates" by George Wunder in the early 60's. Wunder created a friend for Terry, Bucky Warbow, who was accepted to the Academy. In a series of cartoons, Wunder depicts escapades by Bucky and fellow doolie classmates.

In the comic, Warbow offers advice to a firstie, Cadet Major Rampart, as to how to "ditch" a girl who has her sights set on marriage. For this breach of protocol, Rampart assigns a difficult task to Warbow: "Anything your massive minds can concoct, gentlemen -- just as long as

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Lights used to Dismiss Wing

Everyday the Cadet Wing passes by a set of lights near the doors at Mitchell Hall. A set of white boxes contain four class colored light bulbs. According to a shift manager at Mitchell Hall, the lights were installed in the late 1960's and the boxes were used until the mid-70's. The different lights are individually controlled from the staff tower podium.

The lights were used to dismiss the Wing in a semi-orderly fashion, beginning with the firstclass. While the lights may seem extraneous today, back in the seventies cadets were required to attend all meals, so the system provided order at the end of the meal.

The lights were reinstalled two years ago but have not yet been used to control the dismissal of the Cadet Wing from Mitchell Hall.

This Dodo cartoon parodies a TV show called South Park. The rather crude show became extremely popular among the Wing.



it's one that generations of cadets yet unborn will cherish!" With these words, and a little help from the girl spurned, Bedcheck Charlie is born.

This World War I ghost pilot haunted the halls, not to terrorize cadets, but to foil the plans of the upperclassmen and aid the doolies by giving advance warning about bedtime inspections.

It was only a cartoon, by in 1966, a rather bitter '69 grad decided that the Academy needed the aid of the prankster ghost to lighten up the atmosphere. And so, Bedcheck Charlie arrived at the Academy in the flesh. Today, this ghostly figure, always covered from head to toe, is now a tradition at the Academy.

A member of CS-20 dresses as a troll during a home football game. This year saw a surge in squadron mascot representation at the games. Photo by Polaris Staff.



A Rise in Squadron Mascots

With General Lorenz's push for an increase in esprit de corps, spirit throughout the cadet wing found a new energy. Many squadrons showed their spirit with mascots.

Some squadrons such as the Pink Panthers of squadron 36, Tigers of squadron 10, and the Black Panthers of squadron 29 dis-

played their squadron pride by having costumes made, to be worn at football games and other events.

You might have caught a glimpse of one of these crazy animals racing across the terrazzo or rounding the football field to pump up the crowds promoting some good quality spirit. Other squadrons also got in on the act: Knights of Thirt, Viking Nine, Trolls of CS-20, Barnstormers of CS-23, and the Grim Reapers of CS-31.

Ever since 1963, when squadrons were first created, spirit and pride have been key components to squadron life. Intramurals, the forty-day countdown of recognition, and marching competitions are places for squadron pride to shine.

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A-Hall Rocks with Major Talent

Steve Miller Band... Collective Soul... INXS... If you have been fortunate enough to see any of these bands during your cadet career, you may have wondered how it all happens.

Jim Keim, Cultural Arts and Entertainment Manager, deals with numerous performers every year to bring concerts for low, low prices to the USAFA cadets and the area public. Forty-two thousand dollars was spent this

past fiscal year for Hap's Place, bands, and other free entertainment for cadets. That makes for low-ticket prices, but also for minimal profit.

Cadets know very little about the process behind the entertainment process. Each year \$45 is assessed from each cadet's pay for entertainment fees. Once the fiscal year is concluded any money not used on concerts is returned to the cadets. On average, when concerts and plays are not free, cadets purchase tickets at half the normal price.

Diversity of interests and performances in music is a large concern for the staff. The Commandant and the scheduling committee must approve each concert. On average, concerts are

booked two to three months in advance in order to get some of the newest bands on the music scene. Some of the bands to possibly hit the cadet scene next academic year are Third Eye Blind, Days of the New and White Zombie. Now is the time to check out your favorite band or develop a little cultural education at a play.

Tom Petty croons and dances to the delight of the Cadet Wing. Arnold Hall staff members work hard to bring in the latest, hottest music artists for entertainment.



1974

Academy Develops Its Own Rifle Drill Team

They are not your "average cadets." The butt of many jokes for the upperclass and used to instill fear in four degrees, members of Honor Guard are considered a "different breed." Indeed, with stripes on their parade pants and pop turns, they do stand out from the rest.

The concept of a drill team was brought to the Academy by then (now a Colonel) C2C Daniel W. Jor-

dan III, a defector from Texas A&M's Fish Drill Team. With the support of the Superintendent and classmate Eric Coppin, Jordan set about creating a team; the Academy was to be the only service academy with a team.

The basic concept entailed a drill team that was unique to the Air Force, and regenerated itself yearly. The parade uniform and a blue sash was selected as the competition uniform; the stripes and patch came along later as well as the "pop" turn and bayonet.

With the guidance of Jordan and Coppin, the team developed its own style of drill, a cross between the Marine Corps silent drill and Texas A&M. The name was also important in determining the team's uniqueness.

Little did he know that the name chosen would give them room to grow into much more.

The first team was started in the fall of 1974. Comprised of 16 fourthclass cadets, three thirdclass cadets, and two secondclass cadets, the team beat Texas A&M on their own turf for the first time in years. The team continued the tradition of success.

Although Jordan is extremely proud of the team, it is not quite what he envisioned. Through the years, Honor Guard developed into something more than just a drill team.

Honor Guard now represents the Academy at special functions across the nation. It also resumed the du-

ties of a cadet honor guard that used to greet distinguished visitors in the early sixties. Color guard and fire detail for funerals were also added to their duties.

Reflecting back to his original idea to what Honor Guard has become today, Col Jordan stated: "I'm proud of them and proud to be associated with them. If they develop an Honor Guard Association, I want membership #1!"

Members of the cadet honor guard perform color guard detail during noon meal formation. This duty was assumed by Honor Guard as the rifle drill team expanded its duties.



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Members of the Cadet Drum and Bugle Corps, otherwise known as the Flight of Sound, perform marching charges during noon meal formation. Unlike the pep bands of the other service academies, the Air Force Academy Drum and Bugle Corps provide a variety of services. Photo by Polaris Staff.

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The Flight of Sound

Since 1971, the Cadet Drum and Bugle Corps has supplied a beat for the Cadet Wing and has entertained audiences across America.

Comprised of 135 cadets, the corps has represented the Air Force Academy at major functions including: Presidential Inaugural Parades, the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day



Parade, Mardi Gras, and of course football games.

The Cadet Drum and Bugle Corps was not always comprised of cadets. Established in 1948 as the Air Force Drum and Bugle Corps, the corps was originally comprised of NCOs. It was not until 1972 that the corps was turned over to the Cadet Wing.

Since then, the Cadet Drum and Bugle Corps has

entertained the masses. Often without the beat, cadets became lost while marching to Mitchell Hall for meals.

The corps also performs "stand charges," or pep songs, at the football games. According to Mr. Smith, the director: "Some of the tunes turned into school songs. The Cadet Wing would probably have a heart attack if we didn't play Wipe Out during a game."

Members of the cadet honor perform color guard detail during recent formations. This duty is earned by Honor Guard as they learn expanded duties.



The Bird parachutes into the Falcon Stadium prior to the start of a game. The Bird and his antics were often spotted at home football and basketball games as well as spirit dinners and bonfires. Photo by Polaris Staff.



Bird Going Strong

Imagine having the ability to poke fun at General Lorenz at any moment without the threat of tours or demerits. Visualize doing any crazy and unbelievable stunt and surviving. Picture thousands of people screaming and cheering for you and all of your incredible talents. This is only a glimpse of the benefits that are obtained when you slip into the Bird costume.

The Bird is a vital link to the Academy's spirit and pride. He ignites the crowd when the games or matches seem a little dull. He per-

forms mock fights, delivering a little falcon wrath against the opponents' mascots with a twist of fun.

Four cadets are usually chosen for the job. In order to allow them to get away with their crazy stunts their identity is withheld. The four cadets that are selected for the job take on incredible responsibility.

Not only is the Bird required to attend all of the football games, home and away, he is also required to attend special luncheons, functions, and meetings. The higher ups enjoy the entertainment provided by the Bird as much as the little tykes that try to grab his tail.

The Bird takes a lot of energy and time, but without him our sporting events it would not be the same.

Class Chants

- 1972: Better Than You
- 1973: Better than Thee
- 1974: Forever More
- 1975: Still Alive
- 1976: Spirit of '76
- 1977: Pride Rides
- 1978: Great
- 1979: Mighty Fine
- 1980: '80 Proof
- 1981: 2nd to None
- 1982: Best in Blue
- 1983: '83 Best To Be
- 1984: Wings Soar
- 1985: Dead or Alive
- 1986: Pride that Sticks

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The Terrazzo Gets a Facelift

Every cadet has had to make detours around the terrazzo because of the orange fences that mark terrazzo construction. It seems like there is some part of the terrazzo that is always being repaired.

No one, from as far back as 1972, no one can remember when the Terrazzo wasn't under repair. When the terrazzo was originally built, it was designed to have a 20 year lifetime. Twenty years

later, reconstruction began, but it was found to take 20 years to get around the entire terrazzo, and by the time the first round of repairs was complete, it was time to start again. Hence, the endless terrazzo repair began.

Despite the terrazzo repair, and the inconveniences

it causes, Academy life must go on as usual. So, as some contractors pour the reddish-brown concrete, while others cut and carefully place the Vermont marble blocks, marching practice, tours, and noon meal formations go on as normal.



This construction worker waits patiently for a group of cadets to clear the way before commencing with construction. Terrazzo construction is a familiar sight to cadets and most wonder if it will ever end. Photo by Polaris Staff.

- 1987: Wings From Heaven
- 1988: '88 The Best to Date
- 1989: Mighty Fine '89
- 1990: Mighty Ninety
- 1991: Bold Gold
- 1992: True Blue '92
- 1993: Proud to Be
- 1994:
- 1995: Keep the Pride
- 1996: Tough As Bricks
- 1997: Keep it Reven'
- 1998: '98 Dominates
- 1999: Gold Will Shine in '99
- 2000: 2 Grand, United We Stand
- 2001: '01 Fire it up!

Academy cheerleaders perform stunts during the halftime show. Before women were allowed into the Academy, men performed the duties of leading the Wing in spirit.



1975 Cheerleaders Expand Role

As times change, so must we all or risk being left behind, and the Air Force Academy is no exception.

When USAFA first opened its doors in 1956, only men were permitted to enter since only men were allowed to serve in the Armed Forces. As such, the Academy had to adjust several things to the unique character of the student population.

One of these adjustments included the cheerleaders, an all-male squadron. While today it may seem odd for men to join a

cheerleading squadron, that wasn't the case back then when so few women attended college. Using crazy antics and stunts, the male cheerleaders lead the Cadet Wing in spirit activities and missions in support of the various sports team.

It was not until 1977 that USAFA had its first female cheerleading squadron. That was the first year women were granted admission to the service academies. The women integrated into the squadron with the men and added more variety to the delight of the Cadet Wing.

Today, the cheerleading squadron is still going strong with both men and women as members.

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Two members of '01 hunt for their class rock at the end of Recognition. Each class, while doolies, wear baseball caps the color of their class to distinguish them from the upperclassmen. Photo by Polaris Staff.

1974 Class Colored Baseball Caps

The sweet memories of BCT: marching, Jacks Valley, and class colored baseball caps. Who can forget all the briefings, standing there chanting and waving the beloved cap?

Not until 1974 did the class colored caps become part of the cadet uniform. The first class color caps were red, with gold, blue, and silver soon to follow. The baseball caps were introduced to help distinguish

"doolies" from the upperclass cadets. But the caps soon became much more than a uniform cap, they helped to promote class pride.

The class of 1998 occasionally brought their red caps out for a random show of class pride. Also, the firsties traditionally wear their caps on their run to the rock and the end of Recognition.

Class colored caps are filled with memories, and when graduates find one in future years, it will bring back memories of looking around and seeing a sea of class colored caps that made them proud.



Members of Union Grind entertain the Cadet Wing during a spirit dinner. It was not unusual for a group of talented cadets to get together and release stress through music. Photo by Polaris Staff.

A couple of male cheerleaders assist female cheerleaders in a construction of the pyramid. Women were not allowed into the Academy until 1976. Photo by Polaris Staff.



Those Crazy Red T-Shirts

The Class of 1998 will be forever remembered for their class spirit (annoying as it was at times), HUAH, and their passion for the color red. They loved red everything, and even had a special class T-shirt made, for those people who were extra HUAH.

The Class T-Shirt was originally thought up in a squadron and sold to firsties there. Other Dominators caught sight, and hundreds of them were sold to fellow Dominators. These T-Shirts appeared at many special events, such as a roof-stomping at General Oelstrom's or Football Booster parties, or formation on 'HUAH' day (a national holiday in some foreign country, no doubt).

The original "Red Tags" of 1962 were renowned for their hell-raising, and the Class of 98 tried to follow in that tradition as much as possible. The Dominators of 1998 were certainly a unique class, and the red class t-shirt was an example of their continuing spirit.



C1C Lora Greswell shows off her class t-shirt during a blizzard. Members of '98 were not afraid to wear their shirts anywhere. Photo by Polaris Staff.

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Union Grind Founded

Diverse Rock is perhaps the best way to describe their music. In spite of the wide range of music they write and perform, it all has a certain feel to it, a liveliness and originality that can only be characterized as "Union Grind."

In 1996, Union Grind, the rock band, was formed with these five members; C1C J. Greg Martin and C2C Ian Ramage on guitar, C1C Josh Brown on bass guitar, C2C Chris Backus on drums, and C1C Matt Edwards on

keyboard and lead vocals. Two of the original songs, "Thousand Miles" and "Slippin", were written by a member of the band. The lyrics are all very personal and usually relate to a decisive time in a member's life.

C1C Martin, one of the primary lyricists stated, "Tragic Self is a lyric I wrote while on AcPro. I had this feeling of total helplessness... I didn't think I could ever get my grades up to passing."

How serious a band is Union Grind? They spend several weeks in the recording studio, before they were even ready to start mixing their first full length CD.

"It is odd how at this institution known for its military and academics, that a

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group of five extremely talented musicians would cross paths and get together to make some truly extraordinary music," commented C2C Backus.

Most of the cadet Wing would agree that the talent seen in Union Grind is not only extraordinary, but most appreciated.

With the advent of the internet developed homepages of all kinds. This homepage was set-up to keep parents and graduates up to date about the Academy.

Stupid Questions Cadets are Asked.....

So, which Air Force Academy do you go to?

Are you planning on going to college when you graduate?

So you fly jets, right?

Would you carry my bags please? (COS Airport)

Do you like it there?

How can I transfer into USAFA?

When does your ship leave?

This cadet escorts a debutante to the Christmas ball held annually in Arnold Hall. Cadet escort services are often requested during Thanksgiving and Christmas for major debutane functions. Photo by Polaris Staff.



Learning to Dance at A-Hall

From bad hair cuts to out-of-date fashion styles, cadets are not the most socially knowledgeable. Those lacking in etiquette or dancing skills turn to Jon and Vivian Williams, the "teachers of teachers."

For decades, this couple has been officially invited to the Academy to endow cadets with skills of social grace. Those venturous enough can also go to them once a month for ballroom dance lessons.

Unbeknownst to cadets, Jon and Vivian Williams were taught by the best and danced with the best. Mrs. Williams at one time was the dance partner of Fred Astaire when no one else could keep up with his quick feet. Mr. Williams' first dance partner was Jimmy

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Do girls go there too?

Where are you stationed?

Air Force Academy....that's in Texas, right?

Did you see any action during Desert Storm?

Cool Ring! Where'd you graduate High School?

Can you get me some cheap airline tickets?

How about that tailhook thing....

How are things over in Bosnia?

Do you know _____? I think he graduated in 1987.



This cartoon appeared in a 1997-1998 DoDo issue. Many cadets felt they never quite got an answer to their questions and suspected that Gen Lorenz maintained a stock answer list.

Stewart's wife.

For years, the Academy was known for producing fine officers capable of waltzing with the best of society. Why continue with it today? The Academy does have a certain reputation to maintain of producing the best of the best.

Every year, the Academy staff fields requests to supply cadets for major social events. For example, every Thanksgiving cadets are flown out to California to escort debutantes to their coming out functions.

Whether they turn to Jon and Vivian Williams for the mandatory etiquette training or go to them for dancing lessons, cadets are learning to hob nob with the best.

1986

Lacrosse Team helps at Football Games

Spirit is an important aspect of the Academy. Along with that includes support of the various athletic teams. It is not often that one sees an athletic team supporting another, but that is the case here at the Academy.

The USAFA Men's Lacrosse team shows their support of the football team at every home game. Their presence is quite noticeable with

scale models of an F-15, F-4, and a space shuttle that putter around the edges of the field.

This show of military airpower began in 1986. Since then, the team has passed on the tradition of maintaining and displaying their miniture aircrafts at home games. These aircrafts are used to entertain crowds, especially the many younger Falcon fans.

The lacrosse members used to give children rides from the stands and allowed kids to have their picture taken on one of the planes. During different points of the game, lacrosse members would drive the planes around the edges of

the field and throw candy up to the fans.

Several years ago, the lawn-mower type engines that power the airplanes wore down and were in need of repair. In the interim, the team spent games at the north end of the stadium, where they kept watch over their planes in silent support of the football team.

This year, the motors were repaired and the team picked up where they left off in adding a military presence to college football.

This lacrosse team member guards one of the planes while watching a Falcon home football game. This year was the first year in nearly four years that saw the plane in action. Photo by Polaris Staff.



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Dilemma of Food Before Dominos

Next time you complain about food or military duties, be thankful...very thankful. The food services of the Academy have come a long way since the early days. No longer are the days of the pizza and sub rep of the 1970s. No longer are the days of flagging down the food trucks.

Col Roger Burg, class of '78, recalled going to ev-

ery room on Sundays to get orders for pizza and subs. As a thirdclass cadet, the detail of the pizza and sub representative included getting orders each Sunday and calling either Giuseppe's (which is still in business) or the Family Sub shop. Each Sunday evening, this rep would meet the delivery person, get the food, and then dispense it accordingly. For many, Domino's is now a safe haven for the hungry at any time, any day, any weather.

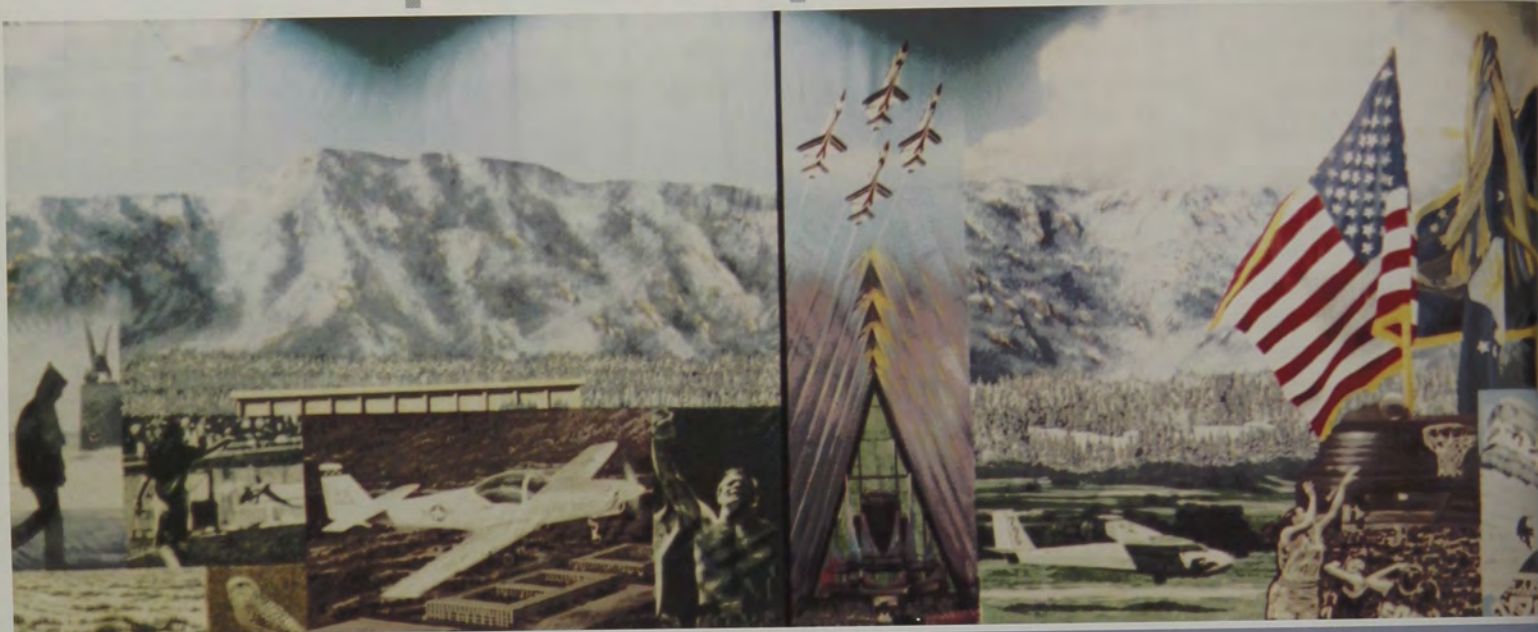
The alternative food services increased slowly as the 1980s approached. With an increase to twenty items on the menu, Mitch's slowly began it's decline on the monopoly of cadet food.

In the '80s, pizzas were available for order and pick

up when the urge for food was felt. The entertainment center, the pizza joint, A-Hall has been the hang out for decades, but with the entering of the 1990s, even this began to change. Domino's, Black Jack, Enzos, Pizza Hut, and Chinese food - examples of a free market...the end of the Mitch's monopoly!!!



These cadets get creative in preparing dinner in lieu of eating in Mitchell Hall. Creative cooking or knowledge of fast food delivery places are a must for cadets desiring other than Mitch's cuisine. Photo by Polaris Staff.



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The More Things Change

The More They Stay the Same

LET LOOSE

With carrier landings & roommate games,

by Ryan Chmielewski

cadets found 'M' stands for fun

With a new schedule of calls, cadets had to work even harder this year to break the monotony of daily life. MWR programs provided the cure for this chronic ennui with imagination and attitude.

CIC Louis Ruscetta commented on the attitude of MWR events suggesting that "the 'M' stands for fun." For cadets, fun was a full stomach-which explains why barbecues were the most popular events.

The roommate game, another MWR favorite, was the marrow of getting to know people. This game forced one roommate to answer always loaded

and usually provocative questions about his or her roommate. As C3C Wendy Chow explained that the questions ranged "from 'what is the most annoying thing your roommate does?' to 'if your roommate was a garden tool what kind would he/she be and why?'" Of course, this invariably led to roaring laughter and finger pointing.

MWR leaders realized that frustration was par for course, and pay back was the idea of the Assassins Game. The object of this game was to "kill" your victim by squirting them with water while no one was looking. Assassins schemed for their victims after duty hours and often planned attacks in mass and isolate the victim. However, loyalties were never final. A good Assassins game could last as long as two weeks.

C3C Jeff Smith said, "no matter what you do don't trust anybody."

The wing seemed to accept the long academic semesters as the opportunity to use imagination and creativity to put off studying for one more hour. From carrier landings to spirit jerseys, MWR really did stand for fun.

With bruised chests and soaked butts, the members of CS-01 slipped their way to MWR fun. The activity, affectionately known as "Carrier Landings," was a homage to our sister Academy on the water. The event involved about 1/2 inch of soapy water and a brave, bare chested group of cadets. Photos by B. Brandow.



Straining to get one more marshmallow into his jaws, C3C Robert Marshall participates in his squadron's contest. Contestants tried to stuff as many marshmallows as possible into their mouths and recite "I'm a chubby bunny." Photo by B. Brandow.

A fellow classmate helps C3C Eric Bissonette stuff more marshmallows in his already full mouth. Photo by B. Brandow.

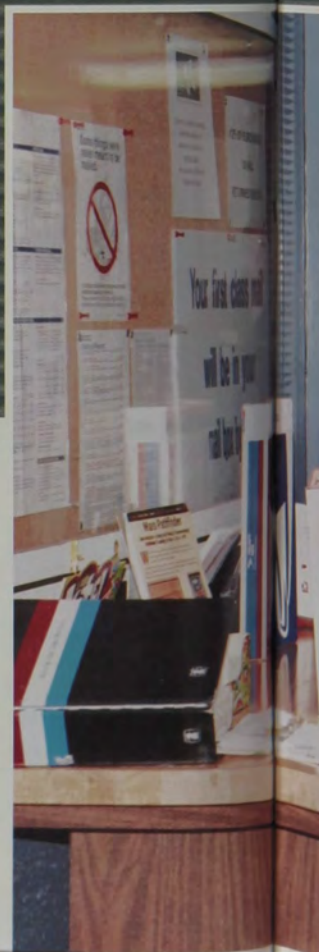


Retrieving an oversized package from the post office, this cadet hopes that it is filled with goodies from home. Photo by M. Taylor.



C2C Mike Mallory relaxes in the squadron phone room as he talks to his friend from back home. Most weekday evenings, the phone rooms were filled with long distance lovers catching up with their better halves. Photo by B. Brandow.

Taping up his package for shipment, this cadet sends a package home to his folks. With the exception of birthdays and Christmas, the flow of packages was usually towards the Academy as opposed to away. Photo by M. Taylor.



E-MAIL LOVE

Cadets find love and friendship
in distant
corners of the world

by Tom Preston

The standard theory at Camp USAFA is because as cadets we were not issued a social life, we are not authorized to have one. Certainly a social life, especially a significant other, takes away from a cadet's already busy schedule. Somehow, despite these odds, a few proud cadets actually manage to have a social life. Fewer still manage to have one of the more difficult aspects of a social life: the long distance relationship.

What is the long distance relationship? It's really any relationship with a significant other where one person is here, and the other person is far away (hence, the long distance part). 'Far away' can be Fort Collins, or it can be Hawaii. It's where a couple does not see each other on a very regular basis. Most cadets only see their long distance others during leave periods. Some are lucky, and their significant others come out to USAFA on occasion. The typical long distance couple may see each other four to six times a year depending on the distance.

These couples find each other in many different ways. Some cadets meet their significant others while home on leave, while others meet them as they travel to far corners of the world on things like Ops AF and Summer Research. A

few even meet while they are here, and continue the relationship while one graduates and goes on to other things. A surprising number of cadets have known their significant others since high school. C3C Corey Duffy has known his girlfriend, Erica, since 6th grade. "We were good friends through all of high school, then we became soulmates our senior year" says Corey.

Cadets manage to keep in solid contact with their significant other despite having a billion things to do each day. Many cadets, including C3C Duffy, e-mail their companion every day. Weekend phone calls are another way of keeping in contact over the distance.

E-mail and phone calls are great for keeping in touch, but that doesn't make up for the distance. "E-mail is great, but we miss the physical side of things," C3C Duffy remarked. "There are things like body language and just knowing we're together that e-mail can't replace."

Very few people become engaged from these long distance relationships while they are away. Learning to live in close proximity is virtually required for a good marriage. Even C3C Duffy, who has known Erica for over 8 years, agrees. "She's going to do college in 3 years, then move out here. That way, we can see how we live on an everyday basis before making a commitment."

Despite the challenges that face these couples, they seem more than willing to make some sacrifices. The benefits of these long distance relationships outweigh the price, and so cadets continue them. Each of these cadets has a person who means a great deal to them, and they are obviously worth it. With some effort and a little luck, they will make their long distance love work for them.

Sitting at his desk, this cadet e-mails his friends at home during a free period. Many cadets enjoyed this economic method of keeping in touch with their friends and families at home. Photo by B. Brandow.

*"There are things like
body language and
just knowing we're
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remarked C3C Duffy*



TIME WARP

One cadets recalls the significant changes in USAFA after a three year absence

by Russell Brown

I first arrived at the Academy during the summer of 1991. After my junior year, I left the Academy for three years to prepare and serve a two-year mission for the Latter Day Saints (LDS) church. Having seen almost a decade of cadets in action from the class of 1992 to the class of 2001, I can say the changes have been many.

During my first two years, training sessions were the standard and not the exception. Discipline was exemplified in all classes. You seldom saw a cadet walking on grass or failing to recognize an upperclassman or an officer. Every cadet wanted to fly and those that didn't wouldn't admit it. Everyone went through soaring and everyone fought for a pilot slot every minute of his or her cadet career. There was not a human relations program or HR officers. The cadets worked hard, but played too hard and on occasion, received bad press because of it.

The return to a softer, gentler Academy of 1996 was a shock. The upperclassmen no longer sought to chase out perspective cadets. The philosophy of tearing someone down and then building him or her up to a capable officer candidate had almost vanished. The new Academy no longer talked about how many basics quit because they did not

have the "right stuff", but was impressed more with retaining as many basics as possible. The cadet Wing was more conscious of human relations' issues and acceptable behavior. The Academy of the early 90's "soar for all" had turned to "soar for some," and some qualified cadets opt not to go to UPT. Discipline was following regulations instead of maintaining your character and upholding officership values.

The Academy has changed immensely during my time as a cadet. The change in philosophy is for the better because it gives cadets the opportunity to step up and lead in a less stressful environment. But it also creates a situation where discipline must be instilled from within the

individual instead of being forced upon cadets by the system. The key to survive, in the ever-changing Air Force, is to step up to the challenge, to obtain personal discipline and actively seek opportunities to lead.

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Posing next to her former class crest, CIC Andrea Houk thinks about what it would be like to have been a 2nd Lt for almost a year now. Changing class crests was just one part of the identity crisis of returning cadets. Photo by J. Schenk.





Edmund Fletcher
in M. Smokin'
ical Engineering
Paulo, Brazil

nd something you can't have,
something you don't want."

the best! Thanks for puttin' up
me, man, screw it!

er Joe Yetti's Talmi! Play hard.

da deaf, mate. Take care, buddy.

to. I'll be back!

haha, what and use! Troy H. O' Mom,

and All. Words don't even start to
describe my love. Thanks



Kelly Jean Flinn
"Kels, KC"
Biology, French minor
Atlanta, GA

hardest years, the darkest years, the
years, the fallen years, these should
be the forgotten years. The hardest years,
the darkest years, the desperate and divided
years, the desperate and divided years.
We will remember - soccer, reading!
everlasting memories: soccer, reading!
ger - BLONDE, Jessica - Schwartz, Nod
1/2 years, Sue, Choncho and the French
hangar - the best kept secret!
remember - Don't reveal the little stuff! C out to
join!



Anthony C. Gomillion
"Gomer"
Civil Engineering
Knoxville, TN

by grace is sufficient for you, for My power
made perfect in weakness." - (2 Cor 12:9)

Lord, through the all-nighters, marginal
grades and consistent shortcomings, nothing
has ever been evident. I gave You so little. You
have seen me with so much. Thank you for my
family who gave me love, my brother who
gave me hope, my friends who gave me sup-
port and Your Son who gave His life.

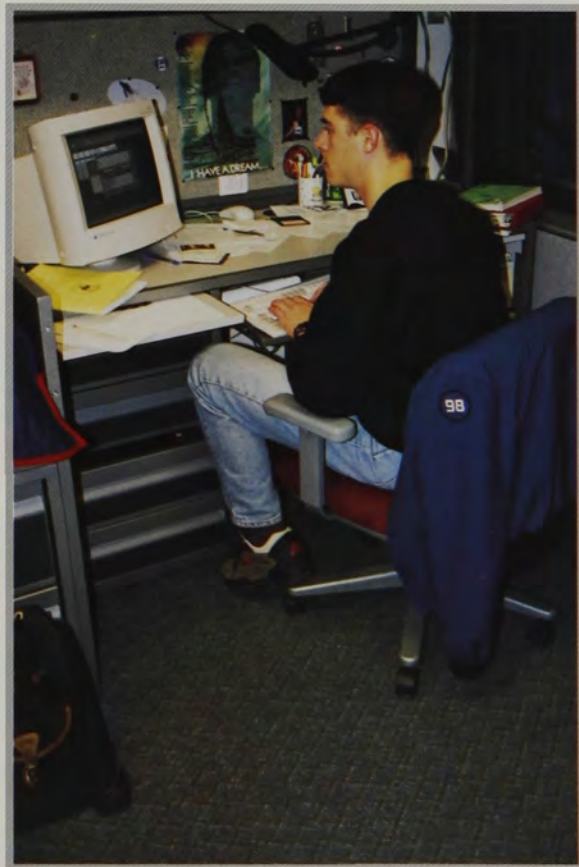


Leo Yakichi Green
"Leo"
Management

CIC Russ Brown points out his previous element leader, former 1st Lt Kelly Flinn in the 1993 Polaris yearbook. Cadets who returned to the Academy after a few years had a unique perspective on the entire Flinn incident. Photo by B. Brandow.



This t-shirt shows the Class of 1996's chant "Tough As Bricks." A few members of the Class of 1996 returned to join the red tag, "Huah," Class of 1998 after their missions and stop-outs. Photo by J. Schenk.



Reflecting on his first two years at USAFA, CIC Jeremiah Klomp remembers what it was like to be a member of the Class of 1996. LDS cadets who went on a mission were one of the most common candidates for stop-outs. Photo by B. Brandow.

Working his 1998 issued computer, C2C Jonathon Laatsch, now a member of '99, longs for the faster computer that his classmates all have. Possessing a slower computer was only one of the disadvantages of a stop-out. Photo by B. Brandow.

Bound with tape and soaked in condiments, this middie endures Navy week festivities. Exchange cadets often needed to wear BDUs during the weeks before service Academy games since their other uniforms seemed to mysteriously disappear.

Scaling a rock face at Garden of the Gods, coastie Dave Bartman swings around with some Air Force pals. The climbing opportunities out West seemed to be a little better than back in Connecticut. Photo by D. Bartman.



As one of their first USAFA military duties, the exchange cadets attended the Two for Seven dinner. The Army cadets do not have a ceremony similar to this back at West Point. Photo by E. Bixby.



Middie Jimm Bender shows off his well-worn ATM card. With the extremely attractive and comparatively generous pass package, some exchange cadets found themselves spending more here than at their home schools. Photo by M. Taylor.

ZOOMIE LIFE

Coasties, Middies, & Cadets find culture shock *by Bill Braniff* & silly questions during USAFA stay

If you hear wise remarks about your uniform, receive an occasional salute from unwitting freshman, and spend twenty percent of each day saying, "That name sounds familiar, but I don't know him, sorry," then enjoy your stay at USAFA as an exchange cadet. For the duration of first semester four Coasties, nine Midshipmen, and nine West Pointers submerged themselves in the Air Force culture, which took some getting used to.

USMA's Ryan Close said, "It took some getting used to and I found myself saying 'I've never done this before,' once or twice. But that's an indication that I'll remember the new experiences I've had out here."

USNA's Jimm Bender asked his roommate before the first Saturday Morning Inspection, "Who's this Sammy guy coming on Saturday?" Silly questions were posed in both directions however, as Navy's Trea Shocken answered the zoomie question, "What elevation is the Naval Academy at?" Uh, sea level!

USCGA's Brian Walsh stated, "I have definitely enjoyed my time here so far. It has been a great experience, and I

do not think I could have achieved my present marching ability and proficiency elsewhere."

Despite some confusion, the integration transpired smoothly as exchange cadets participated in the entire spectrum of activities offered. Some plummeted from planes during AM490 or as attachments to the Wings of Blue team, while others avoided the falling bodies in Soar planes.

The intramural fields, some club teams, and even a few varsity teams felt the presence of the exchange cadets.

Ironically, integration into zoomie life helped the exchange cadets discover the pride they felt for their home academies. Whether

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- "Coastie" Walsh

they used a simple banner, an Air Assault mission on the Terrazzo, or 6000 'Go Navy' ping pong balls dispersed over most of Colorado Springs, the exchange cadets demonstrated new found esteem for their respective services. The camaraderie they felt between their classmates sharing the exchange experience was their first taste of community that the military promises. Seeing a familiar uniform on the Terrazzo brought a smile to their faces, like seeing an old friend.



Army cadets Bill Braniff and Ryan Close run into a former Pointer at the Citadel football game. Exchange cadets often did everything but watch the game, since they weren't the most dedicated of Falcon fans. Photo by E. Ferrill.

RESTRICTION!

Cadets are forced to find creative ways to pass the time when getting restricted.

by Marcie Cartier

Most would think being restricted is punishment enough, but at USAFA tours or confinements accompanied some restrictions. Regardless of the total punishment, being restricted made the 'squadron duty area' all too familiar to many cadets this year.

One of these cadets was C4C Larry Kitchen in Raging Bull Six. "I just sat in my room with my restriction buddies (they know who they are) and thought of more ways to break rules."

The class of 2001 probably spent the most weekends stuck in their rooms this year for losing knowledge bowls, less than perfect grade cards, or any other reason their training staff could conjure up. Sometimes, restriction lasted much longer than the weekend.

C4C Jennie Schoeck says, "During my six months restriction, I found

out a lot about who to trust, and who not to trust."

Some cadets found themselves in the middle of an accountability nightmare and had to sign in and out of their rooms on a Form 7 due to restriction

On few occasions, when the entire Wing got restricted, cadets were left praying for SCA, a pre-approved Form 30, or any other loophole that would get them out of the gate before the sign-out logs opened again. More often than not, that would not be the case.

"I didn't like it, but

I sucked it up," says C2C Chris Lee.

When restricted cadets weren't marching tours or sitting confinements, it was an ideal time to catch up on sleep or get some work done.

C2C Dave Wellen agrees and says, "Being restricted is a state of mind. It's what you make of it."

*"I just sat in my room with my restriction buddies and thought of more ways to break rules."
-C4C Larry Kitchen*

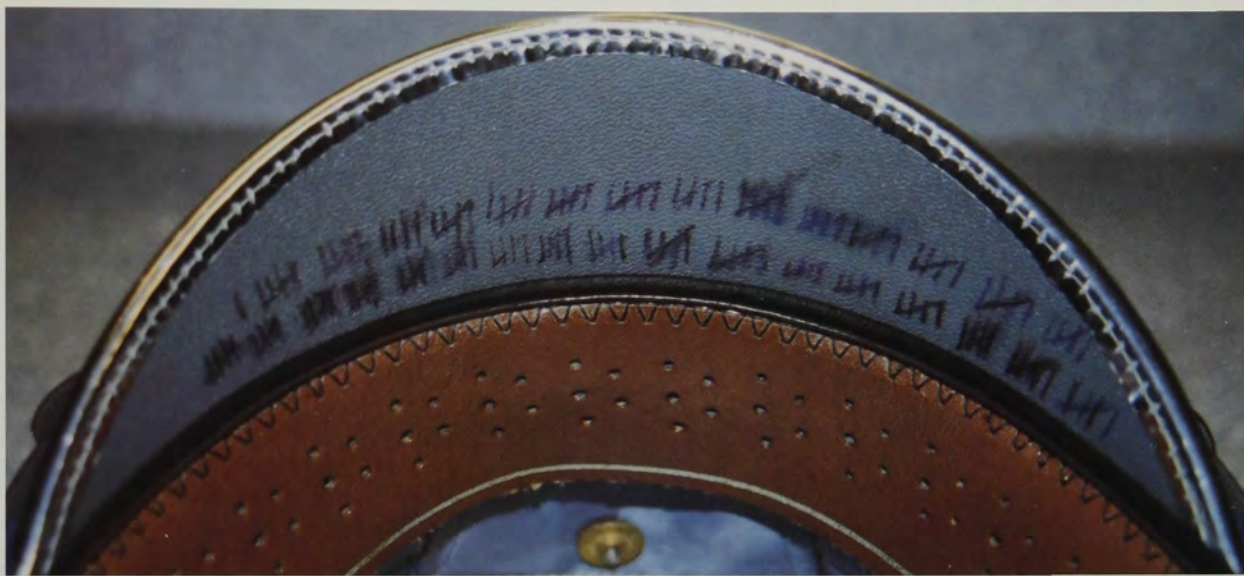


*This three degree plays computer games once he is done with his homework. Many three degrees liked getting CQ out of the way when everyone was restricted.
Photo by B. Brandow.*



Placing a quick phone call before signing out, CIC Matt Santorsola makes plans for the weekend. Normally, firsties were allowed to sign out during the week, except when Col Conners restricted them. Photo by B. Brandow.

Many cadets followed this practice of marking one tick for every tour marched. It is easy to see where this cadet spent a large number of her weekends. Photo by B. Brandow.



CIC Andrew Vrabec logs himself out of his room on a Form-7. Cadets who were officially "restricted" had to sign out everytime they left their rooms to go anywhere outside the squadron. Photo by B. Brandow.

A group of cadets spend a Wednesday night watching South Park in the squadron TV room. The TV room was a popular haunt for those cadets who were restricted and on probation. Photo by B. Brandow.

At the car loan briefing, C2C Jemal Singleton finds out that loan payments will be the first chunk out of his wallet for the freedom of a car. In addition to the loan, cadets had to pay maintenance, gas and insurance bills. Photo by B. Brandow.

Melting cars line the rows in the two degree parking lot in late March. Unlike the other lots, this one was pretty quiet during the week, since despite the pain and expense of a car, secondclassman could only use them on the weekends. Photo by P. Caldwell.



This cadet vacuums his truck out, probably before a hot date that night. As the weather warmed up in the spring, the base car wash became increasingly busy since a wash and a vacuum only cost \$1.50. Photo by P. Caldwell.

Checking the oil in his car, this cadet finds that he needs to add a quart or two. While cadets could buy car products at the base gas station, most chose to go downtown to shop at Pep Boys or Parts America. Photo by P. Caldwell.



CAR CARE

Cadets battle the wind, rain and snow to keep their precious automobiles clean & tidy *by Tom Preston*

Cars are the great equalizer when it comes to the social lives of cadets. Due to the fact that it's 10 miles just to the gate, a car is a must in order to get off base.

The firstie car loan is a true god-send to cadets needing transportation. The USAFA parking lots probably have the highest concentration of "nice" cars in America. Anyone who has perused the cadet lots has seen the large array of vehicles. Cadets usually go for pickup trucks, sport utilities, or sports cars.

With all these great new cars, cadets find it necessary to keep them clean. Some wash their car every weekend (especially before dates), while others may go an entire year without washing them. On any given summer day you can find a great number of cadets washing cars in the quads, using the faucets marked "not for cadet use."

Once the cars are washed, they need to be parked. Parking has always been, and likely always will be, a huge problem at Camp USAFA. For those lucky few commanders, it is only a few hundred yard to their vehicle, while other firsties have to walk a half a mile to the lower lot. Unfortunately for two degrees,

the hike could be well over a mile to the far end of the two-degree lot (otherwise known as the 'Lower Kansas Lot'). Another problem with parking is that cars are out in the open.

According to C1C Jason Alderman (who's replaced two windows), "the Colorado elements definitely are not friendly to cars."

Many cadets found themselves fixing broken windows after huge wind storms.

C2C Luke Osborne summed up owning a car nicely when he remarked that "Cars are great to

own, but a bugger when it comes to the pocket."

Cars are not cheap to buy, nor are they cheap to maintain. Simple things like gas, oil changes, and other routine maintenance can add up fast. Gas prices fluctuate constantly, and a great number of cadets loan out their cars just to get a full tank of gas.

Cars are an important facet of cadet life. Without them, we would have real problems leaving Camp USAFA for R&R. They can be a pain, but they get us where we need to go.

*"The Colorado elements definitely are not friendly to cars."
- C1C Jason Alderman*

Changing his oil at the Auto Hobby Shop, this cadet finds a nice alternative to Jiffy Lube. Many cadets found that performing their own car maintenance not only saved money, but provided higher quality workmanship. Photo by P. Caldwell.



SQUADRONS

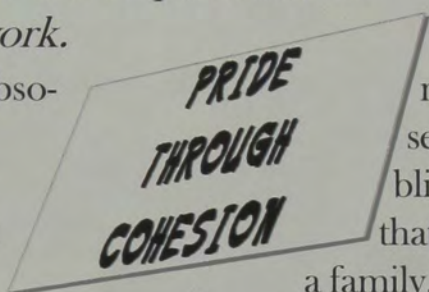
From the first day of Basic Cadet Training, cadets are repeatedly told of the importance of teamwork.

"You absolutely cannot make it by

yourself" is advice that upperclass cadets like to impart on fourthclass cadets.

Cadets have many opportunities to be part of a team, whether it be in intercollegiate sports, or on a group academic project. However, every cadet is a part of a large team during their stay at the Academy-Cadet Squadrons.

Squadrons eat together, sleep together, train together. When people spend a significant amount of time together, a bond develops



resembling that of a family.

Like a family, many squadron members look to their mates for guidance and advice. They develop a culture that is unique, though many aspects of it are passed on between generations.

When a cadet leaves the Academy, rarely will they remember working one late night on a project, but could probably construct volumes on the cohesive culture and experiences of their time as a member of a cadet squadron.



The Tough Twenty Trolls celebrate in squadron style. It is a tradition to pass up the Supt during USAFA football games. Photo by B. Lingle.



1999

Joseph E. Beauregard
Todd J. Benson
Brian J. Brandow
Marc P. Choismard
Blaine H. Dungan
Jeffrey G. Ernest



John D. Furr
Selicia M. Gipson
Stephen R. Gwinn
David A. Jones
Michael A. Klein
Jacob C. Kunkle
Cyril A. LeDoux



Thomas W. Mahoney
Michael I. Mallory
Kristina L. Marty
Beau D. Miller
Dana J. Moss
Caleb M. Nimmo
Christopher A. Sample



James F. Schneider
Matthew A. Shigley
Stuart M. Solomon
Darcy L. Thorstenson
Guillermo Torres
Matthew L. Watson
Scott A. Williams



Vanessa C. Bartley
David I. Bennett
Eric M. Bissonette
Lance M. Brenneke
Matthew L. Busch
Russell P. Cook Jr



Mathew W. Elleby
Brian C. Flis
Heather A. Fox
Jeremy C. Heimgartner
William S. Hester Jr
Joseph A. Ingram
Jennifer M. Jochum



Abigail I. Kent
Thomas C. Kisio
Hector A. Lopez
Albert F. Lowe
Carlos C. Mararac
Kellie R. Marks
Ryan-Thong V. Pham



Cory C. Raeth
Jeffrey B. Severino
Paul A. Shamy
Nishawn S. Smagh
Andrew R. Smith
Thaddeus A. Speed
Justin D. White



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Squadrons

1st Squadron

2001



Melanie M. Bates
Michael J. Blume
Stephanie J. Boff
Wade W. Bolinger



Makia B. Epie
Bernadette Feliciano
John P. Gately
Jason H. Green
Erica L. Harris
Eric M. Hendrickson
Ryan W. Isokane



Thomas B. Kanewski
Michael P. Kearns
Robert M. Marshall
Seward E. Matwick
Matthew R. Mountcastle
Ryan W. Nicklin
Jason J. O'Brien



Robert E. Perry
Megan A. Poyant
Derek A. Root
Scott J. Schroeder
Jonathan T. Scofield
Steven M. Thiessen
Andrew R. Vrabec

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MTA TSgt Patricia
A. Gonzales

First Takes Care Of Business

What do you think when you hear Mach One? Some comments heard often: "I'm sorry!" and "That must be really tough!" As the fourthclass cadets would tell you; it's a challenge, but worth it.

In 1997-98 we worked hard, but on the flip side of the coin, we played hard too! We started the year off with a new AOC, Capt. Thomas Lyga. We did well in a majority of the graded events first semester, but marching was our weakness. Despite this, we showed perfect brilliance receiving first place in marching at fall parade. And who could forget the Parents' Weekend Parade? The rain came down in buckets. All squadrons ran off the field, but Mach One MARCHED off in an orderly formation. We were a little wetter than everyone else, but it was worth the extra pass. And by the end of the semester, we were ranked first militarily in the Wing.

On the lighter side, Mach One sponsored a Cub Scout Pack. They shared in the fun at tailgate parties and other events. To relieve some of the ACQ stress, MWR included the roommate game, marshmallow stuffing and carrier landings. Carrier landings produced a large number of participants as well as a hefty audience. Several cadets showed amazing talent in the department. C4C Makia Epie, C2C Thomas Mahoney, and C2C Scott Williams took the cake in the combination belly flop-slide. A-flight was busy this year with a "No Fear" mural, silhouettes and various operational squadron patches in the alcoves.

"Of all the things I remember this year, shining the swimmer statue in the library has to be near the top of the list," C4C Marshall commented.

What a great year!



Capt Thomas J.
Lyga
AOC

Mach One

by Vanessa Bartley

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Squadrons

1999

Lee M. Boedeker
Robert S. Bowshot
Craig S. Brown
Thomas R. Callen II
Erik T. Couser



Dixon D. Croft
Jennifer A. Dolan
Trisha D. Eknes
Brian A. Fischer
Edwin B. Frazier III
Jason M. Golaboski
Jeffrey J. Hicks
Janice L. Hughes



Matthew E. Jones
Travis D. Keenan
Isobelle Lalimarmo
Scott C. Morgan
Sean B. Neitzke
Jason E. O'Brien
Brian K. Phillips
Mark R. Robey



Kareem O. Shaw
David R. Sheller
Tyler J. Smith
Bradley O. Summers
Marc W. Summers
James R. Taggart
Heidi A. Triggs
Donald J. Wittich III



Edward A. Aeschlimann
Ryan W. Braman
James M. Byrne
Richard P. Cullen
Dorothy L. De Luz



Nathan E. Dillon
Matthew R. Downs
Jonathan D. Fenstad
Edward M. Francis
Scott K. Garcia
Nathan D. Hagerman
Christopher J. Hall



Brendan P. Harrison
Jennifer A. Holland
Christopher D. Howard
Brenetta S. Hunter
Christopher P. Knier
Daniel S. Lawrence
Daryl R. Maas



William H. McKibban
Brooke Page
Paolo A. Rivera
Troy B. Stubbs
Jaime J. Webb
Randolph B. Witt
Michael J. Yanovitch



2000

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Squadrons

2nd Squadron

2001

Mark A. Amendt
Tony Andrade De La Torre
Justin R. Binder
Nathan A. Burrows

Garrick T. Collins
Ernest Csoma
Jeffrey R. Dennis
Brandon L. Donaldson
Kurt A. Duffy
William Gilfillan
Kristopher R. Hollingshead

Heather A. Huot
Marcus J. Jackson IV
Tammie Y. LeBlanc
Jennifer M. Levison
John A. Lucas
Kevin C. Mandrik
Ryan R. Montanez

Ryan J. Pelkola
Timothy T. Pikas
Laura Y. Renner
John D. Roberts
Jennifer H. Schoeck
Jonathan E. Somogyi
Ryan K. Thompson.

The Delta House Is Guaranteed Fresh Every Time

Chalk another super year up for Deuce, as we learned to keep a careful balance between working hard and playing hard. It was hard work to initiate our new AOC, juniors, and freshmen into the Deuce way of doing things, but they caught on quickly.

C2C Jen Dolan said "We may not have led the Wing in the marching aspect, but at least we knew how to have fun."

The pride in our squadron was made public with the creation of our Delta House shirts. Our squadron T-shirt was such a big hit that cadets from other squadrons were demanding our leftovers. These shirts gave our squadron the charge they needed on the athletic fields.

With close to half the squadron being intercollegiate, Deuce still managed to have three teams make the intramural championships first semester,

and three teams in the semi-finals second semester.

When not on the playing fields, Deuce was busy supporting our squadron athletes with many diehard MWR cookouts and activities at sporting events.

"The cookouts were detrimental to our intercollegiate's success" said C4C Dave Schuck.

MWR also supplied a well-stocked squadron store with everything from chicken cordon blue to Country Time lemonade that enticed Deucers and non-Deucers alike. In the squadron, cadets were not afraid to study hard, but for those who desperately needed study breaks, Deuce used its ingenuity to invent new games conducive to the new tile floors.

The uniqueness of Deuce is in the laid back attitude, but with a very apparent duty concept that provides a balance in which everyone can succeed.

by Jaime Webb



Maj Kathryn M. Moene
AOC
TSgt Thomas J. Bradley
MTA

Deuce

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Squadrons

1999

Justin F. Adams
James G. Alexander
Matthew S. Allen
Heath Armstrong



Justin N. Bachmann
Sandra L. Bitteker
Barry J. Burton
Jeffrey S. Cain
George P. Choung
Steven J. Clark
Coleman B. Cobb



Kevin S. Eastler
William E. Fields
Christopher V. Hand
Paul B. Hilfer
Justin P. Kieffer
Jason R. Kirkland
Erich J. Kring



Katherine Love
Jeremy R. Lushnat
Robert P. Robison
Jose M. Sarduy
Courtney L. Skalko
Patrick V. Wnetrzak
Fatih Yilmaz



Jason E. Blevins
Abdullah A. Brodie
Jacob J. Carr



Dena A. DeBacco
Michael J. Dorrell
Elizabeth G. Fontenot
Johnnie C. Green
Andre J. Hall
Eric C. Hanssen
Tharommony T. In



Daniel S. Jerdan
Aidas Kerutis
Jake L. Miller
Saejung Park
Jesse R. Reeves
Carl F. Riesco
Christopher S. Ringrose



Ryan B. Roach
Jared M. Santos
Brett G. Shackelford
Jesse L. Smith
Julie K. Turner
Reed W. Wangerud
Hyoung-Seoung Yang



2000

2001



Leah J. Buckley
Jeffrey J. Burley
John J. Damron
Garrett D. Dawson
Glenn R. Dowling

Gregory R. Ensell
Alejandra M. Galvan
Joseph M. Gaona
Daniel H. Heil
Beatrice J. Henson
Daniel S. Hoak
Jason M. Janik

Joseph K. Maddry
Scott A. McKay
Jeremy C. Meartz
Elliot S. Nelsen
David A. Paulus
Marcus J. Peters
Jamie A. Rempel

David A. Rice
Venus C. Rivera
Alexis G. Scott
Jeffrey P. Shamess
Chad L. Shenk
Aaron J. Skrivaneck
Benjamin R. Watts

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Rena T. Brugman '99
David K. Smith '00

Pride In The Pound

The members of CS-03, or Dawgs of War, had plenty to be proud of during the 1997-98 academic year. The Dawgs were consistently at the top of rankings militarily all year. Our intramural teams went well into the playoffs. But our main source of pride in the squadron was not a wing ranking or award. Numbers and rankings pale in comparison to the fact that there were no alcohol incidents or honor violations in the Dawg Pound.

C2C Justin Bachmann feels that the comradery in the squadron is the direct cause for the trouble-free year.

"We're more than squadron mates; we are brothers and sisters," commented C2C Bachmann.

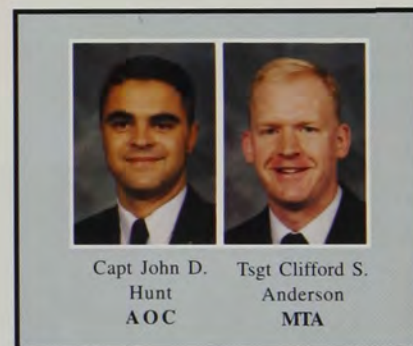
At every squadron meeting CS-03's commander C1C Joe Wenckus emphasized the squadron's philosophy with a simple quote, "Do the right thing because it's the right thing to do."

Living by the standard motto "Work Hard, Play Hard", the Dawgs organized plenty of MWR events throughout the year to include tailgates at Sky Sox games and even a trip across the country to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

C4C Jamie Rempel was impressed early on with the upperclassmen's attitude.

"They taught us when we arrived in the squadron to take care of each other. It's something I'll remember throughout my Academy years," said C4C Rempel.

C1C Gerry Gonzalez said it best, "As a Dawg, I've learned that we look after each other before a situation arises. Yeah, we may have gotten lucky, but the bottom line is we care about each other."



Capt John D.
Hunt
AOC

Tsgt Clifford S.
Anderson
MTA

Cerberus

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Squadrons

1999

Matthew J. Ayers
Nathan T. Benn
Stephanie L. Breske
James E. Brunner
Keith Carson
John S. Flynn



Corrine R. Gadus
Aaron D. Gibson
Thomas R. Gross
Jamie L. Hatch
Scott W. Hebbeler
Stacey L. Hertlein



Otis M. Hooper
Morgan P. Hurt
Andrew J. Kamataris
Christopher B. Lee
Robert N. Mishev
Bryan C. Morris



Jason T. Nalepa
Juan E. Nieves
David R. Solomon
Russell N. Suzuki
Rye M. Whitehead
George S. Wood



Evelyn M. Andersen
Sascha W. Archie
Steven J. Ayre
Casey J. Bartholomew
Jonathan D. Bowen



Tige D. Brown
Mitchell J. Cok
William M. Dains II
Joshua T. Frakes
Michael A. Fugett
Jessica R. Guynn
Joy M. Harwood
Benjamin E. Hettinga



Daniel J. Hingley
Leopold H. Lemelson IV
Jennings B. Marshall
Olivia S. Mitchell
Robert P. Rayner
Brooke A. Rinchart
Joshua H. Ritzmann
Nicholas G. Rutgers



Paul E. Sheets
Craig B. Sorensen Jr
Tim K. Souhrada
Christopher J. Splees
Brent A. Stark
Perry L. Tanner
Ryan D. Tyler
Joseph R. White



2000

2001

Tanika L. Archer
Elizabeth B. Benn
Sean R. Broderick
Kristopher F. Brown
Mansa L. Catlin
Randal D. Clark
Bradley D. Darling

Justin P. Eastman
Jason A. Gastelum
Matej Hajdinjak
Corey M. Hunt
Matthew L. Incoe
Cheryl N. Johnston
Jason D. Kneuer

Travis D. Logsdon
Daniel J. Macsary
Alex D. Mignery
John P. Mintz
David A. Pugh
Brent E. Reimer
Matthew E. Reynolds

Eric J. Rivero
Lee T. Sandusky
Erika N. Shannon
Daniel R. Slater
William G. Soto
Lawrence D. Turner
Joseph R. Vigueria

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AOC Capt James T.
Jeffcoat

Paving a New Tradition

Take a walk down memory lane and you will see military nostalgia molding men and women to prepare for battle. Well, add some Valium with a banana and you have just invented a new policy.

Freshmen in the hallways of four got to realize firsthand the fruits of being at rest before one of the most challenging events in their lives, recognition. Some of the players in this new policy included the likes of Christel Chavez, Rye Whitehead, and Jason Nalepa.

But, if we just mentioned these members of the squad as being the only innovators of the squad, we would be overlooking some key players with the new tradition in four.

Take care of each other, and always have a good time. Look towards T.G.I. Friday's, and you

are likely to see our friend Dave Bickerstaff relying on the bushes to conceal the evidence but don't worry, Tony the Tiger will help you out, Dave.

"You better stop dressing me up like a mailman, and making me dance for you!"

Phil, keep Parker warm. Brad and Chase, have you ever thought about becoming sleazy movie producers? Oh yeah, who knows the length of a banana better than Brooke Rinehart does?

The rugby fields just will never be the same with the rough-n-tough fighters, the Brits got something to worry about other than Germany. And, what would we have done without the tailgates put together by Rob, Scooter, and Tara.

One thing is for certain, this bunch is ready for a good time, and rough enough to take on the ugliest of creatures.

by Aaron Gibson



Tsgt Dawna
Kinsman-O'Brien
MTA

Fightin' Fourth

1999

Amen-Ra Buckley
Brian A. Crozier
Beth R. Deam
Paul F. Dorsey



Ana K. Emhof
Robert C. Giles Jr
Matthew J. Harker
Marcas E. Maltby
Kevin C. Marsden Jr
Scott C. Mills



Matthew M. Paroda
Craig D. Prather
Nathan E. Ragan
Chad Ryan
Katrina E. Smith
Stephen P. Snow



Steven W. Speares
Jason-E. Strickler
Lawrence T. Sullivan
Tomasz Tarnawski
Carol J. Weber
Jeremy P. Wieder



Rashad J. Bartholomew
Brian J. Budde
Sierra C. Burgess
Joseph R. Gavigan
Scott K. Gleason



John P. Heffernan III
Shelly L. Hooten
David E. Jenkins
Kip E. Johnson
Brian R. Jusseaume
Kevin M. Lord
Hobart A. McIntosh



Erin C. Nagel
Stephen J. Nava
Jeremy K. Page
Mike D. Parker
Patrick B. Parsons
Arthur L. Patek
Dare' A. Rapanotti



Robert W. Reed II
Luke J. Schneider
Peter J. Schnobrich
Benton W. Shrewsbury
David T. Still Jr
William K. Swan Jr
Jennifer A. Trevino



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Squadrons

5th Squadron

2001



Isaac E. Adams
Brent R. Bak
Jason R. Childs
Jordan S. Collins



Michael T. Dunn
Angela M. Feldmann
Jason A. Feuring
Jesse W. Goolsby
Brent A. Greer
Kylene L. Grove
Amy M. Heskett



Andrew M. Ignash
Amanda J. Jones-Greco
Brittney E. Killen
Forgiveness S. Kochanowski
Mark C. Lennon
Matthias P. Maggos
Anthony Mariapain



Cara D. McBrayer
Raul Ochoa Jr
James T. Schiess
Stuart A. Stanton
Ian R. Swayze
Brandon J. Tellez
Barry S. Weaver

The Strength Of The Wolf

You may call us gangstas, but we'll politely refuse. We simply think of ourselves as Wolfpackers. United by the Wolfpack "W".

We all greeted the year with our new AOC, Major "G". Midway through the year we lost our MTA leadership in MSgt Egich and found new leadership in TSgt Edwards.

As the Wolfpack 5, we met athletic excellence with both the Wing championship flickerball team and runners-up in team handball. This was only to be matched with both academics and military excellence.

The Wolfpack was brought together with respect for all, maintained by a high standard of excellence, and made a family through support. As a result, we were named the outstanding squadron of the year.

We definitely had our fair share of fun. Both the second and third class cadets brawled at least once with the fourth class cadets. All enjoyed giving midshipman George Klawns a hard time for his height as well as during navy week. Squadron meetings were well let's say, "interesting." Maj G started each meeting with the attempt to make a joke, he failed well for the most part. Hobart McIntosh always received the Helmet Fire Award. Sometimes he got it just for being himself. His multiple month streak of luck was only broken the last month and by Maj G.

The sponsor base trip to Eglin AFB was a blast. Yet there were some hard times as well. During these times, the Wolfpack fraternity came shining through and made truth of the quote, "The Strength of the wolf lies in the pack".



Maj Stephen Gustafson
AOC
SSgt Jacqueline Edwards
MTA

Wolfpack

by Angela Feldman

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Squadrons

1999

Kurt J. Alickson
Sean P. Baerman
Michael J. Battle IV
Michelle M. Baugus



James M. Blanton Jr
James W. Busch
Brian J. Christ
Daniel C. Diehl
Christopher J. Garnett
Marquis R. Greene
Bryan D. Habas
Arthur T. Harmon III



Julia C. Karlstad
Jacob B. Lacock
Clinton J. Land
Anthony G. Loicano III
Patrick M. McDonough
James C. McFarland
Andrew J. Miller
Dax A. Presuto



James J. Quigley
Michelle A. Quitugua
Kerry P. Redmann III
Carl C. Schluckebier
Alexandria K. Smith
Silke A. Tietje
John R. Tuite
Justin L. Walworth



Nicholas A. Anderson
Bridget O. Blanco
Eric R. Brinkman
David S. Chow



Nicole L. Drevet
Matthew S. Earley
Robert F. Ehasz
Matthew S. Husemann
Eric J. Janski
James R. Jones
Terrance Keithley



Michael S. Landers
Frank Lusher
James M. Marion
Donald J. Martin
Richard C. Moores
Jason P. Moraes
Brian C. Moritz



Christopher A. Nielsen
Ryan J. Rasmussen
Christopher W. Rohe
Jeffrey J. Scott
Willbert F. Shaw
Cory N. Willis
Marc R. Wong



2000

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Squadrons

6th Squadron

2001

Amy A. Abraham
John E. Alderman
Richard A. Blakewood II
Michael R. Cline



Patrick D. Davalos
Joshua S. Foxwell
Bryan W. Granger
Levi B. Hall
Adam N. Heil
Amanda M. Hutchison
Larry E. Kitchen Jr

Daniel J. Knerl
Ryan C. Mason
Ryan S. Miksell
Pamela J. Moudry
Laura C. Nealon
Alexander J. Pelbath Jr
Kevin S. Rothe

Ryan A. Sagastume
Craig M. Sciantarelli
Tristan L. Sevdy
Christopher V. Smith
Jason G. Somers
Cody D. Stiverson
James E. Thompson

CHALLENGING CADETS TO RAISE THE RED FLAG

Bull Six immediately started off the year to the beat of a different drum, one with a definite army sound. The Army? Aren't we in the Air Force? With the addition of two Army grunts—Major Westfall, the new AOC, and West Point exchange cadet Bill Braniff, the Bulls gained a new perspective and used it to their advantage.

Starting in October, C1C Gil Munoz, soon to be cross-commissioned into the Army himself, volunteered to get the Ranger Challenge, which fell through last year, up-and-running once again with Bull Six as its sponsor. One of the most important aspects of the challenge was to provide training that was not normally considered Air Force training. The challenge also enhanced teamwork on the

Cadet Group level, rather than the squadron. With the eight-mile road march and obstacle course, it was the opportunity to experience something new.

As C1C Joseph Markusfeld put it, "it was a two day gut-check."

C4C Kevin Rothe also joined the team with a positive attitude as he was "a little bit apprehensive but looked forward to it." The Challenge was a squadron-wide effort and its success relied on help from the Bulls who worked as safety personnel, water-boys, and provided a cookout at the end of challenge.



Maj Thomas F. Westfall
AOC
TSgt David W. Ashley
MTA

Bull Six

by Nicole Drevet

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Squadrons

1999

Matthew D. Allen
Peter K. Braxton
Benjamin J. Buller
Anthony J. Cagle



Kenneth P. Cates
Sarah C. Cooper
Tanya G. Cruz
Nolan C. Diestro
Omar Ebarb
Brian C. Healy
Wade R. Holen



Jonathan F. Laatsch
Brian J. Langford
Chad T. Martin
Benjamin A. Moe
Paul P. Monaghan
Richard W. Otton
Simon A. Palfery



Kathleen M. Quigley
Jachin Sakamoto
Ian J. Toogood
Jeremy F. Weihrich
David M. Wellen
Thomas T. Wiggins
Scott D. Zeller



Mac-Li Amick
Robert J. Brooks
Jeffrey R. Brown



Justin R. Dean
David L. Drummond
Tiffany L. Fisher
Eric E. Garcia
Jason R. Hoffman
Erik S. Johnson



Marc I. Lowe
Justin F. Marceau
Uriah L. Orland
Michael E. Pettibone
August L. Pfluger II
Brian C. Phillips



Russell T. Reese
Adam G. Ressler
Monty M. Salanoa
Jason W. SanSouci
April L. Scott
Craig R. Wilderman



2000

2001



James A. Anderson
Brian L. Beckman
Jacob A. Boyd



Marcie P. Cartier
Ryan W. Collette
Brian A. Collins
Christopher T. Drungell
Richard J. Hazuka
Stephen M. Hoffert
Ryan B. Jensen

Michael L. Juni
Jeffrey M. Kost
Ryan E. Lucero
Audra Luyet
Dimitri C. Martini
Laurel C. McDowell
James R. Ord

Tomas G. Owen
Michael J. Power
Aarti U. Puri
Malcolm S. Schongalla
Chad M. Simendinger
Elizabeth R. Weber
Travis M. Winslow

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MTA TSgt Julie A.
Konselman

What's our name again?

From Seagram's 7 to Cellblock 7 and now Shadow 7 changing our name seems to be a tradition.

The one name and presentation that will probably be forever stuck in everyone's mind would be the one submitted by Marc Lowe. All that can be said is it involved the Oscar Meyer Wiener mobile and big bird.

"Hopefully this one will stick for a while," said Scott Tomlinson, after his name was voted on and then changed to as the official name.

Even though CS-07 has an identity crisis, we still know how to have a good time. Shadow 7 had a tailgate party for almost every home football game and an "awesome sponsor bast trip," as Mike Hagan put it. Everyone will have fond memories of the base but not as fond as the memories of the

time in Arizona. But remember what goes TDY stays TDY!

The success of "Shadow 7" is going to be expanded in coming years, so whether you are in 7 or not - get a hold of the "fever". A new line of "Shadow 7" active-wear will be available at fine stores everywhere this fall (even if you didn't raise your hand in formation you will be asked to buy one because someone's personal funds were used to buy all 90 T-shirts ordered). Plans are also in the works for Shadow 7 - the beverage, the Shadow 7- the high performance Labrador retriever. Everything will be guaranteed as long as 7 remain the Shadow. Who knows?

That could be until next spring.

by Erik Johnson



Maj Peter T.
Popp
AOC

Shadow Seven

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Squadrons

1999

Byron R. Bone
Bonnie L. Brings
Ryan J. Crane
Nathan L. Davidson
Michelle R. Dugan
Matthew G. Eckles

Ryan M. Grant
Jason R. Greenleaf
Aaron M. Hatch
Evan M. Jones
Wilford L. Kauffman
Kenneth T. Kline

Joanne McCarthy
Darrick Mosley
Daryl V. Myers
Alexander L. Orbon
Kevin J. Ormsby
Lucas J. Osborne

Christopher P. Papa
James W. Serra
Margaret M. Stohlmann
Ryan C. Trueman
Travis D. Walters
Loren M. Werner



Todd D. Bender
Benjamin F. Bennett
Charles K. Best Jr
Tracey D. Beverly
Brian M. Bonelli



Joseph M. Bonner
Kevin R. Bradley
Timothy J. Callahan
Jacob R. Chapman
Roderic S. Cockhern
Cory P. Duffy
James S. Fleming
David A. Garay
Michael J. Gilmore
Peter M. Lington
Jacob L. Lukens
Laura S. Maher
Brian C. Maschler
Sarah E. McGuane
Katherine E. Mitchell
Andrew J. Nutz
Andrew C. Parker
Mollie M. Peters
James M. Ryan IV
Henry B. Schantz
Bryan D. Sory
John R. Trumm
Jared M. Whiles
Wendell J. Yeager



2000

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Squadrons

8th Squadron

2001



Justin C. Bowen
Asa J. Christensen
Hershall W. Clayton
Rosemary A. Costello
Jeremy H. Downs
Evan H. Gardner

Christopher B. Garrity
Michael D. Geiger
Russell E. Grimes
Kristy L. Hayes
John D. Hendrickson
Mary F. Hrynyk
Paul B. Kay (AKA Murphy)

Kristy L. Kuhlman
Michael S. Laidlaw
Brandon C. Lochr
Grant W. McCall
Michael J. Montgomery
Corey D. Nelson
Daniel E. Olthoff

Pedro V. Ovalle
Anthony B. Parrille
Zachary T. Peaden
Kendall W. Spencer
Christopher N. Wade
Jennifer R. Wiseman
Ryan K. Young

Eagles - Taking It To The Limit

This year, Eagle Eight pushed everything to the limit. Whether it was an ORI or an MWR function, the Eagles of CS-08 worked hard, trained hard, and played hard, under the leadership of C1C Tom Preston and C1C Mike Meyer.

First semester, CS-08 was undeniably one of the rowdiest squadrons both on the football field and off. Eagles in the Sea of Blue got so crazy in the stands that some of them actually got into trouble.

"I really don't think it was the wig," recalls C3C Hank Schantz. "I think it was more the fact that I disrobed at a public event."

Tailgate parties throughout the football season kept the spirits high, culminating in a giant intersquadron cookout with CS-04. The ground may have been blanketed with snow, but the Eagles warmed themselves with broiling brats, steaming chili, and piping hot ears of corn.

"MWR just rocked the house this semester," concluded C1C Mel Youderian, whose Ford pickup put the "tailgate" in "tailgate party".

CS-08 kept up the recent tradition of maintaining a hard training environment. All the blood, sweat, and tears paid off in March when the undefeated Eagles represented the group in both knowledge bowl and Wing doolie competitions.

"The plan was simple," said C2C Travis Walters, spring semester Training NCO. "First, strive for excellence in all things. Second, never ever quit no matter what. Looking at the results, it's fairly safe to say our plan worked." He smiles. "Our four degrees are hands down the best group of 2001 in the Wing."

All in all, it proved to be a rewarding year. Even on their down days, the Eagles manage to stay upbeat.

"As a C4C in Eagle Eight, it was tough," recounts C4C Evan Gardner, "but we were the envy of our classmates who could only go to the c-store once a week."



Maj James W. Moore
AOC

TSgt Richard J. Turcotte
MTA

Eagle Eight

by Daryl Myers

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Squadrons

1999

Gregory E. Barasch
Lucas E. Bindreiff
Robert W. Boll Jr
Andrew G. Boston
Gabriel A. Cantu



Patric D. Coggin
Kevin J. Culliney
Jeremy S. Daily
Steven V. Engberg
Richard J. Giglio
Marie Guynn
Timothy J. Hofman



Robert J. Hutt
Benjamin R. Jonsson
Sarah R. Lynch
Nicholas C. Mossing
Joel E. Nelson
Randy T. Nguyen
Ryan M. Petersen



Matthew W. Renbarger
Ronald M. Schoch
Joseph P. Thomas
Rebekah E. Vodila
Matthew N. Waszak
Julie A. Whittingham
Kendall W. Wrey



Andre Barrera
John F. Benson
Jordan A. Bettio
Christopher J. Boileau
Shannon L. Caffrey
Kenneth J. Chandler
Casey A. Cortese



John A. Enis
Felix Isupov
Harry O. Jones
Jacob L. Kemper
Brandon J. Lingle
Kristopher M. Malloy
Jeremiah J. McClendon



Matthew R. Medley
Christopher M. Methvin
Zensaku M. Munn
James M. Murphy
Kedric J. Osborne
Paul A. Perez
Bryan F. Raridon



Gabriel G. Repucci
Kathryn N. Roman
Kenneth C. Seiver
David A. Slavich
Sydney C. Smith
Jennifer L. Stehwen
Kristen M. Thomas



2000

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Squadrons

9th Squadron

2001

Lachlan T. Belcher
Kevin T. Cancel
Rachel G. Coleman
Daniel W. Daehler
Joseph A. Ditlow
Luther E. Douglas
Gerald J. Ferdinand



Richard F. Ganske
Vidal S. Garza
Janee R. Gianotti
Nicholas J. Johnson
Joshua L. Kubacz
Jeremy D. Maclellan
John S. McAfee
Paul J. Morris



Samuel A. Nelson
Stephen G. Pippel
Stephanie J. Rader
Brian C. Rosales
David R. Schichtle
Mark D. Skalko
Emma A. Stanley
Lucas J. Teel



Valhalla Is The Word

The word, Valhalla, was first cheered on an alumni weekend by three exuberant 1987 graduates of Viking Nine who had come to watch a home football game with their former squadron. Before long, most of the people in the section, even those cadets not in Viking Nine, had joined in and were yelling "Valhalla" at the top of their lungs. The graduates went on to explain that "Valhalla" had been the motto of Viking Nine when they were cadets.

"C1C Trey 'Val' Hall embodied the spirit of word," said C3C Kedric Osborne.

Taken from Norse mythology, "Valhalla" is the great hall where all Viking warriors go after they die on the field of battle. There they will celebrate, feasting and drinking with the gods, until they are called to fight in Ragnarok, the final battle fated to destroy the world.

The Viking Nine cadets quickly adopted the chant. The freshmen could be heard greeting "Valhalla" on the strips, in anticipation of their forthcoming recognition and the end of freshman year. The seniors would say "Valhalla" to one another in passing, referring to the end of their time as cadets and their entry into the Air Force.

C2C Nick Mossing feels, "Valhalla is more than just a greeting, it's a way of life."

Valhalla has come to represent the festive, warrior spirit of squadron nine. It is the symbol of all of our goals that we fight and strive for day to day, and will one day obtain, despite the insurmountable odds and hardships we often seem to endure.



Maj George
R. Bumiller
AOC

Ssgt Larry K.
Dozier
MTA

Viking Nine

by Christopher Boileau

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Squadrons

1999

Jason P. Brown
Matthew T. Galvagni
Christel Gilbert
Naviera K. Hall



Jorma D. Huhtala
Erik Jacobson
Paul C. Jeffords
Eric D. Larson
Christopher S. Malpass
Brent J. Manbeck



Adam M. Mankowski
Manuel A. Martinez
Daniel C. McBroom
Nathan A. McClure
Mark D. Michalek
Brian Mottola



Jason S. Ohrenberger
Martha E. Phelps
W T Stille IV
Matthew G. Taylor
Sandra J. Wilson
Alexander E. Wright



Jadee A. Bell
Cale W. Bonds
Ricardo Cordova
Daniel R. Courtright
Matthew P. Crockett
Kenneth S. DeGon



Brian A. Denaro
Samantha L. Drew
Ryan E. Durham
Melody S. Durrett
Jennifer L. Engler
Joseph P. Geaney III
Russell D. Gohn
Kevin S. Griswold



Christian T. Hauck
Kevin W. Justice
Gregory S. LeCrone
James D. Norman
Ivan G. Normandia
Charles L. Richmond
Matthew N. Rose
Nathan P. Rowan



Paul T. Schwennesen
Jonathan D. Shaffer
Jennifer A. Shelby
Andrew C. Steadman
Eric D. Steele
Jessica L. Trafecanty
Kristopher R. Washington
Matthew R. Weinschenker



2000

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Squadrons

10th Squadron

2001

Christopher W. Bates
Stacy L. Boggs
Jeffrey A. Brunelli
Samuel L. Carty
Ryan D. Carville

Hector L. Collazo
Michael C. Cumberworth
Peter R. Grossenbach
Amanda L. Hall
Nathan T. Keethler
JohnPaul Kilker
Marion M. Knapp

Richard N. Law Jr
Michael L. McMillan Jr
Kevin A. Miller
Malcolm B. Roberts
Kenneth W. Sayles
Aubrey A. Semrau
Thomas E. Sonne Jr

Luke Sullivan
Kristen D. Thompson
David J. Todd
Samuel E. Troge
Richard A. Webb
D'Arcy B. Wills
Kristy J. Youngpeter

A Year Of Change - Tenfold

There are several different ideas about the culture of Tiger Ten among officers and cadets in the Wing. The predominant view has remained a squadron that works hard and excels militarily.

In the past, cadets have dreaded being transferred to Tiger Ten because of this reputation. Although this reaction still occurs, cadets have found that Tiger Ten is a much more dynamic squadron. Without a doubt, one of the greatest sources of pride for the Tigers is the high standard of performance demanded by their tradition.

"When they get here, cadets see that we take our duties seriously but that we make sure to strike a balance between the amount of fun we have and the work we do" says C1C Derek Salmi.

The past year has been one of change. We started out the year with a new AOC and changed

AOC's again after the first semester. Consistent performance was maintained thanks to the squadron being truly "cadet run" and some outstanding firstie leadership.

Improvement was a big part of the past year's changes as well. In addition to military prowess, we improved athletic standing going from 40th out of 40 squadrons in intramurals to fielding a Wing Champion Cross Country Team in the fall, and an Ultimate Frisbee team that was undefeated during the spring regular season.

What hasn't changed is the traditional HUZZAH greeting, inciting feelings of pride...or animosity, terrazzo wide. This distinctive greet and the military tradition it has come to symbolize will stay with Tiger Ten for a long time to come.



Capt Scott L. Musser
AOC
SSgt Brent D. Ambuehl
MTA

by Daniel Courtright

Tiger Ten

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Squadrons

1999

Amanda C. Blair
Matthew W. Caudell
Timothy J. Curry
Joseph M. Dickens
D'Anne M. Emmett
Adrian H. Galang

Jonathan W. Graham
Laura J. Harding
Kevin F. Janasiewicz
Robert T. Jertberg
Andrew Lundquist
David M. Martinez

Jonathan S. Miller
Erin J. Montague
Rebecca R. Neel
Marie S. Nocum
Jacob S. Panter
Luke D. Savoie

Stanley R. Seegars
Epan G. Taku
Sean M. Townsend
Arnold G. Werschky III
Joshua J. Zaker



Matthew P. Acer
Justin E. Bright
David M. Brown
Elizabeth A. Cherney
Martin J. Daling
Christopher C. Day
Frank T. Dillard Jr

Paul J. Gabriel
Jennifer L. Haney
Michael E. Herrera
Paula A. Kelly
Timothy A. Kipp
Benjamin E. Matthews
Daniel A. McConnell

Charles V. Miles
Ryan C. Mossman
James R. Nelson
Tyler C. Nelson
David J. Noegel
Brian J. O'Grady
Joseph W. Roe

Kaies Sghaier
William B. Tamminga
Tyler C. Tollman
Robert A. Volesky
Troy R. Voorhees
Thomas C. Ward
Kristina A. Welde



2000

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Squadrons

11th Squadron

2001

Gregory R. Ball
Ashley J. Berg
Anthony C. Colella
Andrew B. Congdon
David C. Diehl
Sharon A. Fitzgerald

Philip E. Gause
Daniel R. Haedge
Matt R. Hepp
Mary J. Hinton
Benjamin S. Kallemyn
Christopher D. Ketterer
Jason A. McFeaters

James F. McQueen II
Jason M. Morris
Lee M. Poage
Alexander R. Price
Jeffrey A. Schneider
Jeffrey W. Schubert
MaryEdith Smith

Aaron M. Stark
Samantha D. Teague
Derrick S. Vincent
Alexander White
David W. Willhardt
Todd A. Williams
Fernando L. Zapata

Rebels Sacrifice For The Good Of Others

Rebeleven - how to classify such an eclectic squadron is a difficult thing indeed. But one thing is easy to classify; rebels know how to have fun.

"It's awesome. We have a good time and take care of our people," commented C3C Chris Day.

The cadets of eleven provide a relaxing atmosphere where leaders can live, work and play.

"I love it. It's relaxing...we're like a big old family," said C3C Paul Gabriel.

Rebeleven is big on fun but it also provides more than just that. As C4C Jeff Shubert relates, it not only prepares us to become an officer but so for life.

Behind the guise of a Rebel, one can find the true epitome of "service before self." This year squadron 11 became involved with community service. Its goal was to do at least two projects a month. With time typically demanded from a cadet by aca-

demics, military and athletics, this goal was not easily attainable. Yet, the cadets of CS-11 showed that their dedication and commitment made this task not difficult to accomplish.

During an Aloha festival with the elderly, C3C Charlie Miles points out that, "I've really been fortunate with the kind of family that I have and the opportunities that have been given to me. What would be better than to give back to the community?"

The cadets were welcomed with open arms by their new elderly friends. They really enjoyed the cadets' company. "Rowdy" Rebels brought so much vigor to the elderly instilling energy.

To a Rebel, the core value of "service before self" is more than just a phrase. Behind it, lies the foundation to a way of life. In working with the people of the community, the Rebels have found a rare appreciation that few can claim in their work.

by Stefanie A. Nocum



Maj. Scott M. Clawson
AOC

TSgt James R. Garrett
MTA

Rebs

1999

David A. Buchanan
Matthew J. Charles
Catherine K. Cone



Joshua D. Fagan
John D. Fortenbery
Clayton R. Furman
Dustin R. Hiers
Travis V. Higbee
Robert J. Hinojosa



John R. Ives IV
Devlin A. Kostal
Michael B. McGuire
Michael J. Mirowski
David M. Morey
James T. Olden



Matthew J. Patrick
Cody C. Rasmussen
Daniel S. Rios
Mark A. Rodemoyer
Scott M. Seigfried
Jason M. Stremel



Jeremy W. Anderson
Timothy J. Barnes
Dustin R. Benker
Michael A. Boos
Mindaugas Butkus
Anthony N. Cooper
James F. Davis



Randall D. Deppensmith
George S. Dibble III
Charles B. Dishman
Amber M. Geidel
Karl E. Hagarty
Anthony L. Jones
James D. Kreinbrink



Adam D. Larson
Ellen M. LeVaughn
Michael P. Murphy
Thomas L. Philley
Matthew T. Phillips
Peter J. Raber
Brian D. Randolph



Jeremy J. Reeve
Andrew P. Stockman
Megan L. Thiedeman
Casey L. Tinianow
Theresa S. Vick
David M. Ware
Katheryn C. Wolfe



2000

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Squadrons

12th Squadron

2001

Holly L. Adams
Katherine A. Baerwald
Gabriel C. Carrejo
Garry W. Carriker II
David R. Dameron
Clayton M. Dayoc

Jeffrey A. Dolezal
Marc D. Ellis
Audrey C. Evangelista
Andrew T. Fisher
James M. Gingras
Benjamin C. Hale
Matthew P. Hall

Curtis Kekoa III
Wayne C. Kinsel
Darryl M. Laye II
Joseph A. Leitzel
Stephen N. Lloyd
Anthony R. Luce
Stephen A. Martin

Lindsay M. Payne
Justin G. Saravia
Jonathon S. Seal
Jeffrey M. Ulmer
Erin H. Van Oosten
Michael W. Zeigler
Brandon A. Zuercher

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William J. Free '99



Maj David L. Wright
AOC

SSgt Terry M. Hines
MTA

Dirty Dozen

Keeps it Going Strong

Dirty Dozen worked very hard this year on all aspects of cadet life. After receiving the award of honor squadron last year, they definitely have a reputation to uphold.

The first semester began with winning the soccer intramural championship for the second year in a row. Dirty Dozen filled the bleachers at the championship game cheering for a victory.

C4C Jeff Ulmer said, "Being a member of the soccer team was really motivational. The team worked really hard, and it definitely paid off!"

Athletics were not the only area of pride. IWR played a big part in squadron spirit especially at the tailgate parties. C1C Josh Eaton, MWR officer, and his staff worked hard at making the tailgates the best ever.

Along with tailgate spirit, a Dining-In was held in the Mitchell Hall formal dining hall. All four

classes showed class spirit with hilarious skits. One of the evening's highlights was the anticipation of which unlucky cadets would be sent to the grog bowl. Some cadets were sent more than once to the grog for violating the rules of the mess.

C3C Casey Wolfe was sent to the Grog for wearing her cummerbund inverted. "I don't know what was in that stuff, and I don't want to know!"

Once again we excelled academically. Ranking third in the Wing for academics, we were definitely on the Dean's good side. With only a small number of cadets on academic probation, we had plenty of time for extracurricular activities. The squadron was made up of soaring IPs, varsity team captains, champion powerlifters and musicians just to name a few. Once again, the Dirty Dozen were going strong and keeping that famous pride.

by Ellen LeVaugh

1999

David C. Backus
Spencer A. Burkhalter
Timothy A. Feely
James S. Fuller
Jason J. Glynn



Chad J. Hillberg
Andrew T. Jacobson
Eugene P. Jones
David J. Kern
Jesung Kim
Christopher R. Kopacek



Hans J. Larsen
Coby R. Leslie
Miles D. Marshall
Christopher K. McClemon
James R. Nolan
Bradley J. Pristelski



Eric C. Puels
Edelmiro Rivera
Christopher T. Rust
Kasia L. Singer
Joseph A. Starr II
Polly K. Van Ess



Christine M. Ano
Isham F. Barrett
Michael D. Belardo
Jose L. Castaneda
Wendy Chao



William J. Dorsey
Clifford W. Flowers
Aaron J. Franklin
Carl J. Grodnik
John M. Hale
Mame R. Hutchinson
David M. Jonas



John J. Kelly IV
Alan C. Kerkman
Christopher B. Meeker
Mark A. Melin
Daniel G. Mortensen
Brian A. Palermo
Kevin M. Pulliam



Janie C. Putt
Samuel G. Rice
Jeffrey D. Smith
Larry H. Smith
Luke M. Urish
Lonzo E. Wallace
Charles J. Zanotti



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13th Squadron

2001

Mohammad A. Alabed
Joshua D. Bieler
James W. Crawford
Douglas M. Curran
Brent W. Curtis

David M. Czesak
Bryce K. Dahlin
Wade W. Grabow
Deborah Herceg
Christopher Hernandez
Brent G. Hooper

Ann-Kristine H. Lau
Michael K. Ledebor
Brian P. Nealon
Jonathan R. Noack
Joel Rivera
Michael P. Rossi

Joseph A. Scott
Jeffrey D. Stockwell
Justin C. Tolliver
Torree M. White
Casey Y. Woods
Anthony J. Wozniak

Bulldogs: Top Dawg Retires

After General Fogleman, c/o 1963, retired from his position as Air Force Chief of Staff, he returned to the Academy with a full schedule. Many tried to get a chunk of his time and were denied, but he made a special request to come back to his old squadron. The Bulldogs had the opportunity to speak with Gen Fogleman at breakfast where he gave the squadron advice and insight for their Air Force careers. Afterwards, the Bulldogs presented him with a squadron T-shirt.

"We were honored to have him spend so much time with our squadron, both during his retirement ceremony and on his later visit to the Academy," mused C1C Alexander.

C1C Alexander, fall semester sq comm, presented the general with the Bulldog made of crushed pecans at his retirement ceremony. During the ceremony, he shared the story of the name "Bulldogs" with the cadets that were present.

"We were amazed at the history of our squadron name and heritage," recalls C1C Alexander.

He was among the first Bulldogs and even cared for the REAL Bulldog that lived in the orderly room.

During his return to the squadron area he saw his mural painted by C3C Chrissy Ano,

"I tried to incorporate his success here at the Academy with his accomplishments as an officer" C3C Ano explained. "I included his class crest, squadron patch, his 4 star rank, core values, the Academy seal, and one of his leadership quotes."

Perhaps some of the departing dogs will return like Gen Fogleman did someday. C1C Dave Thirtle is positive that C1C Nic Grauer will come back to deliver a speech about discipline and standards when he's President and CEO of Vivid Entertainment.

"C1C 'Peekabo' Peebles will come back as head coach of the ski team after breaking a few world records," predicts C1C Rohrig.

But wherever the Bulldogs end up, they're sure to be a success whether it is in the military or in the "entertainment" industry.

by Chuck Rohrig



Maj Suzanne L. Smith
AOC

TSgt Mike A. Gutierrez
MTA

Bull Dawgs

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Squadrons

1999

Brock C. Bentz
Matthew H. Beverly
Brandon D. Bly
Jonathan D. Busch



Jonathon E. Byrnes
Timothy R. Candelaria
Dennis L. Drake
John W. Fenwick
Eric L. Fryar
David J. Hale
DeAnna K. Haylett
Brandon R. Huff



Matthew J. Johnson
Henry A. Lasher III
Douglas W. Leonard
Christian P. Leonhard
Steven P. Melvin
Richard L. Millard
Damani K. Mitchell
Scott T. Nichols



Jason C. Oatley
Joan E. Proctor
Lauren J. Schuman
Michael C. Sere
Robert W. Slanger
Kristian S. Thiele
Clifford A. Torrijos
Danielle M. Tutt



Matthew T. Barido
Eric R. Bixby
Ryan L. Bunge
Eric M. Carrano



Samuel D. Deaton
James J. Do
Darshan Dohle
Joshua A. Ellis
Brian J. Finnerty
Carl E. Frohman
Jonathan S. Gallego



David C. Grimm
Robert K. Hardy
Gregory P. Huhmann
Jason P. Newham
Michael R. Ryan
Michael R. Schroer
Gregory J. Senkel



William A. Sullivan
Kelly L. Temples
Aaron O. Torczynski
Damelsa D. White
Burton J. Williams
Mark L. Yarian
Kirk Z. Zerkel



2000

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Squadrons

14th Squadron

2001



Chris J. Bohn
Abion C. Dorhosti
Lucia Garcia
Patrick D. Gioia
Matthew T. Glazner

Darrell L. Grob
Jennifer L. Holloway
Jason M. Hoynes
Kadeen A. Mansor
Benjamin D. Martin
Kirk A. McCullough

Jeremy M. McDaniel
Dennis G. Menjivar
Darren J. Moore
Timothy B. Murphy
Thomas P. O'Hara
Petdet Petchuay

Rachel A. Rudisill
Jamison W. Scheeres
Reina M. Smith
Matthew D. Strohmeier
Paul R. Whitsel II
Gregg C. Wiele

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Matthew R. Farmer '00

Havin' a Little Fun in Cobra Country

From the top 10 lists to the "Mac-Daddy of the Week" awards to MWR events, the Cobras of CS-14 had fun at all costs in 1997-98.

Formation fun made the Cobras famous in Second Group. Lists like "The top 10 lines to pick up Martec workers" were a good way to target certain Cobra firsties. Noon meal formations for CS-14 always began with "a ton of exciting announcements". These announcements ranged from Darwin awards for stupidity to complimenting C2C Brock Bentz on his autobiography Brock Bentz: The Wild Years. There was also our fearless leader, C1C Chad Connor, leading us over the snow berm, to the center of the terrazzo to make snow angels during a minor detour to lunch before spring break.

The "Mac-Daddy of the Week" award was a coveted prize each week in CS-14. A trophy to be displayed with pride accompanied this award.

C2C Steve Melvin was always a frontrunner for this award - bonding with C2C Fenwick. C1C Deb Newman also made a run for the "King Mac-Daddy (Mommy?)" award with her escapades, which she claimed weren't true.

The Cobra four degrees took a cue from previous Cobra freshmen classes (remember gold paint and chocolate syrup) and targeted Honor Guard in an announcement on the staff tower this year with C4C Kadeen Mansor's list of "the top 14 reasons to be on Honor Guard".

The military side of the house was well taken care of for the Cobras. The squadron did well in SAMI's, ORI's, and marching. C1C Deb Newman also created the "Cobra of the Quarter" award to give to the most valuable person in each class every couple of months.

"Work hard, play harder than everyone else!" was the Cobra motto for the year.



Capt Howard
A. Shrum III
AOC

TSgt Steve A.
McGary
MTA

Cobras'

by Scott Nichols

1999

Jeremy B. Alexander
Sarah E. Alholm
Timothy S. Baumgartner
Charles P. Bris-Bois III



Jonathan B. Burke
John A. Cancellara
Steven T. Cappelli
Joshua E. Danforth
Nathan T. Day
Meghan S. Demma
Carl D. Devemark



Daniel J. Dorson
Craig D. Fisher
Gregory J. Freeman
Eduardo N. Guevara Jr
Michael D. Hartson
Joseph T. Jimmerson
Joshua P. Kolarcik



Todd J. Kreutzer
Donald L. Landgrebe Jr
Slavko Majcen
William F. Pendleton
Kelly A. Roxburgh
Shad M. Strother
Ryan J. Sweazey



Douglas R. Alfar II
Eric R. Armentrout
Brion T. Coleman
Amon D. Dothard
Douglas E. Foster
Kasey L. Fry
Miguel A. Garcia
Christopher M. Israel



Ebony S. Johnson
Edward Kim
Steven J. Leutner
Kelly M. Marshall
James J. Martello
Jordan S. McCatherin
Joseph R. Michaelson
Bernard J. O'Neill



Adrienne N. Owens
John W. Pappas
Timothy M. Paschke
Michael W. Pennington II
Kimberly M. Pruett
Aaron P. Ratfield
Matthew R. Reilman
Jeremy M. Roth



James D. Silva
Jason E. Smith
Alexander W. Stevenson
Erin D. Tams
Robert M. Taylor
Laura C. Terry
David R. Witt
Daniel S. Yandow

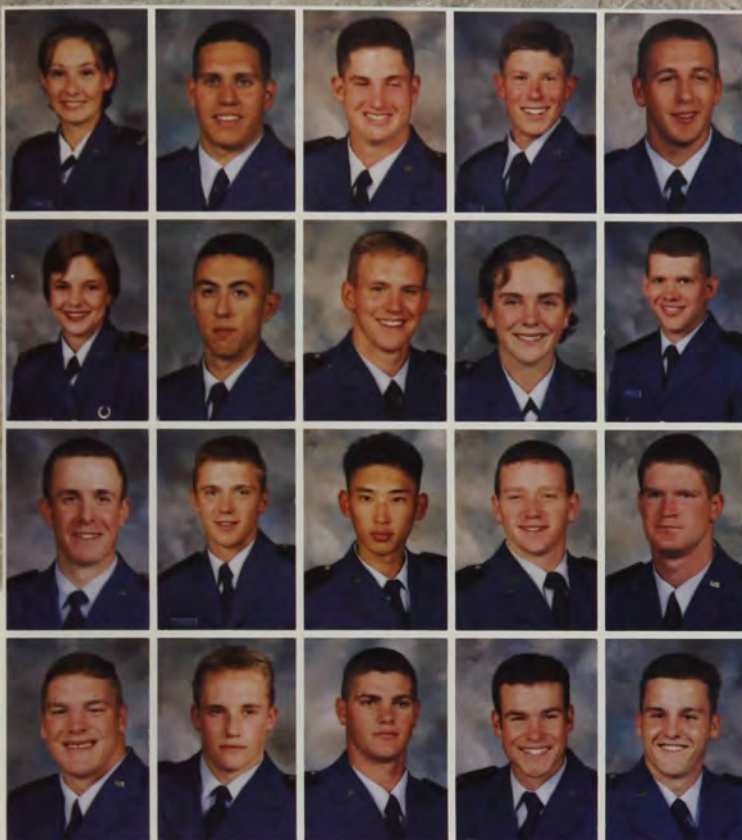


2000

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Squadrons

15th Squadron

2001



Catherine A. Adams
James A. Badgett
David J. Blair
Philip A. Bryant
Eric T. Chris

Christine M. Compton
Andrew D. Dubois
Colin A. Ferguson
Colleen A. French
Thomas E. Gonzalez
Brian M. Green

Kenneth M. Isbill
Erich A. Kunrath
Andy C. Lee
Dustin O. Lybeck
Sean T. Masters
Benjamin A. Milarch

Vincent R. Sherer IV
James S. Sullivan
Michael A. Thompson
Daniel L. Ward
Steven P. Wick
Elizabeth A. Yesue

Fifteen Rises To The Top

The Mighty Wareagles of CS-15 have a great deal of pride. Despite the shifting of key leadership positions early in the year, they pulled together to place first in Marching fall semester, proving both their cohesiveness as a unit and ability to overcome adversity. At the end of the year, the Mighty Wareagles came in first overall in the Wing Militarily, and also placed amongst the top 10 in the Wing for Honor Squadron.

It comes as no surprise that CS-15 came out on top. Each class, composing the squadron shines. The firsties swept all major leadership achievement position awards. C1C Smith was awarded the best Squadron Commander fall semester, during which he was also the cross country team captain. C1C Vance was awarded Best Flight Commander and C1C Gray was awarded Best Element Leader. In addition, almost all of the second group command positions were given to a Wareagle, with C1C Sloan leading the way as the Deputy Group Commander.

For the secondclass cadets, many served with their squadron mates on group staff. C2C Alholm served as a great example of athletic prowess by finishing in the top third of the nation as a tri-athlete. C3C Luetner and Armentrout became soaring I.P.s and C3C Rielman became a jumpmaster and is currently upgrading to be a member of Wings of Blue. C3C L.Terry and K.Pruett were distinguished athletes on USAFA's Volleyball Team as well. The fourthclass cadets were a spirited, united, and determined group, painting their squadron patch on the terrazzo and carrying back the biggest rock from Cathedral Rock during Recognition.

In addition to their performance at the Academy, CS-15 volunteered their services in the Colorado Springs community in events such as chaperoning a local high school prom at the YMCA. The Wareagles worked hard to be the best in 1998 and will be approaching 1999 strong.



Capt Martha
A. Mecker
AOC

TSgt Larry
Malcom
MTA

Wareagles

by Liz Yesue

1999

Benjamin W. Auville
Julie A. Baldof
Jesse B. Bogart
Raja J. Chari



Jaime C. Ciesielski
Aaron J. Cooper
Stanley S. Fowler
Joshua E. Frey
Pedro A. Gongora
Andrew T. Harkreader
Scott F. Karl



Corey J. Klopstein
Jeffrey W. Liegl
Luis C. Martinez
Jason P. McClurg
Mark D. Moore
William L. Ottati
Christopher L. Paulhamus



Averie R. Payton
Cliff T. Reimer
Ryan E. Robinson
Teresa A. Sobolewski
Stephen L. Webber
Lytonya T. Wename
Michael S. Whitacre



Michael A. Benza Jr
Christopher W. Breffitt
John A. Camino
Scott M. Charlton



Derrick D. Connor
Megan L. Edmonds
Cabell D. Francis
Scott T. Gribben
Natalie A. Grove
Eric R. Hansen
Robert C. LePome II



Matthew N. McCullars
Christopher M. McMahon
Amanda L. Rivera
Matthew R. Schnell
Patrick J. Shanahan
Patrick H. Smiley
George A. Smith



Brian T. Stahl
Tremayne N. Teasley
Warren B. Watkinson II
Calen N. Wherry
Brian V. Wood
Joshua T. Wood
Gary L. Wright



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Squadrons

16th Squadron

2001



Ryan J. Anderson
Dustin B. Bearden
Justin P. Brumley
Benjamin J. Coddington
Jeffery S. Dennis
Peter J. Donnelly
Janene L. Drummer

Jose Flores III
Adam S. Gamble
Kalet M. Gibbons
James M. Harshman
Steven J. Hatton
Erik F. Holzherr
Michael P. Isenhour

Lisa H. Jorgensen
Derrick L. Kallman
Richard W. Littlefield
Ryan M. Lowe
Andrew S. Malin
Gregory T. McCann
Andrew D. Oiland

Clinton N. Palmer
Amanda L. Perdue
Brandon W. Propper
Cody P. Schultz
Bradley D. Schweigert
Nathanael B. Tolle
James S. Topping

Chickenhawks Keep That Party Rockin'

Work hard. Play Harder. That is the motto that CS-16 lives by, and the Chickenhawks definitely play hard. CICs Matt McDaniel and Gabe Harris kept the Hawks moral up by organizing MWR events almost every week. The roommate game, sumo wrestling, carrier landings, and the squad auctions were some of the most memorable events.

The purpose of the roommate game is to embarrass your roommate as much as possible by asking ridiculous questions about their personal life. C4Cs Cody Schultz and Janene Drummer, gave each other the silent treatment after the game. They had no problem with sharing each other's personal secrets with the rest of the squadron.

"She said stuff about me that I didn't even know," says Cody about her roommate.

The SAR floor was covered with mattresses to prepare for the sumo-wrestling matches. CICs Chad Marchesseault and Ben Zettle took sumo wrestling literally when they showed up in nothing

but towels wrapped around them like cloth diapers. CIC Ben Zettle took a different approach to wrestling by flying through the air to tackle his opponent.

Imagine the splash soaks wet bodies sliding down a sudsy hallway lined with people cheering as legs. That was the Chickenhawks during the "carrier landings contest".

"After seeing the upperclassmen sliding down the hallways in Speedos, it was hard for the freshmen to take them seriously the next day", says C4C Cody Schultz. Cleaning up was messy, but well worth it.

Even our squadron auctions are entertaining. CIC Jim Wecht offered a lap dance for a generous price. After competitive bidding and a short preview, it finally sold for 75 cents.

When it comes to MWR, the Chickenhawks know how to keep that party rockin'.



Maj Gregory
T. Frazier
AOC

TSgt John S.
Ross
MTA

Chickenhawks

by Kalet Gibbons

1999

Nathan P. Ayta
Paul N. Brown
Matthew C. Crowell
Tisha L. David



Dale J. Donckels
Nicole Flores
Tea Galinec
James R. Lacey
Scott M. Malloch
Francis M. Mindrup



Jeffrey M. Montgomery
Cory J. Naddy
Joshua T. Parvin
Matthew W. Pearson
David S. Peters
Michael A. Thomas



Jeffrey S. Vail
Richard H. Waggoner
Brian P. Walsh
Aaron M. Weiner
Scott P. Weyermuller
Aaron A. Wirtz



Gregory P. Bailey II
Xavier V. Bruce
Travis A. Burton
Richard J. Bush Jr
Gary D. Calnan



Michael A. Decz
Chesley L. Dycus
Steven J. Gadoury
Jennifer L. Gagne
Jason R. Goldberg
Cory M. Heitz
Daniel S. Hoadley



Kevin M. Jamieson
Scott D. Lanker
Aileen S. Okazaki
Eric S. Patton
Derek R. Rhinesmith
Daniel J. Santoro
Jonathan R. Seelbinder



Marty T. Smith
Iwan T. Spolsky
Shawn A. Thomas
John C. Velez
Christiaan Visser
Christopher J. Weaton
Edgar S. Williams



2000

2001



Kyle S. Allen
Jeremy D. Brown
Christopher M. Callahan
Robb B. Fiechtner
Benjamin H. Freer

David B. Garcia
Glen I. Goossen
Damion L. Holtzclaw
Erik F. Jung
Kory S. Kiefer
Jason L. Kilpatrick
Kyle F. Kimberlin

Justin A. Longmire
Annahita M. Marefat
Kendra N. Marks
Jason J. McAfee
Nathan P. Rodriguez
Kristina R. Rustad
Kurt R. Sanders

Michael C. Silok
John B. Spillane
Daniel J. Struck
Joel K. Susnow
Matthew J. Swanson
Michael R. Tufte
Rebecca A. Wyffels

No Prisoners - Stalag-17

When most people hear the words "Stalag-17" they think of the German POW camp. But not at USAFA, to the cadets of CS-17, Stalag means friends, fun, and memories to last a lifetime.

In Stalag, there were no overbearing wardens who torture their prisoners. C2C Scott Malloch believes the leadership in CS-17 was second to none.

"The AOC and MTA are cool because they let the cadets run everything," says Scott Malloch. "They don't micro-manage."

C1C Dan Dahl agrees that the squadron's atmosphere was far from that of the original Stalag. He loves living here because he feels "it's laid back." On one occasion, C1C Dahl forgot to put two coats of polish on his shoes and no one said a word!

The inmates at Stalag are by far the best part of the squadron. C3C Scott Lanker liked the fact

that there were such "a wide variety of people." But despite these differences, everyone worked well together.

C4C Matt Swanson was surprised at how well everyone got along. "It's more of a family than I thought it would've been."

From athletes, to tools, to musicians, to mock trial participants, each "prisoner" of this Stalag was happy to be a member.



Maj Alexis D. Fecteau AOC TSgt Treassia S. Hall MTA

Stalag

by Sethro Reagan

1999

Ben J. Aronhime
Sean R. Barr
Michael J. Boomsma
Charles B. Cain
Kelli N. Caudill



Skylar R. Clark
Taira M. Curtis
Brian E. Earp
Wesley R. Hales
Heather A. Healy
Sonny J. Hignite
Jeremy M. Jarvis



Theodore A. Langstroth
Robert D. McAllister
Joseph J. McConnell
Daniel E. Melville
James C. Melvin II
Scott L. Meng
Blane S. Morgan



Gerad R. Riester
Christopher A. Rouse
Michael B. Roy
Jeffrey E. Shuck
Louis G. Stewart
Wade W. Williams
James B. Wills



Timothy M. Ash
Cory C. Benton
Eric J. Bernkopf
Conner S. Coleman
Seth M. Cunningham
Patrick J. Doyle



Gregory R. Ebert
David A. Ericson
Rasheem J. Graham
Marc E. Greene
Colleen E. Hall
James C. Hall



Richard M. Hall
Jerome R. Hudepohl
Joshua J. Kloth
Kevin S. Kuciapinski
Michael J. Maddox
Lamont C. Morrow



Tony A. Mucker Jr
Alissa M. Ochoa
Dylan D. Pope
Adam E. Rogge
Brent J. Toth
Lindsay L. Winter



2000

18th Squadron

2001

Vishal S. Amin
Craig A. Anders
Ashley R. Burrill
Louie M. Camilli

Bernadette K. Cogswell
Stephanie K. Daniels
Daniel Diaz Jr
Drew M. Eisenhofer
Christina M. Fox
Robert S. Hamilton
Jason B. Head

Daniel B. Hoskin
Edward F. Hwang
Ian W. Kelly
Zachary M. Laird
Richard C. Linton Jr
Francis R. Lyons IV
Barry L. Mattson

James E. Mixon
Joseph E. Monaco
Jonathan D. Mueller
Tracy A. Nettleblad
Gus M. Papanikolas
Robert V. Reinebach
Thomas B. Younker

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MTA TSgt David Palmer

Giddy-Up Wild Stallions

It was just an average year, or so we thought. The class of 2001 looked just like any other four-degree class, but they weren't. It became obvious after the first couple of knowledge bowls that this was a team with dedication and heart beyond that of others. The combination seemed to be perfect. With a motivated training staff, a strong group of four degrees, and a supportive squadron goals were high.

"I'm not used to seeing four degrees do so well without the training staff forcing it down their throats," said C2C Kelli Caudill.

The Nightriders won Second Group first semester and headed off to face Mighty Mach One in the Wing semi-finals. With strong support from the squadron, the four degrees won first semester and second.

C4C James Mixon said "without the untiring efforts of both training staffs, we would not have made it both semesters to the Wing Knowledge Bowl finals."

Training officer Garry Floyd said, "that the four degrees understood that it was team effort. They wanted to win to make the squad look good and for personal pride, not for rewards. Their effort and dedication made my firstie year that much better."

"It was the squadron's attitude toward us this year that gave us the feeling of responsibility for our own success," C4C Ashley Burrill commented.

Perhaps the four degrees in CS-18 got a taste of real leadership somewhere inside the fourth class system.

by Daniel Melville



Maj Paul K.
Reagan
AOC

Nightriders

1999

Matthew D. Allen
Michael E. Barron
Jerry W. Cat Jr
Charles E. Csoboth



Benjamin A. Dahlke
Mark W. Ellis
John D. Galloway
Daniel G. Hendrix
Jovan T. Hollins
Jerrad A. Krapp
Charles M. Law



Stephen D. Leggiere
Kristen C. Mitchell
Michael Morales
Rosemary C. Nelson
Adam G. Ochs
Radoslaw A. Prosewicz
Jennifer S. Schweer



Chad T. Searle
Brian D. Sherry
Michael D. Stoddard
Michael J. Vigueria
Annemaria H. Waibel
David C. Walker
Steven T. Wieland Jr



Danna M. Alberts
Matthew R. Baker
Shelby D. Bowen
Lindsey R. Bowers
Matthew S. Chisam
Brian D. Clark



Nathan P. Diller
Jacob J. Gensic
Jonathan S. Gration
Jammie L. Himsl
Jason P. Hrynyk
Christopher G. Humphrey
Kevin B. Hyatt



Rodney M. James
David R. Knight
John D. McMillen
Jared R. Miller
Lance Roberts
Phillip Rose
Arthur D. Tetterton



Duston E. Thompson
Paul P. Townsend
Kaylynn Trammell
Ty Q. Tripple
Michael M. Walsh
Richard C. Watson
Carrick O. Yaws



2000

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Squadrons

19th Squadron

2001



Daniel J. Alves
Matthew B. Amig
Carmen M. Andrews
Mark A. Boncher
Jeffrey R. Burroughs

Joshua A. Cadice
David J. Caswell
Jarvis D. Croff
Jaime L. Flood
Adam E. Goodpasture
Martin D. Hemmingsen
David A. Hildebrand

Heath J. Hobler
Sally C. Maddocks
Mason W. Mandy
Ryan C. Meeboer
Joshua E. Miller
Tyler D. Paige
Michael D. Perdaris

David N. Raab
Mark D. Raetz
Andrew W. Royle
Eva R. Sanchez
David L. Schneider
Levi C. Torkelson
Chad G. Wieser

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MTA TSgt McGrady

Wolverines Find a Source of Pride

The mascot is the wolverine, but a more accurate persona of our squadron is the colloquial nickname: Recline One-Nine. Though some may feel this is not an adequate source of pride, we had to search for something else. Marching? We were proud to get above eighth each week. MWR? We don't even have a T.V. room because we didn't pay the cable bill for three months. Training? What training? The answer is softball.

Nineteen has seldom had an intramural team finishing above .500, let alone make the playoffs, so having a team in the wing championship was quite a shock. Although the hard-fought battle resulted in a loss in extra innings, it still meant that we were better than 38 of the other 39 squads.

"The secret to our success is our ability to trash talk" says C3C Jon Gratton.

The group has been practicing every Saturday, and has turned into an intra-team competition

of sorts, with the sides roughly drawn between the freshmen and the upperclassmen.

"Right now, others are a bit ahead of us, but we'll catch up" says C1C Glen Merkle.

Regardless, fun is what it's all about, and that is what this team strives for, as they knock whiffle balls against windows on the second floor.

"We're playing in the base softball tournament, against all the officers and sergeants" says Merkle.

This group of strivers is out to show the whole base what's up out on the softball diamond.

"We took pride in trash-talking our opponents and I feel it is this sense of intimidation that will lead to our success in the tournament," says C4C Jeff Burroughs.

It will be no-holds barred when they meet the team from the 34th Training Group. Now there's a source of pride.



Maj Ralph
Thompson Jr.
AOC

Wolverine 19

by Jason McCalpin

1999

Kelly W. Bolen
David A. Bruce
Benjamin G. Cox
Aaron L. Davis
Joshua M. Deim



James M. Fisher
James A. Greenfield
Casey E. Guerrero
Renae L. Hein
Joseph E. Keenan
David E. Lane
Matthew T. Laurentz



Thomas F. Lessner Jr
Christopher P. Lombardo
Justin M. Loosvelt
Jeremy M. Lukowski
Eric D. Pauls
Dustin L. Pittman
Casey J. Reed



Scott K. Russell
Erykka Y. Thompson
Michael L. Tyler
Tomi S. Umemoto
Kirsten A. Veatch
Brad D. Williams
Keenan B. Zerkel



Patrick L. Brady-Lee
Rebecca L. Burdick
Erin M. Crean



Steven M. DeMoulied
Miguel A. DeVargas
Shelly E. Elarton
Daniel J. Ellerbrook
Tyler J. Ellison
Nicholas D. Gilbert
Matthew E. Granger



George W. Hernandez
Steven C. Jones
Stephen H. LePrell
Kevin K. McKaskey
Keith C. Newton
Kevin C. Peterson
Omar T. Rashid



Justin P. Robinson
Matthew R. Schmitz
Jonathan R. Smith
Trevor K. Smith
Bryan E. Trinkle
Julie M. Weiss
Tracy L. Wilkerson



2000

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Squadrons

20th Squadron

2001



Jennifer M. Aupke
Stephen K. Berger
Jon E. Blair
Edmund J. Blanchet
Joshua B. Ehlers



Fabio V. Fortunat
Ryan J. Garlow
Detrick D. Grimes
Jesse L. Hamilton
Amanda J. Hammers
Kurt W. Martinson
Christopher L. Moeller



John A. Nichols
James R. Novak
Scott A. Percival
Wilhem A. Perez
James M. Petrach Jr
Neil B. Poppe
Mitchell Randolph III



Amy A. Ringwald
Thomas J. Sorensen
Michael J. Stucki
Brian J. Urban
Jason M. VanEman
Matthew S. Welch
Rachael L. Westergren

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Fitz A. Glasgow '00

Real Life, Real Answers

The Trolls of CS-20 pride themselves on being one of General Lorenz's favorite squadrons throughout the year. Affectionately nicknamed "G-Lo," he has become a symbol of pride the Tough Twenty Trolls take in evading trouble.

G-Lo's visits to CS-20 help the squadron work harder to perform above and beyond standards. These visits have taught us many valuable "lessons for life" that we wish to share with the rest of the Wing. Good hygiene is one of General Lorenz's big concerns.

According to C2C Eric Pauls, "After all, he is only trying to save our lives. G-Lo told me in the last SAMI that the leading cause of death in the world is poor hygiene. That's why we have these inspections."

C1C Connie Berkhahn learned the importance of a clean pillowcase, especially during SAMIs.

"General Lorenz walked in asking what was on my pillow, and I told him it was a T-shirt. That didn't go over real well."

The Trolls are thankful for their overall good

health throughout the year, despite such incidents.

Academics are big on General Lorenz's "life lessons" also.

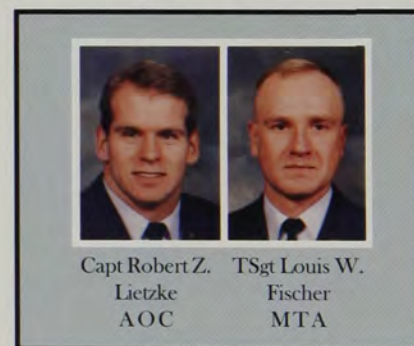
"Do you know what the two magic letters are?" C4C Grimes and C4C Percival inquire, "E.I."

Other lessons learned can be applied to one's leadership in the "Real Air Force."

C1C Quentin Cox states that, "While at USAFA I've learned many things. For example, I learned the importance of knowing your subordinates and their names as the Comm walked out of my room during the 2nd SAMI and said, 'Great job Quinlin, as always.'"

"A big lesson General Lorenz has taught me during meals," C3C Kevin McCaskey relates, "is that if you are nice to the waiters, your food will be better. And it is important to keep your elbows off the table."

The Trolls hope everyone can apply these "real answers," to "real life," and find success.



Capt Robert Z. Lietzke
AOC
TSgt Louis W. Fischer
MTA

Trolls'

by Kirsten Veatch

261

Squadrons

1999

Michael P. Bittenbender
Ti L. Chong
Katherine M. Dehne
Ryan M. Fish
Michael S. Foster
Joaquin D. Glonski

Thomas L. Gustin
Elycia Hall
Jared D. Hansen
Charles M. Holland
Richard W. Hoss
Felix R. Johnson II

Nathan J. Leap
Eugeniu B. Lungulescu
Dennis M. Phillips Jr
Barry D. Roche
Jeffrey C. Schlueter
Jonathan H. Smith

Michael R. Stevens
Tiffany M. Stinnett
Michael R. Stolley
Matthew A. Taraborelli
Matthew A. Thiel III
Casey K. Walton

Scott W. Ahrens
Paul D. Anderson
Joshua K. Andrews
Alfred J. Ascol
Paul G. Batish
Aaron J. Bert

Joshua N. Caldon
Jason M. Colborn
Steven E. Cruz
Nathaniel J. Douglas
Margaret L. Edmonds
Dawn D. Golding
Anthony M. Gurrieri

Joshua A. Hartman
Jeffrey W. Johnston
Jeffrey R. Liang
James L. Long
Brian E. McKay
John A. Mikal
Marc K. Milligan

Bryan J. Murdock
Thomas A. Nelson
Patrick J. Scholdt
Konstanze E. Snyder
Kelly C. Strom
Gillian R. Summers
Robert M. Thweatt



2000

262

Squadrons

21st Squadron

2001



Kurt M. Bruggeman
Camden J. Buell
Sarah E. Burk
Abraham H. Cuddeback
Justin L. Diehl
Erik J. Dries

Jeremy S. Ferguson
Jeremy J. Fresques
Wesley J. Glisson
Christina A. Harden
Richard L. Huth
Matthew J. Ihlenfeld
Robert M. Krueger

Juan P. Lavarreda-Perez
Julia S. Luttrell
Stephen C. Manley
Leonard A. Miller
John J. Page
George Paraskevopoulos
Jennifer D. Peterson

Benjamin B. Phillips
Michael L. Potts
Nicole A. Purnell-Davis
Eric C. Schmalbach
Richard R. Sharpe
Christopher R. Stephens
Nathan R. Wright

Blackjacks - Almost Back To Normal

Things are finally getting back to normal for the Blackjacks of Cadet Squadron 21. After living in Hotel Sijan for two years, the Blackjacks moved back to the "Projects" of Vandenburg, their long lost home.

However, the Blackjacks were not to be kept silent. They posted another move after Christmas and will be moving to their final resting-place after the summer when renovation will be done in Vandenburg.

C1C Kurt Bruggeman mentioned that "it was hectic! As soon as we realized where all of the upperclassmen lived (and who to stay away from), we had to start all over again, as our squadron readjusted."

Moving was not the only event that set the squadron above the rest in the Wing. Knowing how to party was another aspect of the Blackjacks.

As C3C Rob Thweat would say, "Blackjacks truly know how to Double-Down and live up to its name!"

With its endless tailgates during the football season organized by C2C Jeff "Shooter" Schlueter, and its second annual squadron trip to the gambling town of Cripple Creek involving over half of the squadron, the double-downers of CS-21 led the Wing in partying. This was all in part do to the help of Major Kevin "Zeecker" Zeeck ('84).

"He showed us how to have fun while still upholding the standards" reflected C2C Tom Gustin.

The true spirit laid within the '98 Dominators of the squadron. This talented red class led the Wing in class spirit. From C1C Kevin "Ozzie" Osborne's chanting "Only The Strong" in the hallways after Taps to C1C Josh Brown dedicating a song to the Red Class with his band Union Grind, the dominating spirit will live forever in Blackjacks.

As C1C Danny Smith reflects, "We were just plain HUAH!"



Maj Kevin C.
Zeeck
AOC

TSgt Leland
Mullens Jr.
MTA

Blackjacks

1999

Harmony B. Andrews
Stephannie D. Ballard
Seth A. Barun
Michael A. Brooks
Ehren W. Carl



Andres M. Castro
Malcolm S. Decker
Kurt D. Fife
Karl B. Heinrich
Todd T. Inouye
Edward J. Irick III
Charles L. Jones



Trisha M. Mahon
Daniel J. Mollis
Joel E. Pauls
Byron R. Pompa
Christopher J. Roberdeau
William M. Roschewski
Ryan D. Schaeffer



Jason A. Smith
Jeremiah B. Stahr
Mary E. Stewart
Thomas H. Tieu
Prachya Tipayarat
Peter M. Volpe
Richard B. Walsh



Robert E. Bremer
Judson D. Citrowske
Thomas M. Cooke
Michael S. Cornelius
Peter A. Crispell



Malia Q. Dollinger
Benedict C. Doyle
Patrick J. DuBe
Jon R. Friedman
Thomas O. Gifford
Wendell G. Griffin II
Jonathan R. Hougnon
Philip S. Johnston
Chad D. Kohout
Gregory T. MacDonald
John E. Motley
Lindsay E. Nelson
Nora J. Nelson
James C. O'Brien
Jason J. O'Brien
Amanda M. Saunders



Platon Shaulsky
Lucas S. Tickner
Emilio J. Urena
Don E. Walpole
Jackson M. Whiting
Brandon G. Williams
Jason E. Williams
Ryan E. Wood



2000

264
Squadrons

22nd Squadron

2001

Denique G. Asion
Randall E. Carlson
Kristel Chuntraruk
Daniel E. Eastman
Aaron W. Finke

Shaun M. Garry
Ryan T. Hayde
Brian D. Hoose
Christopher C. Jackson
Michael J. Jensen
Stephen R. Kincanon
James E. Martin

Charles W. Mauze III
Lauren A. McGrath
Kima H. Megorden
Victoria R. Miller
David Penuela
Leslie G. Ross
Nicholas J. Russo

Melinda B. Schilling
Matthew R. Shrull
Wayne E. Southam
Tomasz P. Stoklosa
Joey P. Sullivan
Donte' T. Tanner
Charles B. Toth

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MTA TSgt Allen Jones

Tarantulas: Proud of our Web

With the beginning of a new academic year, the Tarantulas found themselves with a new squadron administration. An Army Ranger AOC, a SP and MTA caused many squadron members to sweat about the upcoming year. Despite this apprehension, the squadron thrived under the new leadership.

C2C Karl Heinrich commented that "working under an Army officer and an Air Force MTA has been a great learning opportunity."

CPT DeLeo also brought a little something extra with him: a pet tarantula! The squadron named her, Morticia.

C1C Angle Santiago described her by saying that "she's big, hairy, eats mice and scares the piss out of all the girls!"

In the fall, the members of the squadron took part in many MWR events, the highlight was a 70's bowling night at the Academy bowling lanes. The cadets dressed in outrageous 70's outfits and bowled for several hours. Those over 21 drank like fish, and the result was a sight to see.

The major highlight of the spring semester was the sponsor base trip to Luke AFB. This trip was especially significant to some because, as C3C Ben Doyle put it, "it was really cool to see a squadron 22 graduate, General Chandler, as the Wing commander of our sponsor base."

At the end of it all, the tarantulas proved that they could dominate every opponent, shine through the hard times, stand united, and stay strongest in the Wing.

by Karl Heinrich



Capt Daniel P.
Deleo
AOC

Tarantulas

265

Squadrons

1999

Wesley M. Abadie
Morgan C. Andrews
Joseph S. Barbare
Kathleen M. Burke
Rusty T. Byrd



Timothy J. Dodd
Nicholas B. Evans
Matthew J. Fiechtner
Brandon R. Fleck
Timothy J. Foster
Dallas P. Hills
Jamie A. Jaquez



Sang W. Kim
Joseph K. Kramer
Kim L. Lee
Matthew C. Martin
Jodi E. McGovney
Grant A. Mizell
Justin P. Mokrovich



Ryan J. Orfe
Joel R. Persico
Sarah E. Pierson
Mackenzie B. Rohl
Francis X. Rurka IV
Jason J. Swiergol
Matthew J. Wolf



Syed A. Abbas
Lindsey G. Adami
Eric W. Adcock
Vanessa M. Anderson
Joel Bolina
Andrew D. Carr
Robert A. Faustmann



Scott E. Foreman
Larry W. Gabe
Daniel D. Guice III
Aaron Hart
Joshua J. Imme
Scott G. Johnson
Robert P. Kiser



Kimberly E. Lee
Peter A. McClellan
Julie C. Moore
Kirk M. Olson
Christopher R. Ott
David F. Paolillo
Daniel E. Scherdt



Scott M. Taylor
Craig A. Thorstenson
John P. Verbanick
Bartley J. Ward
Katrine M. Waterman
Lindsey S. White
David T. Wright



2000

266

Squadrons

23rd Squadron

2001

Clara Aguirre
Michael Ahn
Nathan R. Beard
Dustin P. Born
Timothy J. Cook

Lori D. Cronin
Ryan M. Denton
Erik L. Dutkiewicz
Robert A. Edison II
Jeffrey C. Feuring
Shawn R. Finnicum
Michael W. Grados
Paul R. Graham
Nathaniel D. Harris
James W. Karnes
Michael S. Masuda
William E. McKenzie
Laurie R. Moffett
Christopher P. Mulder
Elizabeth C. Newcomb
Matthew E. Nussbaum
Ana- Ortega
James M. Pasquino
Michael D. Provins
Christopher K. Roberts
Christopher J. Schulz
Timothy S. Wagner
Marc S. Weinberg
Daniel L. Yousey

STORMIN' COUNTRY

The pride felt by the Barnstormers of squadron 23 is similar to that felt by a mother who's son has just shot and killed an international terrorist. You know that the pride is there somewhere, you just don't know how to explain it. From the young freshmen to the paternal seniors and all of the miscreants in between, each class felt a pride in the squadron that was unique.

Seniors had the comfort in knowing that they had a prime example to follow when they entered the "Real Air Force" because both C1C Brown and C1C Daunt felt pride in their MTA, Sgt. Western and his duty concept.

A sense of brotherhood was also gained because according to C1C Dan DeYoung "the sophomores were always willing to share their VCRs and cars whenever needed".

C2C Brandon Fleck, one of the commanders of the Stormers, is proud in the fact that his job will be easier next year because "we don't take anything from anyone."

C2C Tim Foster, a potential support officer, feels the same way because he knows "a large percentage of TV ports working will allow me to play my Play Station all day long."

"Most people are proud of the Willis," cites C2C Matt Wolf.

The three degrees, still brainwashed from freshman year, are proud of the "class unity" according to Rob Faustmann. . . NERDS. Along the same line, C4C Moffet and Aguirre are proud of the fact that despite the upperclassmen's efforts, all 29 freshmen that were accepted into the wing are still fightin' hard to hang on for that wild and crazy ride we call the "Academy Experience".

So, as you can see, there is plenty to be proud about in Stormin' Country. However, if you ever ask one of us, give us a couple of minutes so that those few brain cells that haven't been killed off can muster an answer.



Capt Thomas
M. Anderson
AOC

TSgt John
Western
MTA

Barnstormers

by Ryan Orfe

1999

David L. Brodeur
Joshua A. Davis
William D. Donchue
James T. Dunlap
Nambia M. Fagan
Monique L. Farness



Steven A. Frodsham
Eric T. Haas
Aaron Y. Han
Curtis J. Hayes
Scott E. Hudson
Rodney K. Keller
David M. Kendall



Robert C. Lance
Cory T. Lane
Joseph H. Ludwig
Brian C. Mack
Robert E. Mattivi
Joel M. Neeb
Dylan K. Newman



Lex J. Parker
Onnie A. Retkofsky
David W. Shevchik Jr
Borislav T. Sirakov
David A. Sloat
Nathan R. Stackhouse
Christopher G. Zeppos



Sean M. Allen
Marta A. Blizniak
Thomas R. Bozung
Jessica F. Buchta



Andrew J. Cass
Jeremy L. Eggers
Jared D. Faison
Matthew W. Graham
Stephen C. Graham
Robert C. Hale
Jon-Michael A. Kerestes



Aaron C. Lapp
David C. Lin
Seth D. Malley
Florimon J. Mendoza
Stephen A. Ramsey II
Amy M. Rivera
Donald H. Schmidt III



Donna E. Silva
Bashar S. Smeir
Gloria A. Urcina
Gregory S. Voelkel
Ashley B. Watson
David R. Wright
Tyron M. Wright



2000

268
Squadrons

24th Squadron

2001

Rebekah I. Black
Dustin T. Brisson
Christopher K. Cunningham
Daniel L. Dean
Nicholas K. DiCapua

Michael E. Gallagher
Christopher D. Geisel
Gerremy L. Goldsberry
Christian L. Grimm
Thomas W. Hawkins
Michael B. Hiatt
Melissa A. Horvath

Amy M. Hultin
John J. Isacco
Brenton L. Karsten
Christine T. Love
Kevin T. McGlone
Dennis A. Nita
Nathan L. Owen

David A. Pouska
Michael F. Quaglino
Steven R. Ramirez
Devin C. Ryan
Matthew L. Tuzel
Michael S. Ueda
Joshua C. Weed

What It Takes To Be A Phantom

It takes a lot to be a Phantom. For first class cadets, it took a leadership ability that brought the Phantoms to an overall sixth place ranking in the outstanding squadron competition. For second class cadets, it took a brilliant blend of teamwork; a group that meshed well after the squadron shuffling. For the third class cadets, it took a lot of CQ shifts, a lot of classes, and a lot of frustration. And for the smack-o's, it took a group doolie and a first-place win in the group at knowledge bowls. For all four classes, what it takes to be a Phantom has different meanings...

It takes "Body by Dula," according to C4C Christine Love, referring to rifle PC sessions conducted by the Phantoms' Spring squadron Commander Mason Dula.

"It takes living as a family and working as a team always," according to C1C Van Thai, Spring operations officer.

It takes "waiting for Dave Lin to relieve you from CQ duty," according to a patient C3C Matt Graham.

Being a phantom also means excelling in athletics. In the fall, C1C Dan O'Connel lead the flag football team to the wing finals, but barely missed out on a trip to Dallas for the national flag football tournament. C2C Josh Davis and C3C Jared Faison, to tennis players, lead the Phantoms to the wing finals, but were unfortunately inched out of the top honors. In the spring, C1C Rick Wilson took the softball team to the wing finals; C2C Eric Haas did the same with the cross country team.

The Hard-core Phantoms have had a tremendous year and have always kept a motto of "sticking together." They proved that the traditional way of doing business wasn't always necessary to get the job done and to produce outstanding cadets and officers.

by Jeremy Eggers

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AOC Maj Timothy Miller
MTA SSgt Paul Greene
Eric W. Schmidt '00

Phantoms

1999

Angela-Maria Y. Arredondo
 Roger V. Buckner Jr
 Matthew C. Caldwell
 Douglas C. Dickson



Alfredo N. Foster Jr
 Robert A. French
 Joshua T. Gaghen
 Justin P. Hendricks
 Joshua J. Jensen
 Edward A. King
 Kiro Kirov



Clinton J. Kliethermes
 Kenneth H. Logue
 Catherine A. Majauskas
 Jessen A. Malathu
 Jeffrey D. Moffitt II
 Samuel J. Noland
 Brad E. Orgeron



Matthew G. Peterson
 Timothy B. Rezac
 Sharon E. Rohde
 Jason K. Sanderson
 James R. Stuber
 James C. Summers
 Winston C. Wolczak



Jayne M. Baker
 Megan K. Barker
 Joseph A. Bemis
 John S. Berg
 Jonathan R. Burd
 Jennifer A. Engh



Joshua S. Fansher
 Uran Guma
 Alison M. Hamel
 Nicholas H. Hamilton
 Kent A. Harris
 Erik W. Johnson
 Dan K. Kunkel



Jeffrey R. LaFleur
 Chad R. Lichty
 Nathan B. Maertens
 Keith L. McDaniel
 Travis J. Meidinger
 Mark D. Porcella
 Ryan J. Rensberger



Nathan A. Schauer mann
 Danielle R. Schmidt
 Derek L. Showers
 Walter J. Sorensen
 Kenneth A. Stremmel
 Sarah G. Sutherland
 David B. Wangen



2000

270
 Squadrons

25th Squadron

2001



Pierre-Paul Alvarado
Brad Bashore
Jordan T. Bounds
Daniel J. Cruz
Jennifer L. DiCarlo

John D. Foy IV
Giuseppe E. Giadone
Christopher G. Gibbs
Erica M. Hamblin
Ryan A. Howland
Shawn A. Johnson

Marc A. Kielkucki
Paul G. Mikula
Douglas J. Palagi
Sharonda L. Peake
Nathan J. Pifer
Carrie A. Pressett

Nancy E. Rosenow
Jason M. Shane
Jacob W. Smith
Jeffrey P. Strange
Luke C. Sustman
Todd V. Tyler

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Joshua T. Gaghen '99
Brad J. Bashore '01

Rock Hard Redeye

On the sixth floor of Sijan hall, nicely secluded in a corner, resides the Redeye of Squadron 25. Though probably an understatement, anyone who's met them can say that they are certainly unique. The AOC is Captain Torweihe, who is able to boast that he was a member of the elite Thunderbirds. He also has a spectacular sense of humor keeping squadron events lively. TSgt Davis, a former MTA at Lackland, is the MTA and supervisor extraordinaire. Even more interesting than these characters are the cadets themselves.

As some people may recall, Squadron 25 proclaimed its uniqueness last year with the most visual spirit mission ever. The firsties and three degrees still brag of their exploits. Redeye continues to be spirited with its new squadron acquisitions team ensuring that the SAR is one of the most entertaining in the Wing at times.

MWR has kept busy this year. Whether they are having a tailgate for a football game or

Brainfreeze slushy drinking contest, the cadets of Redeye know how to have a good time. Other squadron events included numerous dining outs, a dining in, a Halloween party, and Christmas Caroling.

On a more serious note, (it cannot be fun and games all the time) Redeye tried some innovative things this year to better prepare cadets for the real Air Force. They learned about different procedures such as travel vouchers and leave forms as well as gaining more experience with combat training through organized Miles Gear activities. The cadets also traveled to their sponsor base, Moody AFB in Georgia, to learn about the operational Air Force. One of CS 25's goals this year was to introduce the cadets these types of obstacles and they were very successful.

As their motto goes, Work Hard, Play Hard, Rock Hard Redeye!



Capt Daniel R. Torweihe
AOC
MSgt Annette P. Davis
MTA

Redeye's

1999

Elizabeth A. Adams
Courtney D. Anderson
Thomas E. Burke III
Connie M. Cann
Matthew P. Carmody



Kacey L. Coacher
Jason M. Corbett
Nigel H. Crisp
Ross P. Franquemont
Matthew J. French
Gilbert G. Garcia Jr



Taris S. Hawkins
Benjamin C. Holland
Matthew B. Jackson
Ryan E. Larson
William D. Middleswart
James D. Mitchell



Ryan T. Moon
Brett W. Paradis
John W. Powell
Ryan D. Sawyer
Brandon B. Schraeder
Christopher J. Zegar



Russell P. Allison
Marcelino Armendariz
Francis C. Bleyer
David S. Chadsey
Ryan P. Chmielewski
Rico C. Dy
Robert E. Eklund



Frank B. Felton
Jeremiah S. Gentry
William D. Humphrey II
Heather S. Johnson
Joshua D. Kovacic
Winton P. Laslie
Joe E. Leeper



Justin D. Mackey
Amber L. McKnight
Brandon K. Nickel
David M. Och
Joseph E. Okasinski
Jennifer K. Olsen
Nathan A. Oltmans



Michael G. Roberts Jr
Ross A. Schumer
Richard S. Seymour
Nicholas J. Sweeney
Christopher Tomlinson
Shaun M. Willhite
Casey M. Wood



2000

272
Squadrons

26th Squadron

2001

John T. Agnew
Julie A. Berger
Geoffrey R. Brasse
Jeffrey S. Chaperon

Paul A. Cristina
Patrick W. Currie
Brian D. De La Grange
Steven E. Elliser
James R. Farrow
Joshua R. Finch
Ryan J. Flemin

Jeremey W. Gingrich
Micah S. Goring
David F. John
Andrew P. Judkins
Charlene A. Mercado
Kevin M. Moffat
Shane D. O'Neill

Alan J. Partridge
Eric J. Reiser
Jennifer L. Roatch
William R. Sosa
Ryan M. VanVeelen
Justin T. Watson
Kenneth J. Willson

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MTA TSgt Harold W.
Hollis



Capt Cindy A.
Robbins
AOC

Mighty Mighty Barons - a legend in the making

Every squadron has a story; squadron 26 has a legend. The Mighty Mighty Barons found themselves, as described by C1C Josh Bell, "Out of the frying pan and into the fryer." However, every time the heat was turned up, the "absolute" Barons pulled together and overcame adversity.

Often, usually on Wednesday nights, the Barons escaped from quotidian schedule of calls in the SAR to vicariously relive their youths with those four lovable scamps from South Park Colorado.

As C3C Francis Bleier said about this Comedy Central spectacular, "Those kids gave us strength and courage to make it through every week."

The hope was contagious; cadets from all around the wing visited the Barons to make the ritual a standing room only event.

Another squadron standing room only event was squadron tour day. The leadership saw this as

an opportunity to be supportive to those Barons who exemplified the Commandant's "mess up 'fess up" proverb. One anonymous ski Baron commented, "The two best things to do on the tour pad are playing hide-and-seek with the tour monitor and the Kevin Bacon game." Try Martin Short and Clint Eastwood.

At least the Barons were always well fed. At the numerous squadron barbecues, the burgers were always made to order. The Barons grilled to promote attendance at various sports contests, on a sunny day in the quad, and on a camping trip. Master food connoisseur C1C Matt Reynolds described the savory menu as "cogent and filling" and the company as "neighborly and light hearted."

Despite ski trips, little Huah, and marching practice, the mighty Barons did not capitulate to hard times and still maintain their motto: It's all good!

by Ryan Chmielewski

Barons

1999

Niel W. Altom
Shanon E. Anderson
Terry J. Blakemore
Erin A. Brennan



Benjamin L. Crossley
Judson E. Darrow
Roger S. Dinning
Matthew P. Elsesser
Geoffrey S. Fukumoto
Agustin F. Gonzalez
Allegra C. Gregory



Benjamin F. Griffith
Kendra C. Jackson
David A. Jokinen
Stella M. Kennedy
Jacob A. Kremmel
Valery A. LeMaire
Samuel F. Payne Jr



Timothy W. Pesek
Ian S. Ramage
Eric C. Schmidt
Mark R. Stevens
Erwin Vargas
Ryan M. Voneida
Michael J. Whitted



J B. Acheson
Christopher T. Allred
Dean E. Berck
Joel N. Brown



Parkin C. Bryson
Joshua R. Close
James H. Cooke III
Raymond L. Daniel
Scott S. Davis
Thomas G. DeAngelis
John T. Distelhorst



Matthew H. Harting
Nathan A. Jensen
Joann N. Kenneally
James W. Knapp
Todd A. Koehler
Jared M. Mandella
Matthew L. Manning



Larry Paige Jr
Joyceline Y. Param
Tom R. Pina Jr
Natalie K. Pope
Justin L. Ramey
Diane M. Santos
Brandon H. Sokora



2000

274
Squadrons

27th Squadron

2001



John R. Almeida
Marie N. Aloy
Bradley J. Ames
Margaret S. Becker
Michael F. Bird
Michael V. Chiaramonte

Camille A. Chigi
Joshua R. Doty
Jonathan D. Fariss
Jason O. Harris
Stephen S. Jenkins
Kyle J. Johnston
Vincent B. Livie

Patrick R. Lowe
Adam R. McManus
Shannon M. Merlo
Craig L. Morash
John L. Palumbo
John M. Perrin
Jessica E. Pierog

Xavier Rivera
Aaron S. Rosler
Eduard M. Ryba
Daniel J. Smith
John J. Tarczewski III
Iven M. Vian
William M. Wayman

T-bird pride – start to finish – 100% complete!

The Thunderbirds, of CS-27, started the year off on the right foot gearing up for yet another interesting year at camp USAFA. From frequent appearances of Batman and Robin, to winning the Wing championship in intramural rugby, the T-birds have pride in everything they have done throughout this year.

First off, the Halloween party was a very entertaining evening for all.

C2C Ryan Voneida said, "Even though the Cadet Wing is 85% male, for some reason our all-cadet Halloween party wound up being near 50-50."

The T-birds also took great pride in their performance during inspections. General Lorenz was so pleased with C1C Kendrick's room during the first SAMI that he made a special visit to see it again during the second one.

C1C Frank Cooper said, "While I was gone, General Lorenz took special interest in my roommate's welfare."

It goes without saying that the T-bird is a special breed of cadet. For example, C2C Schmidt's boisterous belching ability is unparalleled anywhere else in the cadet Wing.

C2C Ian Ramage said, "What can I say? His ability astounds me. It comes from a place so deep, dark, and secret inside him. It's something that science can not explain. Poets and songwriters will someday muse about it."

From marching and cleaning, to laughing and partying together, the T-birds have formed a tightly knit squadron that gets the job done. Its interesting people, random occurrences, and unusual events have helped to instill a unique sense of pride that sets us apart from Wing.

by Val LeMaire



Capt Robert
W. Willoughby
AOC

MSgt Robert J.
Bayruns Jr.
MTA

Thunderbirds

1999

Zachary B. Arnt
Dan M. Au
Shawn J. Barry
Matthew G. Brancato



Ian J. Brown
Vincent G. Danna Jr
Christina L. Deibel
Sara C. Freeman
Scott A. Gatto
Michael M. Harmon
Daniel M. Hasley



John R. Jochum
Ronald Killins Jr
Timothy G. Miller
Frank J. Oktavec III
Benjamin S. Robins
Celeste Rodriguez
Donald A. Rynkowski



Adam M. Schultz
Scott E. Shelton
William E. Swartzwelder
Joshua U. Taburaza
Jason M. Trew
David M. Wrazen
Garrett C. Zindel



Eric D. Birch
Daniel J. Brown
Lloyd G. Childs Jr
Matthew D. Corrigan
Alister F. Dopp
Robert S. Dunegan



Brooke F. Effland
Amy M. Fischer
Ronald V. Garcia
Benjamin E. George
William M. Hardie III
Victor Hernandez



Reginald Jennings
Ryan B. Kay
Kristen L. Lyons
Matthew J. Miller
Erika A. Paulo
Christopher D. Rhodes



Matthew J. Rillos
Wesley C. Robertson
Matthew C. Russell
Michael W. Schultz
Christopher D. Smith
Wesley A. Williams



2000

276

Squadrons

28th Squadron

2001



Aaron B. Brown
Kevin M. Crofton
Hollie N. Diesselhorst
Andres B. Duran



Geoffrey W. Eaton
Chad M. Fairchild
Scott S. Fann
Michael S. Friebe
Christian P. Helms
Christopher L. Jessop
Dean D. Laansma



Stuart I. MacDiarmid
David L. McDonald
Ryan J. McLain
Ryan T. Menath
Sarah L. Metthe
Eric M. Music
Nannette B. Ohman



Jorge A. Pargas
Darius A. Phillips
Nicholas W. Sawruk
David A. Smith
Matthew T. Speer
Candace S. Staubitz
Markyves J. Valentin

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MTA TSgt Thomas
A. Edwards

The Dean's "Other" List

It began with a dream: a real blackbird to represent the squad at football games. Trained at the mews and tied to a string, alive it would steal food from the falcon, dead it would be thrown at the opposing team.

As suggested by its potential trainer, C3C Corrigan, "We could teach it to talk..."

But alas, chastised by the Falconers and threaten with jail time by environmentalists, the idea was abandoned and the squad rolled on.

Despite this initial setback, many questionable events made this year memorable. After causing a wing-wide shortage of tri-colored leadership forms, the squadron ended first semester 39th in the Wing overall. Frenchies, Coasties, Academy exchanges, and even staffies spread the Blackbird

wealth around the Wing and the world, as the squadron continued to resist the outside influences of birds and stars.

The seniors spent the year preparing for officership at their favorite bar, "FamCamp." C1C Thomas upheld the AF standard of zero tolerance, and occasional e-mails from some guy named Ron squashed rumors of a mysterious disappearance. Every SAMI, personal visits by the Comm kept the squad refrigerators sparkling. All in all, the squad survived.

And to just win for the 'birds, there is only one option—to aim high for a trained attack blackbird to raise the level and dominate.



Maj Ronald
M. Bryant
AOC

Blackbirds

1999

David M. Bergin
Jay M. Boeing II
James Burgener
Jorge L. Carrera
Dan S. Catlin



James J. Chapa
Kevin K. Chen
John W. Demory Jr
Brent S. Gaylord
Charles E. Gilliam II
Adam R. Grayson



Ryan H. Harris
James M. Jordan
Nathan A. Lambert
Tammer H. Mahdy
Lisa L. Meier
Shlomo D. Menashi



Kerry S. Quinn
Mark A. Redfern
Wilberto M. Sanchez
Jennifer J. Schiessler
Christopher Schlachter
Kevin M. Wiley



David R. Adamson
Abigail G. Albert
Abram G. Baker
Douglas K. Chilson II
Guillermo S. Dekat
Aaron L. Edwards



Stewart A. Eyer
Christopher M. Fox
Justin T. Grieve
Scott A. Hodges
Justin L. Hohn
Thomas A. Hutton IV
Summer A. Koons



Kerrick D. Krill
Brian D. Lane
Scott T. McEwan
Mark McGill
David A. Merritt
Christian J. Ogrosky
Laura L. Powell



Heather D. Qualey
Jason W. Schenk
Rachel L. Smith
Donnavan W. Swaby
Christopher J. Todaro
John G. Velazquez
Edward R. Wagner



2000

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Squadrons

29th Squadron

2001



David W. Adams
Aaron B. Banks
Aaron D. Dailey
Kevin J. Davis
David R. Erpelding



Douglas J. Fike
Andrea S. Garner
William Hintz
Eric J. Jouret
Siegfried B. Jucknies II
Michael M. Kawan
Samuel P. Lilley



James R. Longbrake
Aaron L. McEwen
Erick Pacheco
David C. Palmer
Brian K. Perusse
William W. Phillips
Barry R. Rudd



Wesley R. Sides
Amy D. Snapp
Charles D. Solomon
Richard W. Swengros Jr
Michael A. Vandermeiden
Julie A. Wass
Travis G. Willcox

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AOC Maj Robert L. Puckett
Susan E. Newton '01

Fun - The Panther's Middle Name

The Black Panthers this year didn't really do anything special, they just went out and had fun. No matter what they did, the black panthers had a good time and they still upheld the standards of the Wing.

"Even marching with the squad is fun", said C4C Adams.

"The best was Summer at the lip sinking contest", said C3C Dekat referring to his classmate C3C Koons at an MWR function.

"That crazy junior who dressed up as a girl and stripped down to the undergarments was the funniest thing I've ever seen", said a fellow 29er who asked to remain anonymous.

The freshman of the squad proved to be spirited too and had fun in tying up and dousing shaving cream on upperclassmen.

"That freezing cold night when we tied up (C3C) Merritt to the pole outside and loaded him up with shaving cream was one of the best times of my freshman year. It's always nice to get a little payback", said C4C Solomon.

C3C Edwards also enjoyed some of the freshmen paybacks. Although he was never a victim, he reminisced of the time when, "all the freshmen took our Midshipman exchange student from his bed while he was sleeping and took him outside the week after the Navy game and tied him up and threw him in the mud. That was sweet especially after our football team beat them in Annapolis."

The sophomores would have a little fun too. C3C Todaro remembers getting into water fights in the halls with the freshmen.

"The water fights were the best", said Todaro.

Of course, the sophomores had big super soaker water guns and the freshmen had to fight back with canteens full of water. Like all the other squads, CS 29 also had memorable MWR contests and tailgate parties. With a fun bunch of juniors and freshmen coming back, it will be interesting to see what things the Black Panthers will come up with in 99.

by Kevin Chen



MSgt Steven
E. Foust
MTA

Black Panthers

1999

Wesley F. Adams III
David G. Allen
Michael J. Anderson
Jarod P. Blecher
Robert M. Bryant



Michael L. Cardona
Brian R. Colby
Daniel P. Crump
Jefferson R. DeBerry
James S. Dentice
Patrick R. Eldridge
Evan J. Gallegos



Ronnie D. Hawkins III
Michael S. Hurt Jr
Daniel J. Kaercher
Jaclyn R. Malerba
Felisa M. Marsh
Aaron M. Mihaljevich
Jennifer Y. Ortiz



Andrew M. Quinn
William J. Rioridan
Byron Rodenburg Jr
Melissa A. Rozman
Kevin M. Schultz
Christopher Vecchione
David J. Wilson



Matthew A. Astroth
Erik M. Axt
Kristen D. Bakotic
Bryan C. Beulin
Jimmie D. Bowyer II



Christopher D. Gentile
Joy L. Goddard
Joshua M. Hakken
Christopher N. Lehto
Brian J. Marbach
Diane L. Moerer



Barclay M. Nichol
Anthony V. Nicholas
Stephanie L. Oldham
James H. Peoples
Jaron H. Roux
Adam C. Schmidt



Jared D. Sessum
Jason M. Sharpe
Jason W. Simmons
Logan B. Sisson
Tara R. Storch
Samuel M. Todd



2000

2001



Lisa M. Case
Phillip A. Cole
Frank N. Conn
Jachin M. Finch
Zane A. Holscher
David Huinker

Anthony J. Koury III
Seung H. Lee
Joshua C. Lyle
Aaron C. Martin
Mark D. Matzke
Neil E. McColgan

Albert A. Medina
Carl A. Metters
Matthew J. Mihalick
Byron D. Nicholson
Christopher S. Percy
Dylan M. Quinn

Christopher G. Seaman
Eric T. Skaar
Geoffrey M. Steeves
Paul B. Strom
Douglas R. Villard
Honey B. Warnke

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Charlton L. Warren '99

Accountability: It's a Matter of Pride

What's the most important duty to perform as a diligent cadet? What does the existence of the cadet Wing structure depend on? The answer is filling out meal accountability. The leaders in this prestigious area of military activities are the Dirty Knights of CS30.

Much of this success can be attributed to C1C Tristen "Frenchie" Morel L'Horset for designing and implementing a special V drive accountability program.

C1C Tim Schumacher spoke highly of the system, "You can't get booted when visitors come, because you've claimed that seat."

Of course, ensuring there are no holes at meal tables did have drawbacks.

As C2C James Dentice said, "You can't slide out the door when the food sucks."

After being pulled from a verbal altercation involving proper table rotation that almost resulted in a fight, C3C Jason Sharpe said, "Table 242 is always closed and that sucks."

Next year's returning veterans are already looking forward to a strong year of accountability.

C2C Dan Crump said, "Next year accountability will be a joke," obviously referring to the ease with which being the best will come.

"I wish accountability came around more than once a week," lamented C2C Pat Eldridge who was already worried about the long summer break with a lack of accountability. Then there are those members of the accountability team that will be graduating and scrambling.

C3C Adam Schmidt said, "It's an emotional subject," in reference to leaving the superior accountability system.

C2C Kevin Schultz summed up the justification for two accountability clerks, two NCOs, and an officer responsible for taking accountability twice at formations and twice at meal tables, when he said, "Accountability is the key to airpower."

The Dirty Knights relish the challenge of accountability and early scouting reports show some strong incoming recruits for the 98-99 year.

by Andrew Quinn



Maj Mark
S. Novak
AOC

MSgt Cecelia
A. McNeal
MTA

Knights of Thirt

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Squadrons

1999

Andrew P. Beitz
Ericka Cazares
Philip G. Christians
Sarah E. Clymer



Jason R. Eaton
Christopher N. Garcia
Glenn M. Gonzales
Benjamin W. Heslin
Blake P. Johnson
Marc E. Johnson



Matthew S. Komatsu
Aaron N. Lamb
Christopher J. Linberg
Perry R. Marshall
Matan T. Meyer
Bradley R. Opp



Lyndon J. Ramsey
John M. Ross
Craig M. Swierzbis
Pryor S. Tiffany
Eric K. Woodring
Natasha L. Ziegler



Christian M. Bergtholdt
Lindsay R. Brocklesby
Jonathan R. Comtois
Heather L. D'Annunzio
Daniel P. Daugherty
Robyn W. Ellis



Christopher England
Kristin K. Haley
Matthew R. Hummel
Jeffrey R. Kreinbring
Anthony J. Madland
Lance A. Merkley



Brandon J. Osufsen
John J. Rodriguez
Rory M. Stein
Meghan M. Szwarc
Nathan A. Thompson
Tracy K. Tinianow



Ciriaco M. Villarreal
Carolyn J. Walkotte
Joshua A. Westby
Daniel C. Wilkinson
Daniel A. Wright
Matthew J. Zitzlsperger



2000

2001



Melanie A. Borchers
ReAnn R. Caldwell
Eyyup Celik
Ryan P. Corrigan
Paul T. Davidson
Denny R. Davies
Jeffrey B. Donahue

Ryan P. Finnan
Andrew J. Gray
Jeremiah S. Guild
Neil J. Harris
Ryan A. Hart
Thomas P. Johnson III
Andrew J. Kenney

Athena L. Koller
Joe A. Lopez
Gregory N. Love
Christopher R. McAlear
Joshua T. Ney
Nathan P. Olsen
John J. Pantages

Bartholomew B. Robinson
Matthew P. Ross
Aran J. Stynes
Shane M. Terry
Thomas N. Turco
Steven D. Wald
Dalia J. Wenckus

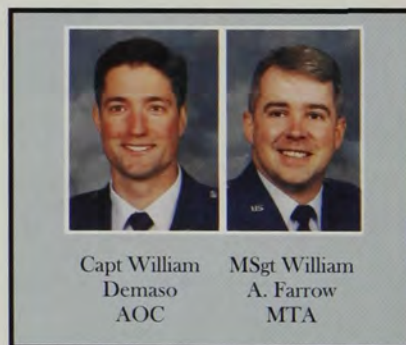
Reaping On Top

The Grim Reapers of CS-31 emerged as one of the top squadrons in the Wing this year due to all members striving for the pursuit of excellence. The Reaper's AOC, MTA, and cadet leadership proved that a squadron who works hard can also play hard.

The Reapers sponsored many MWR events that were huge successes and continued to have legendary tailgates at the football games. However, the reason the MWR events were successful was due to the Reapers continued excellence in military academic and athletic endeavors. The Reaper's squadron commanders, Cadet Erik Oberg and Cadet Jason Kiker, took firm control of the squadron and led from the front.

The Reapers enjoyed a rare experience - a mid-academic year change of command ceremony for their AOC. Major Raymond Montalbano retired from the United States Air Force and handed command of CS-31 to Captain William DeMaso. The transfer of command went smoothly due to the hard work of both AOC's as well as the great presence of the Reaper's MTA, Master Sergeant Billy Farrow. This was MSgt Farrow's last year as the Reapers MTA and he will be greatly missed in the squadron.

The Reapers will continue the tradition of excellence left them by the class of 1998. Ironically for the Grim Reapers, it has been a "never say die" attitude that has carried them to the top.



Capt William
Demaso
AOC

MSgt William
A. Farrow
MTA

Grim Reapers

1999

Erica K. Andren
Nathan Atherley
Kenneth S. Bode



Matthew J. Dooley
Alan R. Driver
Michael A. Edmondson
Anthony J. Franks
Benjamin P. Glon
Kristopher J. Haenel



Mark A. Kasayka
Joshua H. Knowles
James T. Lotspeich
Allison R. Maupin
Justin T. Mayfield
Richard C. Pantusa



Abraham S. Perras
Edwin J. Sligar Jr
Thomas R. Space
Matthew S. Van Hook
Jasmine S. Watford
Patrick J. Widhelm



Hans E. Anker
Jeffrey R. Beckham
Jeffrey G. Belisle
Marcus J. Booker
Aaron J. Burke



Brant A. Dixon
Ronald P. Glenn II
Philip K. Gulck
Joshua R. Hargrove
Kathleen M. Hasson
Scott M. Holm
David J. Klein Jr



Eric J. Lewantowicz
Jason E. Liska
Clark C. Mabry
Parker L. Marshall
Tony L. Marshall
Andrew C. Meudt
Susan F. Murphy



Shannon L. Nielsen
David R. Rogers
Grant T. Schroeder
Heather E. Smith
Phillip M. Sowada
Daniel J. Visosky
Derek K. Williams



2000

2001



Jason Ang Swee Kiat
Shaylor Billings
Mikel S. Daniel
Jacqueline R. de Grood



Nathan C. Dodd
Christle Flores
Stephen S. Garner
Michael R. Gosma
Rashad E. Howard
Matthew B. Hunt
Nicholas J. Jabara



Paul T. Killeen
Keegan S. McConaughy
Samuel L. McKinsey
Christopher J. Mercer
Anthony J. Posada
Jenna A. Sharp
Andrew G. Sims



Jason J. Sisto
Jesper R. Stubbendorff
John A. Talafuse
Matthew H. Weber
Timothy C. Wegner
Thomas M. Winter
Eric J. Zarybnisky

The Roadrunners A Tradition of Excellence

The Roadrunners have held a long tradition of "excellence in all we do" which has remained constant despite numerous changes in the Wing. The members of this outstanding squadron are some of the most dedicated, motivated, and spirited people at the Academy.

For example, the week before the Army game some members of the squadron made a cardboard Army tank and blew it up during Noon Meal Formation to show those Army Blackhawk helicopters that Air Force would beat Army. Many spirited Roadrunners gave up time and money to build the tank, test and detonate rockets and other explosives, coordinate with the fire department and Colonel Connors, and put on the show during formation.

"It was very, very inspiring," recalls C1C Adam Burch.

The fourthclass cadets readily accepted the challenge of upholding the precedence of excellence set over the years. After much hard work

and dedication, the four degrees emerged victoriously as Wing Knowledge Bowl champs in the fall.

"It was a chance to prove ourselves as a team," said C4C Keegan McConaughy.

Indeed, they got together on their own and spent many hours practicing knowledge bowls in the SAR.

Perhaps C4C Samuel McKinsey said it best: "It was one of the ways to show people that we ARE the best."

A philosophy of "people are important" prevails in the squadron, too. There is an MWR dining-out every week, so squad members can get away from it all and take a break from the stress and pressure of academy life. Additionally, many cadets give up their free time for community service to help the people "out there."

There can be no doubt that 32 is traditionally one of the best squadrons in the wing, if not THE best. Catch us if you can!



Capt Gregory
S. McCarthy
AOC

TSgt Michael
R. Howard
MTA

The RoadRunners'

by Susan Murphy

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Squadrons

1999

Dory M. Appgar
Mark W. Buchholz
Allyne B. Castillo
Alana J. Eiland
Catherine M. Everett



James E. Ferrell
Matthew J. Ghormley
Kari A. Hamilton
Mark H. Jones Jr.
Deane R. Konowicz
Jeffrey A. Lamport



Eric C. McFarland
Aaron R. Miner
Thomas D. Moon
Jason R. Nolting
Omar S. Pradhan
Jacob B. Raser



Chad A. Simpson
Kristoffer R. Smith
Timothy J. Stevens
Stephen A. Vukovich
Joseph W. Whitehead
Jason E. Young



David L. Anderson
Joshua A. Cinq-Mars
Nicholas M. Dipoma
Kristen E. DiScala



Joseph P. Drevenak
Javier Esparza
John D. Fry
Philip H. Gagnon
Matthew L. Hannon
William B. Hartman
Allison M. Hartmann



Nathan C. Koran
Nadine C. Lynn
Meghann E. McNiff
Carissa M. Niemi
Adam L. Oliver
Daniel J. Patak
Jason J. Pfaffly



Jeffrey T. Phillips
Evan J. Reece
Albert W. Rieben
Matthew A. Scott
Jason I. Thompson
Dennis J. Turner
Bryan T. Unks



2000

2001



Robert N. Allen
Todd J. Allison
Cory R. Barack
Erin E. Bjerke
Julia G. Bodnarik

Kenneth L. Cobb
Austin J. Cohen
Robert L. Diaz
Heather M. Furman
Jason P. Houston
Timothy J. Huxel
Matthew R. Johnston

Jonathan L. Kleve
Peeter Meos
Kevin J. Merck
James A. Mikes
Brian M. Mills
Mark D. Nyberg
Robert M. Pecha

Luke R. Porisch
Jennifer K. Reed
Bradley D. Sayre
Ernest R. Schmitt Jr.
Vip N. Tanticharoen
Brandon J. Tellez
Janet K. Vreuls

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AOC Capt Pete R.
Belmain

Exceeding Expectations - Ratz

The Ratz of CS-33 exemplify the concepts of service before self and excellence in all we do.

For starters, the Ratz won the fall semester flag football intramural championships, but their striving for excellence didn't stop there. The team was invited to the NIKE sponsored National Intramural Flag Football Championships, Arlington, Texas. This was the first team, from the Academy, to ever attend the event. Happy that their season was not yet over, C1C Kelly Quain, the team's powerhouse, used the invitation as a chance to show her stuff and ruff up the other teams. Although they did not walk away with a national title, the Ratz represented the Academy well.

Not only did the Ratz excel on the intramural fields, but they also did more than their part to help out others. Many members of the squadron were very active in various programs that benefit those less fortunate. C4C Erin Bjerke was respon-

sible for a sponsoring program in which the four degree class participated. With great compassion, they sponsored a six-year-old Ethiopian boy named Dagen. With their help, Dagen received a unique opportunity to attend a private school. For most children in his situation, this was an honor that comes along once in a lifetime.

C4C Bjerke comments, "It is wonderful to be able to impact and support a child who wouldn't otherwise have any opportunities."

The service did not stop there. C1C Phil Smith gave his time to teach a family the English language. Also, C2C Steve Vukovich was named director of the newly opened Chapel Lounge. And, C2C Mark Jones was very dedicated to providing the services of the Cadet Sexual Assault Hotline.

The Ratz of CS-33 have done everything from intramural football to sponsoring a child half way across the world, illustrating the concept of "Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do."

by Mark Buchholz



TSgt Thomas
A. Johnson
MTA

Ratz

1999

Gayle A. Apolonio
Keyan A. Barry
Nathan T. Berceel
Michael E. Bullard



Phillip A. Caldwell
Brian T. Deas
Bryce A. Fisher
Sara M. Fortna
Brent J. Fritzinger
Aaron K. Hale
Ryan D. Kappedal



Kyle J. Larson
David H. Marten
Timothy J. McCann
William A. McClelland
Brian E. McKiernan
Scott C. Michalowski
Tony Muro III



Karian New
Benjamin C. Recker
Philip R. Robichaud
Kimberly A. Roman
Jesus Soto
Tharon Sperry
Ryan D. Sullivan



Monica M. Campos
Matthew R. Compton
Cory A. Cooper
Sarah C. Courtney
Anthony J. DeGregoria
Bobby A. Esposito
Sarah J. Freas



Samuel C. Goodwin
Nels H. Grafstrom
Dana Hansen
Ryan T. Hayes
Jason A. Holbrook
David J. Karlene
John C. Kirkwood



Brent C. Kruel
Brett M. Lent
Ernest G. Mayfield III
Elaine Melendez
Charles B. Miller
Joshua K. Miller
Matthew S. Puckett



Kevin M. Runyon
Patrick J. Seipel
Brendan M. Shannon
Dan J. Shinohara
Aaron H. St Clair
Scott D. Trigg
Douglas W. White



2000

288

Squadrons

34th Squadron

2001

Jeffrey H. Anderson
Caroline M. Ayo
LeNetta U. Banks
Kiwedon D. Cornell

Alex J. Cusack
Michael J. DaCosta
William G. Echols
Brian A. Elmerick
Gerrit A. Everson
John D. Fowler Jr.
Rylian D. Fraas

Justin H. Fronk
Daamon E. Geopfert
Adrian Gonzales
Thomas P. Harley
Diane L. Maye
Nelle C. Pirotte
Warren D. Riner

Andrew B. Robinson
Phillip A. Smith
Broc L. Starrett
Joshua B. Stierwalt
Bradley J. Strawser
Stephen W. Wilson
Matthew J. Ziemann

Hawgs Loose in D.C.

The thought of a sponsor base trip seemed nothing more than a fading dream to the Class of '98 and the Loose Hawgs of CS-34. Despite being rejected twice, the Hawgs were determined to try again. The will to go on the trip was there the entire year but the transportation failed each time. Early first semester it seemed as if they would succeed, only to have no flight available to get them back. While the cadets had nothing against not returning, CW for some reason wanted them back. As second semester came and hope was looking slim, suddenly the miracle of all miracles happened! Transportation BOTH WAYS was granted to them by the obvious will of a higher power.

The trip was taken and turned out to be a complete success as only the words, NO LATE GRADS can explain. The trip was packed full of

exciting tours and events that included an unforgettable helicopter ride 200 feet off the Potomac River that provided an unbelievable view of Washington D.C. Other events included a tour of old Air Force One planes, a tour of the Pentagon, and visiting the various sights in D.C. Much to the joy of the cadets the evenings of the trip meant free time, which for many included taking in the nightlife at Georgetown.

Whether going out on the town or enjoying the luxuries of their very own VOQ, the trip was a fun and enjoyable experience for all. The Loose Hawgs were able to make it a safe and enjoyable sponsor base trip. We now hope that future sponsor base trips will be easier to obtain.



Maj John
W. Kraft
AOC

TSgt Richard
D. Brandt
MTA

Loosehawgs

by Ryan Sullivan

1999

Kyle D. Armstrong
Joseph R. Augustine
Benjamin A. Bartlett
Justin L. Bybee
Christopher R. Caredeo
Alexander J. Chumpitaz

Jeffrey D. Dillon
Kristi L. Hanson
Hans J. Hilterman
Huy H. Huyn
Brent A. Larson
Stephen L. McDaniel

James L. Menke Jr.
Amy M. Nesbitt
Valancy D. Nielsen
Bradley C. Panton
Joseph M. Petrosky
Ryan C. Principi

Jason A. Purdy
William A. Reynolds
Theresa L. Siegel
Andrew L. Sincock
Douglas A. Vetrano
Kevin M. Webster

Kristofer A. Abel
Mary K. Albin
Jason M. Amidon
Jason R. Anderson
Ryan F. Barrett
Micaela R. Bentson

James L. Burgess
Douglas A. Charters
Michael A. Contardo
Melinda Dumas
Michael A. Edmonston
James B. Fleming
Bud Fujii-Takamoto

Jude I. Gamel
Jason L. Gardner
Allen J. Hasbargen
James T. Horne III
Charlie D. Jackson Jr
Benjamin M. Johnston
Matthew R. Kucia

Carin L. Marcussen
Martin A. Mentch
Brian D. Peterson
Matthew W. Sanders
Justen B. Sharp
Amity L. Tipton
Laura J. Williams



2000

290
Squadrons

35th Squadron

2001



Vazeer D. Akbar
Tobin R. Allen
James R. Bales
Scott A. Becker



Heather A. Brown
James E. Calvert
Christopher R. Catalano
Jesus M. Cosme Jr
Merle V. Craig
Garrett C. Fisher
Fredrick Gallegos



Benjamin M. Gensic
Robert G. Giovannetti
Kevin J. Jackson
Bryan D. Jandorf Jr
Thomas S. McCaleb Jr
Patrick K. McClintock
Janet L. McIntosh



James A. Muir
Amanda M. Myers
Benjamin M. Orton
Christopher J. Parker
Patrick W. Pearce-Percy
Jesse A. Pietz
David M. Thawley

35th and Rising

If there were a particular area that the Weasels of CS-35 can take pride in the most this year, it would be athletics. Over the fall and spring intramural season, the Weasels put together an impressive string of wins and Wing championship caliber teams to put them on top. Keep in mind that last year the Weasels placed dead last in intramurals, so this was quite the accomplishment.

C1C Andy "Hoss-diggity" Hosler enthusiastically replied, "There was a new attitude on Weasel intramurals this year. From Weasel tennis to Weasel V-ball to Weasel cross-country and every other team, Weasels played to win. Weaselball (flag football) even had a multiple page play book! It was great!"

During the fall, tennis ruled the asphalt courts as the Weasels won the Wing Championships with a perfect record. Here is what C4C Jim Muir, who paired up with C1C Jim Maxwell for the #1 doubles team, had to say about the season and team.

"It wasn't just six people that won it for us. Everyone on the team contributed to our winning season," commented C4C Jim Muir.

Second semester would prove to bring even bigger highlights for the Weasel intramural program as three teams; volleyball, cross-country and ultimate frisbee, finished in the top three in the Wing.

C2C Jim "J-luv" Menke, an inspirational member of the Weasel volleyball team said, "It's the most high-action, non-stopping, hard-hitting game on two feet!"

One of the most significant highlights of our intramural season was all of our teams winning on the same day, sweeping CS-37. A new tradition was started that week as AH presented the Weasels an official ceremony in the squadron (no kidding!); a blue and silver painted broom to be carried ("flaunted!?" by the guidon bearer during noon meal formation.

About carrying a broom in place of a guidon, C3C Ryan Barrett remarked, "Not only was it humiliating, we got zeroed out for that week's guidon points."

Okay, so maybe the broom wasn't all it was hyped up to be, but the pride of the Weasels' intramural season lives on.

by Kevin Webster



Maj Harold
E. Waters
AOC

TSgt Steven
M. Dekrey
MTA

Wild Weasels

1999

Christopher G. Batterton
Matthew G. Brown
Eric W. Buchheit Jr.
Jayme S. Carter



Samuel D. Chanoski
George M. Crowley
Jason A. Davis
Nathan O. Drewry
Amy E. Fitch
Dennison K. Frasier
Nicole L. Fuller



Nichole M. Hartman
Matthew L. Hartzog
Chad E. Holesko
Joseph R. Kennedy
Erika R. La Brie
Kelly L. Landstrom
Franklin B. Layo



Claudia S. Marshall
Arthur D. Pettigrew III
Timothy E. Pierce
Christopher M. Sheffield
Richard H. Shertzer
Thomas W. Staley
Andrew J. Wiker



Scott P. Bailey
Matthew J. Berube
Thomas R. Bowman
Karrie M. Bracken
Aaron E. Dripps



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Mark P. Graziano
Herbert T. Green
Hazel A. Hatley
Matthew K. Johnson
William J. Jones Jr.
Dara L. Kjarum



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Benjamin J. Laubscher
Russell S. Magaziner
Carmelyn H. Mamaril
Andrew A. Martin
Anthony P. Massett
Cameron P. Nordin



Ryan P. O'Hara
Adrienne M. Ondrusek
Miguel F. Rivera
Bryan M. Summers
Zachary R. Turcotte
Ethan M. Waitte
Aaron D. Walenga



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36th Squadron

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Derek M. Argel
Tarek J. Awada
Charles J. Barton
Steven J. Bruce
Kelli H. Chock

William D. Daggett
Joshua S. Friebe
Mark A. Hanson
Aaron S. Huffman
Dustin R. Ireland
Katherine M. Kernan
Ryan J. Kohler

Justin P. Kuether
Elbridge G. Louthan
Daniel E. Mendoza
Andrew L. Mercado
Jonathan D. Murphy
Mary K. O'Brien
Wendy K. O'Connell

Stephen D. Pouncey
Bradley A. Rueter
Matthew P. Shipstead
Timothy J. Spaulding
Lauren A. Wagner
Glendon C. Whelan
Michael J. Young

Work Hard, Play Hard

The PROUD Pink Panthers of CS-36 have prided themselves on the motto, "Work Hard, Play Hard." C4C Tim Spaulding and C1C Jason Foster brought this motto to life, as they were nominated outstanding four degree and squadron commander of the year respectively. Their hard work and dedication to achieve nothing but the best made them valuable assets to the squadron.

Other members of CS-36 have helped to instill pride and discipline within the squadron. Specifically, C1C Mel Korsmo found a unique way to monitor in-ranks discipline during formations. As the "enforcer," he collected a dollar from each talking perpetrator and used this money to contribute to the MWR funds for upcoming events. In addition, C1C Scott Crabtree will be remembered as setting the standards for inspections by quoting, "A toe shine is a blow shine; a side shine is a pride shine."

After working hard, CS-36 likes to *play* hard, and as a result, the Pink Panther MWR staff remains the best in the Wing. From a re-show of Miss Pink Panther, to Fudge's jalapeno stuffing, to Dieck's specialty burgers, to tactical mice catching, Pink Panther MWR prevails among all others. C2C Fudge Rivera ate over 60 peppers, while roommates C1C Joe Aguiar and C1C Rob Thompson captured nine furry little creatures in a mouse hunt to control the pest population.

The Pink Panthers have certainly accomplished their mission of working hard and playing hard, and will continue this in the years to come. The Panthers are pink and they're Proud! If you think I jest, pay a visit to the third floor of Sijan and follow the pink striped wall!

by Kelly Landstrom



Maj Sherri
S. Galante
AOC

TSgt Carlos
D. Trujillo
MTA

Pink Panthers

1999

Paul James Adams II
Christopher D. Barth
Anna C. Blackwood
Noah C. Boss
Brendan P. Burke
Dustin A. Creech

Ryan M. Dekok
Fernando Galvan
James P. Gates
Jeffrey W. Haugh
Jason M. Holcomb
Zachariah J. Jensen

Daniel A. Jordan
Craig D. Lindstrom
Mary S. Long
John S. Mackow
Matthew J. Moneymaker
Abraham M. Payton

Eric A. Queddeng
Matthew C. Stanley
Terra M. States
Tracy A. Strickland
Sean E. Tucker
Jeffrey B. Westphal

Michael L. Anderson
Wysman A. Barganier
Thomas E. Bierly
Kristin M. Bozarth
Michael B. Campbell
Anthony C. Driessen

Robyn C. Duncan
Laura M. Durham
Ashley L. Elliott
Andrew J. Ellis
Jonathan J. Elza
Christopher T. Finan

Gregory A. Fulk
Jacob L. Hammons
Travis J. Hazeltine
Gregory S. Hoffman
Justin D. Johnson
Nathan D. Jones

Lincoln S. McLeod
Brian M. Nicosia
Jeffrey J. Schrum
Erika L. Siegenthaler
Mark F. Van Weezendonk
Dustin K. Whitehead



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37th Squadron

2001



Raymond M. Aguilar
Bryan M. Bailey
Brian J. Delvaux
Brendan M. Epps
Patrick N. Giggy
Zachary G. Hall

Zachary B. Hickman
Bendick K. Hoeg
Isaac P. Humphrey
Nathaniel D. Kilian
Timothy L. Kurutz
Curtis D. Malcom

Thomas A. Miller IV
Stacie N. Pratt
Nathaniel R. Preissinger
Ryan S. Simms
Stephanie M. Soltis
John E. Thomas

Lance C. Vivion
John P. Wagemann Jr
Joseph P. Watson
Kellen M. Williams
Christopher G. Wilson
Jason C. Zumwalt

Fly On SkyRaiders

Our lives intertwined in a dream personified by the Animalistic Skyraider that flies within each of us.

"The temple of intensity," according to Tony Dreissen. The strength of this institution makes us the stellar people that we all want to be.

Perhaps Drew Ellis said it best when he said "Eagles may soar, but [gerbils] are never sucked into jet intakes."

Some Firsties, like Sean Holahan and Dave Halasi-Kun, took great pride in the fact that everyone took care of what they needed to get done in the squad and kept us from being a high visibility squad. This stealthy squadron might stay out of the lime light but our thoughts can never be fully encapsulated into meager words.

Chad Bruton might have said it best when quoted Clausiwitz, saying "If you make an officer a schoolboy all his life he will send his profession to the devil if he can."

"We are real, real far away from everything," according to Paul Adams, and that allows us to act as we want and do as we want.

We are what we will be and we will all hear back to our barbaric chant as we enter Mitchell Hall, "Sky-rai-ders, Sky-rai-ders..." so says the pink hippopotamus of happiness.

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Boleware
AOC Capt Mark W.
Warack

Sky Raiders

by James Gates

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1999

Mark D. Bauman
Casandra C. Benavides
Geoffrey A. Bixby
Patrick J. Comiskey



Frank Raymond Cowan IV
Jeff D. Curtis
Thanh N. Dinh
Christopher R. DiNote
Michelle M. Edberg
Gloria N. Field
Matthew T. Garrison
Julius Pratt Hubbard III



Anthony G. Langford
Jeremy E. Learned
Rawley M. Mims
Daniel A. Morris
Jeff J. Mrazik
Stefanie S. Myers
Martin J. O'Brien
Justin H. Pautler



Charles B. Polomsky
Kevin M. Pritz
Vincent A. Proffitt
Daniel T. Schmitt
Matthew W. Stewart
Shawna L. Wartner
Martin W. Weeks III
Jason A. Zarb-Cousin



Benjamin P. Brown
Jason R. Case
Bruce T. Clark
Ryan A. Clark
Christine P. Ellering



Edwin Germosen
Gunnar J. Hankins
David A. Heintz
Travis J. Higgs
Laura E. Hill
Peter E. Kasarskis



Michael P. Keough
Alex E. Krause
Lauren A. Maher
Erik N. Martin
Javin C. Peterson
Aaron C. Pifer



Razvan N. Radoescu
Jamie M. Rand
Jeremy L. Renken
Patrick M. Robinson
Troy R. Saechao
Benjamin J. Schill



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38th Squadron

2001



Luke B. Casper
Marcus A. Cunningham
Melanie A. Ecting
Daniel J. Fortune



Oscar A. Garcia
Ryan D. Garrison
Yvonne J. Greathead
Holly E. Huston
Benjamin P. Iachini
Nathaniel B. Jackson
Samuel A. Kessler



Aaron D. Layman
Laurel C. Lee
Tavis J. McDevitt
Clinton P. Mintz
Andrew J. Mitchell
Matthew B. Obenchain
Wilfred G. O'Reilly



Shane W. Owen
Matthew L. Pommer
Chadwick M. Steipp
Eric S. Vanley
Jason P. Willey
Billy R. Wilson II
Richard E. Yon

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Quid H. Quadri Jr '99

Memories Made Among the All Stars

From the Intramural field to Hundred's Night, the All-Mighty All Stars had a year to remember.

Although the knowledge bowl record of CS-38's four degrees left much to be desired, they helped the squadron perform exceptionally in intramural competition. No championships were won this year, but the All Stars had stellar showings in flag football and softball tournaments this fall and spring (respectively).

Hundred's Night was an evening to remember for more than one reason. The four degrees put their heads and creativity together to turn rooms

into beaches, bathroom stalls (goldfish in toilet included), and traditional newspaper recycle bins. All of the firsties also returned to their rooms to find a new picture on their computer.

"One of the female upperclassmen (to remain nameless, of course) liked to take pictures of herself in lingerie. We got our hands on one and made a copy for everyone's computer," admits C4C Ryan Garrison.

All in all the Mighty All Stars continued throughout the year to prove why their star shines the brightest and strongest in the Wing. What more do you need to take pride in?



Maj Christopher K. Brooks
AOC
SSgt Shauna L. Wade
MTA

All Stars

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1999

Jason M. Caiata
Joseph M. Cashman
Adam S. Coffman
Ryan J. Dahlin



Daniel M. Davies
Jana R. Day
Jonathan C. Dowty
Shawn C. Hatch
Lisa K. Helmberger
Clayton J. Hutto
Nathan L. James



Jason D. Jensen
Peter K. Kim
Randall W. Klein
Miguel A. Lutman
Christian T. Miller
Coreen R. Mueller
Donald K. Perry



Douglas P. Pierre
Joshua J. Randall
Preston F. Rufe
Jeff A. Simmons
Shanna R. Strickland
Jason L. Trantum
Brian W. Wilson



Stephen P. Anderson
Michael J. Blair
Joseph A. Boyer
Victoria P. Citrowske



Michael E. Deaver
Kelsey K. Ellingson
Stephen T. Fekete
Kerri L. Greene
Harry L. Kenner
Jason M. Lawrence
Paul J. Legge



Sean H. McCarthy
Troy C. Monson
Beau M. Nicewanner
John W. Raber
Alicia C. Shilkitus
Larissa S. Shipunoff
Theodore J. Shultz



Sara A. Stigler
Timothy J. Strobel
Ronald D. Sugang
Frank A. Taravella
Matthew H. Weedon
Paul A. Welsh
Lawrence N. Yazzie



2000

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Squadrons

39th Squadron

2001



John M. Baker
Michael A. Berruti
Timothy N. Bonnes
William B. Borron
Benjamin F. Brown
Kristi R. Delcour
Robert B. Dospoy

Gregory H. Elia
Angelinda D. Fedden
Jennifer M. Glomb
Jonathan B. Hayes
Brian P. Healy
Faith M. Hitchcock
Thanh T. Huynh

Chauncy V. Krol
Mark M. Landez
Douglas P. McHam
Scott R. Mullen
Michael L. Mulligan
Michael S. Pontius
Jeffrey J. Rivers

Aubrie D. Rooney
Brian James Ross Jr
Gerardo Sanchez
Joshua S. Slade
Lisa J. Vice
Brett I. Williams
Jeremy D. Wimer

Competition Defines A Squadron

*"On the fields of friendly strife
are sown the seeds that on other days and
other fields will bear the fruits of victory,"*
— General Douglas MacArthur.

Friendly competition was the name of the game. From pool tournaments before formations and in-between classes to friendly pick-up games, competition drove members of the Cool Campus Radicals of Cadet Squadron 39.

This year, the pulse of CS-39 throbbed based on cadets winning and losing streaks brought on by Playstation and sports.

"Dangerous" Dan Davies, Ty "Keepin' It Real" Miller, and Ryan "Pee-riggity-rozzi" started the madness by introducing "Madden 98" and "College Football 98" to the rest of the Radicals in the fall.

Trash-talking and last second heroics gave forth to friendly rivalries, which saw the number of game units around 39 triple after Christmas Break.

Everyone wanted to take part in the action.

As spring rolled around, the game scene swayed toward "March Madness 98" and "NBA Live 98." Members of the squadron crowded around the TV in the SAR to cheer on their favorite team. A March Madness tournament pool was started, which fueled the competition craze even more.

While there were winners and losers, no one held a grudge because they all knew they would have their chance in the next round of games.

As the seasons came and went, so did the game. No matter what season the squadron happened to be in, the level of intensity and sportsmanship never faltered. In 1997-98, Playstation athletics developed and inspired Air and Space leaders with a vision for tomorrow.



Capt Richard
Burchfield
AOC

TSgt Michael
R. Denham
MTA

Campus Radicals

1999

Gregory A. Amig
Sergio Enrique Anaya Jr
Michael L. Anderson
Jason H. Barlow
John A. Brown

Austin F. Burrill
John R. Campbell
David J. Christensen
James P. Colbert
Clyde Carleton Crane IV
Henry Jules Delay IV
Robert A. Farina

Paul J. Ferguson
Michael A. Haack
Ryan L. Hill
Robyn L. Hinchey
Jennifer J. Kabat
Michelle Lewis
Todd A. Moenster

Rheo C. Ofalsa
Anthony B. Paulson
Jemal D. Singleton
Brian D. Tipton
Jeffrey V. Updyke
Matthew K. Williams
Robert W. Wolfe

Charles R. Alonzo
Patrick W. Ashdown
Gregory M. Barnes
Khristian A. Clark
Frederick T. Crispin
Anthony M. Disario
Steve U. Greenspan

Alexander A. Ham
Houston B. Hodgkinson
Darcianne M. Hutchins
Zachery B. Jiron
Dang T. Le
Michael B. Lewis
Marco A. Martinez

Lindsey F. McRoberts
Edith C. Pope
Bradley A. Salmi
Adam F. Schlag
Jeffery W. Scohy
William J. Shnowske
Mark A. Sletten

Shayne M. Sullivan
Stephen A. Twardowski
Emily E. Van Degriest
John B. Vereb
Christopher D. Wiest
Benjamin B. Wolf
Paul B. Wurster



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40th Squadron

2001



Christopher B. Allen
Carlin R. Bevan
John A. Blasé
Christopher T. Bodley
Scott R. Bradley

Constance R. Burbage
Chris E. Carden
Tara J. Copas
William Leo Gomes III
Lyndsey E. Goodman
Adam D. Grace
Cherie N. Griffin

Benjamin D. Gunn
Armon J. Higham
David D. Huston
Scott W. Leslie
Jonathan S. Ma
Armando J. Maldonado
Taylor I. Petras-Yang

Michael P. Reilly
Matthew J. Roles
Richard Walter Schafer III
Steven C. Shallenberger
Matthew J. Vedder
Darrell A. Walton
Carl J. Wolfe

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MTA TSgt Christopher
Sandoval

Bringing Back The Old With The New

For CS-40, the year began with a changing of the guard. Having served his term as an AOC at USAFA, Major Brown was on his way out.

C1C Mari Schroering said that "Major Brown taught us what it meant to have pride and then helped us build a unit we could be proud of."

CS-40's new head man, Major Hudson, picked up where his predecessor left off. By keeping the cadets in charge of the squadron a feeling of pride and accomplishment was established.

Having to adapt to a new AOC wasn't very difficult for the second and fourth classmen. But they did have to transition into the entirely different world that is CS-40. With time, the new classes got used to the intricacies and oddities that make the Warhawks unique.

The easiest part of Forty to get used to was the abundance of MWR events. Contests such as "Brain-Freeze" and "Butt-Wipe" were constantly being staged and dining-outs were the norm on birth-

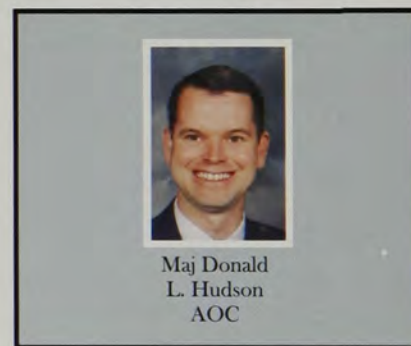
days. On opening day of the baseball season, the entire squad wore baseball hats during noon meal formation. Events like these were commonplace and helped create pride in our unique and carefree attitude.

Finally, the Warhawks are in the process of changing the squadron nickname back to Ali Baba.

C2C Brian Tipton explains, "We wanted to change the patch back because it is the original patch and there was a consensus among a lot of us that the new patch created a break in tradition. We surveyed some of the old graduates, and they all agreed that there is a lot more pride and tradition in the Ali Baba patch."

This may be the last time that the Warhawk name and patch appear in the Polaris Yearbook, but it will not be the last time that the cadets of CS-40 grace its pages with pride and admiration for their squadron and their accomplishments.

by Todd Moenster



Maj Donald
L. Hudson
AOC

Warhawks

FIRSTIES

Section Editor: Phil Hagen

When individuals first enter the Academy, they have a vision of what a cadet is like, and what they aspire to become over the next four years.

Through the first three years at the Acad-

emy, cadets often lose sight of that vision and the idealism that they arrived with. They get bogged down in a daily routine, and the "big picture" becomes an attractive, but distant, idea.

In August of the firstie year, though, it seems that the idea of graduation changes one's perspective on the Academy. As the year progresses, details that have seemed important for the last three years become less

**PRIDE
THROUGH
FULFILLMENT**

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Opti-
mism

causes a firstie to become less concerned with what has already happened, and to focus on the preparations needed for an Air Force career.

In preparing to graduate, though, firsties often realize what the programs at the Academy have taught them, and how prepared they are for the career that lies ahead.

Perhaps they have even grown into the vision they had four years earlier.



CIC Jesse Peterson and a friend reminisce about the last 4 years as they wait for the class of 2001 to return at the "Run to the Rock." Each year, to mark the closing of recognition, fourthclass cadets run to Cathedral Rock to retrieve a pre-planted stone while the firstclass trainers await their arrival. Photo by B. Brandow.



and reminisce about the last 1 year
of his return at the "Run to the Red"
of immigration, he has been called
a pre-planned since while in
general. Photo by B. Brandon.



Mighty Mach One

Vincent Robert Benedetto

Vince
Phoenixville, PA
Political Science

"And in the end," it has all been worthwhile. The Academy ultimately showed me the value of family, friends, and faith. Dad, your words of wisdom always gave me the strength to keep on going. Mom, those care packages never ceased to show me that someone back home loved me. May the future hold new challenges and dreams. Now, "let us go forth to lead the land we love" (JFK).



Kevin Lee Brown

Kevin
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Thanks to all my family and friends that have supported me while here at the Academy, especially my Mom and Dad. Most of all I want to thank God for giving me the strength to press on every day.



Douglas Jay VanDezee Bouton

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"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon... I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed... I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence, the thrill of fulfillment to the scale calm of utopia" Dean Alfange "I'll dance, but I don't know the words" Freshism



David Crisanto Cavazos

Ponch
Port Isabel, TX
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Thanks Mom and Dad for all the support and encouragement. Carlos, the skies the limit, we made it through thick and thin. Rebekah, thank you for always being there and being so understanding. "I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me." Phillipians 4:13



Ovidiu Ciprian Constantineanu
Chip, The Crazy Romanian
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The Academy has been a great experience, especially because of the people I've met here. I want to thank all my friends for our common memories that I will carry with me forever. Oh, I don't want to forget thanking my family and my friends on the other side of the planet for their support.



George Henry Desch
Hank, Diesel
 Topeka, KS
 Political Science

I never thought I would've made it. Many thanks go out to my friends and family. Preppies—we did it! Moose, watch out for LCM and check six. To the original Tigers—we survived! Thank God I'm done with this place. To my friends and squadmates, Good luck and God Bless.



Joseph Daniel Cox
Joe Dan
 Leesburg, FL
 Basic Science (Math)

To all of the fantastic friends I've made, peace be with you. To the Six Pack, take care and stay out of trouble. To all of my fellow Zoomies and Freaks, keep on creepin' on.



David Bradley Eisenbrey
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"Thanks to: Mom, Dad, God, Ned, Tony, Mike, Shannon, Jeff, Hodge, Dave, Shmoe, Kegs, Rob, Chris, Stu, Colleen, the Cyborgs and all the rest of the gang. Colorado drivers. Big Nerds. Snowstorms. The black art of terrain nav. Sneak, sneak, sneak. The Hudson River Club. Thrown out of Limelight!? Rugby! If only you knew... Red Tag Bastards are coming-DOMI-NATE."



Mighty Mach One

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I thank the Lord for giving me the strength and courage to learn and grow in the past four years. I thank my parents for being my two best friends and the most loving and supportive people who taught me the importance of sharing. To my friends (SVH) and family, thanks for your support. "Go placidly amid the haste and noise," but don't be afraid to rock the boat every so often.



Ron Robert Jenkins
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 Quincy, MA
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Thanks to my family and my relatives, for all the love and support you've shown over the last 22 years. To all the fellas/hockey players here, THANKS! You guys were the most important part of the Academy experience—please stay in touch. Pace, wherever you are, we're always thinking of you. "All the promises we break, from the cradle to the grave when all I want is you."



Andrew Bryan Jennings
AJ
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 Human Behavior

"We can conquer anything together all of us our bonded forever. If you die, I die this's the way it is." Pennywise All my love and thanks goes out to my friends and especially my family. Thanks for being there. Recap: Head's. Dirty Brad. Paps. Kerk. Kersch. Big Foul. Mad Drunk. Rope Tow. Taco. DBC. DOM. The Captain. COD. Big Red. You Will be missed!



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Endless thanks to my parents, my grandparents, and to the Zettels. Geah to all the rads and all of the randoms. Ayotte! We couldn't have had more fun and still made it out alive. I couldn't have done it without all the fellas, and I wouldn't have wanted to anyway.

**Robert David Myers**

Bob
Santa Cruz, CA
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Thanks to my family, both home and the Springs. James - You will never be forgotten. Ho Chi Li - Long live Call, lets leave the cold in Colo. Frosh - Who caught the bass? HOOYAH! Bubby & Blake: We know who the real men are. The Green Machine rides forever. Praise be to God from whom all blessings flow. BE SOMEBODY SPECIAL

**Brian Thomas King**

Brian, BK
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Environmental Engineering

"Maybe in order to understand mankind, we have to look at the word itself. Mankind. Basically, it's made up of two separate words - 'mank' and 'ind.' What do these words mean. It's a mystery, and that is why so is mankind." -Deeper Thoughts. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything. Thanks to all my boys here: Erp, DBoz, Ick, Lance, the old Knights, and to all the other BDKs out there.

**Kyle James Pumroy**

Pum, Dumroy
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"Because when they try and break you, new world: desolation, well strength is all you gotta know"-GD. I can't thank enough all those that helped me stay strong and make it: family, old friends, all you old black birds (especially you too Judd), and all you mighty machers. As few and far between as they were, we all had some great times.



Mighty Mach One

Robert Andrew Matlock

Rob
Louisville, KY
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**Matthew Richard Santorsola**

Sola
Mamaroneck, NY
Management

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**Jennifer Lee Murphy**

Jenn, Murph
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I can't believe that I made it! The past 4 years have brought moments I will never forget, and even more that I wouldn't care to remember. Thank Q to all of the Roadrunners and Mighty Mach One-ers that have seen me through my highs and lows, especially Jasen and Kyle (my secrets die with the two of you). Remember...this is simply the end of the beginning.

**Michelle Lynn Tibbitts**

Michellie
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"Our doubts are traitors, And make us lose the good we might win, By fearing to attempt."-Shakespeare. Biggest thanks, mom and dad. I couldn't have done it without all your love and support. Soccer/Tennis ladies- I've enjoyed every day spent with you. Thanks to God for giving me the gifts to survive here. All the amazing memories that I do and do not remember. Ladies...SVH!



Thomas Brian Wolfe

Tammy Ganz
Fayetteville, NC
Management

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Four years at the Academy have been an experience I will always treasure. GOD thanks for your unwavering love that I all too often took for granted. MOM, DAD, Jason and Pee-wee, thanks for all of your love and support!! To all the old Trolls and the Mighty Machs, good luck and God bless!



Aggressors A-Flight



Joseph Frederick Zingaro

Joe
Ankara, Turkey
Aeronautical Engineering

I'd like to thank my parents, LA, Marybeth & Brendan, the keepers of my refugee home (a.k.a. the Fox's) and all my family and freinds. It's been a long few years and I'm glad to be moving on to the next stage in my life. I wish the best of luck to all of my classmates. Let it be known that I hate DFAN.



Aggressors B-Flight

Delta Tau Deuce



Joshua Phillip Armey

JP, Phil
Continental, OH
Ops Research

4 years? Time to fly. Thanks to the folks and sis, Jaime Jo (love ya!), and the ol' Conti fellas. My blurb: Kick ass, take names, and hang with the buds. "...with a firm reliance on Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." Bone, got your wing, JBJM, the Hawks of old, Birdie, G, D, and The Five-CHEERS! Catch ya "where eagles fly"



Nicolas Matthew Diaz

Nico
Nogales, AZ
Management

I remember thinking I'd never make it to graduation, well, now I'm here and I thank God! A million thanks to my friends and family who gave me more support than I could have ever asked for. I would have had a showballs chance in hell without you guys. Nobody said it would be easy, they only said it would be worth it... it truly is!



Erik Vaughan Bilstrom

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I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul - Henley. At time's, these past four years seem like millenia and other time's only minutes. Thank you Mom, Dad, Aaron, and Evan. You were there for both success and failure, to congratulate as well as kick me, for I needed both. I could never hope for friends better than those that I have. Thank you. SCC



Gerard Vincent DiManna

"G", Dago
Arvada, CO
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In the words of my Grandma and the Aunts "grazamo dio" we thank God. Was there ever a doubt? To my BROTHERS, you know who you are, I will truly LOVE you forever. To my DAD thanks for being so hard on me - it made me what I am today. Last to my Grandpa DiManna, I wish you could see me graduate, your memories are my motivation.



Delta Tau Deuce

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Missoula, MT
Computer Science

The joy of the Lord is my strength. I give Him all the credit. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving me no matter what, and G&G who supported me all along the way. MAW, keep hitting home runs. Blessings to my extended family on Praise Team, who showed me how God Rocks, and reminding me "pour it out." CPT, God bless you, bro. To my mates in the band: platinum.



Drew Edward Dougherty

Doc
Downingtown, PA
Business Management

Most would say the journey is over, but I say it is just beginning. Mom, Dad, Curt and Ang- your love and support were what kept me going through all the difficult times. Thanks for everything. To the fellas, for making the most out of the worst. May our 60 days of leave be as TUFF as our weekends in Denver. And boys, always remember I am not afraid to take one for the team! Keep in touch. Doc-



Tonya Joy Bronson

TJ
Honolulu, HI
Humanities

Thanks first and foremost to my loving Savior, Jesus Christ. You have and continue to take me further than I ever dream possible. Fam-I love you-Thanks for always making your love known to me. Thanks to all those who helped me along the way-CA,HBA,The Okomoto's, & Kamalii Manaloa. A few words: Winky & Binky, Daloriz (love it) & Bubkas, Ton-Ton (eeuw), Nik-Nik, & Lehua.



George Kirilov Drensky

George
Sofia, Bulgaria
Bachelor of Science

I would like to thank everyone who helped me and made me tough-I sure did not make it through this place by myself. I thank God, my family, and all my friends for giving me the strength that I needed each day. I knew that I could always depend on them. The road to graduation was tough but I made it and I am very proud of it.



William Warrington Foster
Bill
 Sioux City, IA
 Electrical Engineering

Whoa, made it! I would never have accomplished so much without the help of a lot of people, not the least of which was my supportive family. USAFA has been the best part of my life so far, and I'll never forget it or '98!



Patrick Michael Fox
Foxy
 Concord, NH
 Economics

I guess miracles do happen! Thanks to my family especially Mom and Dad, I wouldn't be anywhere without you, you're the best. To all the fellas, they kicked some of us out but they couldn't get all of us. You guys made this place. I'm always up for a few beers and some BSing at O'Malleys. Ox & Bon Bon thanks for all the good times & good luck next year. TJF '63, PMF '98.



Christopher George Hawn
Slack
 Scottsdale, AZ
 Management

Mom, Dad, Suzy, Mike - you'll never know how much I appreciated your unwavering support and unconditional love over the years. I love you so much!! Thanks for everything...I couldn't have done it without you!! To the WeWo gang - we did it! Bill - best friends! Of roomies - great memories eh?! OV's - we were awesome...always will be! Deuce - what a blast! Good luck to you, fellas!!



Matthew Brandon James
Pokey
 Allentown, PA
 Humanities

Over already? Thanks to all my friends who got me through this place, you know who you are. Thanks also goes out to my friends back home, my family and God. Remember all the good times we had. Remember 17 and streaking Vandy? "It's all about making memories." Well, here's to the good times ahead. Take care and God bless ya. "Only the good die young."



Delta Tau Deuce

Lizabeth Michelle Grupe
Liz
 Fairmount, IL
 Behavioral Science

If everything in life was easy, it would ruin all fun and sense of achievement. Thanks to Dad, Grandpa, Kathy, and JR for the love, support, and motivation. JR, you taught me about love and how to continually strive to be better. I will never forget you. To my preppie, SCQS, and close friends-thanks for the laughs and being there when it mattered.



Jeffrey Michael Kennedy
 Marietta, GA
 Electrical Engineering

Here's to the end of 4 years. I don't think there are words to describe this place; "unique" is as close as I can get. I'm grateful for the opportunities & experiences, but mostly, for the people. After all, it's the people that make USAFA what it is. Thanks to family & friends, your support made the difference. To those who follow: Keep your head up, learn what you can - the good & bad, keep your eyes on your dreams. It really is worth it.



Carl Edwin Haney
 Chatham, IL
 Biology

I want to thank my family (esp. my mother) and friends for being there for me during this time in my life. To the '98 Hawks... We made it...Thanks for everything, good luck, and keep the party rockin'. To the Falconers (esp. Becky, Rochelle, and Dan)...thanks for putting up with me. It was fun. Finally I want to thank USAFA for the good times and friends. Good luck '98!



Alec Siu-Yin Leung
Al
 Haverhill, MA
 Civil Engineering

"I came, I saw, I conquered." - Julius Caesar
 Many thanks, Mom and Dad...could never have done it without your support and advice. To all my buds, and those in Delta House...thanks for making life livable. "Be tough, yet gentle, Humble, yet bold, Swayed always by Beauty and Truth." - Bob Pieh
 Huah Always!



Catherine Nicole McDaniel

Nicki, Betty
Chicago, IL
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

Love, luck, hope and faith have taken me in directions I never expected. So many blessings first appeared as curses, it just took me a while to find the right path. I'm as grateful for the journey as for the destination. There are only four laws that really matter anyway. With a smile and a goodbye, here I go again on my own...

...on eagles' wings.

**Andrew Paul Stohlmann**

Andy, Stands
Glenwood, IA
War Studies

Rebecca & LtCol Mordon—you have been more of an inspiration than you will ever know. HG98—I never would have made it without you all... Sexy Daytona, Mardi Gras, Guinness, continue to avoid the horrid wenches. Next stop... Eastern Europe?? Elizabeth, we both know who ran the group. Does Germany have National Parks? Hey Falcons—what happened to the hotel parties? Death before AOC school!

**Derek Steven Mentzer**

D
Augusta, GA
Management

Who is breathing easier now; me, God, or my Family? KURT, be with you soon to get old, fat and drink beer. Mom and Dad, thank's for constantly pointing me to God; without him, I might have listened to the Comm! BROTHERS, we made it our way! Lord, please grant me the wisdom to always know your absence. Die with Friends and in Glory. Job 23:10

**Richard Charles Tanner**

Dickie T
Montgomery, AL
Biochemistry

I guess this means I made it to the end of the six year road. It's had its ups and downs, but I wouldn't change a thing. To Fish and the rest of the '96 gang, thanks for the memories. Mom and Dad, thanks for the examples of how to live and love, and for your constant support. Erika, I'm the luckiest guy on Earth.



Delta Tau Deuce

James Vincent Miller

Lawton, OK
Computer Science

The times were hard. The only things that kept me going were my close friends and those free weekends. I'd like to send a shout out to all those 98 Redeye's. We made it! Thanks for being there for me. There is one more person I have to thank, my fiancée, April Ann Payton. Thanks for putting up with me and the Academy for 4 years. I LOVE YOU! Looking back on 4 years there is only one thing left to say: You gotta be Huah!

**Shane Stephen Vesely**

Ves
Beverly, MA
Civil Engineering

Thanks to mom, dad, and the fam. You have always encouraged me to seek nothing but the best. Thanks to the lax boys and all the rest of my friends for making a seemingly insurmountable challenge bearable. May all my friends achieve their most lofty goals and never stop having fun while they do. Slack get out of your raaky rack. See ya later Deuce..PW #2

**August Gibson Roesener**

A.G., Aggie
Hardesty, OK
Operations Research (Mathematics)

Here's my advice to the future cadets at the Academy: Never try to sky dive with a scuba tank and never try to scuba dive with a parachute. It's been fun, but peace out!!!

**Elizabeth Kay Zeman**

Beth, BZ
Grand Junction, CO
Foreign Area Studies (French)

"With all it's sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world." Mom, Bob, Meredith, Preston and Tom, thank you for your love and support. '98 swimchicks, OV's, Bangerang!, Alyssa, Carrie and Mark—I couldn't have made it without you. Andrew, I can't thank you enough for your loyalty, dedication and for being my best friend. I'm glad I did it, but I'm glad it's over.



Michael David Ziemann

Mike, Red, Z
Chesterfield, MO
Mechanical Engineering

"And the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - II Timothy 4:6-7 I have no regrets, the friends and experiences have been worth it. Special thanks to Dad, Mom, Matt, the Hanscom's, the Fox's, & Almighty God for everything. To my friends, especially the old Dogs, thanks for the memories, best of luck "out there." Never give up the fight.



Aggressors C-Flight



Aggressors D-Flight



Barbarbians A-Flight

Cereberus



Jeffrey Alan Barnes

Funky, Barnsy
Grandville, MI
Aeronautical Engineering

Almost there. It seems like I've been here forever, yet the time has really passed by very quickly.



Ryan Lee Collins

Rah-Rah
Texarkana, TX
Biology

To God, Mom, Dad, Chad and Tina, Gand G, and the whole Fam Damnly without you this would've only been a dream. To the friends, thanks for everything. Argh, Blake... TO THE CAPTAIN. Come on, twist my arm. What will we toast to next? Also to the Stars and the Dogs, thanks. "Every man dies...not every man really lives." - W.W.



Richard Eugene Blagg, Jr.

Dick, Rich, Stanky
Aubrey, TX
Management

Thank you, Lord! Well, you get what you pay for! No regrets. The friends and experiences have made it all worth it. Kelly, you're the best. I'll always love you. Mom & Dad, thanks for raising me right and always putting up with my crap. Granny, Peggy, Sue, Diane, Wayne, Kenny, Midway - Thanks for the support. Merwin, Joe, Justin, Fats, PDL, Gerry, Kegs, Jeff, Dawgs - Remember where you came from.



Adam Brian Cooper

Coop
El Vado, NM
Engineering Sciences (Astronautical)

This one's for you, Jeremy!!!
...Bye!



Cereberus

Susan René Canady

Sue
Ravenswood, WV
General Engineering (Math)

"For the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up and the time of the singing of birds has come. Yes SPRING is here!" I thank the Lord for the support of my friends and family through it all. Steph, thanks for four years of sharing. Show Choir, you all are the greatest, but don't let it go to your head. To the MEMORIES!



David Christopher Eidsmoe

Montgomery, AL
Math (Arabic)

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 Fell deeds awake: fire and slaughter! spear shall be shaken, shield be splintered, a sword-day, a red day, ere the sun rises! - King Theoden, Lord of the Mark



Joseph Thomas Clancy III

Nubbin, Jose, Tom
Seoul, South Korea
Engineering Mechanics

"At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it." Hebrews 12:11 NAB Thanks to the Warhawks, the Dogs, CS-3.5, my friends, the Hasbroucks, Choir, my parents, and most importantly - God. Without you all, I never would have made it. Later USAFA...It was fun.



Brandon Cornell Evans

Cool Breeze / Breeze
Memphis, TN
Management

As I look back I see that in 4 years I have learned many things, but not what I came to learn. Thank you Lord because without a doubt you brought me through. I thank my family because it was a comfort to know that you were there. To my queens, stay strong, stay beautiful. To the AKIs, GOD FIRST, take care of business, and remember "Before us there were none, after us there shall be no more..."



Gerardo Oakes Gonzalez

Gerry, G, Gonzo, Speedy
Palm Springs, CA
Operations Research

Wow... The Academy... a dream!? No regrets, I'm amazed at all that I've already done. Yeah, at times the work felt unsurmountable, but what is life without challenges. Challenges that test and fuse the incredible bond we now have. To all my friends who've made the trip worthwhile... thanks so much, you are the greatest. To my family, I love you! Thank you for the incredible support. To memories / future!



Brian David Graves

Graves
Louisville, KY
Biology

BBH In a world of compromise, some don't.



Sarah Ruth McCoy

Huntington Beach, CA
Behavioral Science (Philosophy)

I never grasped the dynamic tension between clutter & squareness, but "they" purged the Hedonistic luxuries & idealistic illusions, revealing a heart of regulations. "It gives me great pleasure, indeed, to see the stubbornness of an incorrigible nonconformist warmly acclaimed." (Einstein) Thanks to those who accepted my incorrigible nature & supported my ideals, especially Mom & Dad, for tangible care & the inexpressible solace of your love.



David John Menke

Holes, Snookie, John Boy
Racine, WI
Operations Research

"Lord grant me the courage to change the things I can, the serenity to accept the things I cannot, and the wisdom to know the difference." Mom, Dad, Debbie, and Cindy: You are all irreplaceable treasures, I could not have done it without you. May I never forget what I have learned here: good or bad.



Cerberus

Christel Renee Helquist

Hales Corners, WI
Social Science

Mom & Dad: you taught me how to make lemonade out of lemons & gave me inner strength. Eric: your brilliance is an inspiration. Live long Ozzie & Harriet and Air Force Tennis pride; but most of all at the end of this long journey and the beginning of a new, I thank God for a man plans his actions but the Lord directs his steps. (Proverbs 16:9)



Michael Mosley

Ojai, CA
Operations Research (Math)

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."



Anthony Louis Jiovani

Tony, Wop, The Don
Canton, MI

Astronautical Engineering (German)

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference. - Robert Frost This place was fun... sometimes. Thanks to my family for listening to those phone calls, Lt. Col. Dave Schmitz for helping when things sucked, Col. DeLorenzo for training me, my AOC (if you only knew what I've done), to 3.5 for the lovin'.



Ryan David Nudi

Nudes
Pittsburgh, PA
Operations Research (Math)

Thank you



Jonathan Eric Richards

Kegs, Kegger, Keebler Elf, The Cadet Formerly Known as Kegeler
Miami Beach, FL
Operations Research (Math)

Once the snake is down, and as I look
in your eyes, my fear begins to fade,
recalling all of the times I have died,
and will die, it's all right, I
don't mind. I don't mind.
I don't mind -TOOL



Joseph Henry Wenckus

Joey, Wilby, Sweets, Bobaganoosh
Hinsdale, IL
Slavic Area Studies (Russian)

Ezekial 25:17: The path of the right-
teous man is beset on all sides by the
iniquities of the selfish and the tyranny
of evil men...Just like my four years
here at the Academy...Thanks to all
those who helped me through it
all...Mom, Dad, Dalia, Tricia, and the
rest of my family...and the three best
brothers a guy could
have.....Give Their Lives 4
One Another.



Tobin Shawn Ruff

T Ruff
Aurora, IL
Basic Sciences (Computer Science)



Stephanie Lynn Yost

Steph
Anchorage, AK
Humanities

To my family, thanks for your love,
support and helping me through the
hard times. Justin, our memories will
last a lifetime. Susan, to four years of
living together and friendship, no one
knows me like you. Cilla, from gym-
nastics to lacrosse. I wish you and
Doug the best. Sheri and Kathleen,
five years and we finally made it! You
will always be the closest to my heart.
Friends Forever.



Cerberus

Todd Christian Sprister

TC
Mountain Home, AR
Biology

Only those that have experienced it
can share the pride it has given me...
Both the Academy and the Team have
meant so very much. Thanks be to God
for giving me the strength and deter-
mination to be successful here. With-
out his guidance, I would have been
lost. Thanks to my family and loved
ones...without their undying support,
I would have been alone. On, to the
profession of arms...



Barbarians B-Flight



Merwin Apostol Tatel

Merdog
San Jose, CA
Biology

Wow, what a ride! Thanks mom, pops,
bro for believing in me. My friends in
Dogs and Ratz, you are the best. I'll
never forget the memories. See you
in the next life. PTWOBS...sweet
dreams of Sabre swoops...Attitude
Check! Here's to the best of friends...
I will forever walk the earth with my
eyes turned skyward for there I have
been and there I will long
to return.



Barbarians C-Flight



Fighting Fourth

Jesse Matthew Baker

Bakes, J
Amherst, NH
Computer Science (Philosophy)

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the road less traveled by; And that has made all the difference." To all: a long, strange trip, indeed. To my family and friends: thanx for all your support. To those we've lost: Gone, but not forgotten. "The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep..." Here's a toast....



David Anson Bickerstaff

Bick
Berlin, NJ
History

I hope that after a while I can look back at my time at "Camp Lots-A-Fun" and say something in addition to, "at least I made a lot of good friends." In the mean time, thanks to all the great friends who made it possible. Special thanks and love to the Magas family, Mom, Stan, Tom, Pop, and Maddy!



Christel Angelica Chavez

Albuquerque, NM
Social Sciences

Mama and Scott, Daddy and Celia, and Sister, thank you for all of your support to help make my dream come true. I love you. - Christelly



Michael Dean Connor

ConDog
Wichita, KS
Military History

Well these four years have taught me a lot about life. There is no such thing as a free education. To my parents, family, friends that stood beside me through the hardest of times: Thank you. To the Dean and those that thought I couldn't make it through here: Ha, I won. To Tracie, the love of my life, thank you for everything. You will never know how much you mean to me.



Justin Walter Dierking

East Grand Rapids, MI
Electrical Engineering

"It's not whether you get knocked down. It's whether you get up again." - Vince Lombardi. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Jon, Jimmy, Cathy, and Matt for pulling me through the tough times; couldn't have made it without you. To all the fellas - I'll never forget the great times together and all the trouble we should have gotten into. The most important things we can take away from this place are the memories...

**Aaron Michael Lotton**

Ichabod
Sioux Falls, SD
Economics (Chinese)

"Fortunately, we are not in control." - Willie Nelson. Thank you to those who deserve it. To my fellas, keep being the people that people tell stories about. Take it easy and God speed.

**Erik Lee Eichin**

Ike
Oak Ridge, TN
Physics (Math)

Time flies even when life stinks and boy I am glad I am outta here. I am also thankful for all of those who have helped me through this place. Mom, Dad, Cheryl, Mark, Robert, and those who were here with me: Alex, Poker, Peep, Lewis, Rob, Gibby, Joe, Foags, and of course Englin. Thanks for all of the memories.

**Chase Craft Maenius**

Bull
Fort Worth, TX
Management

First and foremost I'd like to thank the Lord. You gave me the faith and strength to persevere. Next I want to thank my family, you were always there for me and your support got me through this place. Finally, thanks to all my friends and loved ones, you guys made it all worthwhile. "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."



Fightin' Fourth

Douglas James Hellinger

Doug
Lindsay, TX
Astronautical Engineering

"As long as one heart still holds on Then hope is never really gone." - GB
"That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse." - WW Meadow.

**Ryan Joseph Mahoney**

Stat, HoonDog, Hoonie
Hayden, CO
Materials Science

First of all, I want to thank God for getting me through this place. I also want to thank my family, especially my parents for always being there when I need them. Thanks goes out to all of my friends, I couldn't have gone through this place with any better people than them. Finally, I just want to wish everybody the best in their endeavors and hope to see you soon.

**John Philip Lindell III**

Phil
Wilmington, DE
Human Behavior

I just want to thank all the people that made this possible. My parents for one, my sisters and my brother for helping when I needed it. Erin you are a big part of this. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Quinn. A special thanks goes to Maz, Spoony, Ves, TT, Burrito, Brad, Foz and Benny, for keeping me going. To my friends present past and beyond. Mike and Lauren raise one for me. PW #2

**Gregory Michael Meis**

Naperville, IL
Biochemistry

Thanks to God and my family for helping me get through the Academy experience. I love you guys! USAFA gymnastics rocks! Richard-head, you pig. Do you believe we made it? Here's to Wolfie, Stuck, V, Taint, and all the other dirtballs I don't have time to mention. Shell—we still have a lot of good times ahead, so hurry up and get out of here, 'K? Your smile makes every day better!



Cory Jonathan Middel
Grand Rapids, MI
Biology Pre-Medicine

Thank you Jesus, mom, dad, Pat, Adolf, and all the friends I've made along the way! "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you."



Jian St. John Peña
Killeen, TX
Operations Research

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed..." Thank you Lord, I give You all the glory. Dad, Mom, Summer, Grandma & Grandpa, Grandma Chana, and all of "the brothers," thanks for the unconditional support and love. Cindy, you make everyday brighter; you make my life complete. To "the Five," Chase, Pooch, Arron, and G, "the road goes on forever, and the party never ends." Go For Wand!



Ryan James Paolucci
Pooch
North Canton, OH
Management

Praise, Honor, and Glory to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all the blessings in my life. Mom, Dad, and Jeff I could never thank you enough for all of your support. I love you. A big shout to all of the boys, especially, Derek, Mayor, Paridog, Big C and G. Finally to Grams and Gramps, I made it. I hope your proud. Phillipians 4:13



Thomas Henry Rapko
Goose
Woonsocket, RI
Geography

Thanks Mom and Dad I couldn't have done it without you.



Fightin' Fourth

Andrew Douglas Parke
Andy, Drew
Colmar, PA
General Engineering

Fellas, Fighters, Roomies, Knights of ole, and BBH—we made the most of it: LA, the Moon, Jim & Darlenes', Vegas, Mazatlan, Panama, the cruise, Europe, Cripple Creek, the spot, Breckenridge, Vail, Frisco, hunting, camping, Okinawa, WYO, CSU, CU, DU, and Embassy Suites free happy hour; but, the best times are yet to come...Thanks Mom & Dad, and Rich & Mike for all your support and money!



Suzanne Cartmill Rourke
Suz, Susie, Roarke
Harrison, NY
Social Science (Spanish)

"We forever salute this uniquely beautiful place where the journey into our lives began." There WERE many Monday mornings, but it was a gift of roots with which to grow & wings with which to fly that gave me the strength to endure. In my heart the Academy will always remain... I have found myself, my soulmate, and my God. Oh what your eyes have seen my precious father...



Jeffrey Charles Parr
GQ, Fatty Huge
Boulder, CO
Civil Engineering

I praise God for bringing me to USAFA. Jesus Christ is everything to me, I give Him the glory for my experiences here. Football was a blast (shout out to my brothers) as was sharing the good news of Jesus. I love you Kelly, mom, dad, Scott. "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." IIChronicles 16:9



Nathaniel James Smith
Nate
El Paso, TX
General Engineer

The Academy was yet another step in life over which I have stumbled and fallen very hard. It will take time for my wounds to heal from this ordeal, but I know I shall be back on my feet after a short nap on the ground. Finally, I want to thank God, above all, for helping me to make it through life and my family and friends for being with me.



Justin Bradley Spears

Brad
Jonesboro, GA
English

"Turning & turning in the widening gyre. The falcon cannot hear the falconer; Things fall apart; the center cannot hold; Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world. The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, & everywhere The ceremony of innocence is drowned; The best lack all conviction, while the worst Are full of passionate intensity. Surely some revelation is at hand; Surely the Second Coming is at hand..." - Yeats



Kari Beth Townsend

Alexandria, MN
History (French)

Memories, experiences, & lessons are 3 things that can't be taken away. My friends shared the memories, USAFA gave me the experiences, & the Lord taught me the lessons. He taught me a smile can make the difference in someone's day. I now believe that "In everything you do, put God first & He will direct you and crown your efforts with success." - Proverbs 3:6



Tracy Lana Villano

Westminster, CO
Humanities

"So let's me and you go get a new tattoo, we can hop on a Harley and cruise..." - Concrete Blonde
It's all about your attitude! All smiles!



Susan Ayleen Whalen

Sue
Floyd, VA
Math

Wow, it's been crazy. I honestly don't know how I made it this far. Thank God for my wonderful friends who have not only helped me through the rough times, but have been there to share some great times as well. Fighters, old Skyraiders, and SCQS- I love you all... and when you're flying high above the clouds, I hope you find that silver lining.



Fightin' Fourth

Tara Marie Vice

Wendy
Cincinnati, OH
Human Factors

A wise man once said "The darker the night, the brighter the stars." Well, I still haven't seen the stars due to the thundercloud in the way, but I'm finally starting to believe they're out there. Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Eric for putting up with all my whining and to all my friends who have endured the torture right alongside me. Your love has seen me through...



Barabarians D-Flight



Cobras A-Flight



Cobras B-Flight



Wolfpack Five

Joshua Clifton Anderson

Corpus Christi, TX
American History

Thank you Lord for everything. Thanks Mom and Dad. You got me hear and helped me hold on. Thank you Melissa for making the past two years and the rest of my life so special. Ryan, keep up the hard work. I'm proud of you. Greg, I couldn't have asked for a better friend. As for the TEAM, you guys are the greatest. You know what comes first.... HG '98.



Samuel Paul Baxter

Sammy
Syracuse, NY
Operations Research (French, Math)

"Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get." My thanks to my family for guiding me toward success. My thanks to my friends for the happiness along the way.



Karsten Jewel Anderson

Kujo
Alamogordo, NM
Civil Engineering

Despite all of the hardships, his place has taught me to beware of the lollipop of complacency, if you lick it once you'll suck forever.



Brett Martin Comer

San Jose, CA
Meteorology (Math)

Thanks to all my supporters through my four years here. I was extremely blessed to have such a great group of family and friends. A special thanks to my mom and dad who have always been there for me. Good bye to a great bunch of friends. It has been a long four years and we stuck together through the good and the bad. "All Right." God Bless!



Nathanael David Crimmins

Da Bomb
Rockledge, FL
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks to God, my family, and friends I have made it through the zoo. I would have never made it without your support. Mom and dad, you have been my steadfast rock throughout my life. Brothers, you are awesome and I thank God that He blessed me with you guys. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim. 4:7) "Allright!" JMC



Matthew Robert Edwards

Matt Bob Ed
Shawnee, KS
Astronautical Engineering

Four years in passing*Too many friends found and lost*What a great place in retrospect*And cupid still waits at my beckon call*But where are the documentary makers to record it all*Sipping at my casks of Amontillado*The aroma so much like this life*Bitter and edgy going down*How I love the sweet aftertaste*Or maybe I'm just making stuff up.



Jordan George Grant

Wildman, CEO SCC
Rupert, ID
Aeronautical Engineering (Russian)

Thanks to the Fam for all the love, support, and money you've given me for 4 years. I never could have succeeded without you. To My Chica: Thank you for everything. You were my strength and courage - I love you forever. Co-bras of '98: FFFTT! Go Wolfpack Handball!! To the Dominators: '98 Dominates!! HUAH!! Life is an attitude, attitude is a choice. Choose wisely and you'll succeed.



Zoë Cathleen Hawes

Za
Canton, MA
Biology/Aerospace Physiology

No matter what my dream, there has always been someone giving me the confidence to reach. My family - You will always be everything to me. I love you. The gang - Thank you isn't enough. I couldn't have made it without you. The team - 4 years of fun, 4 years of friendship. Never stop dreaming.



Wolfpack Five

Jennifer Renee Fugiel

Jenn
Roscoe, IL
Management

What a bittersweet journey we have endured! I owe it to God, family & friends. Mom, Dad, Jackie, I love you! Friends, thanks for the memories that I will cherish forever & whatever hardships come, REMEMBER "We just gotta keep livin, man - L-I-V-I-N!" D&C "As for the Academy...Your redundancy stains Tired of infantile claims Live puppets on a string Untangle you from me" AIC - YELE!!!



Walter Edward Horton II

Rudi
San Jose, CA
Human Behavior (Japanese)

What is freedom? Choice? We all choose every decision we make. I look at my life and I smile, because I am truly free. I am full of love, for my family (Mommy, Daddy, and Lisa), my friends (Zabs, Bone, Jamal, & Steiner), and my self. But most of all, I love life and every part of it... even you! Share my dreams with me...



Michael Luke Gargasz

Luke
Portland, IN
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Well, I made it! I wanted to say something funny or cynical, but all I can think of is thanks. Thanks to my family whose love has kept me going, to the Skyraider fellas who made for some fun times, to the Young's and Schoenlein's who made my college experience easier, & to Katie for putting up with so much to see me. I've learned a lot, and made the best friends a person could dream.



Joshua Franklin Hughes

Huger
Ripley, WV
Biology

"The tragedy of life is that man can endure anything." -WF Thank Mom, Dad, Glen and Georgia for helping me endure these last four years. Bird crew, thanx for sharing the ride. Pack, It's been fun; Love you guys. Wrestlers, I wish you strength and courage. Thank you to all of my friends: Veni, Vede, Veci! "Have the courage to succeed!"



John Wesley Kampfenkel

Nos
Marlin, TX
Social Sciences

I don't whether to be thankful that I survived the system or thankful that the system survived me. Thank goodness I didn't become cynical or find any hypocrisy during my tenure at the academy. Don't look back and wish there was something you should have done. Do something now that you can look back on and be glad that you did it.



Matthew George Leddy

Matt
Queens, NY
Human Factors

First, I would like to thank God. Then I'd like to thank the Academy, and everyone that made this possible. I must especially thank my producers: Mommy, and Daddy...thanks Jeanine, Suzy, Jimmy, Laurretta, Cookie, Shamus, etc. Hey Jimmy, I think it was a good idea not telling what it was really like. Norm, Esta, I owe you.



Julius Alfred Kinkle Jr.

Al
West Palm Beach, FL
English

REVOLUTION-ALL DAY, EVERYDAY-KNOW NO LIMITS. One thing about a USAFA education is it shows you a world of Freedom, & says, "NO!" Well, I ain't down with that. I want IT and i'm going to get IT. I may not be what many, brainwashed by a slave society, consider successful, but i know i'm destined for greatness. What about you though? Do you even know you're alive?



Grant Henneke Lewis

G
Seattle, WA
English (Math)

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." Blue Skies



Wolfpack Five

Jeremiah O'Connor Klomp

Klomp, J-mo, Klompuh, Jeremy
Panaca, NV
Biology (Chinese)

It's here! We made it! A firstie once aid, "Two things will get you through here: Belief in God and your classmates." Thanks to Bob, Mel, Rizzo and the old school, as well as Nate, Adam, Josh, Zoe and the new kids! Couldn't have made it without Rich, YT and the party buds. Tami, you're wonderful, but I couldn't have done it without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks.



Justin Michael Mahoney

Flash
Chino Hills, CA
Computer Science

Much lovin' to my parents, Susan and Mike. I could not have made it without your calling card. As soon as I showed up for boot camp, I knew I made a mistake. How naive I was to not realize how much "better" this place got with time. Here's a throw-out to the bros: from the old and the new squadrons. 'sup foo-later



Cheree Susan Kochen

Boulder, CO
Foreign Area Studies (Russian)

would like to thank God, my friends and family for supporting me through the past four years. Without your help I would not be where I am today! To Tami I owe a special thanks for all the entertaining emails, which kept me laughing. For Shane I want you to know I love you and support you. Believe in yourself ways, and make the best of what you have.



Louis Eugene Morgan

Bob, Enrique
Fort Walton Beach, FL
Basic Sciences

"I know what you're thinking about," said Tweedledum; "but it isn't so, no-how." "Contrariwise," continued Tweedledee, "if it was so, it might be; and if it were so, it would be; but as it isn't, it ain't. That's Logic"



Erick Robert Muñoz

Fructose, Munoz
Redlands, CA
Chemistry

I learned two things here: take what you can get and "strive to slack." Follow that and your set. Any less would be unacceptable.



Adam Anders Palmer

Parker
Sumner, WA
World History

Thank God it's over. Lots of thanks and love to my family and friends. Thanks Mom and Tom for all the letters and inspiration. To all the guys from 28 and 5, it was a wild ride and I feel lucky to have gone through so much with you all. "Seriously Zitzmann, what the..." Goodbye and God bless. "All right!"



Wendy Jo Volkland

Tara
Great Falls, MT
Engineering Sciences

"And now these three remain: faith, hope, & love." Thanks God, family, friends for giving me these, which gave me strength to persevere. Thanks Rads for keeping life crazy; EllyMay for having courage to be happy; LisaD for smilin'; Matty for your prayers & faces; campers/skiers; talkative roomies; Jen & Co.; Coach; CST; 'Smores, somebody likes rabbits; SCQS: Who needs LOS? II Corin 4:8-18



Christopher Harold Willis

C-Dub
Colorado Springs, CO
Social Sciences

Thanks to all the people who have supported me in the past. Most importantly I thank my "family." It's been 5 years since I started and now the time has come for me to move on. Without you all I wouldn't be here today. - Peace Dat -



Wolfpack Five

Bradley James Stebbins

Brad
Orlando, FL
Biology

Thank you, Lord. You have given me my life, my family, my friends, and the ability to love. Cristin, Terry, Mom, and Dad, thanks for always being there. To all the rest, we will meet again. "If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run, yours is the Earth and everything that's in it." - Kipling. "All right!"



Mary Conner Wyatt

Conner
Midlothian, VA
English (German)

I am forever indebted to my father, who knows something about everything, my mother, whose inner strength carried me, Jeff, who showed me the beauty of individual expression, Doug, who could teach the world what love really means, & Derek & Anne, my best friends. Tobias Wolff wrote "memory has its own story to tell." As for the Academy, I can't say I'll forget. DSA!



Cobras C-Flight



Cobras D-Flight



Ragin' Bull Six

Ronald Bryan Bellamy

Bryan, Ronnie, Bill
Bristol, VA
Biology

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Phil. 4:13. These words got and kept me here. I thank God everyday for all the opportunities receive. Mom and Dad, your love and faith have meant more than you will ever know. To all the fellas, thanks or letting me play along. To the Bullies, keep Ragin'. To JSFA, I bent but didn't break. GO VOLS!



Russell Alexander Brown

St. George UT
Basic Sciences

As I left the safety of my home all I wanted to see is what I and others would do in pressure situations. I have seen pressure situations. I have felt uncomfortable. I have adapted. I have succeeded. I have graduated! "I have fought a good fight, I have finished this course, I have kept the faith" 1991 - 1998 KTP to Dominate... Thanks to those who helped along the way.



Derek Alan Bozman

DBoz
Wittman, MD
Biochemistry

leave this place knowing that I truly have weathered the bad times. Through the strength of my parents, friends, and God I know that I will be able to pursue and attain any dream.



Joseph Peter Clements

East Northport, NY
Management

Thank you Mom and Dad for walking with me through the rough times and for directing me when I couldn't clearly see what was ahead. To Stephanie, together we've reached the end of the tunnel, thank you for always being there when I needed you most. To Shawn, Gil, Brett, and the fellas from the Herd: To all the good times and to the best of luck in the future.



Elizabeth Diane Ferrill

Beth
Bethesda, MD
Computer Science

"I'm glad I did it. Partly because it was worth it, and partly because I'll never have to do it again." - Mark Twain. I can't believe four years are over so quickly. I know that I didn't make it through this place alone. Thanks Mommy, Sterling, Daddy, Liz & Meg for all the e-mails, cards, and packages. Whatever success I found here was based on the love and support from home.

**Jarrett Martin Hlavaty**

Vaty
Sugar Land, TX
Operations Research (Math)

I just want to thank my family and friends for getting me through and keeping me grounded. Without all you guys, I literally would not be here today. I may not have done much to change this place, but at least I didn't let this place change me. Because if you let them take your individuality, they will."

**Jeremy Charles Fischman**

Fish
Pompton Lakes, NJ
Aeronautics (Math)

Thanks to my friends for being there: Coop, Lotty, Mel, Smurf, Casey and TK, Joey, Zaa, Snowman, and a bunch who I don't have space for here. I won't see many of you for a while, but the world's a funny place, so this isn't a "farewell," it's a "see you later." To my family, thanks, you've been my backbone. Now, where's the butter bars and fighter planes?

**Calvin Hodgson**

Hodg
Montesano, WA
War Studies

If you can't say anything nice, they won't let you say anything at all. Thus I'll digress to writing my Oscar acceptance speech. Thanks to Mom, Dad, the old snakes, sixers, the fellas from back home, and the CFH. No thanks to dogma, the pop culture, or that drunk from n-n-n-ninety five. To Jeff and Travis, its fun to take a trip... 2 John 1:7 deceiving aren't I.



Ragin' Bull Six

Craig Senft Fitzpatrick

Fitz
Irmo, SC
Legal Studies

It's been a wild ride. Right now I can't wait to get out of this place, but I am sure that when I'm 65 and retired, I'll miss the Academy too. I will, however, miss the people here. To all of you who kept me here, thanks (I think???) and thanks to everyone who was a real friend. olo 8,000 points Josh, beat that. Loose Haws, bolt.

**Geoffrey Mark Jensen**

Tito, Little Johnson, Jennings
Spring, TX
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

First, I would like to thank my bro. Thanks for making this place easier and I am proud of you! Mom, Dad, and Jenette thanks for always looking out for me. Thanks Kel for being there for me for the worst year of my life. Thanks to the gymnastics team and coaches, my friends, my roommates, and my teachers. I love you all! Please keep in touch!

**Roosevelt Antonio Hanna**

Pahoke, CT, H
Pahokee, FL
Human Factors Engineering

First of all, I would like to thank God for making this all possible. To my boys Ray, JB, and Adam, good luck in the future. Thanks to the Phipps for dealing with me for the past five years. To my family, teachers, and friends, thanks for all of your support. To the Bull Six family, it's been a blast! If it's not Bull Six...

**Lindsay Elizabeth Kaun**

Genghis
Virginia Beach, VA
Biology

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.... Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Alex.... without your support I wouldn't be where I am. Allison, we DID IT and we did it better than anyone could have imagined. Kari- thanks for all the great talks and good times! Corey, hang in there... it's almost over! "Don't be afraid to dream, for out of such fragile things come miracles".



Gabriel William Ledford

Gabe
Coopersville, MI
Computer Science

The most important thing I learned is that God can and wants to use you anywhere. Grow where you're planted! I just wish it hadn't taken me 2 years to learn it. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Grandad, and Bonnie for showing me the way. Paul, you'll never be as good a shot as me!



Gilbert Anthony Muñoz

Gil
Tucson, AZ
Political Science (Spanish)

Family, friends and great times made the last 5 years go so fast. THANKS Folks, you mean the world to me! Fellas, I'd run a plan A, B or C with any of you as long as we don't forget Jose, Jenny, thank you for making my life so wonderful, you're awesome. Strong as a bull! RLTW



John William Lucas

John
Temple Hills, MD
Political Science

Cody, Dave, and James thanks for the good times and bailing me out when I did something stupid. Thanks Mom and Dad for all the encouragement. Only the strong made it.



Stephen Edward Olson

Steve, Fatty
Spokane, WA
Aeronautical Engineering

If I learned anything at the Academy, it is this: no earthly accomplishment equals the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ - Phillipians 3:7-8. Jeremy and Jon, I am eternally grateful for your friendship. Flying Team Fellas, it was never easy, but it sure was fun. All hail Waffle House! Former Loose Hawgs, we did it! Gabe and Fitz, sorry about the gas. Bulls, rock on! '98 Huah! Fatty's Out!



Ragin' Bull Six

Joseph Michael Markusfeld

Joc, SJ
Pueblo, CO
Political Science

All I can say is, "no regrets." To my family, words can never express... To the Animals and the Bulls, I now know the meaning of the word "pals." To the Dominators, stay Hooah! After 4 years I finally found the recipe: faith, pals, and heart, nothing more needed. One last thought: in the face of cynicism, never forget the idealism that made us who we are... Pals.



Amy Marie Petrina

Amelia
Hershey, PA
Human Factors Engineering

So, where will we be when we get to where we're going? Thanks family, friends (especially the team), & Major Tess! Gibber, thanks for keeping this place a surprise for me! "I ain't changed, but I know I ain't the same." - Jakob Dylan - Scrummies Swarm!



Jeffrey Scott Matre

PICO
Kingwood, TX
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

You never appreciate something till it's been snatched away from you and you've given your all to get it back. Mom, Dad, thank you for always supporting me, no matter what kind of trouble I got into. Bryan, Mike, and Marc: We made it. TWOBs: Here's to you...



Rafal Rusek

Raffi, Raf
Westbrook, MN
Foreign Area Studies (Russian)

It has been a very long journey, one which I will always remember. It would have been impossible for me to have made it this far without the support of some special people - Mom, Dad, Brother... Thanks for everything! I would also like to thank all my friends who were there with me during the hard times as well as the fun times. And of course the OVs...keep Dominating!



Gregory Adam Sevening

SEV
Carmel, IN
Biology

Thank you God, Mom, Dad, Will, Amy, Rob, Matt for always being part of me. We will forever stand together. I found the path I choose to walk with my hand holding Yours Jesus. I will walk slow, for my path is lined with works of God. Always open, "Will You Walk With Me?" TOYA. Isaiah 7:9. Trav, Dog, Tosh RJ, together we make the journey. Woolpullers Always. Keeper. AMEN.



John Charles Wahrmond

Johnny
El Paso, TX
Engineering Mechanics

I never knew four years could be so long. After many sleepless nights and much prayer, this part of my life is now finished. I couldn't have done it without Lisa, mom and dad, the Praise Team (past and present), JBell, Shrub, and God. This place took a lot of faith. Never lose sight of your dreams. Thank you Lord for your grace and mercy. 1 John 5:4



Jacob Ryan Sherer

Jake, Bulldog
Portland, OR
Social Science

Thanks to my family who helped me through life at camp USAFA. Thanks to all the fellas for all the good times (you know who you are). And thanks to George Thurogood "OUT THE DOOR I WENT".



Brett Joseph Wells

Wellsy
Beatrice, NE
Human Factors Engineering

Mom, Dad, and Jared, thank you so much for helping me stick it out. You always gave me just the right amount of love and support when I needed it. Jessie, together we made it and I will never be able to thank you enough for everything you've done. Fellas, you will always be my greatest friends. Here's to four years finally gone, to Pam's, and a chipped front tooth.



Ragin' Bull Six

Jimmy Wilson Smith II

Jim Hat
Marshville, NC
Electrical Engineering

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Michelle, Mandy, friends, and God for making this place tolerable. Campus Rads and Bull Sixers, your are the greatest. I hope that you find joy in life no matter what you do or where you go. Take care and look to the stars.



Ryan Jesse Wilson

Rhyno
Colville, WA
Operations Research

May everybody be so lucky To have friends like mine, To keep you sane, help you out, And remind you who you are. They helped me dream and stay alive Through trial and tribulation. But most of all they stand beside you When no one else will. Thanks Mom, Dad, Joel, for teasing me, keeping life in perspective, and me in my place. Booker, live the life we dream about. OV



Demons A-Flight



Demons B-Flight



Shadow Seven

Joy Elizabeth Boston

JEB Jr., Crazy Boston
Melean, VA
Biology

Every day's a holiday when
you love what you do



Matthew Charles Gill

Quincy, WA
Biology

Thanks to my family and friends at home who have supported me from day one for four long years. Teestah, Fer, Fronzie, G, Y, thanks for your great friendship and all the good times (wh baby!). I love you guys! I wish you all the best. God Bless.



Abram Walter Ebia

Abe
Sheridan, WY
Legal Studies (Spanish)

A mis hermanos: I would die for you. To those I care about: I hope the best in this world for you. God is the only reason I made it...with help from my brothers and family—Thank You.



Michael Joseph Hagan

Mike
Kansas City, KS
Political Science

Regarding everything that has occurred here, I can really only reflect upon the positive. The friends and memories that I have made will always be part of me. Morgan, Ian, James Pitetti, and all of my friends, knowing you has made me a better person. To my family—your spiritual guidance and incessant support have made this possible. I love you. Finally, thank you God, just for everything.



Lisa Marie Johnson

Lake Arthur, NM
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

"I've got a bottle of tequila baby, who needs friends?" Totally untrue but I loved the quote. My friends are the only thing that stopped me from goin' nuts! Although Jose Cuervo definitely deserves some recognition for making it tolerable. Thanks to everyone in Deuce & Cellblock - We started out with some great guys, wish we all coulda' left with that diploma! Alyssa please stay outta' trouble & Joy I'll miss ya'!

**Ryan Jae Melville**

Herman
Ramona, CA
Physics (Math)

These six years have truly been awesome. True, at times the way was barred with seemingly impenetrable obstacles; yet the fight has been glorious, and the victory is sweet. When all has been said and done, you may contest that more has been said than done, but I for one will always be grateful for these experiences which have helped shape me into the man I am today. God Bless!

**McCurdy William Jones III**

Mac
Ludwigshafen, Germany
Biology

Lead, follow, or get the hell out the way. Thanx to those who led or followed. Dad, Mom, Mrs. Roberts, Melanie, and Marvin: Thanks for standing behind me, I'll never forget that. To those still doing time: See ya on the flip side. Free at last.

**Doyle Anthony Pompa**

Digity
Albuquerque, NM
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

"Civilization is always in danger when those who have never learned to obey are given the right to command." Thanks Dad for your constant support, Mom for always worrying about me, & God for lighting the way. I love you. Ratz..Shadows..Tigity..Guard. Long live Aero: VT & Punk Daddy Haws. Becky, you made it truly special; thanks for memories. "Welcome to your life; There's no turning back."



Shadow Seven

Charity Anne Kauffman

Tampa, FL
Meteorology

"Seek To Serve" My thanks to those who've helped me: C.A., you were always there for me, through good times and bad; Mom and Dad (both sets) moral support, food, laundry, phone bills!; My special friend "Sissy", I may not have always said it, but you've been a great friend. My advice: Keep things in perspective, don't sweat the small stuff...it always gets better - Good Luck!

**Ryan John Quaale**

Fatty Huge
Redmond, WA
Mechanical Engineering

Mom, Dad and family thanks for all the support. I love you. Shauna, you are the greatest. I love you. Brothers, thanks for lining it up with me. Fattys (you know who you are) thank you for your friendship. Ahe, we'll always be boys.

**Ronald Alexander Lecza, Jr.**

Lex
LaFayette, LA
Mechanical Engineering

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**Paul Isaac Roberts**

Paul I. Little Guy
Baxter, TN
Political Science

Most importantly, I would like to thank God for all the strength and love America for the opportunities. My family for their prayers and support. My friends for being there and some great memories. And Maria, you made me whole with your love. This place showed me what kind of leader I don't ever want to be. Always remember to put others first, not money, recognition, or a career.



Joseph Robert Scholtz

Wind Lake, WI
Engineering (Math)

"time is never time at all
you can never ever leave without leav-
ing a piece of youth
and our lives are forever changed
we will never be the same
the more you change the
less you feel
believe..."
-Billy Corgan



Rodric Schrod Smith

Smooth-As-Silk, Turtle, Smiley
Tulsa, OK
Human Factors

Seize the Moment Before the
Memory!!! Live life with a passionate
vengeance making the most of the time
with your heart's loves...not enough
time to go to bed angry...it's not worth
it. Life is a rhythm, learn to dance to it
in your own way and learn to dance to
it with others! Basketball, keep it tight,
yo! Smile and take care! Crazy Horse
lives! The Teacher retires!



Scott McRae Tomlinson

Tommy
Memphis, TN
History - War Studies

Every member of the military is about
preparing for war. If you aren't a war-
rior, if you don't love peace but stand
ready to fight, if you cannot go toe to
toe with your man, look him in the eye
and kill him, then you are weakening
your armed service. We are reluctant
killers, dedicated to duty, trusting in
God, and committed to maintaining
peace by superior firepower.



Timothy Lynn Toothman, Jr.

Xenia, OH
Physics (Math)

"Life is too important to be taken seri-
ously" -Oscar Wilde
Life is too short to live by the rules and
you can't relive it when its over, so live
life to the fullest everyday. Doyle,
Thanks for 4 years; I couldn't have
made it without you. Thanks to all
those who made the trip a little bit
more enjoyable. It won't mean a thing
in a hundred years... Blue
skies.... Absolute Skydiving



Shadow Seven

Wesley William Sweitzer

Wes
Rome, GA
Management

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for all the support and encouragement
you have given me in my time at the
Academy. I never would have made it
without you. To Emily, thank you for
all of your support and love, and I will
always love you. Finally, to all my
friends from the Academy,
thanks for the good times
and sticking together. We
made it!



Rachel Marie Tukey

Rae Rae
San Diego, CA
Human Factors Engineering

Inconceivable!!! I can't believe I am
even writing this. DSA, redeyes, swim-
ming chicks, shadows, you are awe-
some. Jessi, Cami, Gretch, my inexi-
table sisters. Bobby, thank you for
bringing laughter and love to my life.
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Jenbear, I love you so much; my con-
stant reminder to keep my face towards
sunshine so I would not see
the shadows.



Paul Alexander Theriot

Navy Brat
Political Science

"If I have seen farther than others it is
because I was standing on the shoul-
ders of giants." Some giants—mom and
dad, sis, the rest of the family, friends,
and sponsors. Great examples are hard
to come by, and I've had many.
Thanks. "When I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur and feel
the gentle breeze...then sings
my soul how great Thou
art."



William Brian Vaughn

Veeter
Fort Worth, TX
Political Science

Unable to impart my many reflections
in this space, I simply offer thanks to
those who have helped me take one
more step toward the realization of a
life-long goal. I especially thank my
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for His
unconditional love; my parents for
their unfaltering support, and my
friends for just being themselves. "I
say 'try'; if we never try, we
shall never succeed." -Lin-
coln



Joshua Logan Warren

Fayetteville, GA
Operations Research

"We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face...we must do that which we think we cannot." - Eleanor Roosevelt
Many thanks to God, Mom & Dad, Ash, and the fellas (CISPS); I couldn't have made it through this place without any of you, I love you all. "It's life Jim, but not as we know it."
- Spock



Michael Alexander Willis

Mike, Commie, Mikail
Bellaire, TX
General Engineering (Russian)

"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." To the Wolverines, Executioner's Chainsaw Flight alumni - Rip and Tear! To Cellblock/Shadow - Take the hill! Thanks to: family for the faith when I had none, friends for the cheer when I had little, & the Astro department for teaching me it wasn't worth it. The Willis academy tradition continues. "For above the people must sit the knight..." Lancelot



Patrick Christian Williams

Pat, Sweetie
Fort Rucker, AL
Meteorology

Punkin, I love you!! I couldn't have made it without you! Mom & Dad, thank you for being there when I needed you. Dad, your advice is priceless. Mom, your care packages fed my whole squadron! Momma Allen, thanks for being my family away from home. Your brownies were a hit. To the USAFA Karate Team, Lightning Quick and Ready to Stick! DFWU!! "IT WAS!"



Vincent Corrales Zabala III

Zabs, Vega, Vinnie, Vincenzo, Alabaz
San Diego, CA
Operations Research

Thanks for everything that was, is, and will be. Walter, my boy from Cali. Bone, the mirage on the road awaits us. Jamie, always smooth, never bitter. Thank you Mama, Daad, and John-John for all your love. I love you God, my mentor and companion. Like a rolling stone...I love life; I live life; I am life. Thank you USAFA, take care, and don't forget to dance...



Eagle Eight



Jason Michael Alderman

San Antonio, TX
Space Physics

"...the world is just as concrete, ornery, vile and sublimely wonderful as before, only now I better understand my relation to it and it to me." —Ralph Ellison, *INVISIBLE MAN*

To my father, mother, brother, family, friends and fellow 98ers, thank you for everything. I never could have chosen a better class in which to be.

**Scott Michael Breece**

Breezy, Copper
Charlotte, NC
Civil Engineering

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**Trenton Ross Alexander**

Chesapeake, VA
Biology

They say you learn the most from your most difficult experiences... What a stupid system. Thank you to all the family, friends and teammates, who believed in the size of the fight in the dog and not the size of the dog in the fight. Remember falling down hurts but if you stay down they will keep kicking you. Always Fight (Isaiah 54:17)

**Jeffrey Harris Buckland**

Pissed, Pepe
Upper Marlboro, MD
General Engineering

I once knew a wob that could skydive, once. Life is too short to worry about death, go out on the edge, and launch off. Pull low and hook it in!



Eagle Fight

Jason Bryant Bell

JBell, jujubee
St. Louis, MO
Material Science (Mathematics)

This is for all those people out there who helped me through this place (you know who you are); thanks! for all the laughs and good times, I wouldn't have made it without you. Gil: All that and more, and you know this. Shelby: Always and Forever. Ian: BAD BOYS! Zoe: I'll never forget. Nugget: Keep your head, and pride! The Team: You're always my boyz!

**Brian Joseph Burke**

B, Double B, BJ, Shooter
Syracuse, NY
General Engineering

To everyone who helped to keep me sane, keep me going, and keep me here over the last four years: Thanks Mom, Dad, Cooter, Lily and everyone else. I just want to be able to say that I had as much fun as I could while I was stuck in this place, that I partied as hard as I could while I was stuck in this place, that I...

**Carrie Elizabeth Brackett**

Phoenix, AZ
Aeronautical Engineering (French)

"I am glad I did it, partly because it was well worth it, and chiefly because I shall never have to do it again." Mark Twain Thank you Mom and Dad for your love and support and to all of my wonderful friends. I love you so much! We are finally finished! The more I earn the more I realize how little I know. Did you bring me a monkey?

**Juan Manuel Castro**

Cuban
Dallas, TX
Legal Studies (Spanish)

My first thanks goes to God. Mi querida Madre tu eres el razon por mi exito. Papi, I love you and hope I have made you proud. I love you, Junior. I love and thank all of my family and friends. My true brothers: we have suffered, endured, and partied hard. Never take anything for granted and remember what is mine is yours, forever!!!!



Christopher Darroch Forrest
Gump, Sherwood
Chatham, NJ
Political Science (German)

"Never give up your dreams. Imagine what you want for tomorrow. Feel it, sense it, fill your soul with it. Dare the impossible because deep down inside you know it can be done." Thanks to all those who helped get me here, I could never have done it without you. Especially, Mom, Dad, Michael, my Plebe Brothers, BR, SW, DB, MB, and Brandy, I love you all.



Guy Lynn Johnson
Gee, Lynners
Torrington, WY
Human Factors Engineering

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Jason Sean Fuller
Lurch
Redmond, WA
Biology

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Kathleen Danielle Joynt
Katie
Salem, OR
Operations Research (Math)

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Eagle Eight

Benjamin Robert Harrison
Ben
Fairfax VA
Civil Engineering

"So where does the power come from to see the race to its end? From within. I believe that God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast, And when I run, I feel his presence." - Eric Liddell

To everybody who shared a piece of the moment... To those who made me laugh, cry, smile, ponder, and grow... Thanks



Ernest Marion Latimer, Jr.
Scoop
Dunwoody, GA
Management

Mom, Dad, Emily, Candace, and beer without your love and support I wouldn't have made it a single day at this place. To my friends here, and those not with us we made it! We got caught a lot, but THEY never caught everything. Live every day like it's your last because you never know if it really is. May the times of The Fellas and happy hour live forever.



Matthew Earl Holston
Matt, Holstrom, Bandpass
Yorktown, VA
Electrical Engineering (Mathematics)

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." I give my thanks to God, Family, Veronica, i, and all the great friends I've met along the way. You've meant the world to me. To all my friends: Thanks for the laughs and memories-they'll last a lifetime. To Veronica and i: "It's about time isn't it? Thanks for always being there beside me. I love you!"



Jeffrey H.S. Lin
Your good buddy Jeff, Jumpin' Jeff, Junior
Jacksonville, AR
Civil Engineering

Thank you God, for getting me through this place; there is no way I would have made it alone. Thank you Mom & Dad for undying support. To G & the P-schoolers, we made it. Thank to Fighter buddies, GH Lewis, Dave PC, Lex, Viking Man, Scott S, & Joel, for putting up with me. C, thank for being a pal. SD, thank for memories. Eagle8, whether it was golf or "Squadron Time", it's been real.



Michael Wade Meyer

Mike
Belleville, IL
Military History

It's been a great four years, hasn't it? Jay, you're an awesome friend...we always have great times, and trouble! To the Bulls: Once, Always a Bull. Tom, Dub, Erynn, all the Eagles, you're the best in so many ways. Slack, Fuzzy, all my friends...you make it all worth it. May you all never forget that life's a journey, not a destination...live it to the fullest! See ya!

**Jason Paul Mier**

Two-beer, Comrade, Prego
Grapevine, TX
Space Operations

Thanks to God and my family for getting me both to and through here. Thanks to friends (Weasels and Eagles) who made the best of times, and got me through the worst. "Don't bring it weak." Overall, USAFA has been a good experience. Here's to opportunity! ROMANS 3:23-24

**Niles Kirkland Ruthven**

Glen Carbon, IL
Astronautical Engineering

Good luck to all you eagles and ex-weasels. We had some great times. And Comrade, maybe you'll get lucky one of these days. The day I step foot on Mars will be the day I am happy I went to this place. "Try not. Do, or do not. There is no try." Yoda

**David Morris Shachter**

Manassas, VA
Math

"Many's the time I've been mistaken and many times confused. Yes, and I've often felt forsaken and certainly misused. But I'm alright. I'm alright. I'm just weary to my bones. Still you don't expect to be bright and bon vivant so far away from home." It is not about how well you do, but about how hard you try.



Eagle Eight

Thomas James Preston

Tom, Tommy P
Billings, MT
Electrical Engineering

"Life's a journey, not a destination. Enjoy the pitstops and maximize the straights." USAFA was definitely a pitstop. Although we didn't always enjoy it, if it wasn't worth it we wouldn't be here. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Jo, PT, & the Denver crew. To my 3 SHBs, Eagles, Deucers, & all my friends: y'all are the greatest! Francis - they never got us!! Until our paths cross again... Let's hit the straights!

**Erynn Michelle J. Ranker**

The Hammer
Manhattan, KS
Humanities/Philosophy

"That which is in opposition is in concert, and from things that differ comes the most beautiful harmony" - Heraclitus. I'll always love you, Matt. Thank to my family for wiping away my tears and to those who saw moxie in me and pushed me up on their shoulders so I could touch the sky. Eagles: the Lord will guide us as we spread our wings and fly into the sun.

**Marc John Supinski**

Soup
Springfield, Ma
Environmental Engineering

I want to thank all of the people that helped me survive this place: Mom, Dad, all the boys and my sponsors. To all the guys from the Forge, we did it. All I can say is that I had as much fun as I possibly could while I was stuck at this place. This place has made me so well rounded that I am now pointless. I am outta here!

**Justin Charles Washington**

J-Dub
Charlotte, NC
Computer Science

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Matthew Aaron Wetter

Pyro
Anaheim, CA
Biology (Spanish)

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Josh, and Nathan, for your support, understanding, and comfort. To my friends: It's been great fun, even when it wasn't! To those I leave behind, may you never forget how to smile when all else is bent on tearing you asunder. "Three essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." —Addison



Melissa Lee Yoderian

Mel, Missy, Lem, Random
Lincoln, MT
Behavioral Sciences

I thank God for His Blessings and for giving me the strength to make it through this place. Thanks to my family and friends for giving me a home to come back to. Thanks to my friends here that became my family for four years, especially 40's (original) 98, the randoms, Eagles, field and track team, and sponsors. "You're not just my friends people, you are my family," right, Rick?



Demons C-Flight



Demons D-Flight

Viking Nine



Jennifer Ann Baird
Corsicana TX
Political Science

All the way from Corsicana! Mom, Dad, & Jim—thank you. You are my inspiration. Four years is FINALLY over. "I have fought the good fight, I have run the race, I have kept the faith." (II Tim 4:7) Julie, Cheryl, and the CLES Clan—thank you for bringing sunshine to an otherwise lack luster life. Erik, thank you, Godspeed and God Bless.



Paul Daniel Brister
Bubby
Nacogdoches, TX
Basic Sciences

First I would like to thank my family and Krishia for all the love and support for the past four years. Thanks to all the fellas who made this place bearable, I never would have made it without ya'll. To the two men I would go to hell and back with....good luck and remember, the only thing worse than losing is quitting!! The road to success is a toll road.



Michael David Curry
Mike
Edon, OH
General Engineering

It was all worth it but I might reconsider next time. Thanks to Mom and Dad and all who supported me through this long four years I never forgot where I came from. To the people I met here maybe my luck will change now. I finally made it! "The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work." Just remember Charly don't surf!



Brent David Dorsey
Burke, VA
Human Factors Engineering

To my Dad, who helped me get here, to my Mom and Holly for all of the care packages while I was here and to Josh and BJ who helped make staying here fun. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and know that I could not have done it without you...



Viking Nine

Jason Kristoffer Brugman
Kissimmee, FL
Human Behaviors

So long, and thanks for all the fish.



Mack Arthur Erwin
Mack
Athens, Ga
Human Factors

Beaten, abused, & harrassed from the first day. It hasn't let up since. It seems everyone has gotten a piece of my tail, but now they can kiss it cause I'm out. Fellas, we'll stay tight forever. You got me through this hell. Much Love, supplements on me. My inspiration, you have helped me more than you will know. I wish there could be a happy ending. My Friends, CU when U get There.



Cheryl Renae Crow
Richfield, MN
Biology

Finally, the end of a long, hard road is here. Success without adversity never means as much. Thanks Mom, Dad, and David for your encouragement and support, I wouldn't have made it through without you. Jen and Christel—you've both shown me to what lengths true friends will go and you have undoubtedly been the best part of this place! CLES Clan—always keep life interesting. Philipians 3:14



Christopher Ray Goad
Snoop
Farmers Branch, TX
Operations Research

Lowerawing, shooting guns, sitting restrictions, complaining, whiffleball, partying at Notre Dame, jumping, camping, talking about girls, probation, and laughing aren't what this place is about. Its about friends. Thanks fellas for being there for me. God has truly blessed me with those in my life. Maybe one day I'll get around to telling you how much I care. John 15: 13



Tate William Hagland

Snake, Tater
Hibbing, MN
Social Sciences

"All in all you were all just bricks in the wall" - Pink Floyd. Thanks and love to my family and Amy. You guys are the goods. To all fellas present and past, you guys party like Jimi Hendrix on a drug binge. The jungle, the Rojo, Web's, rugby and hockey trips were the only things that I'll happily remember cuz "It ain't no fun if the homies can't have none."



Ross Taylor Johnston
Joe America
Denver, CO
Operations Research (Math)

You will always be a puppet if you don't break the strings. Lots of thanks to Mom, Dad and all the Dirtbags. Mess up, Shut up, Cover up, Throw your cap up.



Francis Garrison Hall III

Trey
Springfield, VA
Management

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Ian Bryce Laughrey

Gramps
Tulsa, OK
Legal Studies / Baseball

"A life is not important, except in the impact it has on other lives" - Jackie Robinson. Dad, Mom and Craig - thank you for your never ending love and support over the years! Melissa - I love you, not only for what you are, but for what I am with you! Mo and Mike - MBK. Baseball shepherds: I leave my glove, my heart and the key to the wool shack - JKP.



Viking Nine

Mark Robert Heusinkveld

Heusy
Arlington, TX
Human Factors Engineering

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John Ha Lee

J Lee
Los Angeles, CA
Basic Science (Biology)

I know the reason I made it through, is because I never stop believing in you. To my friends, my family, and our God. Tribe... Proverbs 18:24.



Andrea Lorraine Houk

Andi
Oxford, OH
Aeronautical Engineering (Spanish)

I finally made it, though a year late and not how I planned...Phantoms of '97, you rock, Keep it Revvin'! Thanks Dr. Widnall for the second chance... David, thanks for the push. Dan, you're my inspiration and I love you. To my family, I love you and wouldn't be here without you. PTWOB's, I'll always be one of you in faith, #096, Blue Skies, and here's to you... "He who laughs, lasts." - Mary Poole.



Nicholas Alan Lynch

Nick, Lynchie
Clarendon, AR
Civil Engineering

Chainsaws, Wolverines, Vikings... It's been a fun trip. Thanks for all of the good times. If I had to do it all again... well, nevermind. Thanks to my Dad and my family for all their support through these last couple of years. I'M OUTTA HERE!!!



Christopher W. Peters

Chris
Mansfield, OH
Computer Science

Special thanks to my parents, Randy, Mary, and Kathy. I don't think you realize how much you helped me through this place. The clan (Eric, Mike, Nick, Liz, Chris, Dave, Bob, and everyone else). The Air Force is only so big. Keep in touch. S.D.: Don't forget team rule #1. I'll never forget you guys. The former Bull Sixers: Remember-if it's not Bull 6... it's just Bull!

**Gregory Scott Pleinis**

Greg
Aurora, CO
Space Operations

Thank you Lord for seeing me through and protecting me these 4 years. To my family, I didn't say it enough, but your support has been invaluable. I love you. Viking Dominators, you guys will remain in my memories forever. Dave & John, you kept me on the S&N, thanks. I'm excited to move on, but I will never forget those times that made USAFA special. God Bless. Phil 3:14

**David William Stine**

Dave
Carrollton, OH
History / Political Science

Thanks to those who have been behind me all this time. Your support, encouragement, and friendship has helped in so many ways; I couldn't have done it without you. The time has come to move on, but the memories will always remain of my Viking and Blackbird buddies. Special thanks to my father, who has been my inspiration, and my Heavenly Father, who has never given up on me.

**Juan Justino Villanueva**

Coal City, IN
General Engineering

Good lessons and bad, but all lessons. Those who don't try want an easy life, but for those who work hard, life comes easy. Thanks to everyone who has had an impact on my life, whether I liked it or not. Thanks for the support.



Viking Nine

Ryan Brent Reinhardt

Yoshi, Creole, Needle Meyer
Monroe, LA
Space Operations

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**Neil Jacob Schroeder**

Hartley, IA
Political Science

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Anna for everything! Special thanks to you Nathan. Our good times carried me through all the bad. Will we ever forget "The Game?" Justin, Leroy, Scotty, Bernie, Tony, Ken and all the killers remember - Nothin's changed. Jason it wouldn't have been the same without you! After all this I realize one thing: I have won victory over myself. I love my brother.

**Elizabeth Anne Wickman**

Liz
Lakewood, CO
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

It's been an experience! I've laughed (Yes, a lot!), I've cried and I've survived. Softball: one word, Fop! Vikings: Party harder. Mike: Four long years and you were always there for me. Everyone: Late-night E-mail, large coffee cups, cynicism and laughter is the best medicine. (I'm cured!) Finally, to the original Stalagmites: Apocalypse, the end is near... The time is now, the place is here.

**Jason Alan Williams**

Fayetteville, GA
Biochemistry

people seem to forget that: the soldier, not the press, has preserved the freedom of the press; the soldier, not the poet, has preserved the freedom of speech; the soldier, not the campus organizer, has preserved the freedom to demonstrate. - author unknown
thanks mom, dad, jonathan, sally, and all of my friends, here and at home. i couldn't have done this without you!



Eric Alan Winterbottom

Frosty
Indianapolis, IN
Meteorology (Math)

First my parents... Thank you and I love you. Interceptors B Flight, the Hawgs, and the Vikings; what a trip. I won't miss this place, but I sure will miss my friends. Another day...



Executioners A-Flight



Executioners B-Flight



Executioners C-Flight

Tiger Ten



Joseph Robert Adamski
Rochester Hills, MI
Physics (Math)

Four years ago, we came here thinking we knew everything. We leave four years wiser and know we can survive everything. I want to thank everyone who made the last few years livable. We'll remember those who didn't make it, always. To my teammates, it's been a wild ride. For all the Tigers, you know the way. It's been fun. Keep the faith.
SD98



Heidi Erin Black
Heidi
Altoona, PA
Humanities (Spanish)

"What a long, strange trip it's been..." It's been a bumpy ride, but I've learned a lot from this place, regardless of what I actually learned in class. Thanks to my family, my friends, and my other family for helping me maintain my sanity these past four years. A toss of the hat and a turn of the ring, and this long, strange trip will be just a memory. Adios.



Chad Robert Anson
Arts
Marshalltown, IA
Human Behavior

This is funny.



Cory Lee Brown
Colorado Springs, CO
European History (Spanish)

Together we are going somewhere...I firmly believe that, if we always integrate the best of the traditions we find before us and keep the process in mind...if we acknowledge the great mystery in this life, we will see that we have been perfectly placed, in exactly the right position to make all the difference in the world." - James Redfield
Thanks Mom, Dad, Kelly, and Kim. I love you!



Tiger Ten

Aaron Joseph Bell
Philadelphia, PA
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Moderation is for monks!
Cold beer/ Hot women, may they never run out.



Jeffrey David Evans
Oakdale, CT
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

Six years later and thank God I'm not going to SEA! I owe it all to you, Mom and Dad. Dan-o, thanks for always being there with me to watch the sun rise! To all the fellas, good luck with the trim and don't forget; "If I do my full duty..." Clara Nice, you will always be the one! Hey Tim-Dog, I'm right on your 6 and full of joy!



Michael Sean Bess
M-Shin, Ozzie, Slider
Sioux Falls, SD
Political Science

To all of the boys: I count you among my brothers. To those we have left behind and those that have gone ahead:
Here's a toast...



Michael Henry Garner, Jr.
Mike, Jesus
Rome, GA
Operations Research

Thanks to family & friends back home for all of the encouragement you gave me. Special thanks goes to the Eastside Cadet / Single ministry, my small group, squadron devotional group, & all the friends and family here. Thanks also to Dan Walker, you saved my career. I'll never forget the drumline & of course, the dinner flight. Don't let the man get you down.
Deuteronomy 20:4,
Philippians 4:13.



Kerrie Ann Gribuski

Kerrie
Alexandria Bay, NY
Management (Gymnastics)

This is for...my family, for your patience, strength and inspiration. Thank you for believing in me, Kel, my sister, my touchstone. Nanny and PopPop, my angels, if you're there...I made it! Felicia, Lynn & Jenn for saving the best for last. D, the coolest kid in the whole galaxy universe, I kept my promise. Dearest, hmmm surprised? (DM#3). And finally to the SVH!

**Candice Linette McBrayer**

Federal Way, WA
English

Langston Hughes: "My soul has grown deep like the rivers" Thanks Mommy for support, love & sweet voice even in your pain; to friends, for conversations & dried eyes; Rugby for laughs; Cara, my best friend, wind beneath my wings. Everything I am belongs to you & your faith in me; Rob for loving me when I thought there wasn't room; for patience & understanding. "I've still climbin', And life for me ain't been no crystal stair." Hughes

**Michael Brian Harwell**

Mike
Deming, NM
Basic Sciences

I just want to thank my Mom and Dad for all their loving support, and all my friends (Scott, Jake, Chris, Russ, and Kurt) who made life bearable. "What I have learned here, I remember not... but I'm sure it was very important" Eli Stafford

**Nicholas Anthony Nobriga**

Manteca, CA
Civil Engineering (Math)

Finally done! Thanks Mom and Dad, and brothers, Grandpa T and Grandpa N. You all made this possible. To the woolpullers, we had some great times. Mark, somehow we did it. Trim chasers in 10, you guys are the best. Tina, you know how much you mean to me.



Tiger Ten

Jaime Ian Hernandez

Jaimz
Las Vegas, NV
Human Factors

There is much truth to the saying that this place is great to be from but sucks to be at. We have all hated this place at one time or another, some of us hating it more times than not. However, when we finally leave in 98 we will take pride in the fact that we come from a place that we hated so much.

**Jesse Lee Peterson**

Rush City, MN
Geography

What, we're finished already? Son of a... Oh well, it's been fun. Thanks to God, my family, and friends- Amy, Nichole, Joey, take care and keep in touch. And to the fellas, good luck with everything. Here's to you... ATTITUDE!!! Because of ya'll, I will forever walk the earth with my eyes turned skyward... PTWOB #101

**Sidney Russell Jones**

Russ
Atlanta, GA
Political Science

If you're gonna lie, lie for a friend. If you're gonna steal, steal a woman's heart. If you're gonna cheat, cheat death. And if you drink, drink with me. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Paul, and all the fellas - check six. To those we lost, Here is a toast...

**Lance Rosa-Miranda**

Rozy
Dover, NH
Humanities (Football)

Lord thanks for the many blessings. Mom&Dad, your unwavering support and love made it possible. You knew didn't you! To my family here and above, I love you. So many people and so few words, Pschool, Football, the boyz that didn't go the distance and everyone in between. Lickup! Waldo, go back to bed! Fellas it's official...we are now Citizen Soldier Scholar athletes.



Derek Martin Salmi

DSal
Carrollton, TX
Political Science

From crutches to bars...what a crazy adventure. To my friends, family and God I give my sincerest thanks for the strength and courage to fight the good fight, to finish the race, to keep the faith. Sisu always.



Steven James Walden

Waldo
Ft. Collins, CO
Management

Thanks to God. Thanks to my family. Bros-We were together through the best and worst times of our lives. Let's keep the best times rolling.



Kurt Edmund Wagner

Wags
Chelmsford, MA
Political Science

"It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow." I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for their never ending support. Steph, thanks for sticking it out with me and making me a proud 2% club member. To all my friends, we had many great great times but hopefully the best is yet to come.



Christopher Michael Webber

Colorado Springs, CO
Biology

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Rebel Eleven



Francisco Hilario Aguilar

Frank, Hardware
St. Louis, MO
Basic Sciences

Nothing in life is more important than your good friends and having those friends to turn to when life is rough. The support of your friends, the good memories you have, and the good times you have had can carry you through anything. Cynicism and bad memories fade, your friends are forever.

**Blake Laird Chaney**

Blake
Hagerstown, MD
Aerospace Physiology

I would like to thank my Mom and my Dad for supporting me and helping me get through this place. "What a long strange trip it's been...."

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

**Brandon James Arritt**

BJ, B, Beeg, B-Dawg
Bakersfield, CA
Mech Eng (Math)

POALL!!! Finally...the end of this experiment in misery! To all you "chauncies:" BigDaddy, Dors, Koz, you're the best friends a guy can have. Penny Pitchers to Underground Bizzoes, 'roid rages, bar brawls, & obsessive women, we always stuck together. Mom, Dad, Steve, Miette; thanks for everything. You can't understand how you helped. God Bless you all! It hurts so good!!!

**Travis Justin Clovis**

Pup, Luscious
Parts Unknown
Political Science (Economics)

Airplanes break, guns jam, and computers lock up, but a buddy never lets you down. Thanks to everyone who made this place bearable. I can't thank you all individually, but know that I love you all. I think it is ironic that I had to become a "bad" cadet in order to be a good officer.

Sorry Dad, but '71 is second to one. 98 Dominates! Vikings Forever Once a Rebel...



Rebel Eleven

Jennifer Brooke Askins

Jenny
San Antonio, TX
English

I have definitely not made this journey on my own. The Lord strengthened me and sometimes carried me. Mom, Dad, Kerry, and Jayme: I could not have made it without you. Daines Family: See what happens when you sponsor a cadet? Thank you for making me part of your family. Brandon: I Love You and look forward to spending eternity with you. It's a Whole New World...

**Craig George Enriques**

Hawaiian, G
Hilo, HI
Biology

"What is best in life?" To Dad, Mom, Lan and Mark, thanks for all of the letters, food, phone calls, support, and most of all, love over the toughest four years of my life. To "The Best of Friends," you all are, and will always be, My Brothers. I now understand the meaning of... "PALS." Thanks for all of the memories and the good and bad times. Remember...

**Matthew Snow Bradford**

Matty
Lost Wages, NV
Astro (Russian)

To all the RM bricks: party hardy, we're done with the 6-year program! All I will say is Operation Boolag. I'll miss the snowboard trips, you Rebs out there, racquetball, volleyball, Astro (NOT!), the parties, my women, handball, free/cooked food. "The best man is he who most tries to perfect himself, and the happiest man is he who most feels that he is perfecting himself." -Socrates

**John Peter Fer**

the jew
Sumter, S.C.
Humanities

"Only mediocrities rise to the top in a system that won't tolerate wave making." I forgot who said that, but it's pretty appropriate for this place. Oh and this one too, "Any fool can keep a rule. God gave him a brain to know when to break the rule." To the minorities, the old Barnstormers, and the smokers every morning behind FH (and Sgt Malcom)....Thanks. Am I at 70 words yet?



Joshua Nicholas Frank
California, MO
Operations Research (Math)

Thanks to all of the people that I laughed with, and to all of the soldiers that I laughed at. Hey, at least I got a cool truck out of it.
Thanks Mom and Dad.



Geoffrey Cox Mann
Geoff
Fayetteville, NY
General Engineering

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Jonathan Bradley Hall
Jon
Kalispell, MT
Social Sciences

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Abby Kathleen Newcomb
Lewisville, TX
Human Behavior

"Trying to define yourself is like trying to bite your own teeth" - Alan Watts
"The price one pays for pursuing any profession or calling is an intimate knowledge of its ugly side." - James Baldwin
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Rebel Eleven

Gina Jennings
Oklahoma City, OK
Behavioral Sciences

It takes one to know one.



Travis Lee Norton
Norm
Tempe, AZ
Civil Engineering

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Brian Dean Kozola
Koz
Casper, WY
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Ronald Stephen Potts II
Stephen
Tulsa, OK
English (French)

i would like gently if i may to say of passion love sex money violence religion justice death, aristocracy of passionate souls, and science fiction double feature (nice night for it), but that's not me. i know compassion and King Laugh possibly maybe but you just sorta wasted my precious time. Still there is way truth life for love suffers long. thanks for helping me find my napkin.



Sharon Ann Rocha

Roseville, CA
Operations Research (Math)

"It's not easy being green," Kermit the frog. If you can't make waves, make ripples. Be yourself, work hard, have fun, and don't ever forget to smile. And Remember, some things are worth waiting for.



Shawn Allen Tellers

Tells
White Bear Lake, MN
Management

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Andrew Rodell Severson IV

Hawk, Rody, Doc
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Foreign Area Studies (Chinese/Japanese)

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Jesse Leon Edmund Tompkins

General
Florence, SC
Space Physics

I've learned three things that have kept me from going crazy at this place: Faith. Loyalty. Commitment. To my friends, family and Jo. Thanks for being there and keeping me from straying from the path of the journey of life. Abide, Peace be with you.



Rebel Eleven

Chadwick James Sterr

Chad
Albany WI
Space Operations

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James Linnley West III

Peachtree City, GA
Human Factors

In four years here I've taken advantage of this place almost as much as it's taken advantage of me. Thanks Mom, Dad, Steph, & Bryson for your support. To the team, after four years of this place I think we need a little "Attitude Check!" Remember... sacrifice the boredom of conformity, & experience the freedom of going beyond the edge. After all, "The best look at one's soul is from beyond the edge looking back." Stand Strong!



Executioners D-Flight



Flying Tigers A-Flight

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Dirty Dozen

Christian Baade

Baader

Minneapolis, MN
Social Sciences

Simply doing what you feel is the best way not to go wrong. Thanks Mom, Dad & the Fam Damfly. Friends: Thanks for days & nights when brain cells were destroyed. Everyone else, who cares! Whitey, The road goes on forever & the party never ends. Grandfather, someday you will receive many pennies for your thoughts. To Pace Weber: thanks for memories, & you are forever remembered.



James Frederick Caplinger

Battle Ground, WA
Social Science

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June Alisha Cruse

Salisbury, NC
Legal Studies

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Joshua Daniel Eaton

"Bigdaddy"
Spring Church, PA
Biology

"Mama they try and break me." But with God, you, Dad, Andrea and friends (Roosh, BJ, Doris and Trey) they won't, didn't, and never will! Mom & Dad thanks for believing in me when most did not, I love you both. Andrea, what can I say but thank you for waiting for me, I love you baby doll. Fellás, there is so much to say and so little space. You were always there and will always be there...I know.



Dimeatrius Antuan Edwards

Dee

St. Petersburg, FL
General Engineering

"The Essence of Dimeatrius A. Edwards"

Dimeatrius A. Edwards is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated. He satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. He is at the same time rewarding and maddening — he is without a doubt the greatest man I have ever created, — The Narrator



Joel D. Hetzer

Joel

Springfield, OH
Mathematical Sciences

They were the best of times, they were the worst of times. Dickens Actually they were the worst of times but to all the 24'ers, you somehow made them bearable and sometimes even fun. I have nothing but love for ya. It was a hard journey but it is finally over.



Kirk Erik Eknes

Rock Valley, IA
Biology

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Thomas Brandon Paynter

Tom

Cedar Rapids, IA
Biology (Spanish)

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Dirty Dozen

Joseph Robert Ewing, Jr.

Lucinda, PA
Geography

"As time passes, heroes come and go — some are forgotten, some are not." Thanks to my families: the loved ones back home, the Old Vikes, and Dirty Dozen. No one can say we didn't have fun.



John Scott Robin

Scott

Baton Rouge, LA
Computer Science

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Matthew Robert Glynn

Glynnis

Walnut Creek, CA
Foreign Area Studies (French/Spanish)

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Paul Lowell Sanders

Dr. Detroit, Colonel Sanders
Detroit, MI
Biochemistry

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Ronald Dean Schochenmaier

Schock
Bonesteel, SD
General Engineering

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Mandy Lee Scott

North Port, FL
Social Sciences

"These are the times to remember cause they will not last forever, these are the days to hold on to cause we won't although we'll want to." - Billy Joel. The "drama" (when's it gonna end) toasts (to us) Gabs, J-mers, Sarah (ladies night), Sara, Fesh (gymnastics), Beth, Kristi, and Carrie (always you). Ruggers, friends, and family...these were my sanities, as well as my insanities. With memories like these, how can I forget?



Jaak Tarien

Tallinn, Estonia
Social Sciences

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Chad Philip Tuttle

Chilled Punch
San Antonio, TX
Biology

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Dirty Dozen

Melissa Anne Smith

Mel
Georgetown, TX
Human Factors / Human Behavior

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Juanluis Velez-Camacho

The Puerto Rican Fury
Mayaguez, PR
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Finally, my 6-year program is over: Prep School-NMMI-USAFA. It seemed like a marathon, but it was worth it. I'd wish I could do it over again. Yeah, right... But I can't forget those who made it all possible: my family and friends. Papi, mami y mis hermanos: sin ustedes nunca lo hubiese logrado. It was tough, but I'm glad I did it. And I'm proud of it.



John Baxter Stanley

Carrollton, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

"We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:3-5,8



Brian Daniel Vlaun

V. Vlauner
Poquoson, VA
Computer Science

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Zachary Shay Warakomski
Lilburn, GA
Biology

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Charles Thomas Whitehead II
Whitey
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX
General Engineering (Math)

Over these four years I have made as many friends as I have enemies. It is upon the strength of these friendships, I have stood above the madness of this place. Before leaving I would like to thank my family for their support, I also wish the best of luck to my friends in all their endeavors. I will never forget the good times or the friends we have lost.



Irene Weisenburger
Reenie
Phoenix, AZ
Biology- Premedicine

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Chester Ernest Wolfe
Chet, Chet Jones, Cheetah, Chettar
Sacramento, CA
War Studies (Military Doctrine, Operations, and Strategy)

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Bulldawgs of Thirteen



Mona Erin Alexander
Sun City, KS
Environmental Engineering

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Robert Louis William Christen
Rob
Sarasota, FL
Biology

It is better to regret something you have done than something you did not do.



Stuart Lee Alley
Stu, Stupac
Crab Orchard, TN
Basic Sciences

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Carl Ray Conway, Jr.
Boss
LaVergne, TN
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

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Bulldawgs of Thirteen

John Raymond Beurer
JB, Johnny B.
West Haven, CT
Military History

It's been a long muddy road and we had to lock the hubs in a few times, but we made it! Thanks to all my moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and family. Props to the ex-rads, bulldogs, and all you randoms! Remember: skinfute, Jenk Daddy, amps that go to 11, and all that other good stuff. "Has anybody seen Rosentrater lately?" We get 70 words but I'm only using 69!



Kevin Scott Currie
PTWOB #103
Tinley Park, IL

Mathematics/Operations Research/Economics (Russian)

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Sean-Thomas Samuel Brammer-Hogan
BH, Sven
Deer Park, NY
Biochemistry

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Joshua Paul Droz
Droz
East Wenatchee, WA
Legal Studies

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Sarah Lynn Emory

Pittsburgh, PA
Human Factors

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Zachary James Guza

Goos, Head, Nugget, Deek
Abingdon, VA
Human Factors Engineering

"For only in destroying do I find ease to my relentless thoughts." -Milton, Paradise Lost "If we are marked to die, we are enough To do our country loss, and if to live, The fewer men, the greater share of honour" -Shakespeare, King Henry V Not much to say but Beat Christ School Band All The Way, Huge Wild Weasels, Gight'n Bulldawgs; Semper Fidelis



Kirby Michael Ensser

Kirbs
Bayard, NE
Management

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Aaron Wesley Jacobs

Monk
Murphysboro, IL
Political Science

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Bulldawgs of Thirteen

Christian Damon Gile

Gelay
Fort Collins, CO
Biology

I would like to thank God my creator for his grace upon my life for without him nothing is possible. Christ Rocks!...enough said. Let it be known that my boys have done a lot to help me through the tough times. They know who they are and I just want to say I love you fellas. I pray God's grace, power, peace and abundance be upon you.



Karin Lee Klein

Colorado Springs, CO
Mathematics

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Nicolaus Paul Grauer

Dic Gruber, Skinny
Renton, WA
Human Behavior

How the heck did THIS happen. Someone, somewhere must've screwed up. I'M DONE! But the credit goes to God and my family. If not for their love and support, I could've made it. I thank you deeply. Kelli, my love, you're the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. Funny how the most difficult experience has lead to such a joyous period of my life. I've you to thank...



Maurice Lynn Lee

Moe
Alexandria, LA
Biology

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Elizabeth Longley Peebles

Peebs
Amherst, NY
Biology

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Scott Gavin Smith

Smitty
Albuquerque, NM
Mechanical Engineering

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Charles Bryan Rohrig

chuck
Louisville, KY
Computer Science

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Bradley Russell Stevens

Brad
Albany, MO
Mechanical Engineering

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Bulldawgs of Thirteen

Brian Jason Sansom

Big Jay
Houston, TX
Political Science

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David Allen Thirtle

Dave, Iron, Citizen
Wauconda, IL
American History

The future really does belong to you. You've got to find the Truth. Lies can't pay the rent in this life. Maintain at all costs. Touch your fear. To everything that's anything: Palmer, Prague, rock Power, and the People. Sorry I missed out, Harvard. "But it was all right, everything was all right, the struggle was finished. He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother." - Orwell.



Sean Kerry Sheehan

MachinE
Seattle, WA
Biology (German)

It's freedom baby yeah! What's your name again? Thanks to m. & d. the family (little bro made it!) & friends for the love & support... thanks to my buds LeX, SS, DC, SB and all the others for being there... Never the MachinE Forever baby... to tours, restrictions, endless nights, and other BS... all I say is hey, Get Off!... so giddy up! this crazy Irish kid is outta here baby!... Never Again... cya!



Michael John Walker

Mike
Smyrna, DE
Electrical Engineering

Wow! I can't believe it's over. Well, that was pretty fun, or maybe not. Mom, Dad, Andy - thanks so much, I don't think I would have made it without you. Jonathan, Mame, Wendy - hang in there! If I can make it you can, too! Well, I guess it's on to bigger and better things... like my paychecks. Andy - I warned you!



Bryan Corey Wieland

BW

San Antonio, TX
Human Factors

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Flying Tigers B-Flight



Flying Tigers C-Flight



Flying Tigers D-Flight

Cobras of Fourteen



Zachary Neil Barker

Zach
Wilkesboro, NC
Legal Studies

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**Chad Edward Connor**

Doc
Hastings, NE
Biology

"To get the full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with." — Mark Twain GiMp, Harry, Bob, Margaret, Nerd, Squirt, Lynn, Heather, Jeannie, "Boys,"—you've given me that joy. The music, adrenaline, & close calls were temporary, but the relationships are forever. To all who doubted me—NEVER doubt me. It's now time to go find that "one thing" in life....

**Nathan Michael Bertman**

Nate, Bert
Seattle, WA
Aeronautical Engineering

Keep pushing for the final goal. Take it one day at a time, and the weeks, months, and years slowly follow. Adversity will occur, just focus your energies as necessary and you can get through it. It's not easy, but try and appreciate this place for what it has to offer. I couldn't have done it without the loving support of dad, mom, and Amanda. Air Force, here I come!

**Jason Jeffrey Cook**

Cookie
East Rutherford, NJ
Engineering Mechanics

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Cobras of Fourteen

Ryan Christopher Boyle

Tampa, FL
Management

I'm glad it's over. I don't know if I could do it again!

**Daniel Anthony Ebert**

Mansfield, OH
Computer Science

**Matthew Clark Brown**

D.B.
Springfield, IL
Meteorology

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**Jeffrey Kenneth Engberg**

Burnsville, MN
War Studies

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Daniel Robert Fehl

Dan
Reading, PA
Operations Research (Math)

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**George Richard Granholm**

G-holm
Sandy, UT
Space Systems Design (Arabic/Math)

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**Jeffrey Harris Freedman**

Smurf
New York, NY
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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**Christopher John Haws**

CJ, Butt Naked, Chris
Coral Springs, FL
Aeronautical Engineering (Spanish)

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Cobras of Fourteen

Renee Yukie Fukumoto

Fuki
Centerville, VA
Operations Research (Mathematics)

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**Joseph Michael Laguna**

Joe, JoJo
Phoenix, AZ
Management

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**Randel James Gordon**

Gordo, Flash
Gardiner, NY
Aeronautical Engineering (Mathematics)

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**Mark Allan Navo**

Nav
Houston, TX
Astronautics

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Deborah Mary Newman

Newman
Grayslake, IL
General Engineering

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Trent David Prange

Columbia, MD
Political Science (German)

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Christopher Mark Rosati

Zati
Fircrest, WA
Humanities (Philosophy)

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Austin Lyle Sorensen

Blythe, CA
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

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Cobras of Fourteen

Kallece Andraea Quinn

Kallie
Littleton, CO
Biology

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Paul Ross Wilderman

Beast
Steamboat Springs, CO
Biochemistry

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Rodolfo Ivan Rodriguez

Rod
El Paso, TX
Civil Engineering

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Guts A-Flight



Wareagles of Fifteen

Brent Nathan Baldwin

Baldy
Lewisville, TX
Economics

Good, bad, I'm the guy with a gun. I'm going to miss some people. I'm going to miss the Fellas and all the luses from 15. I'd like to thank Brian and any other 95 guys that gave me a hard time. I would also especially like to thank Stacey for keeping me sane these last few years. "Do what I want and gonna get paid."



James Steven Blanchard

Peoria, IL
Management

It's finally over and I'm glad I survived. Thanks Mom and Dad for helping me through and encouraging me all the way. Thanks Sly for sticking with me through it all. I couldn't have done it without your support. To all my friends, we've been lucky so far, let's keep it up and keep on Dominating.



Brent Edward Beaulieu I

New Orleans, LA
War Studies (French)

Thank You...



Edward Jamil Browne

Ted
New York, NY
Computer Science

I've spent my life looking to the future, and the Academy was part of it. Adventure, excitement, exploration - that's what life's about. I'm glad I came, but I'm ready to move on.



Jeremy David Cukierman

New City, NY
Political Science



Ryan Edward Gorecki

Monkey, Negative, Elp
Moorpark, CA
Management (Japanese)

Thanks Mom, Dad, Russ and God for helping me through this wonderful place of education and discipline. I would like to wish my friends the best of luck and fun for your future: Plus Oultre, Tough Twenty, Rock Hard, Jennie, and the rest. Choose Life. If you love me, obey me; and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you. John 14: 15,16



Olivier Claude Jacques DeLorme

Villiers-St-Frederic, France
Student Pilot

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Anne Gray

Annoula
Colorado Springs, CO
Biology

"Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind. 'Pooh!' he whispered. 'Yes, Piglet?' 'Nothing,' said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw. 'I just wanted to be sure of you.'" To my parents and friends, thank you for being there. Kalo! "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." 1Tim 1:17 Praise God, Holly, we made it through another day!



Wareagles of Fifteen

Lauren Gonzales Eckert

Los Angeles, CA
Human Factors Engineering (Spanish)

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Jeffrey Scott Hall

Camp Zama, Japan
Human Factors Engineering (Math)

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Erik Joseph Beahm Fiederer

Santa Maria, CA
Aeronautical Engineering

prometheus missed usafa. cles clan my car. living in a world void of free thought, creativity, and expression is like never living at all. thanks usafa, jbg, mk, ccc, zb, jh, jac, jb, dad, mom, god, tchrs, & all my bros. sqcc? eris on the hill. for everything jen, my eternal thanks.



Melvin Bernard Harris II

El Paso, TX
Physics (Math)

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Justin Mitchell Hill

Lufkin, TX
Operations Research (Mathematics)

For helping me through it all, I'd like to thank my family. I'll never forget where I came from. "When we walk to the edge of all the light we have and take the step into the darkness of the unknown, we must believe that one of two things will happen. There will be something solid for us to on or we will be taught to fly." Overton ILYS!
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**Scott Alan Mainwaring**

Goat, Spleen
Cheyenne, WY
Operations Research

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**Jeffrey Carson Isgett**

Durham, NC
Biology

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**Robin Eileen Schaeffer**

Schaff, Rob
Centerville, OH
Political Science

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Wareagles of Fifteen

Michael Charles Kallai, Jr.

Cauliflower
Wadsworth, OH
Biology

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**Matthew John Shafer**

Shafe
Easton, PA
Engineering Mechanics (Math)

Man, was that fun. I hope everything else is that easy. Thank you Mom, Dad, and Danielle. I really can not express how much you helped me. I couldn't have done it without your love and support.

**Jayant Umakant Mahajan**

God of Destruction, O'Mahajan
Hamilton, MA
Biology

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**Joel Andrew Sloan**

Powhatan, VA
Civil Engineering

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Zachary LeBaron Smith

Shakespeare, Shakes
Abington, MA

Foreign Area Studies (French)

"Running to him was real, the way he did it was the realest thing he knew. It was all joy and woe, hard as a diamond; it made him weary beyond comprehension. But it also made him free." John Parker REAL runners understand the daily toil quite well. A TRUE runner runs even when he doesn't feel like it. Well boys, see you on the trails. Once . . .



Jason Edward Verbeck

V
O'Fallon IL
Basic Science

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Krista Grace Steenbergen

Leawood, KS
Physics (Math)



Clinton Roy ZumBrunnen

Zum
Lusk, WY
Engineering Science (Math)

A friend who's no longer with me once wrote "Some things stink, MANY things don't. Many things don't stink even when they feel like they do". That last sentence completely describes how I feel about this place. I thank God, Mom, Dad, and my friends for helping me to this point. Without you all, the last four years would not fall into the "Many things don't" category. The future awaits!



Wareagles of Fifteen

James Carl Vance, Jr.

Jim, Spanks
Nashville, TN

Mechanical Engineering

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Guts C-Flight



Guts D-Flight



Chickenhawks of Sixteen

Joey Dimalanta Angeles

Nutz
Moreno Valley, CA
Political Science (French)

The time has come again to bid farewell. Thanks be to God and to my family. To Mom and Dad; Where would I be without your constant love, support, and guidance? To Ate, Lara, and Stephen: Thanks for all the love and advice! If experience is the best teacher, then hopefully I have learned something. Finally, to the PDL brothers: Here's to the future! Hopefully, I can sleep better now.



Caroline Anne Bong

Charlie, Bonger
River Falls, WI
English

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Brian Sung Duk Bauman

Kim Chi
Pine City, MN
Physics (Math)

Please reference 1996 Volume 38 year-book. It's not better the second time around. Maybe this time I will actually graduate. I am the last member of the Class of 1996 "Tough as Bricks" to graduate. "Sleep is overrated" To Brug & Rob, "Dirty Juanita" I don't want to be reflective, I'm just glad I am getting the hell out of here. I've enjoyed the 6 year program. And...FINALLY. . .



John Javier Boria

JB
Tulsa, Ok.
Management

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David Patrick Casson

Big D
Dallas, TX
Political Science

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Jeffrey Allen Findley

Turbo
Crab Orchard, TN
General Engineering

Only a few of those who accomplish things in this world are superintellecs. However, they have one super quality that keeps them going: the I-will-keep-trying attitude, the never-give-up, the stick-with-it, the hang-in-there, the keep-it-going attitude. Never talk defeat. Use words like hope, belief, faith, victory. Trust God and live a day at a time.



Gabriel Ty Harris

G, Doc, Ogre
Anna, IL
Basic Sciences

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Nicki See Holmes

Oakland, CA
Political Science

Well, the moment has finally come, it's so awesome...And graduating is cool too. From the concerts to chapel to the squad to 1st period Comp Group where I learned how to stay awake for three weeks, it's been memories that I will never forget. God Bless y'all Dominators, and Only the Strong in 98' "The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running..."



Chickenhawks of Sixteen

Richard Gros

Loul
Roche La Molière, France
Aeronautical Science

I am really happy to participate in this exchange between our two countries. My stay here is wonderful and it is really funny to meet a lot of you guys. Back in France I will remember how close we are in our way of thinking about freedom and people even if we are really different in some ways. Hi to CS-16, I mean to the best cadet squadron of this year! Hope to see some of you in the future. Go on practicing, you're almost like the French!



Teresa Joan Kliche

TJ
Evergreen, CO
Legal Studies

I came here for the challenge, but this wasn't exactly what I had in mind. It was the love and support of my family and friends that made me stick with this place and allowed me to succeed. TJ, thanks for always being there for me, I know I've been hard to deal with at times. These past four years have felt like an eternity, but at last, we are finally free!



Christopher Brett Hammond

Cheese
Abilene, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

"I'd rather work for 4 years & play for 40 than play for 4 years and work for 40." It's the friends, family, & divine intervention that helped me make it through. Bubba: My hero. Mom: Where would I be without you? Cheers. Basil, Drew, Chad, Fattie, Churek, JB, Troy, Willam, GDub, Coasties, Fer, & Rob & Linda; thanks for sharing times & making me smile. Remember: Perseverance.



Christopher Edward Kurek

Churek
Tulsa, OK
Military History

"USAPA is like a tough crap - It's a big pain in the a@@ while you're going through it, but when you're finished, it's the greatest feeling in the world.: Troy, JB, Cheese, & Sparky. I should have restricted you more. Jason: Thanks for being my moral compass. Mon, Dad, & Joe: I love you guys more than anything. Patrick: I will never forget you. Lisa: Thanks for waiting, you may have me now!



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Keith Allen Litzler

Litz
Phoenix, AZ
Geography

Well its been a long four years but I'm sure it was worth it. Thanks to God, my family, Art and Gina I have been able to make it and have some good times along the way. I'll never forget the friends I've made here and I'll look forward to seeing you all in the Air Force. Thanks to the 94th for all the good times. Maybe one day I'll miss this place but not anytime soon.

**Christopher Michael Neiman**

Nee-dawg
St. Clair, MI
Physics

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**Chad Edward Marchesseault**

Salt
Vacaville, CA
Humanities

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**Ryan Thomas Sharkey**

Shark
Westminster, CO
Electrical Engineering (French)

Well, here I am four years later. Family, friends, and skiing have made these years pass by fairly quickly. To my friends and family: thanks for providing the support I needed to make it through the Academy, and to achieve long-awaited goals. To my dad: thanks for never letting me quit. I miss you. A closing thought: Am I really going to come back and teach at this place?



Chickenhawks of Sixteen

Matthew Wayne McDaniel

Matt McDuck
Pinedale, WY
Military History

"We have not wings, we cannot soar; but we have feet to scale and climb by slow degrees the cloudy summits of our time."-Longfellow I want to thank God for the perseverance that He has given me, my family and friends for helping me through hard times, and to my squad for making everything "all good." Special thanks to the system for giving me all of lovin' it could.

**Carmilla Elena Stolkowski**

Meng
Mt. Lebanon, PA
Operations Research (Math)

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**Troy Andrew McGrath**

Strat
Alamogordo, NM
History

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**James Michael Wecht**

DUCCI
Blue Point, NY
Social Science

My sentence here has come to and end. I couldn't have done it without the love and support of my family. To the Duccis' from old school 8....We had some great times together. I'll never forget you guys. What more can I say, but if you touch it, it will bleed! OOOOOHHHHHH..... Gimmie Some!!! KING DUCCI FOREVER!!!!



Jason Michael Work

JW
Arlington, WA
Material Science

"Enjoy what you can, endure what you must" Goethe. The key to success is raw determination and a hatred of failure. This place is about enduring the trials and cherishing each success. Never quit. Thanks to my family, I couldn't have done it without you Dad. You kept me going when life was tough. Matty and Burch, best of luck-Weasels Forever. D-No, I'm not angry. Stay tough buddy.



Benton Carter Zettel

Ben
Englewood, CO
Human Factors Engineering (Spanish)

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Hellicats B-Flights

Stalag Seventeen



David Bruce Baumgartner*Baums, Baumpy, Dumbo*
Denver, CO

Operations Research (Math)

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**Daniel Lines Dahl***Dan*

Rochester, MN

Middle East Area Studies (Arabic)

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**OT Benson***Otis, The Swedish Samurai*
Hartville, MO

Asian Area Studies (Chinese)

Heavenly Father, thank you! In 6 years I became. Mom & Dad, you're awesome! Asian Movie League: A-hua, Kong-kiang, Xiao-di, Yong-de, Master Seals, and Xiao-guo... Oriental Power! Thanks Andy, I wouldn't have made it w/o you. Stalag... I'm losing weight now, I promise! Julie, Wochengren, zai xinzhong wo zuiai de ren shi ni. You ni, shengming cai wanzheng! 3 Degrees of Glory...we're exalted!

**Paul Daniel Emslie**

Columbia, MO

Mathematics

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Stalag Seventeen

Shawn Francis BriscoeNevada, MO
Political Science

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**Mark Jonathan Faulstich***Stich*

Plymouth, IN

Space Operations

The guys: What else could a guy ask for in a bunch of friends? Stalag: You're all great, and this is one of the best squadrons in the wing. Joel: Thanks for all the great times. AFABS: You bring the Light into my life, thank you. Fobes: You are my spiritual parents, thank you and I love you. Advice: Stay positive, it makes life easier.

**Corey Michael Broussard***CeeBee*

New Orleans, LA

Astronautical Engineering / Math

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**Sean Michael Finnan**

Great Falls, MT

Management

Later...



Jared Charles Frosch

Bryan, TX
Civil Engineering

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**Joshua Allen Larsen**

Josh, Lars
Sisseton, SD

Engineering Sciences (Mathematics)

To all the Rads and all the rest of the guys, we've had alot of good times, there are only more ahead. See ya on the other side. And remember, no matter what happens, NEVER STOP THE CAR.

**Craig Michael Goldthwaite**

Whitewright, TX
Behavioral Science

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**Rebekah Grace Leivers**

Becky
Colorado Springs, CO
Biology (German)

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Beth Ann Haynes

Dizzy
Martinez, CA
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

I really do believe that smiles are contagious. Thank you to all the swimmers, my friends and my family for helping me through this place. I couldn't have done it without you being right there beside me. Remember, follow your dreams. Reach for the stars and you will at least hit the moon.

**John King Mah**

Liberal, KS
Aeronautical Engineering (Chinese)

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**Sherman Edmund Johns**

Sherm
Killeen, TX
Space Operations (Math)

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**Matthew William Matocha**

Toka, Toke, Toecheese
Austin, TX
Human Factors Engineering

If you're reading this, then I graduated. To my friends and family, I love you all! Without yalls support, I'd of left many a times. To the Academy, it yall only knew...



Benjamin David Menges

Mean Gene
Lewiston, MN
Math

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Seth Howard Reagan

Sethro, Howdy, The Lyrical Gangsta
Citrus Heights, CA
Management (Spanish)

"Enjoy this life, but prepare for the next." I have made mistakes, I have sinned, I have failed. But I have never given up, and with God's help I have made it thus far. He's given me things I can never repay: His mercy, my family, and my friends. We have all come a long way together, and there is an exciting horizon ahead. Air Force Falcon Football rules!



Caroline S. Mullin

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Jackson, NJ
Political Science Major

"Never Quit Caroline, just take it one meal at a time." Well Daddy-I never did, your little girl is all grown up. Mommy-We've grown so close this year, You will always be my inspiration. To Ed, Catherine and Family, Thank you for all your love, strength, belief, and encouragement. Friends- "A lifetimes not to long." (Ladies-Preppies -Follow your heart and always remember, be strong and live well).



Gretchen Renee Rhoads

g-mama, thor's girlfriend
Toledo, OH
English (French)

Thanks to God and my family for getting me through-Mom, Dad, Betty, Papa, and Nat. Sis-our apartment?! Jess, Shelby, Rachi, and Cam-we have memories to last a lifetime-you girls mean the world to me! Ian (aka b.n.)-my best-friend-i couldn't have made it without you. Walden Pond. THOR. Lisa, Dan, Ho, Bec, redeye and stalag kids, fatty throwers (where's desert?)-I love you all!!



Stalag Seventeen

Paul Anthony Neslusan

P, Censored
Wales, MA
Social Science

"I will find a way or I will make one", "Does your mind dance with color?" I would like to thank God and my family, without whom I would never have made it. I also would like to thank my extended family: Ted, Mach, Robin, and Shawn; without them, I would have gone crazy. And thanks to all my other friends: together we changed USAFA from a living hell into our playground.



Joel Steven Rivard

Riv
Dighton, MA
Meteorology

There have been many tough times, but there have been even more good times. Friends and Fun will definitely get you through this place. Thank you to my friends, especially those from the BlackJack clan, you guys are the greatest. Jenn, you're wonderful, you have given me the strength to make it. And most of all, thank-you to my family and friends back home for supporting me for four long years.



Michael James Peeler

Mike
Modesto, CA
Human Factors Engineering

It's not the end of life's journeys that should concern us. Rather it is the journey to life's ends that should fulfill us. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Dan and Jenn for your loving support over the years. Shannon, thank you for being there when I needed you. To the friends and families who have supported me - Thank you for everything, the good times and the bad. I'll remember you always.



Brett Carl Schumer

Burrito
Blue Bell, PA
Social Sciences

Mom and Dad, I made it!!! To the lax team, I love you guys and win or lose... To all my friends, some of us actually made it through and are leaving because we can, not because we got caught. Webb's, O'Malley's, LAX... forever... PW #2



Paul Toshio Tamashiro

Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii
Operations Research (Math)

Thanks everybody! I had this weird dream that I was at this school where..., but that couldn't have been real. Or could it?



James Gregory Young

Greg
Abbeville, SC
History

TO GOD BE THE GLORY: "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." John 21:25 "Let us cross over the river, and rest under the shade of trees." -Stonewall Jackson.



Hellcats C-Flight



Hellcats D-Flight

Nightriders of Eighteen



Scott Michael Anderson

Scotty
Klamath Falls, OR
Operations Research

I want to thank my family—my parents, my Mom, my sister, my lovely wife, my 7 beautiful children... without you, I never could have made it. To the police who patrol Fox Run park—thank you for being nice. Night Riders—thanks for everything. Lastly, but most importantly: To my Warhawk family, thanks for being with me for the last four years—I'll miss you.

**Matthew Kent Fisher**

Fish
French Lick, IN
Basic Sciences

Thanks be to Dad and Mom, the munchkin, family, friends and most importantly, God above. Phil. 4:13. Without your help, this redneck would have never realized his dream. Vlad, Kuch, Connie, CJ, Bill y'all mean the world to me. "I've got friends in low places" I'd say that fits. "The flame of great men is born from the ashes of suffering" -Z "Choose to chance the rapids and dare to dance the tides." -GB

**Robert Kyle Bosworth**

Bos
Dallas, TX
Social Sciences (Spanish)

Mom, Dad, Natalie, and Brent- Thanks for everything. I never would have made it through this place without your unconditional love and support. To the rugby guys and all the friends that I have made here—thanks for all of the good times. I never would have made it without you all. We got away with more than they will ever know. "Don't let school get in the way of your education." - Mark Twain

**Garry Stephen Floyd, Jr.**

CS-18
Hampton, GA
Military History

I just want to thank my God and my family. Mom, Dad, Stacy, Rick, thanks for your love and support. Kacie, I love you baby, thank you for waiting. What say we go get married now? Without you all I would not have made it. To my friends, Don't be cynical, it won't help. Enjoy life, seek harmony, its all about attitude.



Nightriders of Eighteen

Marcus John Corbett

Frederick, MD
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

"The Oven"—TBirds, Carnivores "Have Pride!", "You got knocked the blank "out!", corruption, camping, "Make your life extraordinary!"—DPS, Isaiah 40:31, Mom & Dad, there are no greater parents, if I accomplish half of what you have done, I will lead a full life! KD, AllenT, Kasey, Sherman, JJ&boys, "The Gang" from 27, Dave Bills—"word", new friends—thanks! Shanna you made it all worthwhile—L&K angel.

**Lora Diane Gresswell**

Ruf
Aloha, OR
Biology (Japanese)

First, I would like to thank mom, dad, JJ, Carebear, Buckaroo, Mimi and Papa. I couldn't have made it without you and your support. I would like to thank all of my friends for helping me through the hard times and through the best of times. And finally I would like to say: even though the skies may be gray where you are, you can always find BLUE SKIES. PTWOB#116

**Karl M. Falk**

K Falk, Fatty
Katy, TX
Managment

Thank you Mom. I love you. Shout out to the fellas and the O-Line: BUH-DER, Bitter, The depths of Big-C, random EV, 'goodluck' Tells, Parry, Fatty HUGE, 'TheHole' molly' Burritos, Waterworld, Castle/Roe-hoe, walkball, Doc-HUUHH, 2fisted, love you guys. You and Football got me through to the end. Football '97, good-better-best. Hog mallies... I just got on the LAZY RIVER! Phil. 4:13.

**Edward Benning Grundel**

The Shed
Carmichael, CA
Geography

King Richards, Ham, Trolls, Nightriders and BCT crew. (Sign Check) Thank you is not sufficient. Because of you I learned more in the last four years, specifically the last two, than I thought possible. The memories are great and abundant, and I will miss you all. Dominatio Exellentium! HUAHH! I also need to thank the Grundel Clan. Your support was critical and never over looked.



Leslie Franklin Hauck III

Les

Hays, KS

Operations Research (Math)

So this was college?! What an experience...I have to first thank my parents for enduring the stress that I put on them while trying to make USAFA an exclamation, not an explanation. Thank you to them and God for being there always. To all the fellas: What can I say? I love ya. Keep the traditions and friendships forever—it's what separates us from you know who—C.T.B.D.T.B.S.O.K.S



Wade Alan Henning

Wad

Wichita, KS

Biology

"If you're gonna lie, lie down. If you're gonna steal, steal a woman's heart. If you're gonna cheat, cheat death." Thanks to God and all my family for your support. Big thanks to Wallis for being such a great friend. Paige—thanks for the triscuits. And to all the dirtballs—mess up, cover up, shut up, throw your cap up.—DEACON—



Jason David Horton

Horty

Frankfort, IN

Civil Engineering

I can't believe we're finally done, but I can't say I'm too upset about it. Thanks to Angela, Mom, Dad, family, and all the other randoms out there. Old 39 "I DO RESPECT YOU!!!" How did me manage to all make it here? I couldn't really tell you, but I'm sure glad we did. Later...



Douglas Reuel Howe

Head, Greuel

Snow Hill, MD

Human Factors Engineering

Much thanks to God above for all his gifts. Thanks to Mom, Dad and Sara for love and support. Major Lavin, thanks for putting your name on the line, to save me. To my future wife, Cilla, the love of my life and best friend, thank you for making my dream become a reality. To all fellas and Zoomies, we are out of here.



Nightriders of Eighteen

Andrew Michael Henson

Andy, Drew

Hanover, PA

Biology (French)

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."



Eric Justin Lacouture

Cooter

Bedford, NH

Political Science (French)

I don't know how far I've run so far, but I'm sure the race has just begun. Stick to the challenging road, because life goes by too fast on the downhill. Winning isn't simply a matter of destiny, it has to be achieved. Keep on rockin' C-Hawks. Here's to the 80's forever, Morrissey for setting the mood, TM and the guys at the estate, Gravy, and anyone else looking for space.



Geoffrey Ryan Hindmarsh

Geoff

Goldsboro, NC

Military History

Four years went faster than I thought it would. I wish I could say it was alot of fun and I'd do it again, but I can't. Although, I wouldn't trade the friends and memories for anything. I'll give a what's up to B-squad, the old Rebel gang, my fellow Nightriders, Spitfire T-3 flight and the kids from Demons C-flight 97. To RTH in '01, you can be my wingman.



Todd Phillip Ladd

Rhink, Laddy

Clermont, FL

Biology

Thanks Mom and Dad, your love and support has meant the world to me. Woolpullers, I'll miss you all! Whether it was the ride from hell in San Jose or playing in the blinding snow of Wyoming, we had fun. Tark, RJ, Dubs, Tosh, Genes, Jared, and Gramps - you guys were always there for me. Play Ball!!



Viet Tran Nguyen

VC, Vietato
Pace, FL
Biology

It was the best of times...definitely the worst of times. Thanks to my family for the support they gave me while I was here. Also the guys from the Bulls of 6 in '98 that went through that hellish freshman year. And the guys in 18. G-dogg, Wildeman, Toolski, Cheetah, Scotty, Sparky, Sped, Laddy, and the guys for making time here fun. I'd like to thank Anne Marie and Karen for helping me relieve stress.

**Jamie McClinton Rhone**

SIMBA
San Antonio, TX
Management

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13)! Laverne and Erik: I am you and you are me. I love you and thank you both for helping me to become a man. Family: I thank you for the good as well as the bad, for they both have helped me to grow. Aki's: Before US there were none...After US there shall be no more.

**Jaimee Ann Otis**

James
Wintersville, OH
Geography

Without my family's love, friends' laughter, and faith in God, I wouldn't have made it past day one. Isaiah 41:2. What a sweet sorrow I have in saying goodbye. If I weren't already crazy, I might think I'd gone insane. Then again, the richness of the human experience would lose something of rewarding joy if there were no limitations to overcome. Marc - I'll be waiting, please hurry!

**Bernard Charles Smith**

Nards, Bern-Dog, Bern-Diggity
Highland, IN
Political Science

Mom, Dad, all my Family, Thanks. Without you I'd be a bum. Tony, my best friend and brother, I'd Take a bullet for you. In the arm or leg, not in the face though. BFC!!! Fellas, Southside nation, Cobra Dirtbags, we have 4 years of college partying to make up. One word for ya'll, LOYALTY! All you others don't turn into what you hate now. Thank you God and Jesus.



Nightriders of Eighteen

Conrad Alexander Preedom

C
Claremont, NH
Operations Research (Math)

Aggressors "Daffy Duck" Flight-Yahoo! Ops Rsch types-NO MORE FORTAN! Soaring Types-fly safe and good luck with that throttle thing...Nightriders-Best of Luck, especially you "Chief Hosah"-keep in touch. Always think BIG PICTURE... What's REALLY Important? Seize EVERYday-you can't speed them up AND YOU CAN'T SLOW THEM DOWN...

**Krista Noel Staff**

Aurora, CO
Operations Research (Math)

"When you see someone putting on his Big Boots, you can be pretty sure that an Adventure is going to happen." Winnie the Pooh
What an adventure this has been and each step has made me stronger. Words of wisdom: Put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. "Don't bother to give God instructions; just report for duty." Corrie Ten Boom God, I'm excited to see what you have planned for me! James 1:2-4

**Neil James Radulski**

Toolski, Neilson
Danbury, CT
Latin American Area Studies
(Spanish)

To all the boys, thanks for keeping me out of trouble. Who knew street lamps wouldn't move or the cheapest bed in Breck was at Detox? Who passed out after the Dave show? Wildeman, don't puke-we're at the gate! Many fun memories, many more to come so everybody grab a beer and start Kung-Fu fighting cuz we're movin' as fast as lightnin'!

**Mark Thomas Sundlov**

Sparky
Fredonia, NY
American History

Pure Love to my Friends and to the Five-you have been with me in Rockland, but now it is time for us to leave. Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road/ Healthy, free, the world before me/ The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose. WW We are all beautiful golden sunflowers. AG



Felicia Elizabeth Thompson

Everson, WA
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks to my mom, dad, and brother for all the support they have given me over the past four years. Big thanks to all the friends I have made, I couldn't have done it without you! Isaiah 40:31



Paige Erin Wyatt

Red, Earp
Houston, TX
Operations Research

Two roads to happiness - the North and South Gates. Friends made it worthwhile. Family: Thanks for everything. Muns, the best to come - Mercedes rocks. To Superman: my love and hope. Miss you Pace. Vic, Lax, Jun/Sen van - because of you I should be gone by now, thanks for the fun. O-dog, 4 years of red. Former and new birds: I owe much laughter and gossip, love you always.



Dennis Christopher Wilde

Wildeman
Asheville, NC
Biology

"I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death." - Robert Fulghum. Thanks to the Lord, my family, and my friends. I couldn't have made it without you. Always remember...



Interceptors A-Flight

Wolverines of Nineteen



Daniel P.M. Lee*Dan*Radford, VA
Aeronautical EngineeringIllegitimus non
Carborundum, and they
didn't.**Richard Anthony Meziere Jr.***Raziere, Riggity*
Schaumburg, IL
Electrical Engineering

Mom, Dad, Jen-I can't thank you enough. Enka-it's been tough, but definitely worth the wait. I love you guys. Now, lemme send a little shoutout to all my 39 boyz, and the whole Random crew-the goodtimes made things bearable. I love all y'all. Here's to Z's house and cheap beer (Norm and Esta- you rock), phat winters, and tight pals (you know who you are). Late.

**Jason Patrick McCalpin***JP*Plano, TX
Mechanical Engineering

Thank you, cynicism. It took four long years to learn that family and friends are the only things that really matter. And don't take pillows to A-Hall briefings. Mom, Daddy, and Kasey you'll never know what your words did for me. To all the duccis from 8 - Thanks, fellas, for everything you've given me. This damn place had better open up some doors for me. We finally made it.

**David Christopher Miller***Thunder, SuperDave*
Kaiserslautern, Germany
Biology

"Mea spes es en Deo."
Thanks for the hard times,
the pain, and the agony.
Yeah, it was worth it.



Wolverines of Nineteen

Jaime Alene Melton*Jam*Trussville, AL
Military History

"In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and He answered me by setting me free...I will give thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation." Psalm 118:5,6,21. Dad, Mom, Lorie and Erick, you are my strength & joy - you always believed! Dr. Warrick, Anna & the Group, thank you for making me part of your family. Keith, you are God's greatest blessing. Thank you Jesus, for everything. Isaiah 55:6-7

**Jeffrey William Mohr**Cincinnati, OH
Social Sciences**Glenn Andrew Merkle***Merk*Woodstown, NJ
Legal Studies

"It's a dog-eat-dog world,
and I'm wearing milk bone
underwear."

**Victor Raymond Pickett***DUAYNE*

Pemberton, NJ

Latin American History (Spanish)

5 years later: waz it worth it? Prob'ly not, but we'll see...Peece out to my boyeez from da' BAND ("Stay Greesy!!"), and to the loco's of Padrinos ("que Viva Panam!"). Special thankz: Mom & Dad, my boyee Rob D. at USNA, the other remainin' Grand: Carlos A., and Capt. G. Most of all, Glory to God for bein' good, "all da' time!" - I'M OUT!!



Calvin Brooks Powell

Cal
Tallahassee, FL
History

I thank the Lord for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Mom, Dad, and Adam, thank you for providing me with the love and support to achieve my dreams. Ronald, Daniel, Jung, the old 22ers and 19ers—thank you; it is truly the friends that count.



Katherine Ann Roy

Kat, Janiz
Springfield, MA
Latin American History (Spanish)

"Prison is where you promise yourself the right to live."—Jack Kerouac "And please don't look so worried! They all come out in the wash, you know; every one of them"—Roald Dahl "Never let the bastards win."—Daniel W. Roy, 1994.



Interceptors B Flight



Interceptors C Flight

Tough Twenty Trolls



Douglas Alan Arioli

Roll

Shawnee Mission, KS
Political Science

Ah yes, here I am in the yearbook. Thank you to everyone who has helped me along. You know who you are I'm sure. No more words.



Brian Philip Collins

Irmo, SC

Engineering Mechanics (Math)

Christy Lodge, buck o five stogies, squatting chicken, the Oh No, 3 amigos, 4-wheeling, ride the snake, death by a spoon, Shaw, wasted T3, Dominos, caffeine, rafting, 98% club, Beer and bowls, and Cancun. Thanks to my mom, dad, Heather, Melissa, and all of my friends for everything. I wouldn't have made it without all of your support.



Connie Lynn Berkahn

Conster-Monster

Menomonee Falls, WI
Geography

I thought I was king of the mountain - But I was only a fool on the hill -GS



Quentin Wayne Cox

Q

Wichita, KS
Management

"You came from Heaven to earth, to show the way; from the earth to the Cross, my debt to pay; from the Cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord I lift Your name on high!" I thank God that He brought me here (Jeremiah 29:11-13). It wasn't always easy and I didn't always like it, but THROUGH Christ I made it (Phillippians 4:4-13).



Tough Twenty Trolls

Brian Charles Carroll

BC

Saratoga Springs, NY
Human Factors

If I had to do it all over again, well you know... I've experienced many trials & tribulations here, but thanks to my parents & friends I made it through. Mom & Dad, thank you for always being there and giving me that extra push. I love you. Brian, Bob, Gage, Jeff, Rich, Shawn, we made it! I couldn't have made it without you guys, you made life bearable. I'll miss all of you and I'll never forget our time here.



Deno William DeBacco

chicken, debaccowitz

Lake Grove, NY
Management

Mom and Dad..THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!! There's nothing more to say. Sis.. HANG IN THERE I'll be a phone call away. Fellow Zoomies.. Many memories, nationals.. KIT and keep the stories coming.. A-DOG, ZONE, shagging birdies.. TUFFSHED.. Denver treated us well, 60 days can only get better.. LOWEN.. 2nd father and friend.. OHIOGEISIMUS. Keep feeding the pony!



Jeffrey Ford Cashion

Jeff (Cush)

Houston, TX
Meteorology

The friends I have made here are by far the greatest blessings of all. I am confident that I will remember each one for their awesome support and friendship...afterall WWJD!



Michael James Develle II

Mike D

Tampa, FL
Physics

The past four years were the toughest of my life. My faith in God, along with so many other people made it possible. Thanks to my parents and my family, for everything. Thanks to all the Trolls. But especially thanks to the gang- Dan, Ho, Rae, Shark, Chubbs, Flash, Gretch, Cami, and Jess. It wouldn't have been any fun without y'all.



Mark Stephen Emiley

Frion

Cedarburg, WI
Aeronautical Engineering / Mechanical Engineering; (Math)

They say you can't do it all. They may be right but it never hurts to try as much as you can. Now it's time for the next steps, perhaps the first real ones. I'll always look to the future but never forget the past. Thanks for being there for me and keeping me sane Jamie. OV's forever!



Alesandra Leanore Grindle

Grindlemooster

Selma, CA
Civil Engineering

Love and thanks to my mom and dad for everything they have done and for their support all these years. The same to my brother Kenneth, who is already smarter than I will ever be. Have fun and study hard at CSM! Rachelle, I'm finally done! To David, I'm looking forward to the first day of our life. Blurb!



Elizabeth Jan Kaster

Liz

South Saint Paul, MN
Engineering Mechanics

"Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason." I would never have survived these four years without some awesome friends. I love you all and it'll be tough to let you go - I hope I never have to. Thanks to the fam for all the support. You've been great. Thank you Jim for showing me how amazing and happy life can be.



Bradley Kalmar Klemesrud

BK, Clappie

Columbus, OH
Computer Science

"They shall mount up with wings as Eagles." Thanks to those who helped me grow my wings. Schmitt, a true friend. Spleen, JoBu, Rob Dawg, Bradley and Deathrow. Pablo, Brandon, JT, Jethro, Geo, Tally, and the Trolls. Mom, Dad and Brian for long calls, short visits, and endless support. Most of all, thank you Shannon for staying with me through it all. We did it - the rest is downhill!!!



Tough Twenty Trolls

Richard Charles Hemmings

Hemm

Hoover, AL
European Area Studies (French)

I want to thank my family (D&S) and of course my friends - the boys from cobras (sstst!) Brian, Bob, all the dozens, and all the fat t-rolls. I never would have made it without all the great people. Special thanks to my baby b---, beer, and Paul Fussell. It's finally over! Go exchange! Enculé!



David Aaron Lewis

Houston, TX
Economics

I've spent 4 years writing lines on the chalk board and therefore I take no sense of accomplishment with me from anything academy related. All the hardships, pure busy work. No pride. My successes, all extracurricular, I would have achieved them or reached higher heights anywhere else. My friends, those who wrote "I will not talk in class" more than 1000000 times with me, love.



Brandon Reid Johnson

BR

Midland, TX
Mechanical Engineering

To all the Trolls and the Deucers, we finally made it. We have followed a hard road, seen others take a different path, and learned many hard lessons. We have made friends that will last a lifetime, and learned who we really are. As you speed off into your future keep this in mind and you will go far - Remember, no matter how good you are, there's someone better.



Frank William Niemeyer III

Trey

Lumberton, MS
Civil Engineering

Well, I guess this is it. Mom & Dad, I never would have made it without y'all. Also, thank to all the friends that I have made along the way. After this, we can make it through anything. You've got to be kidding me.



George Edward Noel III
GeoCrookston, MN
Computer Science

Carpe Diem, make your lives something spectacular! For all those graduating this institution with me its been fun. May we all make our lives something spectacular and find this world is a better place because we were in it.



Brian Matthew Roberts
B, Bri
Morrill, OH
Biology

It's been real, it's been fun, but it sure wasn't really fun (except for a couple of weekends and Spring Breaks!). See you all in the wild blue yonder. Oh yeah, this one's for God, Mother and Country... 98 HUAH!!!



Shawn Kenneth Orban
Grand Daddy
Alpena, MI
Electrical Engineering/Math

The most important thing I will take from the Academy are the close friends I made. may we always keep in touch. THE FAMILY, THE FUN, THE FIVE & J.K.



Tait Wyn Stamp
Lisbon, IA
Political Science

"I'm stranded in the jungle, Taking all the heat they was giving, The night is dark but the sidewalk's bright, And lined with the light of the living." - Bruce Springsteen Thank you to all of the people who chose to keep their lights on for the past four years. God Bless.



Tough Twenty Trolls

Paul Michael Peconga
Pablo
Peru, IN
Astronautical Engineering

The things I will never forget about being a cadet are the friendships I've made. Through thick and thin we've made it together and we had a good time doing it. I could never have made it without you and I will always remember you. You guys are the best.



David Andrew Talafuse
T-Fuse
San Antonio, TX
Human Factors Engineering

Its been an awesome experience! Thanks to all the little people (Anne), the other six in my family, old Waragle pals, and my number one souvenir Sandra. Have faith in God, fight for your moral standards, take care of those around you, and don't call your fiance a pet gorilla more than twice a week are the keys to success. Forever pound for pound the meanest and Haaahst!



Kennan Enrique Pichirilo
Miami, FL
Operations Research

Time is never lost but only sucked away. Thanks to my folks for always pushing me to do better. To my friends Dan, Rich, Brian & Brian, and the others for keeping me sane. For the rest, just hang in there - it will all be over soon.



Jason Daniel Thornburg
J.T., T-Burg
Kalispell, MT
Human Factors Engineering
(Philosophy)

"...the soul rules the body; and by virtue of it the master, who possesses the rational faculty of the soul, rules the slave....But nature...does not always succeed in achieving a clear distinction between men born to be masters and men born to be slaves."-Aristotle. Family, Wolverines/Trolls, Montanans, 98, past/present/future friends: thanks. I love you all.





Blackjacks

Anthony Joseph Barry II

Tony Chubbs
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Management

Thanks goes out to: God, my family, and all the others who have helped me get through this place when my effort alone was not enough. When I first came here, all I wanted to do was fly (and flying is still all I want to do). However in my four years here, I have met some great people, had some fun, and learned quite a bit in the process. Until we meet again...



Derek Stephen Beret

Steve
Phoenix, AZ
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

Success is this: "To rise each time you fall. It matters not if you try and fail and try again, but it matters much if you try and fail and fail to try again." Thank God for the strength to rise above it all. Headed for Glory....GB



Carrie Asher Biehn

Biehner
Staunton, VA
Environmental Engineering

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thes. 5:16-18. Thanks to God, family, & friends. Mom & Mama, you are my strength. I love you. OCF Ladies, thanks for helping me grow. Many thanks to the Finns for being home away from home. Softball... we had fun! Old Deucers, especially Lisa, & Blackjacks, thanks for it all. '98 HUAH!



Charlie Philip Blackshear

Chuck P
Glendale, AZ
Astronautical Engineering

To my parents: thank you so much for your guidance and tireless support; I owe all that I am to you. To Rosemary, Belinda, Nanay, & the AZ family—your love and encouragement has meant everything to me. Giovanni, G-Tibbs, and Tommy—room dogs and true friends—I wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors. Remember, 1998 DOMINATES! Dad, cut the RM250 loose...back to racing!



Joshua Aaron Brown

Josh, Hoshi, Luscious, Downtown
St. Cloud, MN
History

First, BIG thanks to the man above. To my parents and brother, love you always. My Dirty Boys (BBH), and Blackjacks, the last two years have been outstanding in our drunken stupor. Stan, Brian, Mo, Kristen, and the rest of my friends abroad, thanks for the supportive E-mails. To the band and all the fans, NEVER STOP GRINDING. "Thousand miles lie before me... I'll love you til the end of time".

**Joseph Ferfolia**

Ferfs
Valley View, OH
Operations Research

Well, we've actually made it! -It's a dream come true! Thank you Mom, Dad, and the rest of the Ferf family! And to the fellas, we've had some awesome times. I'll love you all forever. Never, ever forget what's important..."Success is not built on what we accomplish for ourselves. Its foundation lies in what we do for others." Good luck out there!

**Matthew Cantore**

Beaker
Guilderland, NY
Space Operations

Free! Free at last! Mom, Dad and Mike - Could not have done it without you. Don and Judy - you will always be my Colorado parents. Thanks for accepting me into your nest. Sands - keep your head up - you're almost there. Blackjacks and ex-Barons - The roller coaster has been thrilling but it's time to get off. Good luck and thanks for believing in me.

**Michael Alan Freeman**

Mike, Free
Littleton, CO
Civil Engineering

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Blackjacks

Florian Ciriaco DeCastro

Flo
Stuart, FL
Warstudies/ Military History

Life is short and precious. All of us are born alone and die alone. A life without knowledge is barren. Knowledge without wisdom is dangerous. When the end is near, I would like to feel the satisfaction that I have left a better world than what I found.

**Jason Randal Glover**

G-Love
Fairbanks, AK
Economics / Operations Research

Thanks to my parents who taught me to never quit, and to all my family and friends who made sure I never forgot that "Times like these, it helps to remember there have always been times like these" Paul Harvey Thanks to all the new friends here for making the place a little more fun. I hope I helped you as much as you all helped me.

**Robert Edward Evert**

Ev, Random Ev
Eden Prairie, MN
Social Sciences

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**Philip Jack Hagen**

Phil, Freak, Pagan
Lockport, NY
Computer Science

"All can know beauty as beauty only because there is ugliness. All can know good only because there is evil." According to that, we are all experts on good colleges. We came to learn to be officers, but we leave knowing how to be cadets. Ben, Kim, Frenchie, Amara, and of course Mom-Dad-Doug, you've helped me get through. Time's up - parole me and bring on the real world!



Sharon Nicole Hillman

SNH
Panama City, FL
English

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Chad Gregory Lewis

Adel, IA
Operations Research

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Marshall Dane McMullen

Great Falls, MT
Legal Studies/Philosophy

"Life is the result of the struggle between dynamic opposites: form and chaos, substance and oblivion, light and dark, and all the infinite variations of Yin and Yang. When the pendulum swings in favor of one, it eventually swings back in favor of its opposite. And thus the balance of the universe is maintained." "Intact" NED'S ATOMIC DUSTBIN



Dee James Olsen

Manti, UT
Latin American Area Studies
(Spanish)

But behold, they have received many wounds; nevertheless they stand fast in that liberty wherewith God has made them free; and they are strict to remember the Lord their God from day to day; yea, they do observe to keep his statutes, and his judgements, & his commandments continually; and their faith is strong in the prophecies concerning that which is to come. ALMA 58:40 ...here's to Heroes!



Blackjacks

Kara Michelle Lueken

Kari
Ashland, KY
Geography

To my family, without your love and support, I would have never made it. To J, thanks for believing in me, especially when I didn't even believe in myself. To my Phantom friends and the Blackjack crew, always double-down when you have an Ace. My bit of advice on life: As long as you can laugh and keep smilin', everything will be okay.



Kevin Joseph Osborne

Ozzie
Louisville, KY
Civil Engineering

A dream to some, a nightmare to others. I look back and smile. I have run the race & fought the good fight. One thing I have learned is to never regret anything. Learn from your mistakes and move on. The last words my Dad said before coming here, "Follow your heart, shoot for the stars, put faith in God, and never look back." Go St. X & the best of luck to Kedric, Class of 2000. 98 Dominates... HUAH!



Liza Ivette Martinez-Perez

Warner Robins, GA
Geography (Spanish)

"And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back. I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I- I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."

Robert Frost



Adam Wade Schnicker

Weirdo
San Antonio, TX
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

What's up, now smokey? I may be done with this place, but one thing will remain, discipline. Zoomies, stay hard. You are the military backbone of this Academy. To the Denver Crew, drive fast, drink hard, and always keep plenty of bagels and sausage handy. When you see how bad the top of the class kissed ass I'd rather be at the bottom poundin it.



Danny Clay Smith

Mad Dawg
Jackson, GA
Human Factors Engineering

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Grady Alan Tibboel

Johnston, IA
Mechanical Engineering

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Nikolas William Stengle

Nick
Melbourne, FL
Astronautical Engineering (Math)

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Jaguars A-Flight

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Carrey Alleyne Chin

Chin Nutz
Irvine, CA
Electrical Engineering

"Without struggle, there is no progress"
I'd like to thank my family
for their unconditional love
and support. And to all my
buds out there, I'll see you
at the top.

**Phil Thomas Dillingham**

Dham
Sacramento, CA
Human Factors (Ergonomics)

To my family, I love you guys to death.
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4 years of probation could not keep me
from my Corvette. I finally did some-
thing to make you proud Mom and
Dad, your second Academy grad. Hey
Joe, thanks for being a big brother! Big
Mont, RPI, I'll be there soon. To the
Tribe, we made it! "You bet-
ter ask some #!@\$%
body!" DHAM 1998
USAF Retired

**Shalanda Helen Baker**

Shov
Austin, TX
Political Science

Goals come and go, but vision lasts for-
ever. I arrived with goals, and depart
with vision. Friendships gained and
lost. Memories. DRAMA. Thank
you, God. Abby, my truest friend, I
love you. Titi and the 98 Crew,
When's It Gonna Stop?! Rugby, thank
you. I found myself on the pitch. To
Mom and my family.. It was
a long night, but I must con-
tinue my journey. Dawn is
near.

**Chad Matthew Dutton**

Germantown Hills, IL
Engineering Sciences (Astronautics)

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asked me why I chose to come to the
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college. I can only say that it will be
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Erin Zar Bender

RE
Issaquah, WA
Management

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**Julia Anne East**

Newman, CA
Math

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for anything in the world. Thanks to
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hope you're my friend forever... 'cause
that's how long I'm gonna need you!"
Oh by the way, YOU'RE
HAIR IS SOOOOO
LONG!

**Ryan Michael Bohner**

Bone
Story City, IA
Basic Sciences-Biology

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we've finally reached the light. My
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**Bradley John Ertmer**

Freeport, IL
Space Physics

"There are two ways to live your life.
One is as though nothing is a miracle.
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taught me to see the miracle in every
tiny joy that life brings. Thanks Mom
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years, but for my entire life!



Christopher Loren Harlow

C Loren
Fresno, CA
Economics (Philosophy)

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Brandon Shayne Maroon

GiMp.
The Woodlands, TX
Human Behavior

Fighting the powers for countless hours in fields of weeds specked with bone dry flowers. It's not your fault that you're always wrong, the weak ones are here to justify the strong. You're perfect, yes it's true, but without me you're only you. I need to realize I need real eyes to see what's not a dream, 'cause all I do is wander in this stupid fantasy. Peace. Rev 6:16



Matthew Alan Hayden

Matt
Petaluma, CA
Engineering Science / Mechanical Engineering

I couldn't have done any of this on my own. If you care enough to read my blurb, then you're the one I need to thank for all I have done here over the last four years. Thanks for the strength, the support, and the courage to keep going. Couldn't have done it without you!! Where's the stone now? Psalm 118:22. Praise the Lord!



Lance Garrett Moore

Lug, Lugger, LG
Brilliant, OH
Biology

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Aaron Alexander Juhl

Nick
Cape Carteret, NC
Mechanical Engineering

This is just one step on my way to a dream. The dream of all dreams. To own a small plot of land in Northern Montana where I can raise emues to support my harem and my habits. (well it is just a dream) "In order to live free and happily, you must sacrifice boredom. It is not always an easy sacrifice." Richard Bach ((NMO: Call me))



Rebecca Louise Muggli

Becky
Redmond, WA
Aerospace Physiology (French)

Your reason and your passion are the rudder and the sails of your seafaring soul.



Peter Jon Lueck

Cliff
Daly City, CA
Meteorology

Like to thank God, my family, and friends that have supported me through this little endeavour. I suppose it might be worth it in the long run but that is something only time can tell. I just want everyone to remember one phrase from this place "It Was."



Angel Alfonso Santiago

Gel, Chachi
Newport News, VA
Latin American History (Spanish)

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Damian Schlusel

D. Schlusel
Amandale, VA
Management

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**Mark Adam Smedra**

Smeds, Lark, Lark, Smedra
Livermore, CO
Political Science (Spanish)

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**Angela Dawn Tauriainen**

Lakeside, CA
Poli Sci (Spanish)

'We're all mad here. I'm mad, you're mad.' 'How do you know I'm mad?' said Alice. 'You must be,' said the Cat, 'or you wouldn't have come here.' - Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Hugs and Kisses to my family for their constant support and to my friends for keeping me sane. Those few showed that we can get through anything as long as we're smiling!

**Paul Jerome Wells**

FGN
Portland, OR
Aeronautical Engineering (French)

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Todd Strawser

United States Air Force Academy, CO
Biology

God is good all the time. All the time God is good. "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." 1 John 4:7

**William Regen Wilson**

Regen
Atlanta, GA / Danville, KY
Political Science

If my picture actually appears here, I guess that means I made it. Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last. But not free from Destiny, which is what brought and kept me here. I can't say that I really enjoyed my time here. I didn't. Yet, in the end, experiences like this one comprise the giant brush strokes on the canvas of life. You'll find me in the arena.

**William Terry Stringer, Jr.**

Will
Madison, MS
Civil Engineering

Robert Frost once wrote about taking a walk. On this walk, his path diverged. He made the decision to follow the less traveled path, and for the rest of his life that decision made "all the difference." Only time will tell what difference this path I've chosen will make, but I would like to thank God, my family, and my friends for helping me to keep on walking. Carpe Diem.

**Geoffrey Dean Zion**

Z
Jacksonville, FL
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

If this gets published, then I've won this silly little game. I've only learned that if you dangle graduation and disenrollment in front of any dog, you can get him to perform tricks. If there's one thing I want to remember this place by, it's the fellas. Just the fellas!





Barnstormin' Two-Three

David Michael Banker

Spanker, Boaz
Kirkland, WA
Electrical Engineering (Math)

After four years of expectations, let downs, anticipations, and rejections, I can honestly say that I am ready to get it started - for real. I owe most of this to the eternal support of my family: you guys were great, and I love you all. To all the bizzos and ducchi's, past and present, I made it - but you made it fun!



Patrick Lee Brown

Chantilly, VA
Political Science

I cannot tell you about the hypocrisy, the rules that are not followed, the lack of integrity, or the lack of consistency in four lines. Come ride the roller coaster yourself. It is worth the ride. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7



Kelli Ann Bruckner

Smiley
San Diego, CA
Biology

Thank you, Lord, for loving me and having a sense of humor! Mom, dad, BJ - your love has gotten me through more than you could ever imagine. This is what I learned: "Count your garden by the flowers, never by the leaves that fall; Count the nights by stars, not by shadows; Count your life by smiles, not by tears!" Proverbs 3:5-6



Danny Anibal Campos

"DC", Dee, Red
San Antonio, TX
Middle East Area Studies (Arabic)

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John David Cooley, Jr.

J. D., Cooley
Springfield, OH
Electrical Engineering (Math)

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(James 1:2-3)

**Antoine Delooz**

Looser
Paris, France
French Exchange

"It's easy to hide behind a smile, behind an ugly grace. It's easy to talk on the back, it's harder to the face. It's easier to drink than to think, it's all so easy then. It's easy to shy away from life, it's hard to be the man." - Martin Carr

Erika Cottrell

E. Roscoe P Cottrell
Las Cruces, NM
History

Besides my diploma, this may be the only other record proving my four years of hard work here at USAFA. To Pop: I made some goals, organized my priorities and graduated in your honor. To Mom: If you had not been there to tell me to come home I never would have stayed. To Mimi & Shogo: Thanks for the legacy, Go Air Force, BEAT Navy! To Rich: Ephesians 5:22-33

**Michael Steele Doherty**

Steele
Temecula, CA
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

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Barnstormin' Two-Three

Duane Alan Daunt

Dz Nutz
Tallahassee, FL
History

To my parents, without whom I could not have made it through here. Fellas, we made it, barely. I am going to miss all of the times that we had together. Carrie, we did it, I Love You!....Men who share combat become...

**Gregory Robert Hafner**

Greg
Holyoke, Ma
Aeronautical Engineering / Math

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**Daniel Spencer DeYoung**

Dan, Spence
West Milford, NJ
Physics (Math)

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**Gregory Matthew Hietpas**

Fond du Lac, WI
Operations Research (Math)

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Henry Roosevelt Jeffress III
Def Jeff
 Emporia, VA
 Human Factors Engineering

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Charles Brian McFarland
 BMAC
 Greenville, TX
 Astronautical Engineering

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Shawn Patrick Kelly
 Laurel, MD
 Management

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Nathan Andrew Mead
 Nate
 Severna Park, MD
 Physics

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Barnstormin' Two-Three

Oswaldo Samuel Lopez-Torres
 Sam
 Mayagez, PR
 Human Behavior

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Jess Aaron Melin
 Melinhead
 Livingston, MT
 Geography (Spanish)

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Michael James Lyle
 Grove City, PA
 Economics

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Charles Stewart Parent
 Charley
 Port Huron, MI
 Management

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Jennifer Ann Phelps

Jen

Akron, OH

Environmental Engineering

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James David Reaves

Jay

El Toro, CA

Human Factors Engineering

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Eric Lee Tibbs

Wookie, Tibbers

Pueblo, CO

Civil Engineering

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Justin Scott Tomlinson

JT

Mount Juliet, TN

Mechanical Engineering

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Michelle Irene Roxburgh

Roxy

Arlington, TX

Space Operations (Mathematics)

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Mark Robert Wernersbach

West Sayville, NY

Political Science

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Mark Andrew Scheer

Wichita, KS

Engineering Mechanics

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Jaguars B-Flight



Hard Core Two-Four

Brian Kerttula Beachkofski

Beach
Madison, WI
Engineering Mechanics (Philosophy, Math)

When Beachkofski was eighteen years old, he left his home, and went into the mountains. There he enjoyed his Academy, and for four years he did not weary of it. But at last his heart changed, -and rising one morning with the rosy dawn, he went before the sun and spake unto it: I must dance on the edge of the abyss. Thus began Beachkofski's down-going.



Michael Lee Colson

Caledonia, MS
Management

"The heights by great men reached and kept Were not attained by sudden flight; But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night." -Longfellow To my family, I would like to say thanks. My accomplishments are a direct reflection of your love and support.



Kenneth Jason Daniels

J, KJ, K-DOG, Kenny
Winston-Salem, NC
Geography (Spanish)

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Jonathan Michael Dietrich

Jonny-D
Plainfield, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

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Mason Russell Dula

Fat Dula
Oatman, NV
Military History

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**Clay Andrew Farell**

Sunnyvale, TX.
Political Science (Spanish)

Mom, your love and support got me through. Dad, you will always be my hero. Isaiah 64:8. No one is beat till he quits. No one is through till he stops. No matter how hard failure hits, No matter how often he drops, A fellow's not down till he lies In the dust and refuses to rise. -author unknown

**Courtney Anne Hamilton**

Reno, NV
Computer Science

Thanks to my family for all your love and support. Mom - I wouldn't have made it without you. KimChi - you made it and I will always admire you for that. Kat - quesadillas, bad couches, and being loud makes for great memories. To all my friends, thanks for putting up with me. To the CS majors - a coma might have been better. "I thought we were an autonomous collective..." -Monty Python

**Thomas John Hornik**

Hornik!, Tommy
Palos Heights, IL
English

Those who say that they can and those who say that they can not are both correct. Oh Boy. Here I go again.



Hard Core Two-Four

Nathan Dane Flint

Smoothie
Lee's Summit, MO
Management

To Jesus Christ, my Savior, goes all my thanks. I suppose Mom and Dad get some credit too. The most valuable things I will take away from USAFA are the friendships I've made. To all the fellas along the way (both here and in Missourah), I thank you for putting up with me. Zoomie Ruggers-thanks for all the fun we 'never' had. See you all again when we're AOCs!

**Jason Kyle Loe**

Loedaddy
Springfield, MO
Meteorology

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**Margaret Dorothy Grafe**

Maggie
El Paso, TX
Biology

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**Christopher Casey Miller**

Case-swa
Dripping Springs, TX
Biology

Maker's Mark and overembellishment. The Academy and real life. Its about the memories. Through it all there were and always will be friends and family. Jerry Garcia said it best: "Talk about your plenty, talk about your ills, one man gathers what another man spills." You were right parentals, "...if you try sometimes you find you get what you need." To those who care, I love you.



Firsties

Daniel Joseph O'Connell

Dallas, TX
Political Science

"Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time." -Longfellow Thank you Dad, Mom, Keri, Kate, Mike and the rest of the family. Your love, guidance, and support have been essential the past four years of hardship.

**Van Thuong Thai**

Who Dat Guy
Oklahoma City, OK
Biology Pre-Med (French)

This is not the end but just the beginning of my life. I would like to thank my father, mother, and brother for always being there and supporting me, especially through my Academy years. To the Elliots, you all have been my second family, and I will never forget the love that you have shown to me. To my all friends, thank you for sharing your laughter, problems, and companionship.

**Carrie Lynn Platt**

Pittsburgh, PA
Human Behaviors

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**Jonathan Eisele Thompson**

Jonny
Gladstone, MO
Civil Engineering

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Hard Core Two-Four

Steven Ronald Radtke

dirt
Kingwood, TX
Biology

Finally, the beginning is almost here! I not sure how (or why) I did it. I do know I couldn't have done it alone. Mom, Dad, and Bill thanks for being there for me. Gimp, Bob, and Shakes I will always remember our Miles of Trials. OV's, they broke up a really good thing.

**Nathan Raymond Titus**

Nate
Clovis, NM
Biology

The end of the beginning! Thank you Mom, Dad, John, Bethany and Katy, your support has been awesome! Friends are what makes life worth living. Jeff, Sam, Rod, Greg and the other boys, without you I wouldn't be here now. You guys are the best! Remember, "True knowledge lies in knowing that you know nothing!"

**Raimone Arian Roberts**

Slobbz
Littleton, CO
General Engineering

When times appear difficult/impossible, take a step back. Look and realize that things here that make us upset/angry are all small in comparison to life and salvation. Family/friends is what makes life good or bad. Jesus Christ is what makes salvation possible for all who believe. "The Lord is my light and the one who saves me. I fear no one. The Lord protects my life." Psalm 27:1

**Romanita Yecenia Vargas**

C, Lil' Romana, Cenita
McAllen, TX
History-Latin America (Spanish)

We have all changed one way or another, some good and others bad. Through it all there have been some constants...friends and family. You know who you are and I wanna say, "I love you and will always be there for you." C-Sqd don't forget 3am fire drills, Cerberus it's all about Crazy Horse and those near and dear to me the Hard Core Phantoms of '98! Jer.



Erwin Tudor Waibel

South Burlington, VT
Military History

Graduation is FINALLY here! I would like to thank my family, mom, dad and Annemaria, we finally made it together. Thanks to the "fellas", the best friends I ever had who made this place a little more enjoyable. Thank you God, you were always there when I needed you. "I feel the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more" Dr J. Salk. Psalms 28,35,37,91



Richard James Wilson

Rick
Washington, MO
Political Science

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Matthew Robert Warner

Matt, Matty
Rock, PA
Human Behavior

After all this time and all this education I thought I would have something brilliant to say. But all I can think of is "Thank God it's over." To all my boys (and girls) I'd like to wish strength and courage. To Damian, I love you and miss you. We all do. And finally to Clint, I guess I'll finally see you in the real "real world."



Jaguars C-Flight

Redeyes of Twenty-Five



Sean Knute Wade Adcock*Knute*Biology (Japanese)
Ketchikan, AK

If ignorance is bliss, why is everyone always so angry? But we now possess a usafa-spawned integrated body of fundamental knowledge. For it I thank God, The Mom & The Dad, my sister, Sgt. Warren, Bill Haan, this guy named Krueger, the good doctor Reagan, and even TB for sordid reasons. Whatever happens from now should be just great. "Newts & blind-worms do no wrong"

- W. Shakespeare.

**Martin Hetland Crawford***Marty, Martian, Hetland*
Humansville, MO
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

"For as the nature of foul weather lieth not in a shower or two of rain; but in an inclination thereto of many days together, so the nature of war consisteth not in actual fighting, but in the known disposition thereto during all the time there is no assurance to the contrary. All other time is Peace." Thomas Hobbes

**Benjamin Paul Baumgartner***Memnoch, Ben'jamin, Ben*
Cedarburg, WI
Computer Science

"As time has shown us again & again, if there is no risk, then there can be no gain..." Damion Was Right - "Bitter!" Thanks everyone, you know who you are.

**David Andrew DeAngelis***Crazy Dave*
West Seneca, NY
Human Factors Engineering

I guess four years at the Academy sure beats "living in that van down by the river." Seriously, this place has been a lot fun. I'd like to thank GOD, my parents and brothers for getting me through. To my aviation buddies-green screens. Thanks to all my friends that made going to this place worthwhile. I won't forget you guys and I'll see you on the other side.



Redeyes of Twenty-Five

Matthew Gerard Bland*Matt*Holbrook, NY
Political Science

Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Meredith and the rest of the family who were always willing to listen. Thanks to everyone who have kept me sane, and kept me going through the years. I will never forget the great friends I have here, I will see you all on the other side. The greatest risk in life is to risk nothing...

**Stephen Richard Fernandez***Fern*Louisville, KY
Social Sciences

My Dad always said, "If you can't say something nice, Don't say anything at all." It has definitely been a long haul, but for all the friends and brothers I've made it has been worth it. Thanks Mom, Dad, Bobby, Jen, Giz, J-Mo, Sean-te, and the rest of the boys for always being there for me. And most of all I thank God for getting me through this. "Put that in Your Pipe and Smoke IT!"

**Holly Elizabeth Cooper***Holly*Washington CH, OH
Biology

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and all your plans will succeed" - Proverbs 16:3 We made it! Many thanks to everyone- my family, the dominating '98 snakes ("You all look like you could use a rest"), the little snakes, all the 25ers and so many more. Jordan, Anne, Conner, Koot, Lewis, Leland- you are the best friends anyone could ever ask for. I wish you all blue skies.

**Marc Antoine Francois Jacoud***France*

French Exchange

Jesse Scott Jahn

Mt. Morris, IL
War Studies

To everyone back home—Thank you for the support and for making me want to come home every chance I got. To the Team—Never forget what it felt like the first time you touched your first Patch. No matter what honors lie ahead for me, none will ever compare to the honor of being Guard. Be Hard...If that don't work, be even harder.



Jayme Juan Jimenez

Mex
Van Nuys, CA
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

I will never forget...I must never forget...(family, friends, past experiences, successes and failures). BT!



Thomas Ramos Kootsikak

Kool
Severna Park, MD
Management (Futility)

Thanks and love to Mom, Dad, Julie, Toni, Nick, and Georgia who made me who I am now, and who I'll always want to be. To my friends, Carl Ray, Damian, and all the rest: "and since I have no gold to give, and love alone must make amends, my only prayer is while I live - God make me worthy of my friends." - Sherman.



Eric da Silva Lemes

Lemming, Leems, Lemer
Miami, FL
Basic Sciences

Life is full of choices - USAFA was a tuff one. No matter how much you screw up, tomorrow is always a new day. Many thanks to all those people who helped me through the years. To the Elliots, I'm a better pilot, to the Mc Graths, I'm better at physics and driving jeeps. Most importantly, to my parents, I'm a better person. Keep 'em flying! - It's a great, big, beautiful tomorrow. - Walt Disney



Redeyes of Twenty-Five

Matthew Craig Johnson

Phatty
Park City UT
Major Human Behavior

Still trying to find the fresh to Go Big in all this sketch. Thanks mom and dad, finally gotten past breathing through a straw. You mean the world. To the fellas for keeping it real and my Scirocco for always being there with understanding and love. Only when it's necessary kiddo. "That's no hoedad squid lips.. That's Matt Johnson"



Gregory Wayne Martin

Plymouth, IN
American History

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." To Matt, you're a true Christian brother. To mom, thanks for always finding the best that is in me. To dad, you're my best friend and the man I hope to be. To Sheila, you are my soulmate and the other side of me. Most of all thanks be to God, my heavenly Father, the maker of all that I am and ever will be. I am forgiven and by grace I am saved.



Jeff Alan Katzman

Katz, K-JFB
Buffalo Grove, IL
Electrical Engineering

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Lewis Isaac Messick

Lea
Sevierville, TN
General Engineering

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. I thank God Almighty for guiding my march; Mom and Dad for worrying about their little boy; Julie for being Julie; My friends for standing beside me - Greater love hath no man; And to my sweet Elizabeth - Thank you. Outstanding! Then said I, Here am I; send me. Semper fidelis. Always.



Brian Michael Quinn

Quinn, DQ
New Hyde Park, NY
Operations Research (Math)

I would just like to thank everybody who helped me get through this place. Especially my family, I love you guys. To all the fellas who helped me make this place as normal as possible, and you know who you are, thanks and we'll party forever! Let's go out and pick up where we left off... "We turn the key and slowly unlock the door... Outside is America, Outside is America", U2.

**Brandon Thomas Roth**

B-Roth
Albuquerque, NM
Electrical Engineering

Fellas, fellas...Apocalypse, remember Charlie don't surf. To the four amigos (PT,DS,JE,BR), we survived! Despite what the cynics say, I'm glad I did it. Mom, Dad - I couldn't have done any of it without you. You bore the brunt of my complaints and reminded me why I was here. I will still always wonder who came up with "Rock Hard Red Eye." PTWOBS, here's to you...#110.

**James Vance Steiner**

James
Colorado Springs, CO
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks everyone: Mom, Grandpa, Grandma, Rich, and the rest of my folks. You guys helped. Here's to all the fellas. Vince, KJ, Jayme, Wierzbo, Fatty, and all the rest. BT, the real team, and our family too, it doesn't end here, we are where it starts and ends. To everyone else, including all those people who tried to stop me: you lose. That's right. Forget about it.

**Sheri Renee Webb**

Aurora, CO
Human Behavior

Thank you God for giving me strength. Thanks Mom and Dad for always being there for me. I love you!! To all of my friends, thank you for all of the support you have given me. You guys always make me laugh! To my best friend, we've been together for five years, I can only wonder about the happiness we will continue to share—I love you.



Redeyes of Twenty-Five

Jeremy Chad Seals

Riverton, UT
Foreign Area Studies (Japanese)

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**Ryan Matthew Wierzbowski**

Wierzbo
Lancaster, CA
Astronautical Engineering (French/Math)

"What the hell did I get myself into?" I'd never do it again, but I would not give it up for the world. Mom and Dad - Thanks for being there for me and 'Drink Slow...' Scott and Jason - You know, you could have at least warned me...Fellas - You guys made it fun, BT forever Ginger and Michelle - Welcome to the family Look out Air Force 'cause we're taking over!!!

**Brian Joseph Smith**

Smitty
Charlottesville, VA
Operations Research

"The greater the obstacle, the more the glory in overcoming it." -Confucius Thank you God, it's done. I could not have survived this place without the help of many other people. Thank you to my parents, Kimmy, Charlotte, the Krupnick's, all my friends who helped drag me through the past four years, the original Reapers of '98, and '98 Redeye. In all things, have a blast...I have.

**ChiaFei Vivien Wu**

Viv
Ft. Worth, TX
Basic Science

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Barons of Twenty-Six

Gage Alan Anderson

St. Johns, MI
Electrical Engineering

Mt. Herman Medusa Cookies 'n' cream shake Hockey 15 Christy Lodge Billy IHOP Ultimate EE Lab Land porpoise Weezer Road trips Happy Cancun Anne Flaming Tennis Ball of Death Skiing Alive Rok Mountain Dew Mom Dad Tracy Carla Dave Robin Gail Cousins Friends



Joshua Samuel Bell

JBell
Flintstone, GA
War Studies

And my God will meet all your needs According to his glorious riches In Christ Jesus



Matthew Allen Erpelding

ERP, Wyatt
Jesup, IA
Humanities

It soon will be time to part USAFA & all its memories from BCT to graduation. I thank my parents for everything, especially my mother because of her I am here and I know she is with me everyday! The friends I have gained here are amazing, especially one, a little girl from Nebraska that has always been there me, thanks. Remember, "Life a Dance you learn as you go....Sink or Swim you have to give it whirl."



Andrew Matthew Fogarty

Fogs, Don Fogarty, Big Daddy, The Man
Northfield, NJ
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Thanks to the Fogarty Clan, after all its our Island, and to the tasty beverage friends I've made along the way. Remember its not the size of the Man that counts, its the size of his beverage container. Coglein's Law: Never Act Suprised, Never Loose Your Cool. Fogarty's Law: Don't Spit on my back and tell me its raining. Remember, I will Fight On.



James Bryan Gherdovich

Phat
Tomball, TX
Graduation

If you only knew where I've been & what I've done. I can't wait to tell my boy some day. I am so thankful to have family that were so supportive every step of the way. To friends & teammates, I hope I take care of my kids as well as we took care of each other day past 4 years. Now, it's time to thank God for providing me with strength & guidance through the horrible time spent here.



Travis Christian Lauritsen

Trav
Omaha, NE
Environmental Engineering

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Kimani Oronde Jefferson

Bone
Buras, Louisiana
Humanities (Philosophy)

To all my boys, James "we survived the hit" Steiner, Vince "3198 miles" Zabala "Zabs", Walter "got 'em" Horton, Jaime "tequila" Jimenez, and to all you connected guys: "What good amid these O me, O life?" answer. That you are here—that life exists and identity, That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse" -Walt Whitman- We made it...life IS great Let's eat!



John Carl Matuszak, Jr.

Tooz
Rockford, MI
Space Operations (Math)

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Barons of Twenty-Six

Matt Christian Jensen

Spring, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

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Shane Christopher Noyes

Noisy
Dracut, MA
War Studies

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Thomas Ryan Jost

Tom
Superior, WI
Physics (Math)

We fought the fight for the prize at the end. Academy goal or life goal? And did we make it matter meanwhile? Your answer. Big 'Thanks' out to God, my parents, BSU, and my sponsors. Not only did they help me finish, but they each helped me see what matters. People, not numbers - just check my class rank! Thanks to all who cared. John 15:1-17. I Cor 13:4-8. James 1:2-6.



Jennifer Lynn Petykowski

Jen
Virginia Beach, VA
Biology

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Jennifer Lynn Pollard

Jenn
Pittsburgh, PA
Humanities (French)

I couldn't have made this journey without the love of my family or the strength of God. I came an idealist, I leave more of a realist. That's life and it taught me some difficult lessons. My friends in 26-I'll miss you all. Erp-you'll always be my forever friend. Jen-we've come full circle. Chris-you know what's in my heart. "There's so many dreams I've yet to find"



Louis John Ruscetta

Dirty Lou
Tampa, FL
Social Sciences

Wow. What A Long Strange Trip It's Been! I would never have made it through without God and my family. Baader and Ron, I love you like family. I would never have made it without the help and support from you and your families. Zoomies..its all about the brotherhood. You all got me by day to day. I made it "with a little help from my friends!"



Daniel Edward Polsgrove

Dan
Royal Oak, MI
Physics

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Robert John Sadler

Bobby
Wheeling, WV
Social Science

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Barons of Twenty-Six

Jason Marc Priddle

jp, Prids
Puyallup, WA
Physics

Some people say everything happens for a reason. Others say everything holds a lesson. The reason I came here, the lessons I learned, were not born of the curriculum or regs, but of the heart and of thought. I learned of love, of hope, and a little of what's really important in life. We are all still searching, and to us all I say: "There is a light."



Scott Anthony Souza

Snooz
Manteca, CA
Operations Research

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Matthew Henry Reynolds

Matt, Matty
Nashua, NH
Political Science

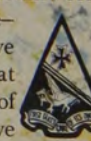
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Mark Wayne Thurbush

BUSH
Cicero, IL
Social Sciences

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Thunderbirds of Twenty-Seven

Benjamin Ulrich Adoux

Benji
Maubeuge, France
Aero Engineering

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Michelle Artolachipe

Mickey
Alta Loma, CA
Political Science (Spanish)

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Christopher Andrew Baird

Toph
Brandon, FL
Basic Sciences (Math, Philosophy)

"The King will answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." The last 4 years have been different... Thanks to Stephen, Paul, JD, Jeff, Mom, Dad, Leemon, Lois, Charles, Mark, Dan, & Jesus Christ my Lord & Savior for giving me strength daily to finish this race. In His Illumination... Phil 4:8, Heb 4:12.



Francis Scott Cooper

Frank, Coop, F.Scott
Glenn Dale, MD
Geography

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Mary Catherine Keenan-Devlin
Catie
 Chappaqua, NY
 Legal Studies (Philosophy)

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Kenneth Michael Kalfas

Ken
 Brookfield, WI
 Operations Research (Mathematics)

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Harold David Glenn

Hul; Spooky
 Harwood, MD
 Social Science

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Vincent Kendrick, Jr.

Vinnie, Jamal, Earl, Big Vince
 West Palm Beach, FL
 Human Factors Engineering

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Thunderbirds of Twenty-Seven

Tyler Nicklaus Hague

Nick
 Hoxie, KS
 Astronautical Engineering (Mathematics)

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John Kuo

Oriental Express
 Falmouth, MA
 Asian Area Studies

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Justin Louis Joffrion

Hattiesburg, MS
 Operations Research / Economics

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Scott Douglas McKeever

Dunwoody, GA
 Operations Research (Math)

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Charles Michael Parks

Big C
Decatur, GA
Basic Sciences

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**Christian Eugene Russell**

Tacoma, WA
Biology (Philosophy)

"By closing the eyes and slumbering, and consenting to be deceived by shows, men establish and confirm their daily life of routine and habit everywhere, which still is built on purely illusory foundations. Children, who play life, discern its true law and relations more clearly than men, who fail to live it worthily, but who think they are wiser by experience, that is, by failure."
-Henry David Thoreau

**Jeffrey Daniel Richter**

Jeff, Tigger
Wayzata, MN
Human Factors Engineering

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**Todd Allen Schwartzlow**

Schwartz
Waukesha, WI
Biology

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Thunderbirds of Twenty-Seven

Frank John Roper

Swamp Fox, Groper
Springfield, OH
War History

Don't take life for granted. Live as though your last day is tomorrow. Experience as many things as you can and do it with your friends. Don't get caught up in academics, go out and live! Use each breath, each word, each emotion, each thought, each action to the fullest and you will have lived a full life if only a minute has passed. DFWU

**Shaun Samuel Speranza**

Spooks
Johnstown, PA
Legal Studies

Thanks to my family for supporting me over the last four years. Thanks to all my friends for the great times and memories. Finally, to the 4 horsemen, "2 out of 3 still isn't bad."

**Nathan Louis Rusin**

Nate, Nay Nay, Cooler
Suffield, CT
Management

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**Scott Anthony Stadelman**

Sunshine
Quincy, WA
War Studies

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Susan Alison Storm

Susie
Heber Springs, AR
Physics (Math)

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Aaron Kenneth Tallman

Brick, NJ
Behavioral Science

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Ely Allen Wolin

Fozzy
Lakewood, CO
Biology

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Colleen Susan Zrebiec

TJ
Boulder, CO
Biology

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Blackbirds of Twenty-Eight



Quintin Dale Anderson

Q
Kennesaw, GA
Computer Science (Math)

Graduation... 'bout time! Thanks to my family and friends, I couldn't have done it alone. Here's to the times we've had, and always remember to say, "I did it the best I could while I was stuck in this place, had as much fun as I could when I was stuck in this place, and played as hard as I could when I was stuck in this place..." -Don, Dzd & Cnfzd



Francois-Xavier Garot

Chantilly, France
Engineering

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Byron Mandell Armstrong

B-Strong
San Antonio, TX
Human Behavior

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Sean Michael Gibson

Gibby
Moorhead, MN
Political Science

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Blackbirds of Twenty-Eight

Shelby Lee Arnold

Centreville, VA
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Jessica Carroll Graham

Big Jess
Eureka, CA
Latin American Area Studies (Spanish)

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Phillip Michael Brown

Soperton, GA
Aeronautical Engineering

It's been a long journey, but it's finally over. To the Animals, we'll always be Pals. Blackbirds, ya'll keep on DOMINATING in everything you do. And Sops, keep on rocking and never give in to the BS. Everyone else, if you are still stuck here for a little while longer, don't give up hope. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. "Off we go..."



Janelle Allyson Grover

Peaches
Prairie Village, KS
Engineering Sciences Aero Design Track

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John Nathan Harris

Harry, Nate
Falmouth, ME
Political Science (Spanish)

"Mountains should be climbed with as little effort as possible and without desire. The reality of your own nature should determine the speed. . . You climb the mountain in an equilibrium between restlessness and exhaustion. To live only for some future goal is shallow. It is the sides of the mountain which sustain life, not the top. Here's where things grow."
Robert Pirsig



Dax Hayes

Big D
Riverton, KS
Management

It's better to be dead and cool, than alive and uncool.



Lisa Ruth Kaplan

Charleston, WV
Astronautical Engineering

"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars. . ." My warmest gratitude goes to all those whose encouragement focused not just on endurance but on living my life to its fullest. And to my grandfather, who has influenced and inspired me to achieve the highest levels. Nick, never without your love and support could I have come so far. Thank you for bringing out the smiles in me. Never forget. . .



Clay Michael Koschnick

Cheyenne, WY
Operations Research

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Blackbirds of Twenty-Eight

Richmond Alden Hornby III

Rich, Bruce
Framingham, MA
Humanities (Philosophy)

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Jason LeRoy Lemons

Waco, TX
Legal Studies / Political Science

For Jesus Christ, Collossians 1:10. For Mom and Dad, I kept marching. For Jeff, I left the car. Killers, loyal to the end. The friendships are all that made it worthwhile. Take it to the man—the road goes on forever and the party never ends. Fight the good fight—go confidently in the direction of your dreams. So long, and thanks for all the fish.



Matthew Wayne Jones

Hones
Temecula, CA
Management

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Steven Xin Li

Nugget
La Puente, CA
Political Science (Chinese)

I don't know what all the cynicism people have about this place is about. Personally, I thought it was just another walk in the park. I just want to take this opportunity to tell the people that made my life at this joint that much easier and that much for fun...thanx for the memories and I'll see ya around.



Verne Lynn McCabe, Jr.

Suppa

Broken Arrow, OK
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me...forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me..."

-Philippians 3:12-14 Thanks to the family and Karen, you are THE special one.



Geoffrey O'Dell Nettles

Stilwell, OK
Biology

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Melrone Arnell Warren McCray

Rakito

Baltimore, MD
Space Operations

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Christopher Mark Olsen

Chris, Topher
Hamburg, NY

Engineering Sciences - Aeronautics

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Blackbirds of Twenty-Eight

James Kent Meier

Jay, James K, JK
Arvada, CO
Military History

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Max Edward Pearson

Cook, MN
European History (French)

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David Michael Murphy

Murf

Leavenworth, KS
Civil Engineering

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Ryan Lee Ransom

Da Bear
Edison, NJ
American History

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Thomas Lawrence Salsbury

Sals
Columbia Heights, MN
Political Science

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Mark Andrew Thomas

Mach
Oviedo, FL
Basic Sciences (Physics)

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Jaguars D-Flight



Black Panthers of Twenty-Nine



Cory Bulris
CFB, Walrus, Grandpa
Coral Springs, FL
Political Science

USAFA is the past! It is behind us now.
"You face forward or you
face the possibility of shock
and damage." - Mallrats



Thomas Lee Cooper
Lenexa, KS
Management

On 29 June, 1992, I walked the "Bring
Me Men" ramp. In six years I've met
presidents, kings and generals; traveled
abroad; run until I fell; laughed &
cried; & gained strength from it all. But
nothing has overshadowed the realiza-
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Scott David Busija
Latrobe, PA
Computer Science

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friends I made it! Favorite quote that
applies to the Academy:
"The things in life of which
I am most proud are the
things which I worked for
and suffered for the most."



Daniel Andrew Dobbels
Dobbs, Diablo
Stilwell, KS
Computer Science (Math)

I guess that there's finally a light at the
end of the long tunnel... Thanks to my
family for their love and support, and
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bearable. I'll see you guys out in the
real world! For everyone
else...it's worth it. Just stick
to what you are doing and
don't lose sight of your
goals.



Black Panthers of Twenty-Nine

Scott David Bussanmas
Buss
Norwalk, IA
Civil Engineering

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miss ya'll.



Brent Drown
Asheville, NC
Engineering Mechanics

"He is no fool who gives
what he cannot keep to gain
what he cannot lose." Jim
Elliot



Yvonne Christine Carrico
woman
Longwood, FL
Legal Studies

"Come to the edge I said they said: we
are afraid. Come to the edge life said
they came it pushed
them...and they flew." -
anonymous The only thing
constant is change. Minori-
ties forever!



Michael Anthony Gismondi
Giz, The Mole
Pittsburgh, PA
Operations Research (Math)

"Celebrate we will...because life is
short, but sweet for certain. We're
climbing two by two, to be sure these
days continue. These things we can-
not change...Things we cannot
change."DMB Thanks to my family
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one else that made this
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Matthew Brian Johnston

Matty, MJ
Andale, KS
Mathematical Sciences

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Shannon Miyoko Kavanaugh

Cromwell, CT
Human Behaviors

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Stephen Courtney Pipes

Bekele, Steve Pipes, Love Jones
Cincinnati, OH
Social Science

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Joycelyn Jeanette Powe

Jo
Spartanburg, SC
Biology

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Black Panthers of Twenty-Nine

Andrea Roberto Maugeri

Dre, Mofo
Mesa, AZ
Engineering Sciences (Japanese)

"I'm happiest when most away," as Emily Brontë would say! HG, thanks. Friends, thanks.



Scott Allan Schmunk

Schmunky, Scooter, Schmunkdaddy
Greeley, CO
English

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Philip Geoffrey Morrison

The Pfister
Monroe, NH
Military History

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Michael Joseph Schultz, Jr.

Spaz
Atlanta, GA
Electrical Engineering (Math)

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Daniel Gordon Svalya
Saratoga, CA
Engineering Sciences (Materials track)

I think C.S. Lewis summarizes the best approach to life in two quotes: "It is more important to do right than to succeed," and "In the final conclusion the two undergirding truths of life are the God is good, and we can trust Him." I would like to thank my family, my friends, and those who have mentored me for supporting me through the Academy.



Sara Alice Victoreen
Burbank, CA
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

"There are places I remember. All these places have their moments With lovers and friends I still can recall Some are dead and some are living In my life, I've loved them all." Social drink... and here's to us.



Derek Duran Tharaldson
Daryl
Lakeville, MN
Operations Research (Math)

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Samuel Stevenson Wilson
Sam
Gaines, PA
Human Factors Engineering

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Black Panthers of Twenty-Nine

Juan Antonio Torres
Tony
San Diego, CA
Management

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Charles Andrew Wolfsandle, Jr.
Charlie
Bayville, NJ
Political Science

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Ryan Eric Vander Veen
Veen
Grand Rapids, MI
Aeronautical Engineering

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William Ervin Woodward
bob
Seattle, WA
Operations Research / Economics

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Knights of Thirt



Ronald Alan Anderson

Ron
Rome, NY
Economics

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Mark Thomas App

Tapp
Fond du Lac, WI
Biology

"Yesterday, there was so many things I was never told, now that I'm startin' to learn I feel I'm growin' old." GNR Thanks mom & dad. You 4 wateragle boys sure had a load of spirit. JP, you're not forgotten...you know where to come for a real ride. To the rest of the eagle and dirty guys & gals, here's to you...sippin' a drink and feelin' fine.



Jeremy Carl Coonrad

Jerry, Coondog
Big Lake, AK
Engineering Mechanics

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Antony Carlos DaCosta

Tony of the Coast
Countryside, IL
Social Sciences

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Knights of Thirt

Elizio Antonio Bodden

Bo
San Diego, CA
Social Science

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Bryan Anthony Elder

B. Mongo, Fatty
Holyoke, CO
Human Factors Engineer

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Michael Kyle Burtnett

Kyle
Noblesville, IN
Management

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Maria Christina Gallei

Mia
Weaver, AL
Latin American Area Studies (Spanish)

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Jeremy Sander Gordon

Gordo
Overland Park, KS
Meteorology

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Ryan Adam Hodges

Hardges, Hodgie, Hardass, The Cat
Kingsville, MO
Political Science

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Christopher Allan MacAulay

Fairfax, VA
Environmental Engineering

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Seth Adam Miller

Colorado Springs, CO
Legal Studies

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Knights of Thirt

Daryl Shawn Klenda

Walhalla, SC
Computer Science

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Tristan Alan Morel L'Horset

Frénchie
Planet Earth
Human Behavior

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Nathan Paul Lang

Nate, Sporty
Wausau, WI
Political Science

"Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another; forming new wishes and seeing them gratified." Samuel Johnson. We've made it through the difficulty of USAFA & now turn to new challenges, but we will always have the friends that we've made. Moe, Joe, DC, & all the OV's: you guys are the best, thanks for getting me through. 98 Dominates!



Matthew Barry Palmer

Matt, Rosie
Lehigh, PA
Electrical Engineering (Math)

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Theresa Anne Pisano

T, YG, 42
Lake Hopatcong, NJ
General Engineering

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Jonathan Edwin Powell

PRAISE GOD!
Edina, MN
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Timothy Albert Schumacher

Shoe
Avon Lake, OH
Social Science

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Mark Burnette Wall

Markus B., Wall-ass
Brewton, AL
Biology

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Knights of Thirt

Shannon Lee Powell

New Hill, NC
Chemistry

Thank you all for everything. Anyone up for a little Mario Kart?



Jennifer Jo Yates

Lexington, NE
Biology

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Christopher Allan Ridlon

Issaquah, WA
Civil Engineering (Military Doctrine: Operations & Strategy)

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Grim Reapers of Thirty-One

John Peter Baron

Hoop, JB, Jubs, Jubuh
South Holland, IL
Biology (Math)

Daddio, the mama, titi, tiki, Ghini: I'm done! After four years of madness, I sure have learned a lot about a lot since my first day. I will always remember how you were there for me holding the BHOA sign all day during inprocessing, how you were there for the entire four years, and how you will be there for me throughout my life. I'm lucky to have you.



Charles Marie Olivier Bazaille

Chuck
France
French Exchange

The States are a marvellous country, also as much as France is... I love your food, your people, your way of life, your beautiful landscapes, your language. My only regret: 5 months in here is a lot too short, and I hope I'll have the opportunity to come back for a couple of years! I'm expecting each of you in France. Friendly yours.



Benjamin Casey Clark

Des Moines, IA
Electrical Engineering (Chinese)

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Alyssa Rebecca Cowden

Lyss
Charlotte, NC
Aerospace Physiology

Friends must part, but not without memories: Terrified to enter hallway, 1,000 pick-ups, Pig Roast, X-mas Training, NCAAs, late nights, water guns, proofreading, road trips, WACs, evading through banquets, backyard, lane of negativity, many boys/few men... Swim Chicks ROCK! Brandy keep dancing & singing! Beth, let's do Chinese! Lisa, I never laughed so much! WE MADE IT!!



Firsties

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Clint Andrew Henderson
Kansas City, KS
Mathematical Sciences

What a trip! I'm still not sure if I got on the right bus. Anyway, here I am. Mom, Dad, Scot and Brad- I couldn't have stayed sane without you. Go Skypilots... and remember, there's always Scotland! To the freshmen Ratz- you're all a bunch of heroes! "It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his Helper is omnipotent." - Jeremy Taylor



Hyun Chul Ko
KunSan, Korea
Space Physics (Chinese / Math)

I sincerely believed that coming here was the great decision I made. I have made so many friends, gone so many places, and done so many things. Thanks George, John, Hawk, and Dom for all the friendship we shared together. I will always remember you. America is the great country that I really respect. Now, I am going back to my home, my country! Good Luck and Carpe Diem!!



Brandy Elizabeth Kappel
Norman, OK
Biology

"She says 'This is absurd, I'm tired of being observed.'" - Chainsaw Kittens



Dominic Ron Maestas
Dommer
Las Vegas, NM
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Grim Reapers of Thirty-One

Conan Arthur Kennedy
The Barbarian
Oxford, NY
Humanities

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Robert Harry Williams Makros
Maz
Port Jefferson Station, NY
Social Science

"And the earth becomes my throne I adapt to the unknown, under wandering stars I've grown by myself but not alone" - Metallica. Thanks Dad, Mom, Diane, Rachel, Poppo, and Michelle. I couldn't of made it without you. LAX squad and the fellas...you guys party. Tuff and BonBon, "The action is the Juice." Last call has sounded yet again, T.T's driving. PW #2



Jason Dale Kiker
JD
Middletown, OH
Human Factors Engineering

All honor is yielded to my finding of Christ's awesome love.



Heather Leilani Meyer
San Jose, CA
Biology

Live life to the fullest. Mom, Dad and Ken- I couldn't have made it without you. Aloha Oe



John Michael Mirtich

Johnny, Martee
Weedville, PA
Civil Engineering

Many things make the Academy journey difficult; but incredible people, unique experiences, & the truest of friends make it worthwhile & especially unforgettable. I thank God, my caring parents, family, friends, Oz, Mona, the "CE gang," & the Kelloggs. I could never repay any of you. "Life is half spent before we know what it is." Live life to the fullest, and regret nothing. I have no regrets....

**Ty David Moore**

MacLanahan's Hellchild, Tidy, Mook,
Selma, CA
Human Factors Engineering

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**Erik Donald Oberg**

Obie, Nord, Top Shelf
Jamestown, SC
Biochemistry

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**Joshua David Peterson**

Petie
Litchville, ND
Political Science

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Grim Reapers of Thirty-One

James Jeffrey Mustin

Moose, Jeff
Jacksboro, Tx
Legal Studies

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**Scott Walter Plakyda**

PluckyDuck, P-Funk
Neptune, NJ
General Engineering (Math)

Thanks most absodefinitely to Mom, you deserve a commission for all you've done. Thanks Grandma. To all my freaks at Freakshow. Mike, Jake, B-Cool (1-0), Denny's, all the wild times with Lou. Hi Laurie. To all those who didn't believe in me, thanks for the motivation. No one worry, I will never change. Gramps, I'll always be your ace. "Whatever you do, do it like hell." - Patton.

**Shawna Rochelle Ng-A-Qui**

Roch
Parker, CO
General Engineering

I don't believe in destiny, or the guiding hand of fate, and I don't believe in forever. But, I do believe that in the limited time that we have on this earth, with the Lord's help, we can take control of our lives and live out our dreams. To the original SNAKES - LAEE!

**Joseph Carl Price**

Joe, Dr Evil
Peoria, IL
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Brett Basil Robinson

Basil
Morton, IL
Operations Research

Dad, Mom, Chris, Hagelthorns, I never could have made it through without your love and support. To the old Freakshow and my friends back home, you're the greatest bunch of guys in the world! Most importantly, I thank God for continually giving me the strength to keep going. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."



Stuart Miguel Rubio

Stu, Stubio, Beef
Bensalem, PA
Space Operations

Wild Dogs!! Here's to all the old Redeye, and the times at the Love Shack. All my love to the Reapers and, of course, my track buds. It wouldn't be fair if I didn't thank my parents, relatives, and God for helping me get through. The same to my girl, Megan. And this obviously wouldn't be complete without me saying, "Go Huskers!" Stay HUAH, and always remember to HAVE FUN!



Adam Richard McIntosh Smith

Tosh
Saraland, AL
Environmental Engineering

I'd like to thank God and my Family. Mom, Dad, Shae, and Ches without your love I could have never made it! To my friends; thanks for putting up with me. Trav, Sev, & Dog - you are my brothers for life - here's to being flip. Scottie, here we go! Woolpullers, thanks for the great memories, keep pullin! I will hang up my spikes and glove, but my heart plays forever. In closing - TNT!! Baseball is life.



Richard Garcia Vasquez, Jr.

Rick, Pancho
San Antonio, TX
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

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Grim Reapers of Thirty-One

Richard Sjogren

Sjogs, Shogie-bear
Worcester, MA
Economics

"I know not all that may be coming, but be it what it will, I'll go to it laughing." Thanks Mom, Dad, and Bonnie for everything. Shay, Kirk: Mexico, Skynyrd, bat and this summer - remember. Rugby and the boys: most fun I've had. Most importantly, Holly, you make my life complete; you made it easy for me. I love you! I'd shag you baby, yeah!





Roadrunners of Thirty-Two

Matthew Jeffrey Barry

Matt
Lehigh, PA
Military History

Abraham Lincoln once said, "It is better to remain silent and thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt." I am a firm believer in this standard, however, I must break from it this one time to give the proper credit. Dad, Mom, Mike, Amy, Meg, and Anna, I could not have done it without you. Shawn, your time will come soon enough. Keep it Revvin.



Eric Norse Berg

Norse
Mercer Island, WA
War Studies

"We choose to do things, not only because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, and because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept." JFK. Thanks Mom and Dad, couldn't have done it without you. My friends and other family, you helped make it bearable, sometimes even enjoyable. Think Moosejaw!



Lindsay Corinne Brown

Linds
Valparaiso, IN
Human Factors Engineering

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Adam William Michael Burch

Antioch, CA
Middle East History (Arabic)

CARPE DIEM

"Dear USFA, Thanks for the memories, I loved it! Made some buds for life, flew a jet, fell out of an airplane, fell in love, and developed a strong bond with the color RED and the word, "HUAH!" Mom, dad, Katie, Aaron—thanks for being there to come home to and for coming out to see me. Goose! Another stone for the box! D—This one's for you."



Charles Kelly Butterfield

CK
New Bern, NC
Physics

"If I had my life to live over again I would have been a plumber" - Einstein. Semper Fi. Thanks, Sola, Jay, Udi, Nik, Sav, Grandma, Mom, Terry, Jenny, Rema, and Kamal.



Matthew John Dunker

Matty D
Littleton, CO
Operations Research/Economics

"From one who is given much, much will be demanded; from one who is given much more, much more will be demanded." Luke 12:48 If that's the case, I must have been given a boatload. I owe everything to mom, pops, & the four other M's. Success depends on determination, not destiny. Fellas: Remember why you came here, why you are still here, and the difference between the two. Stay tight. O K S



Rick Alan Chadwick

Greenville, SC
Management (Philosophy)

If you want to know what I did, see bob or gage's blurb. I don't have many to thank since no one went to my classes or did my homework for me. To 11 (long live Kibbel!) - you're the best friends I could ask for. gage, thanks for fights and introducing me to your sister. Bob, Brian: never forget the 4 Horsemen! Geoff, you just gotta keep l-i-v-i-n. Scott, you're probably the nicest, most cynical guy I know.



Brian David Egbert

Egg
Twin Falls, ID
Material Science

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Roadrunners of Thirty-Two

Allison Marie Del Grande

Al
San Francisco, CA
Geography

"Two roads diverged in a wood, I took the one less traveled, That has made all the difference." - Robert Frost It was a rough 4 years, but was worth it! Dad, Mom, Nick, & family: thanks for the love & support. Staci, Loir, & Katie: I miss my hometown buds! Sarah: It was fun - see ya in TX! Linds: we made it & I never could've done it w/o you - thanks for the memories & being a true friend. '98 is outta here!



Jung Ho Ha

Jung HUAH!
Jacksonville, AR
Biology

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13 - I made it! "Dear LORD, THANK YOU for giving me strength & wisdom to make it through. Thanks for wonderful family & friends. I could not have done it without them." MOM & DAD, THANK YOU for your support & encouragement. Jean Sun, thank you for your love & prayers. I love you all from the bottom of my heart!



Andrew Douglas Dries

Burke, VA
Space Physics (Math)

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Jason Michael Hughes

Jay, Huge
Glendale, AZ
Management

Reserve commission? Does that mean I only have to come in on the weekends?! To my buds-Mike (Mexico), Slack, Bill, CK, TR, Sav, Nik, and others...see ya 'round! Dad, thank for everything. I can never tell you what you've meant to me. Joe, love ya bud! Josh...Best Friends. Gina, Kim, thank and love. "Life is a game; it's not worth playing if you don't bet it all."



Adam Walter Kerkman

Kerk
Menominee, MI
Economics (Math)

"I'm through being their garbage boy. I did my part. Now I want back.....like in the deal" (AOD). For all the retards who made the weekly trip to Denver to visit Headward (Paps, AJ, Kersch, Big Al, Meeks, Deter), you're the best. And for all those dorks who didn't like me, guess what - I never liked you either.



Barry Arthur King II

Babs, BK
Fort Walton Beach, FL
Geography (Japanese)

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Brian David Liebenow

liebs
Plymouth, NC
Political Science

For a secret message, study pages 73-85 of this yearbook. Seagrams, don't forget Green Wiener Dogs and Four Horsemen! Baumy, CJ, Pokey, Nudes, Howard, Nick, Ang, Cory...don't have room to name everybody, but I love you ALL! Roadrunners, couldn't have moved to a better squad. God...thanks. Ginger, Mom, Dad...I love you. I LOVE TFP!! And I'd do it all again. Dedicated to Buz w/love. Carpe Diem!



Jeff Oblon

Obl
Gainesville, FL
General Engineering

Its been interesting. I never got busted for my Jeep I wasn't suppose to have and somehow I graduated despite my grades. Thanks to my mom, God, and my friends who were there for me. I wouldn't be here without you. To all the old Trolls, and the 3-2 family, take care. See ya'll somewhere down the road. GO GATORS! It can be done. Adapt, overcome, never quit, and conquer.



Roadrunners of Thirty-Two

John Sven Kleven

J.D.
East Northport, NY
Human Behavior

Thanx Ma, Tet, Sue, Beep, Uncle Steve, Aunt Donna, Uncle Chuck, Chuck, Kvet, Grandma, Pop, and Uncle Ken. I really dig that you were all always there. Hey- Peace out.



Steven Kurt Piel

Worland, WY
Political Science

Reflecting on our 4 years here, I know that it is the good Lord and His unending love, protection, and guidance that got me through it all. Josh. 1:9 To Mom, Dad, and Kristin, and all of my family, thank you for your unconditional love and support - I couldn't have done it without you!! I've learned quite a bit here, and will cherish the memories. Remember what's important in life and live it to the fullest.



Justin David Lewis

J.D., Face
Redmond, WA
Political Science (Arabic)

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Uditha Chaminda Piyasena

Udi (Heat)
Homagama Sri Lanka
Electrical Engineering / Math

Well it has been a great 4 years. I made a lot of friends at this place that I will be proud to give my life for. Thank you all for all the help you gave me, to have a fun time here and feel at home. I will miss you all. I sure hope you all will visit me back home. Keep in touch.



Jeremy Christian Saunders

Vienna, Austria
Mathematical Sciences (Russian)

No reserve, no return, no regret. "I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Academy; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes the Academy and makes her the praise of the earth." Isaiah 62:6-7 To all my excellent friends- may Jesus bless you with more of Himself. I love you all!



Christopher Justin Ulish

Chris, Foolish
Smithton, PA
History

All good things must come to an end. Fortunately, so must the bad things. I'm still not sure which one the USAFA experience falls under. Right now, I'm just glad that it's over.



Ryan Thomas Savageau

Savage, RT
Alexandria, MN
Mechanical Engineering

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Nikki Renee Vigil

Visalia CA
Management

"Never be content with someone else's definition of you. Instead, define yourself by your own beliefs, your own truths, your own understanding of who you are and how you came to be. And never be content until you are happy with the unique person you are." Unknown. Thank you God, my family, the Gang, Boogerbrain, Melly, and Scott for always encouraging me to be that special, unique person I am.



Roadrunners of Thirty-Two

Meghan Brandy Scott

Denver, CO
Aeronautical Engineering

"Your every grief, like a blade, shining and unsheathed, must strike me down. Of bitter gloes wreathed, my sorrow must be laid on your head like a crown." -Countee Cullen Mom thanks a million for everything, your support, encouragement, and home-cooked meals. Sascha, thanks for the reality checks! Rat Buddies, we came a LONG way! MIKE- My heart will always belong to you; I LOVE YOU!



Ray William Weathersby

Billy-for momma, Ray-Ray
Colorado Springs, CO
Social Sciences

Your Faith in Jesus Christ makes dreams come true. I'm proof.





Ratz of Thirty-Three

Alexander Lee Ackerman

Alex, Ack, Slackerman, Tracker
Jacksonville, NC
Computer Science

"Thanks Mom, Dad, Grandma, Kim, Karl, Kelly, Poker, Courtney, Phil, Ben, Curdy, Ben, Philly, Chad, Chinner, Mex, Lucy, and Gail for helping me through it all and for being the best of friends. My advice: Always value information, no matter what the form. He who controls the information controls the world. To all: Shikan Haramitsu Daikomyo."



Carlos Xavier Alvarado, Jr.

Mex, Los, Taco, X-Man
Sweetwater, TX
General Engineering

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Fawn Sun Adams

Pleasanton, CA
Biology (French)

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Brian Paul Ballew

Santa Clarita, CA
Operations Research

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Bradley Matthew Brewington

Brew
Texarkana, TX
Legal Studies

"You know a dream is like a river, Ever changin' as it flows" Follow your dreams but always stay true to your heart. Hard work never hurt anybody. Look to God to find what is truly important. To all the fellas—Stay true. "Here's to the girls we've loved..." To my family—I owe you everything. I love you.



Jeremy Ronald Fowler

Balls
Rock Springs, WY
Math/ Operations Research

"Far better it is to dare mighty things than to take rank with those poor, timid spirits who know neither victory nor defeat." T. Roosevelt 1899 To those who know: LAH To my family: I Love You



Pablo César Bueno

Pabs
Bogotá, Colombia
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Timothy Mark Gonyea

Ganja
Salt Lake City, UT
Management

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Ratz of Thirty-Three

Joshua Derek DeMotts

Deez
Allover, WI
Environmental Engineering

The memories are just too many to list. I wish I could say it was fun, but how was your trip to the dentist? I owe these four years to pals, you know who you are and I love ya'll. To Mom, Dad, and Rach, the same and thanks for believing. So crack a smile boys, grab a Natty and some Jack, "Here's to the girl's we've loved." And to the fellas, "BOATDRINKS"



Kevin David Hornburg

Toad
Fairfax, VA
Social Sciences

"What a long strange trip its been." The trip is just beginning though. I want to thank my buddies in 21 and the Rat Pack for making this place bearable. Remember ski trips, dorms, the rock, camping and the gray goose. Mom, Dad, and Chris, I could not have made it through here without all of your love and support. To the fellas—BOATDRINKS. We were untouchable.



Jonathan Eric Eldridge

Double E
Ashland, KY
BioChemistry

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Michael William Jacobson

PTWOB #113
Park Rapids, MN
Civil Engineering

Thanks to God, family, and friends, without them what do any of us really have. I love you all. PTWOBs thanks for my sanity. We defined the T, and never forget it, TLFs, to bring your own drinking container, to keep your groove on, and your Attitude Check. Pull on time and keep your hook turns high enough. Here's to you... Blue Skies...



Jeremy Todd Jones

Roommate's Roommate, Doctor
Mesa, AZ
Operations Research

It's been a long hard road with some great times. DU frat parties, concerts, skitrips, clubs, EXIT187, dorms, camping, microbrews, pitch, breakfast club, and that #@*ing computer lab. Thanks Mom, Dad, Kirk, Brett, 6pack from 4, Ratpack, ZRFC, & fellas for helping me get through here. We were untouchable. "Here's to the girls we've loved..." "Who's ready?" "To the fellas... BOAT DRINKS!"



Ronald Lee Lobato

Ran, Roommate
Tulsa, OK
Operations Research

As I step into the next world, I will never forget my true friends, the clouded memories, and my mistakes. The Academy, like life, is a journey not a destination. Enjoy the journey! Thanks to God, mom, pop, Rob, and Ryan. To all of my friends, you're my family, my teachers, and my hope for all that's good here. It better be worth it! Semper Fi. Here's to the girls...



Kelly Marie Quain

Kel Bel
St. Louis, MO
Humanities

"Abandon all hope ye who enter here..." - Dante At least for the next 4 years! Actually, they have been the best and the worst. They taught me a lot about determination, pushing through the pain, and making lifelong friendships. Treen, I don't know what I would have done without you... Momma, Sharon, The Possee - I love you all! So, who said I couldn't do this???



Kathleen Ann Rock

Gainesville, VA
Humanities

Love to my entire family for their undying confidence in me. Thanks... Mom for your compassion and understanding Dad for your constant faith and insight John for all the laughs James for your sweetness. To the incredible friends I have made the tears, laughs, hopes and dreams will remain forever. I know there are memories and endless amounts of happiness yet to be discovered... Hit it!! Work hard... Stay tough



Ratz of Thirty-Three

Michael Kenneth Maciejewski

Magic
Tonawanda, NY
Management

The Lord carried me all the way. Psalm 62:1-2. I look at my time here as one extremely long beginning- a first step in an endless journey. Luckily I had great teachers- Major Garcia, Major Smith, MSgt Hyland, Dwain Gregory, Mindy Long, and Dave Burns that set me on the right path. Mom, Joe, and Ken without your support I would never have made it. I cannot thank you enough.



Donald Charles Siegmund III

SIG
Gig Harbor, WA
Operations Research

Remembering that first bus at the AOG till now, with just a blur in between. 37 FELLAS and the best friends I will ever have, you know who you are. GUARD, learned alot out by that F-16. And the RATZ, so bad at first, so good at the end. Thank you so much Mom, Dad, Ellie. 3rd time's a charm. GO LUTES. And miles to go before I sleep...



Frederick Wayne Manuel, Jr.

Wayne-Dog/F-Wayne
Columbus, GA
Engineering Sciences (Math)

Thank you to all who provided me love, friendship, and support. Family, words aren't enough. Merritts, you all are the best-I'll never forget you! Friends, classmates, and RATZ, I cherish our times together. Lastly, I couldn't have endured the past four years without God's everlasting LOVE. God Bless! "They shall mount up with wings as eagles." - Isaiah 40:31



Philip Dewayne Smith

Phil
Atlanta, GA
Mechanical Engineering (Spanish)

First, I give credit where credit is due- the Lord. He has made it possible for me to be here and make it through this place. Matthew 11:28-30. Next I thank my parents, who have encouraged and supported me all the way through. Lastly, I thank the awesome Christian friends I have here. I look forward to serving the Lord together with you for the rest of our days.



Ryan Patrick Stugart

Stu
Greenwich, CT
Management

Thank the lord it is all over. Thanks to all who help make it bearable. May we all grow up to be pimp daddies. Love ya ma, pa, Suz, Mark, Steph and Chris and thanks for your support.



Matthew John Wieder

Matt
Montrose, CO
Engineering Mechanics

If I've learned anything here at USAFA it's that I must give my ambitions, dreams, and life to God. I will keep my eyes focused on your glory, Heavenly Father. Thank you so much Mom, Dad, and Andrea for your prayers and support - I couldn't have done it without you. Brother Greg, you have been such an inspiration to me - let's move forward in His glory!



Jason David Vinson

Perm, Vinnie
Romeo, MI
Operations Research

To the fellas, you're what made this place all worth while. Breakfast club, Fat Tire, Miss Lippy, and BANG!! Fowl, thanks for always driving, you know we love you. Always remember that LAH is the only alternative. "Boatdrinks," and I'll C U when we get there.



Jennifer Dawn Young

Jen, JY
Cedar Hill, TX
Human Behavior

My family, your love & encouragement carried me. Mom, thanks for Kleenex, C- excitement, never letting me settle. Daddy, thanks for listening & teaching. Jeff, you taught me to see the best in others. KAI-SAN! AFT+F, what memories!! Lynn, Felicia, Kerrie - your friendship, & CraZy CrOW times taught me to appreciate life. To friends who touched my life, I'll never forget. Colossians 3:23



Ratz of Thirty-Three

Reginald Dwayne Wesley

Fatman Boodie-O Reggie
General Engineering (Chinese)

First, I thank God for helping me make it through 5 years. Thank you mom, you were the wind beneath my wings. Keith, work hard and do whatever you want, but do your best or its not worth doing. Dad stay strong and thanks for aeverything. To the fellas... Boatdrinks. AF track and field thanks for everything. Its your attitude not your aptitude that determines your altitude. Psalms 60:12.





Loose Hawgs of Thirty-Four

David Andres Acosta

Annapolis, MD
History (Russian)

Good Luck and God Speed.
Thanks...



Felicia Marilyn Bell

Reno, NV
Human Factors Engineering

I can finally say Thanks Dad - for filling out the paperwork to get into this place. Mom - I'm learning how to appreciate the craziness of life. Spranger Family - so thankful you came; great timing, tailgates, and Sunday night gang. Jamie & Lynn - so many late nights, ups & downs, and ridiculous stories. Here's to living in the moment.



Chet Kaiser Bryant

Kaiser
Niles, MI
Environmental Engineering

Thanks to my entire family, from Michigan to Colorado to Montana. You've helped me time and again through the past four years and I am grateful for your love and support. But it is now time to get the hell out of Dodge because "without those changes in latitudes and changes in attitudes we would all go insane." Jimmy Buffett



Frederick Vincent Cartwright

Rick
Perris CA
Military History

What can I say...it's been one hell of a ride - and a long one at that! I would like to thank my parents and sister for believing in me and always being there for me. I'd also like to thank all the dawgs, hawgs, and other friends who made this place more bearable. "Find something you love to do, and you'll never have to work another day in your life." -Harvey Mackay



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Leland Kinsey Cowie II

Cowie
Jonesburg, MO
Military History

Mom, Dad, Colleen, former Tarantulas, Loose Hawks, and 94th FTS types, thanks for the support and believing in me. I want to thank the drinking team for the sanity they gave to this place. The old times will never be forgotten nor will the friendships ever die. 7+ Gs in Saber out of a Cowieleaf. I hope that someday Buzz Lightyear is found. Remember, THIS DAY is all that matters.



Daniel Webster Harlow

Dan
Long Beach, CA
Political Science

After 5 LONG years it's finally over! Ft. Knox - NMMI - USAFA Thanks Mom, Dad, and my fiancée-Melinda. I couldn't have done it without ya'll! Warhawks- What can I say you're my family. Ya'll will always have a space in my heart and my home. God Bless!!



Jennifer Lynn Drum

Jenn, Jendrum
Akron, CO
Astronautical Engineering (Math)

To my parents and family; thanks for giving me the freedom to dream my own dreams and for the support and encouragement to achieve them. To my friends; thanks for all of the good times and soft shoulders. You make this place something I want to remember. Here's to the end of four captive but glorious years. I'm outta here!



Jason Allen Hurst

Fats
Austin, AR
Management

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Loose Hawks of Thirty-Four

Jason Timothy Forté

forty
San Diego, CA
Engineering Mechanics/Mathmatics

I could not ask for better friends, with out whom I would not have graduated, & with whom I almost didn't. Best memories are rugby trips, Ft Collins/ Wyoming drives & Vegas weekends... GET THERE! Final thanks to Capt Morgan, those late night talks really kept me go'n! Mom, Dad, I made it. Graduation Advice: Keep perspective, be aware and have a great roommate.



Zoltan Valentine Kaszas

Pappy
Morehead City, NC
Civil Engineering

I'm done. Fellas, the party will never stop. A special thanks goes out to my favorite officer, Captain Morgan. Just so you know, the coolest place in town is Head's Bar, especially if you have a tight parka. Kerk, I'm always right and you are always wrong. Later...



John Benjamin Gilliam

Farmington, MO
Aeronautical Engineering

In a twisted world, the only people straight are the dead and the insane... at least this place didn't kill me. I have to thank all of the wonderful people who kept me away from the edge; it would have been a long fall without you. Mom, dad, milly, EJB, Mel, Hawg friends and Spider friends, I love you all. Slainte!



Patrick John McCoy

Pat (Paddy for good friends)
Rockford, IL
Basic Science (Math)

I always thought that graduation was just a myth that would never happen to me. I'm glad I was wrong about that. Now I look back with only fond memories...okay, there's a few bitter ones in there, but only a few. I guess I'd better thank the Woodside household and all my buds from Bulldawgs and Loose Hawks since their support was the only thing keeping me here. Remember Pace.



Morgan Daniel Moon

Mo
Okemos, MI
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

Dad, you told me life is simple: "God, Family, and Friends" My family gave me the love & faith to come (Mom, Dad, Monica, & mi familia in Hartford & Monterrey). My friends gave me the strength to stay (Ian, Mike, Les, Schnick, Jennifer, Surdy, Blair my mentor, Old Hawks, New Hawks, and the Charles St. regulars back home). And God let the sun rise everyday in between.
EMERITUS



Thomas David Motes

Motor
Beeville, TX
Computer Science

I thank God, my Lord and king, for all I have done and ever will do. I thank my parents, family, and friends back home for their help and support. And I thank all the awesome people I've met here who made this experience as great as it's been—I wouldn't trade it for the world! DOMI-NATE!! ZoSo... SRV... Auré Entuluva... Loyaulté me lie... Baucent... Montjoy!



Jarmica Demetris Reese

J
Las Vegas, NV
Management

"Thank you Jesus." Those three words have more meaning to me than any other saying I've ever heard. This has been one learning experience after another. I thank you for letting me survive. Thanks Mom, Dad, family, SRW, & friends for all your help and supporting me in the good and bad times. I love you. For the b-ball team, WIN. For my little one, never forgotten and always my inspiration.



Seow Kim Cheng Troy

Meow/LT
Singapore
Political Science

"Imagination is more important than knowledge" - Albert Einstein Here's to all dominating OV's and past roommates, Moe, Clove and Mike. Thanks for teaching me about "Living in America." Farewell, fight the good fight, and stay friends forever. Peace.



Loose Hawgs of Thirty-Four

Jamie Lynn Peterson

Inver Grove Heights, MN
Legal Studies (German)

"All compounded things decay. Work out your own salvation with diligence." - Buddha



Patrick Allan Sims

Patty
Chester, WV
Management

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Michael Kelly Reavey

Mike
Destin, FL
Computer Science

"Die Smile Die!" It wasn't hard to keep smiling for the last four years. When things were really down, one of you made me smile again. Hopefully I've returned the favor. Thanks to everybody. It's been a lot of fun. I guess. Yeah. Fun.



Candice Lynn Streff

Candy, Candiggity
Saffner, FL
Management

"They put me in a mental institution right out of high school...oh sure, they call it college." To mom, dad, and Stephanie, thank you for your support and inspiration. I love you. To all my friends, thanks, you mean the world to me. When was the last time we talked? Pick up the phone. Give me a call. Here's to what we've done, what we are going to do, & what they didn't catch us doing.



Brian Alan Surdyk

Surdie

Oak Forest, IL
Material Science (French/Math)

First of all thanks to Mom, Dad, Family, Chickenhawks, and LooseHawks; I couldn't have made it through here without you. To Barb, you have been my hopes, my dreams, my light at the end of the tunnel—I can't wait to finally get there. For four years it's been a rollercoaster, and although I'm happy to leave, I wouldn't have changed a thing.



Phillip Carl Winterton

West Valley City, UT
Aeronautical Engineering

Living at this Glorious Institution for 4 years, it would be impossible to leave without many fond memories. Aero late nights, morning meal formations, SAMI's, M-5, mandatory fun, running strips, and Mitchell Hall waiters just to name a few. Thanks to all those who participated in these great memories: Mom, Dad, family, the Three Degrees of Glory, the Loose Hawks, Class of 96 and everyone else.



Casey John Vile

Langhorne, PA
Political Science

Life's too short to go out at 4,500'. Pull low and hook it in. ABSOLUTE, thanks for the great times and the great dives. Thank the Lord, mom, and dad for all of the little pitfalls of cadet life that they've helped me through...like the MRC. Always remember the fencepost, the windows, the "cannon," and all of the other glorious things we've done. Never get Kelly Green ribs and never trust anyone named Travis.



Robert Conwell Zeese

Z

Albany, GA
Foreign Area studies, German Minor

At times I have loved being here, and sometimes I hated it. I want to thank my family who supported me 100% all the time. I want to thank all the guys who helped me get through this place. I especially want to remember the old guys of 32, the guys from 34 and 35, and all the good times we had. This was a great opportunity. I know I won because I wear the ring.



Huge Wild Weasels of Thirty-Five



John Francis Borowski

Boro
Union, NJ
Operations Research

"The overhead view is of me in a maze and you see what I'm hunting a few steps away. But I take a wrong turn and I'm on the wrong path and the people all watching enjoy a good laugh." - Phish- Some people say if it's easy it isn't worth it, but I think it is. Thanks family and friends for always being there. I couldn't do it without you.



Troy LeRoy Hacker

Aurora, CO
Space Physics (Math / French)

I can't believe it's finally over. Some times were fun, others are worth forgetting, but we're all better for it in the end. Thanks to my family, the OV's, the Phat Weasels, Dub, and Hossdiggity; you all have done more for me than you'll ever know. Most of all, I thank God for opening my eyes to what's really important in life. Its time to get out there and continue the journey. Mom, this one's for you.



Trena Marie Emerson

Titen
Winnetka, CA
Human Behavior and Leadership

Thanks for helping me survive. Kel, time flies & is upon us-Love you ALWAYS, you are my bestest. We ARE evil. Thanks mom, Dean, grampy, wayne, Bri- I would have gone crazy w/o your love & understanding. Never forget the "guys," especially Giz...miss U already. -thanks for smiles & rage-I Luv U- Keep fighting with an Iron Will. Blood, Sweat & Chalk-dust! Never Forget. See you.



Andrew Kurt Hosler

Hoss
Sanborn, MN
Human Factors Engineering

I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love-not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord! Romans 8:38-39 Thank the Hoslers and Weasels for all that I am.



Huge Wild Weasels of Thirty-Five

Jeffrey Lawrence Green

Jeffe
Owasso, OK
English

Well, it's been a long haul, but the friendships were worth it. Thanks to the Warhawk gang, and everyone along the way that made this possible. Most of all, thanks to my family who never pressured me to come, stay, or leave. "Tis not too late to seek a newer world. To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths of all the western stars, until I die..."-Tennyson



Trenton Howard Jacobs

Killeen, TX
BioPhysics (Math)

I came here to kill things and blow stuff up but instead I received an education, made some friends, and had some fun, but I will never recover from all the suffering. Thanks Mom, Dad, Hilly, and Xan. I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks to all the friends along the way. I will never forget.



Joseph James Grindrod

JJ
Orlando, FL
Geography

It has been a long 5 years, "Mex". To TJ, thanks for always being there. And to those I knew and the few I didn't, I'll see you on the other side.



Dana Lee Johnson

Sweet DJ
Des Moines, IA
Engineering Sciences (Russian)

What an unbelievable experience this has been. Wow! The times have been tough and rewarding. I would like to thank my family for sticking with me through it all; the one piece of advise that has allowed me to be so strong is to never give up. If you get knocked down always get back up. Otherwise, you might as well be dead. It's been real. Take care everyone. -DJ



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Jonathan Michael Joshua

JMJ
The Colony, TX
Space Operations

"I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to my Parents, Sister, Godfather, Aunt, Jennifer...to everyone. Thanks for always being there and for believing in me and encouraging me, helping me along this roller-coaster. I would also be remised if I failed to thank my Lord and Savior for carrying me through this place. He is Truly the only reason I have made it this far. PTL!"



Daniel Chi-Ho Leung

Cheeto, Pico, Panda, Chi-Ho
Walnut, CA
Electrical Engineering

Well, it's finally all over and I couldn't have done it alone. I want to thank the Lord, my family and especially my friends who all went through the good and bad times with me. Thanks to all the fellas back in 18 and especially to the bravos in 35 for the final years. As for now, I look forward to seeing ya'll again soon. Peace out....



James Alvin Maxwell III

Jim, JimmyMax, SilverHammer
Springfield, OH
General Engineering

It's hard to know where to start after spending four years here. First, I owe thanks to Mom, Dad, and Laura for their love and support. I couldn't have done it without you! To my Weaselmates—you've been great. Thanks for always being there, during the good times and the bad. To the fellas from 34, I'll never forget you! JBJM—Where Eagles Fly. Here's to honor.



Christopher Grant Miller

Chris, Snake, Punisher
Katy, TX
Social Sciences

My graduation is by God's grace. Thank you to everyone I love and care for. Your support has been priceless.



Huge Wild Weasels of Thirty-Five

Marc Trevor Lewis

Nasty, PTWOB#104
Palm City, FL
Biology

We are...the best! To my PTWOB brethren- you have made the last three years here the greatest ones ever, thank you. Spring Break '96, Trujillos, Demos, girls with tendencies, nights in Denver, and I guess we jumped a little as well. To the Weasels- no herbalz in your mouths! To the Eagles- Nasty loves you all. Boys, the next round of Guinness is on me. KC,WW,JW,JPSB,PM,SM,JD Blue skies...Nasty out!



Bradley Ryan Moore

Hilton Head Island, SC
Social Science

My Grandpa said regarding his Academy days, "But it's interesting isn't it?" Ladd this. "Then I want you to forgive me for loving the school. Some of the boys of the institute and the men who are her sons will hate me for the rest of their lives. But that will be all right. You see, I wear the ring." Pat Conroy



John Gregory Martin, Jr.

Greg, Johnny G, JG, Koosh, Tapeworm
Chelmsford, MA
Basic Sciences (Computer Science)

We've lived through all our struggles By sharing each other's pain It always seems to feel a bit better When a friend helps carry the weight You can lean on me When the burden..becomes too great.. "Thousand Miles" performed by Union Grind (USFA's greatest rock band ever)



Timothy Senkungu Mukasa-Magoye

TQ the Elder, T'Quan, TQ, T, Q
Allen, TX
Management

It's been a long, hard journey, but along the way I learned to Love. Love the Lord...Love my People...Love my Family...Love my Brothers and my Queens...Love myself...And Love what this place and the people I met in it have helped me become. To those awaiting parole from USFA, learn to Love. Before US there were none...after US there shall be no more. Adios.



Mark Allen Orek*"O Daddy"*Grandview, MO
General Engineering / Math

You don't gotta love it, you just gotta do it! If I'm reading this then somehow I did it. You don't have to change who you are to make it through this place. Thanks mom, without your support and guidance I'd have quit long ago. To my sisters, thanks for being there for me through thick and thin. Special thanks to my friends. Aaron, we made it! Ride Red!

**Andrew Nathan Pike***Drew*Ashland, KS
Biology

"...Though much is taken, much abides...Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield" -A.L.T. This is much is true. We endured a lot, but what we have gained: the lifelong friendships, the understanding of our limits and capabilities, and the unforgettable memories... these have made it all worthwhile. Thanks to all.

**Douglas Alan Riggs***Piggs*Albuquerque, NM
Operations Research

"Sometimes I think I'd be better off dead. No, wait. Not me, you." If I got anything from this place it was close friends, some gone and lost (Z). Well, I can at least imagine what it would be like to have some. Of course my family too. Remember guys, admit nothing, deny everything, and make counter accusations. I hope life isn't a big joke, because I don't get it.

**Kevin Robert Roy***Roi*Westport, MA
Aeronautical Engineering / Mechanical Engineering

By the time any of us read this, we'll be long graduated, and my two goals will have been met, I'll be flying and the PDE will be up and running. Mom, Dad, Chris... I couldn't have done it without you. I can't think of anyone I'm more grateful to than my family, you guys are the greatest. "Nothing is impossible until you've tried" - KRR



Huge Wild Weasels of Thirty-Five

Branden Lee Ray*B-Ray, Chunky*
Hastings, NE

Operations Research (Math)

Thanks to all my true friends who helped get me through this place - Rob, Sammy, Josh A., C. Miller, Jeffe, Rainey, Nasty, JG, all the Fat Weasels and S.A.S. To my family, thanks for all the love and support. I couldn't have done it without you - Dad, I'll make you proud. "I'm gonna be somebody someday. One of these days I'm gonna break these chains" -Travis Tritt

**Jerret Lee Turner**Bloomfield, NM
Geography

Thank you, Jesus, for your enduring love and forgiveness. To the original Bulldawgs, my life for yours, always. To my parents for pushing me to be my best and to Jobie, you always were and will be my hero. Thank you, granny, for being so wonderful and kind. To Randy, Mary Sue, and Sandra for showing me the true meaning of a loving home. And to Stacey, my true love forever.

**Ray Anthony Reynosa***Take a walk through the monte, Ray-Rey*
San Antonio, TX
Management

Thanks Dad for telling me I could fly. Thanks Mye, family, Rosalynda, and friends for believing I would. I'm not there yet, but I will be soon. Thanks camp USAFA for taking my rack time, giving me wings, checking my drawers, filling my nogin and stomach, touring me around, and keeping my secrets. It's time for this AllStar Weasel to eject and scramble

**Holly Marie Vandehei**Cheyenne, WY
Political Science (Spanish)

It's true what they say about this place: The friendships that are made here are the ones that last a lifetime. I hope you all know who you are. To Catie, the mouth and NY attitude only a best friend could love. I'll miss you so much...To my "proud Dad", my mom and the rest of my family, thank you so much for all of your support and encouragement. To my sweet pea, you'll always hold the biggest piece of my heart. Love yous.



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Jannell Christine Zicarelli
Irvine, CA
Biology (Spanish)

It has been a long four years but the experiences and friendships I've encountered, made it well worth it! Thanks to all my family, friends and especially God. I love you mommy, daddy Z, Scotty- you are my inspiration, I owe my successes to you for your support and faith. My roomies-TAH, bizzo- thanks for always being there. Thanks to the greatest friends and boyfriend, I'll miss you! SVH baby!



Pink Panthers of Thirty-Six



Joseph Jerome Aguiar

Ags
Mountain Ranch, CA
Management

Well Mom and Dad, I made it. Thanks for everything you've done. To the boys from 4 and the team, anywhere, anytime. Thanks for the good times. Many more will come. We did what we had to, and the bad guys never got us. What's up now, IWNF



James Pak Drake

Jim
Columbus, OH
Biology (French)

"I would like to say 'good bye' to all the civilians that work here. Including my sponsor, Ruth, at the cadet bank."



Ronald Scott Crabtree

Scott, Crabby, Crabbs
Kahului, HI
Operations Research

Thank you Mom, Dad, Clint, Sam, Erykka. To our future. I came to the academy wanting to be a leader and became a soldier. I came wanting to exploit a free education and found my true calling; to serve. I regret nothing. I thank God for all my successes, all my failures, with all my love. I pray that it truly has been for Your Glory.



Mark Dante Falsani

Unit
Management
Shelton, Connecticut

"Prepare yourselves for battle Take up the sword and shield Our chieftan goes before us And none of us shall yield The High King gives the order The piper sounds the call Take up the cry and rally As soldiers one and all!" HA!



Pink Panthers of Thirty-Six

Carl James Dieckmann

Dieck
Warrenton, MO
Basic Sciences

Maybe the best four years of my life, probably the worst. Thanks to my family for their support. Brooksy, Jay, and Z, we had good times. Jack Daniels and Jose Cuervo, you guys made this place bearable. Special thanks to Captain Morgan for all of your extra instruction. So here's to the future cause we got thru the past. Veni Vidi Vici



Jason Pryce Foster

FOZ
Saint Xavier, MT
Civil Engineering

WOW- the USAFA challenge is complete. Despite the hard times, the pride makes it worth it. To my family- your love & support has pulled me through. Anita- the times have been rough, but you've always put a smile back on my face when I needed it. Former Chickenhawks and PPPanthers- you're indeed special, life-long friends I'll carry with me. Fellas of lacrosse- what a ride- 1-2-3 GO BLUE!!!



Kevin Samuel Divers

Muff, Scuba
Durango, Mexico
Human Factors Engineering

Who said the road less traveled was hard? Even though I barely made it, I did! Acknowledge...Move On. COH



Camilla Amber Gage

Cami
Mayrsville, WA
Humanities (Spanish)

My dad always told me that things happen for a reason. For whatever reason, I stayed here. God willing, for whatever reason I'll make it through. I thank this institution for its lessons on priorities, determination, heart-break, happiness, friends, love, & living- none of which were learned entirely in a classroom. Thanks to Capt. McGarrity, who reminded us that happiness is the essential ingredient in life.



Misti Rae Hancock

Misters
Cheyenne, WY
Humanities

I've cooked four course meals with only a hot pot and a toaster oven, mastered sleeping while standing, made 60 bucks last 2 months, delivered great speeches, created Pulitzer Prize papers in 20 mins, wooed men, lost love & discovered a prince, studied everything from Astronomy to Zoology and still dont know anything, learned that all nighters suck, & friends die...but nothing is more important than God.



Sean Allen Hosey

Ho
Manassas, VA
Human Factors Engineering

It's been a long hard road, but I'm glad I stuck it out. I couldn't have done it without the support of my family, you were my rock. To the bros (and sis's), the good times, bad times, and close calls were definitely worth it, weren't they? Remember: the lord loves a working man, don't trust whitey, and if you catch it, see a doctor and get rid of it. PEACE!



Melvin Robert Korsmo

Mel, Cosmo, Marine
Citrus Heights, CA
Biology

"But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour...is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause & lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious." - Vince Lombardi. To my Lord be the glory!!! Mom & Dad - Thanks for love & support! Scott, JD, Pat, Scott, Ryan, Lorin, family, friends - God bless you! "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." - Elliot



Javier Mauricio Prats

Javs
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Civil Engineering

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Pink Panthers of Thirty-Six

Samuel Ryan Johnson

RJ
Fort Myers, Florida
Baseball (Biology)

Mom, Dad, Justin, and Kristina: thanks for all the support and love, without you guys I wouldn't have even come close. Tark, EE, Laddy, SP, Rowedog, Mouth: love ya, loved every minute, and I'll never forget ya. M-Bear: best of wishes kid. Woolpullers play every game like its your last, cause one day it will be. God: you got me through this, I'll do my best.



Jonathan Philip Santangelo

Jon
Staten Island, NY
Social Sciences

To Dad & Grandpa: Little did I know when I was younger that your actions many years ago would so strongly guide my life & instill in me the importance of honor. To Mom, Alison, & the rest of family: Thank you for your love & encouragement, I would not have made it through here without you. To my friends: Remember perseverance, "Don't give up the ship!"



Scott Jay Kissler

Crack
Claremore, OK
Space Operations

Think positive thoughts Thank you Lord for keeping me in Your hands. Rick, Bab, Gage, and Mel thanks for all the memories. SB...bye, oops, rowr, and I love ya! Mom, Dad, and Melanie thank you for all your support and love. Mel, thanks for putting up with a cynic and you'll have to forgive me for this but it is the truth...JHTFP!



Frank Ellison Staine-Pyne

SP
Houston, TX
Basic Sciences

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Jennie Margaret Steldt

Jen
North Oaks, MN
Economics (French)

"What is that feeling when you're driving away from people and they recede on the plain till you see their specks dispersing? - it's the too huge world vaulting us, and it's good-by. But we lean forward to the next crazy venture beneath the skies." - Jack Kerouac.



Bradley Edward Turner

Brad
Chesterfield, MO
Management

I have no profound words, just the deepest gratitude toward my family. Dad, thanks for being my motivation and role model...I'm still trying. Mom, thanks for your pep talks, inspiration, and of course, Care Packages! Jen, thanks for the late night talks, keeping me sane, and being my best friend. Finally, to LAX, the tuffest guys here. Now to live my dream...PW#2.



Jeremy Paul Stringer

Stingray
Ossineke, MI
Electrical Engineering

Praise God to whom all praise is due! When you refuse to be sane this place can't beat you. Who says that I am insane, I am not crazy. I am the way we are supposed to be and all of you are insane. When 900 years old you reach look as good you will not him. Try not, do or do not, there is no try.



Jared Neal Whatcott

Kanosh, UT
Management (Chinese)

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." The six-year program hasn't been easy, but it's already been well worth it. I couldn't have done it without the dedicated support of my family, my friends, and most of all, my God. I pray for the strength to be successful in the things that matter most. 2 Nephi 31:20.



Pink Panthers of Thirty-Six

Robert Taylor Thompson

Robbie
Arkadelphia, AR
Biology

To Mom, Dad, Renee, and the O's: Couldn't have gotten through without you. To my good buddies: Ain't it funny how a melody can bring back a memory. Take you to another place in time, completely change your State of Mind. Hey folks, don't sweat the small stuff. It's all small stuff. Enjoy every day of this great life. You only get one shot.



James Alan Wilson

James
Pittsburgh, PA
Political Science

Four years ago, this day seemed so distant it felt almost unattainable. Today, I leave USAFA. I take with me the friends I have made, and the memories we share. Thanks James! I leave with the knowledge nothing is impossible if you want it bad enough. I thank my family for helping me realize it. Finally, I leave knowing those who have been there know, those who haven't, never will.



Jenna Louise Tukey

San Diego, CA
Operations Research

It's funny how four years ago can seem like yesterday. It's been the four hardest years of my life, but I have no regrets. Thank you Mom and Dad for your neverending support. Swim chicks, the Crew, Chickenhawks, Panthers, Willie, Ferfs, Jenn...you are all so awesome! Rae, DSA, and Jack...I love you all so much more than you will probably ever know. God Bless You.



James Ray Woosley III

Woosley
Lexington, Kentucky
Environmental Engineering

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Skyraiders of Thirty-Seven

Lynn Marie Alexander

Fairfax, VA
Geography (Japanese)

"There is a road, no simple highway, between the dawn and the dark of night; and if you go, no one may follow, that path is for your steps alone."

-GG

I know I haven't always chosen the easiest road, but I thank everyone who helped me along the way! Mom, Dad and Mark...how lucky we are!!



Ian Simon Bautista

Teestah, Philly
San Francisco, CA
Aeronautical Engineering

A big thanks to moms and pops for your love and always believing in me. Skyraiders and old 23, keep on dominatin'. Tara, you inspire me and i'll love you always. Minorities, how could i live without the wh, dh, condos and indi always spending our money. You guys, and woman, have given me the greatest and weirdest four years of my life. I love you guys.



Richard Charles Altobello

Rick
Manhattan, KS
Operations Research (Math)

Well, we made it. It's finally over and it is true, the Academy does look better in a rear-view mirror. I want to wish everyone the best of luck in their careers in the Air Force. To my family, thank you for all of the love and support during these four years. To my friends, thanks for all the good times and the memories. I'll see you out there.



Roy Martin Blanco

Pitbull, Mr.Ed
Chicago, IL
Biology

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Michael Chadwick Bruton

Chad, Burtin
Smithfield, NC
History- War Studies

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**Justin Lee Cummings**

Justin
Tallahassee, FL
Biochemistry

Thank you mom, dad, Josh, Carrie, and all my friends that were there for me in my times of need. Remember, when you die, all that you take with you are your experiences. Experience all that life has to offer. Life is too short to be boring.

**Gregory Nath Dash**

Greg, Smash, Sack
Gaithersburg, MD
General Engineering

"Any great leader in any society probably gives better than he gets. That's just a fact of life." Four years of victories and defeats have come to end. The lessons learned in those defeats hopefully will lead me to future victory. Thanks to those who stuck with me through it all - the Hard Core Phantoms, the Animalistic Skyraiders, my supportive parents, and of course, Sarah.

**Francis Joseph Farrelly, Jr.**

Frank, Supah-Fast
Pearl River, NY
Human Factors Engineering

Mom/Dad: Thanks for everything! Your letters & support made USAFA more enjoyable. I love you! Anne, Christine, Kevin: I love you! Kevin, thanks for visiting each year. Hauptmanns, Gina: Thanks for love & support! Carrie: Thanks for 2 incredible, but sometimes tumultuous years. I love you & look forward to seeing what future holds! AFA Friends: Thanks for 4 great years!



Skyraiders of Thirty-Seven

Kevin Michael Curtin

Moonshine, Grandpa, Farad, KC
Louisville, KY
Electrical Engineering (Mathematics)

"Grow up Arthur, you would make a fine adult... Yeah, that's easy for you to say—you haven't got 50 pairs of short pants hanging in your closet!"

**Jason Michael Ford**

Beaumont, TX
Legal Studies

Thanks to Mom & Dad for standing behind me. You mean more to me than you'll know. Brandi, I love you with all my heart & thank you for being there for me through the good & bad times. Not much longer... To the fellas: Later, I hope you find what you are looking for. "Success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome." It's a long road, so peace be the journey...

**Matthew James Darling**

Matty
Spring, Texas
Basic Sciences (Math)

To my family: Thank you for all the love and support. You all stood beside me through everything and I can never tell you enough... how much I love you. Alexandria, you are the world to me. Fellas, take it easy. I hope that you all find what you're looking for. "Those who turn back know only the ordeal, but they who persevere remember the adventure..."

**David Lachlan Halasi-Kun**

Dave
New Milford, CT
Aeronautical Engineering

"Problems for overcoming. Freedom for proving. And as long as we believe in our dream, nothing by chance." Richard Bach. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Gretchen for all of your love and support over the last four years—I couldn't have done any of this without you. Thanks to all the airfield bums, the fellas from 24, and the friends I've made through the years. We made it.



William Casey Hepler III

Billy

Kennesaw, GA
Operations Research

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George Robert Lavine III

Rob, Latrine, T-S, Jr.

Air Force, U.S.A.

Humanities (Philosophy)

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Sean Patrick Holahan

Hooligan

Boca Raton, FL
Legal Studies

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Brian Stanley MacFarlane

Mac

Albuquerque, NM
Political Science

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Skyriders of Thirty-Seven

Shane Clifton Jensen

Maverick

Henderson, NC
American History

"And once you have tasted flight, you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will long to return." Caroline, I could never have made it without you. "Whatever our souls are made of, hers and mine are the same."



Phillip Leon Mallory III

Phil, PTWOB #099

Aurora, CO

Operations Research (Mathematics)

It went much faster than I thought it would, and I can truly say that I have no regrets. To the Mallorys and Allens, thanks for your love and support. Raines, Foz, the greatest roommates and friends a guy could ever have. And of Course, thanks to all my PTWOBs and our adventures in ghettoness: Here's to you. ATTITUDE CHECK! ... Blue Skies... #099



Tia Annette Jordan

T, Ti Ti

Goose Creek, SC
Human Behavior

This seemed longer than 5 years, but it's over! I thank God who gave me strength during bad times and my family who has and will always be there for me. This place taught me about myself and who my "true" friends really are. I couldn't have made it without you. We made it fun[DRAMA]! CDR, good luck! This isn't the last you'll see of me... "WHEN'S IT GONNA STOP?"



Douglas Thomas Morsches

Cheez, Queso

Toledo, OH

Mechanical Engineering

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Cilla Peterrek

Giggles
Austin, TX
Political Science

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Marc Harris Segal

Meshugginah
Dallas, TX
Social Science

Cynicism, tours, confinements, restrictions, scrutiny, adversity... a little help from my friends, hope, humor, free weekends, graduation, good times, great memories! I know I could not have made it through without the support of my family and friends. Thanks for putting up with me.



Christopher Reed Raines

Rainey, Patty Raines
Vandalia, OH
Political Science

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Philip James Vallie

Frankie
Duluth, MN
Environmental Engineering

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Skyraiders of Thirty-Seven

Clinton Robert Saffo

SNAFU
Billings, MT
Physics (Math)

I leave here with knowledge and experience. Knowledge of how to pack 100 pounds of garbage into a 10 pound bag and experience of counting days in a place that doesn't allow living, only surviving. Life is what you make of it, but it gets tough when "they" don't want you to have one. Of my 6 1/2 years of military service, these four have been, by far, the worst. I'm ready to move on.



Lisa Dianne Waldrep

Dripper
New Boston, TX
Engineering Sciences

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All Stars of Thirty-Eight

Patrick Joseph Anderson

Phat, Patty
Atlanta, Ga
Basic Sciences

What a long, but interesting experience. In a strange way, I'll miss this place. However, I could not have made it without the love and support of my family: Mom, Dad and Chris. Finally, this whole dream came true and will continue to come true because of the direction and encouragement of my choicest friend, Jesus Christ.



James Edward Brown III

JB, GodFather of Soul
Baltimore, MD
Management

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Steven Gerald Behmer

Steve
Lake Havasu City, AZ
Operations Research

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Chad Nathan Burdick

Burdy
Miami, FL
Hyper Physics/Astro Dynamics

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Nole James Beaver Curry

Beav, Beaver
Oak Ridge, MO
Humanities

Thanks to my family for the last 5 years and to all my friends back home for all of the great periods of leave. To all my friends here - it has been one hell of a binge tour! I sure am glad it is over!



Keith Eric Englin

Porky, Def Englin
Indianapolis, IN
Physics (Math/German)

Thank you Jesus for all that You gave me while I was here, and for showing me that True Love Waits. Mom and Dad, you were right beside me every minute. Chickenhawks, I'll never forget the fun (yes, fun) we had freshman year. Contras, on your faces! To my boys in 38, keep on rollin'. To my HUAH classmates... '98 DOMINATES!!



William Francis Julian

Jules, WF
Marshall, MO
Operations Research

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Kristine Renee Kramer

Kristie, K
Fenton, MI
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

To all the days spent cursing T.L. and dreaming of our lives in Tahiti...it's the four of us against the world. And no, I won't have 10 kids at our reunion...



All Stars of Thirty-Eight

Jacob Benjamin Fite

Benton, AR
Electrical Engineering(Math)



Sean Eric Lee

Morgan Hill, CA
Basic Sciences

To all of the people who kept it real. My Mom and Father, thanks for all the support. And for everyone else S.O.M.S. and you know I'll holler.



Shawn Keone Gilliland

Makakilo, HI
Political Science (Japanese)

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John Anthony Lesho III

Beech, BJ, Johnny, & Ac Pro Ranger
Sharpsburg, GA
Geography

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Uvalde Elmes Mendez

UV!, U!
Oak Ridge, TN
Biology

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William Walter Nelson

"C-Bass"
Management
San Antonio, Texas

I want to thank my family and friends for helping me make it through this place. To the others who tried to get rid of me, you failed. I hope that others that follow will learn from my great accomplishments here at USAFA. To the fellas on the rugby team; trips, games, non-alcoholic drinking and A-dogs.



Joseph Murray Parham

Joe
Roswell, NM
Political Science

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David Andrew Pokrifchak

Poker
E. Wenatchee, WA
Computer Science

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All Stars of Thirty-Eight

Brent Michael Nestor

Chet, Uncle Fester
Ottumwa, IA
Military History

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Paul Marshall Sexton

Sexy
Phoenix, Arizona
Foreign Area Studies (Russian)

"We live in deeds—not words" Gen. Patton "A true soldier embraces discipline. It is formed by the intensity of the drill" Anonymous The Team comes first! To my teammates—you inspired & kept me here. Andy - Daytona, Vail, SCIDM96, MardiGras - don't forget your car covers! Drozy—when is your 1st record coming out? HG—Never Let Up & Stay Hard! MOPAR rules! Do Svydanya!



Shelby Elaine Ortiz

Long Beach, CA
Meteorology

It's taken five years to accomplish this childhood dream. Thank You God, mom, girls, family, and Anthony for believing in me. Punkasaurus Rex - be nice! Lex- only 5 more years to retirement! MB, lets do some current WX in the AF. WHAT! Thnx All Mighty Stars! SEB, Allways. DOMINATE 98!



Joshua Adrian Shown

Josh
Stapleton, NE
History

It's hard to believe that we're already done. I'm no poet, but I would like to thank my parents for their love and understanding, Mom for all of the articles, my Warhawk brothers and sisters for showing me what true friendship is, and Emily for her infinite patience. I wouldn't trade a minute of the last four years, but I don't want to try it again.



Scott Michael Sieting

Bloomington, CA
American History

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Jarin Roy Thayn

Chewbacca, Chewy, Mike Bravo, S.M.
Tacoma, WA
Electrical Engineering

Sarah, My Love: Eph. 3:19, Song of S. 4:9-11; 3 Degrees of Glory: It's about time. Can you say Graduation? To all: May the Lord Bless you and keep you, and may He be with you until we meet again. Mom and Dad: Thanks, I never could have done it without you.



Robert Edward Skuya

Dayton, OH
General Engineering

This placed started with a dream that's now become a reality. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Joanne, and all my friends who helped me through here. I'll always have the memories.



Charles Christopher Zitzmann

Plainview, Long Island, NY
Legal Studies

This place has been responsible for some of the worst and some of the best days of my life. Yet, I would not trade my experience at USAFA for the world. Thanks to Mama, Daddy, Cindy, Caren, Christopher, Grandma and Grandpa Zitzmann, Grandma and Grandpa Lefaro, Uncle Ed, Uncle Chico, Aunt Marian, Uncle Sonny, and little pea. The best is yet to come.



Cool Campus Rads of Thirty-Nine



Christopher Lee Ayre

Chris
Kennewick, WA
Operations Research (Math / Spanish)

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren," Jesus teaches us, "ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40 Skyriders and Rads...thanks for all the memories. May the Lord watch over you. Thanks Mom, Dad and Steven. I couldn't have done it without you guys. Amy, you are the most important person in my life. I love you. Let's start the adventure.



Sheroyd Lydell Brown

Rod
Lawton, OK
Legal Studies

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Jennifer Lynn Bagozzi

Jen, Red, Red All Red
Naples, FL
Aerospace Physiology

Graduation, Baby, Yeah!! What a crazy four years! Mom, Dad, I love you. I know you're proud of me, but I am even more proud just to be your daughter. I've grown up here, I've been sad here, I've been mad here, but I've been happy here. I'll always remember how exciting it's been, the opportunities I've had, and the friends I've made. Shelby, Bobby, Gymteam, Aaron, & Coach-thanks for the love.



Diane Elizabeth Carloni

Diane
Plymouth, MA
Human Factors Engineering

This place gave me more opportunities than I could have ever imagined. I really enjoyed my time here. Take advantage of what is being offered to you. It is truly unique. All I can say is smile and be thankful. Thank you Mom, Dad, Janice, Brian, and friends for all of the help that you gave me. I will never forget that.



Cool Campus Rads of Thirty-Nine

Marika Charlene Barto

Marika
Chehalis, WA
Human Behaviors/Human Factors

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. To the Zoomies-thankx. To my true friends: I'm done, you made all the hard times worth it, you helped me survive. Kelly, be strong, YOU'LL WIN!! Never back down, stand up for what's right, be the angels that are disguised as ordinary people leading ordinary lives.



Scott Alexander Chandler

SAC, Chancellor
Antelope, CA
Biology

Thanks to God, my family, Amy, and my friends. You all mean the world to me. I wouldn't be getting the heck out of here if it weren't for you. Kenny, show'em what you're made of. Paul, He's watching you. Roy, when in doubt....The rest of you, don't sweat the petty things, pet the sweaty things. SAC



Floyd Hadden Brazier

Floyd
Maple Valley, WA
Human Behavior

I sought God, but ran when I found His anointing. While here, I've been confronted with life (mom and her cancer), death (Pace Weber), and tough decisions (Jesus as my God, or football). Through it all, I have learned to love and depend on Jesus, and He has given me His love, grace and mercy, and my brothers and sisters whom I love.



Shane Michael Crippen

Old Man
Fountain Hills, AZ
Electrical Engineering (Russian)

There were two paths in the road. I chose the one less traveled.



Mark Allen Esslinger

Las Vegas, NV
Computer Science

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed"—Prov. 16:3. Thank you, Lord, for walking with me through the good times and carrying me through the difficult ones. I never would have made it through this without Your guidance. Family, friends, and roommates, thank you for your love and support. You have all made an indelible impact upon my life. "Remember, the best things in life are free..."



Craig Anthony Fronczek

C-Fronz, Chex-mix

Johnstown, PA
Mechanical Engineering

Thanks to my family and friends for all of the support. Especially, Dad, Mom, and Karen, you three were always there when I needed help. Also, to my friends, the Rads and old Freak Show, you were the ones that made this place great. Best of luck to you all.



Arden Kilinahe Kyuzo Ikehara

Ardz
Kalihi, HI
Biology

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Wallis Warner Laughrey

Wall
Tampa, FL
Biology

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Cool Campus Rads of Thirty-Nine

Connie Renee Garcia

Con
Military Brat

Operations Research (Mathematics)

Choose your own path, is what they say. Choose your own destiny, and make it come alive one day. Thank you Jesus for your guidance, Mom & Dad, I love you! Grandpa & Aunt Becky, if you could see me now. Amara, thank for the sanity. Ben, you're the best thing in my life. I love you with all my heart...friends first and always. Polaris Staff (Greg, Mike, Cory, Phil) you made life fun & interesting.



Aaron Joseph McCarthy

Malden, MA
Human Factors

"With benefit of hindsight, perhaps it wasn't such a hot idea." Raising Arizona. I want to thank my family for all their support. Thanks to the Posse of 35, Wiener, Bobby, Jen, Rob, Ben, and everyone else, "I did it the best I could when I was stuck in this place, and had as much fun as I could when I was stuck in this place." Dazed and Confused.



James Robert Graham II

Brother Jim
Clawson, MI

European Area Studies (German)

The Academy is a great teacher of Stoicism. In the course of our four years here we learn to resign our selves to anything, even the sacrifices that must be made to achieve greatness.



Teresa Lee Mead

Fracie, Smurf, Big T Mead
Loveland, CO

For all the many ways I have grown in the last four years, stature is not one of them. Thanks to the Rebel crew and the Rad gang. Thank you Mom, Dad, Robert, Christopher, Shelly, Dustin, Eddie, Hanna, Taysa, Mel, and Eric for all of your support.



Ryan Grayson Pirozzi*P-Roz*

Port Jefferson, NY

Human Factors Engineering

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**Robert Joseph Schreiner***Bob, Bab*

Chicago, IL

Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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**Donald Egan Hanner Ratcliff**

Blountville, TN

Electrical Engineering

A day late and a dollar short.

**Neil Aaron Schroder***Steel*

Amarillo, TX

Environmental Engineering

To the horny 18 gang, and my buds in 39, never forget the adventures, YEA baby YEA. At least I can say, I did it the best I could while I was stuck in this place, had as much fun as I could while I was stuck in this place, played as hard as I could while I was stuck in this place. Jeremiah 29:11.



Cool Campus Rads of Thirty-Nine

Roy Patrick Recker*RP*

Denver, CO

Basic Sciences

"Celebrate we will, because life is short but sweet for certain. We'll climb on 2 by 2, to be sure these days continue. These things we cannot change" DMB Above all, family is #1. Thanks to them for keeping me going. Friends, what can I say? Skypilots, yes please. Ratz babies, Flounders & the Big Plan. Everyone else, you're money. Then there were 3: RZH. John B is the man for others. 1 more thing: AMDG.

**Ronald John Edward Sloma***Ron*

Battle Creek, MI

Management

Mom, Dad, Fawn... thanks for everything and putting up with me during these last years... you too Ard. I guess it's been hard but it'll be nice to live for a changell Freakshow, it was fun and all I have to say is uhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh, never mind, never mind.

**Andrew Charles Rolph***Drew*

Indianapolis, IN

BioChemistry

To all those who stuck by me...Thanks.

**Alesandro Valenzuela Smith***Schmitt*

Washington D.C.

Economics (Spanish)

This path, this road less traveled by nears the cherished completion. Mom, Dad, Pablo, Abuelita, Cochran family, your love & support were paramount in achieving this goal. Gatekeepers, Death Row, amigos from 39... the fond memories & friendships are what I take from here... these have made all the difference. This journey approaches its end. A new and brighter one beckons. Engage and never settle.



Bradley David White

Major General
Ankeny, IA
Operations Research

Thanks to my parents for always believing in me. To the former Pink Panthers, we sure had fun in Frisco and Dillon. To the Gatekeepers, the memories will never die and may the traditions never end. To the Council, you helped make it all possible. To the Rads, thanks for two fun years. Off we go...



Warhawks of Forty



Wade Bradley Adair

Lawton, OK
Management

Thanks to God for getting me through four tough years (Eph. 4:13). Thanks Dad for always pushing me. Mom and Don for the unending support. Blaine, I love you man. The Burrows, you made it easy. To all of the fellas, thanks for being there. Robbie, JB, Schmidty. Good luck Rusty, one more. Good luck Hawks and former Panthers. Its been fun. So I got that going for me, which is nice. Everywhere.



Colin Chandler Clingan

Fanta-C, Trip-C, CC, C
Orlando, FL
Management

Family, Chapmans, Milwees, HARRISES, Zettels, and Schlach: love & thanks forever! Academy Boyz: "With the game clock expired & the scoreboard permanent we wipe the sweat from our brows, raise our heads slowly, & look apprehensively into the future; let us not concern ourselves with the score, gentlemen - rather, go confidently and be "at ease" knowing that you couldn't have played on a better team." - CCC



Frank Spivey Arnold

Albany, GA
Engineering Sciences

What's to write? It took me 3 years in the Zoo to value good Friends over good grades, convictions over convenience. Thank you Lord Jesus! Hebrews 10:23-25 Cody, Pabs, K-Will, COWIE!, and W.O.W. You guys DEFINE the Academy!



Michael Lloyd Conners

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Coeur d' Alene, ID
Middle East Area Studies (Arabic)

Mom, Dad, and Maggie, much of my success I owe to you. I could not have made it without your love and support-thank you! To The Five and the others that I met along the way, your friendship means more to me than all the diplomas and Lt bars in the world. May the memories we've shared never fade, and the relationships we've built never falter.



Warhawks of Forty

Sammuel Cesar Berenguer

Sam
Allentown, PA
Operations Research

Perception is too often the Reality humanity chooses to accept. The paper copy of you dictates your success. This creates cynics, skeptics, & hypocrites, but from each we learn. To God & my family, I am an extension of you; Sarge, Liz, Chris, Scott, Mike: you know my heart. HG, Warhawks, old snakes, everyone I ever worked with... friends: it's been an honor & pleasure; God bless.



Marc Dominique Jean D'Oria

Gina
Vitry Sur Seine, France
French exchange

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Charles Cates

Tomball, TX
Biology (Spanish)

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European Area Studies (German)

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Jack Winston Flynt III

Fort Worth, TX
Management

On a wing and a prayer, I finally made it! Thank you to God and my family, to whom I owe all my success. Rob, it's been a blast...thanks for being there. A toast to The Crew, who never let a dull moment pass. And to Jenna, I will always treasure our love and friendship.



Michael Patrick Healy

Mike
Stafford, VA
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Scott Leonard Klempner

Klemp-dogg
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Astronautical Engineering (Math)

Wow. I finally have a soapbox. Well, it might not be the time or place to say that I wish people would quit whining about how hard they think it is here or how much they think their lives suck. I had a good time and tried to fight the good fight. If you're reading this, don't forget your ideals & idealism; when they take a blow, pick yourself up & start over. Buttercups, you guys are my brothers and sisters.



Shad Jae Lacktorin

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Social Sciences

Thanks to all my family, friends at home, and my friends here at the Academy. You were always there behind me, helping me along the way. I love you all. I won't forget you either Dennis. You were a great friend. Wish you could be here. Go forth in life, but always take a moment to look back at the past. Never forget. Your memories make you what you are. 98 Dominates! HUAH!



Warhawks of Forty

Jason Lawrence Hicks

Hicky
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"Cynicism is disappointed idealism." Four years: It happened. Thanks Mom, Dad, Whitney, & everyone else who put up with my accomplishments, gripes & everything else. Hatch, we've been there for each other a lot & found something we thought we'd lost: friends. Obie & the fellas from 40, thanks for the fun & 'iggities.' Chris, we've been though everything together & the story isn't finished yet.



Lucretia Lynne Lewis

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"Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge." -Austin "Dusty" Miller Thanks, Mom, Dad, and Travis.



Cody Justin Humphrey

Humpty
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What I learned at USAFA is that there are only two important things in life, great friends, and lots of sleep. The rest here was all just filler. I also want to thank Kristine for helping me survive this place, I couldn't have done it on my own.



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Erin MacBride Munson

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Alexandria VA
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First, love & thanks to my wonderful family because w/o inspiration there is only normalcy. To friends: why don't we stay forever young? Miss you Pace. Soccer girls & guys (cas & corey) Thanks for taking the risk & being true friends (especially Paige, earp, red, I.Gadget). Warhawks, ready to bone??? Love you guys! "Perhaps even these things will some day be pleasant to remember." - Virgil



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Aberdeen, MS
Management

"Let the record show I took the blows, but I did it my way."-Frank Sinatra Many thanks go out to my family and my friends who made this possible. It is safe to say that I would not have made it without you. Woolpullers, you guys made it easy. Keep pulling, and if it nips ya, it nips ya.



Nathan William Tarkowski

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Sheboygan, WI
American History

Thanks Mom, Dad, Ben, and Matt for your love and support. Woolpullers, thanks for the memories-some good, some bad, all interesting. RJ-I've never seen better on the hill. EE, you'll always be my furry brother! Todd, Sega M5s were the best. Hopefully I am as good a friend as the one's I have. The game will go on without me but my heart will always be on the mound. Never Quit! Never Give Up!!



Benjamin Edward Trautwein

THE MAN
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Thanks to my family and friends. They were the ones who kept me here and without their support and OTF nights (weeks) I would have never made it.



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One should be able to defend oneself by showing that some people have a natural aptitude for philosophy and for leading the state, while others have not that aptitude and must follow the leader. - Plato



William Oliver Wade

Will, WOW
Rye, NH
Engineering Sciences (Math)

Thank You Mom, Dad, and Whitney. You made everything possible through your love and support. To the PTWOB's: You are the best friends that anyone could ever ask for. Spring Break, Ring Dance, all of the Demos, and all of the nights out can never be topped. Here's to you... BLUE SKIES... PTWOB #107. I can't wait to see you all out there. 143!



Marilyn Ann Schroering

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Evansville, IN
Military History

Mom, Dad- "Thank you" & "I love you" are an understatement. Guard '98- "Sir, the team comes first!" Log-many happy silicone highs, TCB. Christians- be lifeguards, not umpires. Tony- eorilypb. '98-HUAH! Warhawks- do the right thing b/c it's the right thing to do. The Academy experience is what YOU make of it. "Your greatest possession is the 24 hours directly in front of you." James 1:2-4



Kevin Scott Williams

K Will
Scotts Valley, CA
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To God, Mom, Dad, family and friends, thank you for always believing in me even when I didn't. Through camping trips at Stanley Canyon, to Ops at Edwards, to Ring Dance with "the boys", to the "The Wrath", I forever will be grateful for the friends I have made here. May our wings spread forth and allow us all to achieve our goals and may our paths cross again. LTH



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Bubba

Schoharie, NY
Management

This "Dazed and Confused" quote sums it up. "I just want to look back and say that I did it the best I could while I was stuck in this place. Had as much fun as I could when I was stuck in this place. Played as hard as I could when I was stuck in this place..." I made great friends too. - Reapers, Warhawks, and the Pimp Daddy's.



Warhawks of Forty



JUNE WEEK

Section Editor: Connie Garcia

Following spring semester finals, a time of transition and preparation takes over the cadet wing.

Underclass cadets are preparing for exciting summer programs,

and firsties are

eagerly anticipating the arrival of family and friends

for graduation-related activities. That time period, though, marks more than a transition from the academic year to the summer. Its activities represent progress through the cadet ranks, and into active duty. They mark many crucial beginnings, transitions, and endings.

The individual and group accomplishments recognized at June Week events such as ring dance, the

**PRIDE
THROUGH
ACHIEVEMENT**

individual awards ceremony,

and the organizational awards parade are symbolic of what a cadet can achieve as they advance through the challenging military, academic, and athletic programs at the Academy.

There are milestones of achievement at many points through the cadet experience, but none can match the PRIDE, success, and relief that is often felt during June Week festivities.



21st Derek Mentzer hugs an adoring fan, his younger sister. Graduation is an emotional time for graduates and family members alike as each realize that an end has come to a chapter in their lives and a new one is to begin. Photo by B. Brandow.



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Triumph

A Moment of Pride

While looking at "the ring" on the bottom of the champagne glass during the night of May 21, 1998, a number of things went through my mind. I thought about everything that had happened to me over the past three years while here, and at the same time was excited and apprehensive for what the future holds.

In the past, I saw those potential classmates who failed to make it through Basic Cadet Training, or the

academic years that followed, either voluntarily or involuntarily.

I remem-

bered those who would never be with us due to tragic events that took their lives. I remembered my own fears and the fears of others. Often bringing to mind the question: "Do I have what it takes?"

I looked around Mitchell Hall and saw other cadets whom I knew or did not know. I saw a common emotion within the eyes and smiles of so many: triumph and pride. We had made it this far through a trying point in our lives, and faced this final year with a look of hope. I remember think-

ing about the diversity of our class, the different backgrounds, and the different attitudes.

Most of us would not think that we have anything in common. I tend to disagree. No matter what choices the rest of us make in life, some part of us will always remember what it took to get to that important moment in our lives when we drained the glass, and had that marvelous ring placed on our finger. This is not some simple, expensive trinket that sits on our hand. This ring represents everything that we have been through. It links us to those classes that have come before us to participate in the exact same celebration. No matter how we live, this ring tells us that we have something very special in common.

I believe for those who have this ring, we are able to stand in the face of our fears and uncertainty and say, "Yes, I *do* have what it takes!"

By Jayme Carter

C2C Taris Hawkins attempts to capture his ring in his mouth. As with many other things associated with the Academy, Ring Dance is steeped in tradition. Photo by B. Nickel.





This couple listens intently as Commander Gerald Collee, a POW during Vietnam, describes his ordeal and how he survived. Each class has the option to choose anyone as the speaker. Photo by B. Nickel.



The cake for the Class of 1999 sits in Arnold Hall before the start of the dance. The cake measures approximately four feet tall and two feet in diameter. Photo by B. Nickel.

C2C Brian Brandow and several classmates pose with their rings during Ring Dance weekend in Frisco, CO. Most cadets escape to the mountains for the weekend. Photo by B. Brandow.



This couple dances up a storm at the dance after the banquet. While the dinner was mandatory, the dance was not. Photo by B. Nickel.

C2C Jayme Carter and his date pose before a large imitation of the class ring. Some cadets flew their dates out from different parts of the world while others attended Ring Dance with fellow cadets or friends from the area. Photo supplied by Campus Concepts.

This cadet christens her ring with champagne. Cadets had the option of using champagne, sparkling grape juice, or water. Photo by B. Nickel.

On Parade

Last of Lasts for '98

The Garrison flag was hoisted and the wreath lain before the War Memorial in remembrance of fallen comrades. For the first time in nearly four years, the Organizational Awards parade went on as scheduled unthreatened by rain and fog as with years past.

Under a clear sky, the exemplary squadrons were awarded ribbons to hang on their guidons. For the first time, Wolfpack Five was named the Outstanding Squadron while the Wild Weasels of 35 won their very first ribbon. Fourth Group was named Outstanding Group for the third time.

and individual academic department awards.

Although the weather for the Organizational Awards Parade was perfect, who would be able to predict Colorado weather in the upcoming days?

As with past years, nothing could or would stand in the Class of 1998's way, not the possibility of a tornado on the march back from Jack's Valley, not a fallen star before Recognition, and definitely not the unsurety of a future in the Air Force. A little bad weather for the Graduation Parade was not about to hinder the class from relinquishing command.

While the morning started gloomy, the Wing marched on to Sullman's field beneath a clear sky. The sun shone down on the field as the Class of 1998 departed in the flying wedge formation leaving the Wing in the hands of the Class of 1999.

Parades

Following the Organizational Awards Parade, individual

firstclass cadets were presented with awards in Clune Arena before an audience that included the Cadet Wing, family and friends.

Jeremy Gordon was named the top graduate while Matthew Hayden, the Fall Semester Wing Commander, was named the top military graduate. Other awards included athletic awards

By C Renee Garcia

The Garrison flag flies over the cadet area during the Organizational Awards/Memorial Day Parade. The flag was also flown throughout the year to honor deceased members during funerals. Photo by B. Brandow.



Spring semester Wing Staff, led by Superintendent Allegra Gregory, stands before the class wall as the Wing, minus the Class of '98, passes in review. The crest of the graduating class was replaced with the new senior ranking class during the Graduation Parade. Photo by B. Nickel.



The firsties salute as they stand separate from the Cadet Wing during the Graduation Parade. The salute is used to pay respects to: the flag, the national anthem, officers, Medal of Honor recipients, and civilians of a certain position. Photo by B. Brandow.

CIC Caroline Mullin celebrates that after the Graduation Parade, she will never have to march in another. Most cadets, as first classmen, do not mind marching the Graduation Parade since it is the last for them. Photo by E. Bixby.



This squadron commander accepts an award on behalf of his squadron during the Organizational Awards Parade. This was the first time in four years the parade was not cancelled due to weather. Photo by B. Brandow.



The Class of '98 marches away from the Cadet Wing in the flying wedge formation. This formation is used twice a year, to welcome in a new class and to send off the graduating class. Photo by B. Nickel.

“I Do....”

An End to A Beginning

Not the Oath to get married, but rather to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies....” The oath taken prior to commissioning is perhaps the single most significant event that separates the service academies from other colleges and universities. It is, after all, why people attend a service academy.

Each squadron’s commissioning ceremony was held in locations all over Colorado Springs, from a small church downtown to the

Broadmoor, and from the Arnold Hall ballroom to the Air Gardens. Some

squadrons were adventurous and held their ceremonies at six in the morning while others valued their sleep a bit more, waiting until later in the morning. No matter what the hour, nothing could hold the soon-to-be-officers back.

A little groggy and with some sleep in their eyes, each graduating member stumbled through the Oath and penned their signature to the document binding them to the military for at least five years. Those who complained about the early hour were unaware of previous ceremonies. In the late 80’s, the commissioning was held at literally o-dark-thirty, as close to midnight as possible for the start of a new day.

After each ceremony, refreshments were served to family and friends while the new officers and their shiny butter bars anxiously awaited the Commencement Ceremonies. The stage was set for the final march into Falcon Stadium.

Commissioning

By C Renee Garcia

Erik Eichin, now a second lieutenant, salutes his commissioning officer, Lt Col Fred Dudek, after taking the Commissioning Oath. Commissioning officers included relatives, favorite instructors, and friends from previous classes. Photo by E. Bixby.



2Lt Chrystel Chavez beams as her father pins on her lieutenant shoulder boards. Cadets are not restricted in who may pin on their new boards. Photo by E. Bixby.





CIC Mike Connor takes the Commissioning Oath in front of the Eagle and Fledgling statue which reads "A man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge." Squadrons selected meaningful locations to hold their Commissioning ceremony. Photo by E. Bixby.

CIC Greg Pleinis is administered the Oath before a mural in the field house. The mural was commissioned by the Class of '76 as a gift to the Academy. Photo by B. Brandow.



2Lt Paul Brister can barely contain his excitement as his parents pin on his new shoulder boards. It takes a while for most graduates to grow accustomed to their new rank, which differs greatly in responsibility and looks from cadet boards. Photo by B. Brandow.



2Lt Brent Dorsey puts his signature on the commissioning forms. Cadets incur between a five and nine year commitment upon graduating, depending on whether or not they attend graduate school, become a pilot, or become a navigator. Photo by B. Brandow.

Graduation

The Day--The Moment

It was early in the morning, and unlike the previous year, the weatherman predicted a gorgeous day with a temperature of over 70° for the 24th of May. But no matter what the unpredictable weather of Colorado might have brought, nothing could brighten the smiles of the Class of 1998 more than Graduation Day itself. The distinguished visitors and thousands of relatives and friends of the graduating class were in place. The big moment was about to come.

After last minute changes in the seating of the graduates and a stern

Graduation

warning from the sergeants to be proud, the graduating class was ready to march into the stadium as thirty nine other classes before them had. The fortieth class of the U.S. Air Force Academy was ready to leave those Academy days behind and begin their anticipated careers.

General Michael E. Ryan, Class of '65, addressed the newest graduat-

ing class before handing out diplomas. He spoke of the stark contrast in the condition of the world from when he entered the service. Although not all graduates would serve in the Air Force, he reminded each one of them that they were the future of the country and of the world. He spoke of the technological differences and the need for "new blood" and "inventive ideas" in today's leaders.

As Gen Ryan's words hung in the hot air, the first diploma was presented to the top graduating cadet, Jeremy Gordon. Soon after, the remaining ceremony would become a distant but fond memory.

By C Renee Garcia

The class salutes while the National Anthem is played to commence the graduation ceremony. Saluting is an age old method of respect that members of the Academy quickly learn. Photo by R. Marshall.



In position, these lieutenants wait patiently as the rest of the class files into the stadium. To the end, things are completed as a team. Photo by R. Marshall.



Members of the graduating class march to their seats as part of the commencement ceremony. Mandatory attendance to graduation is perhaps the only mandatory event future graduates do not mind. Photo by B. Brandow.

Gen Michael Ryan delivers the commencement address to the fortieth graduating class. He took over as the Air Force Chief of Staff due to Gen Ronald Fogleman's early retirement. Photo by B. Brandow.



The Class of 1998 marches into Falcon stadium for the last time. Marching into the stadium is just one of the many things graduating cadets do not miss. Photo by B. Brandow.

Diplomas

The End of The Road

Although this path had been traveled on by thirty-nine other classes, the road to graduation was not smooth and straight. On June 30, 1994, 1378 cadets entered the Academy but only 935 completed the journey on May 28, 1998. Four years of hard work paid off for those who remained. With the conclusion of Gen Ryan's commencement speech, the diplomas were given first to the distinguished graduates, and then the rest of the class.

Graduation

For graduates, the reception of the diploma was the final crowning moment to their cadet career. Almost nothing could compare to the emotions each person felt when given their diploma. Emotions ranged from relief to sadness and from extreme joy to bitterness. The emotions felt reflected the trials each person faced during their journey. The way was

fraught with trials of a different kind for each person, and no one finished it as the same person as they were when they started.

The parents of Damian Maertens and Pace Weber also received diplomas. Damian passed away in April after an eight-month battle with skin cancer while Pace was killed in July in a T-3 accident. Their parents were presented with diplomas by Gen Oelstrom in a private ceremony before the Organizational Awards Parade on Memorial Day.

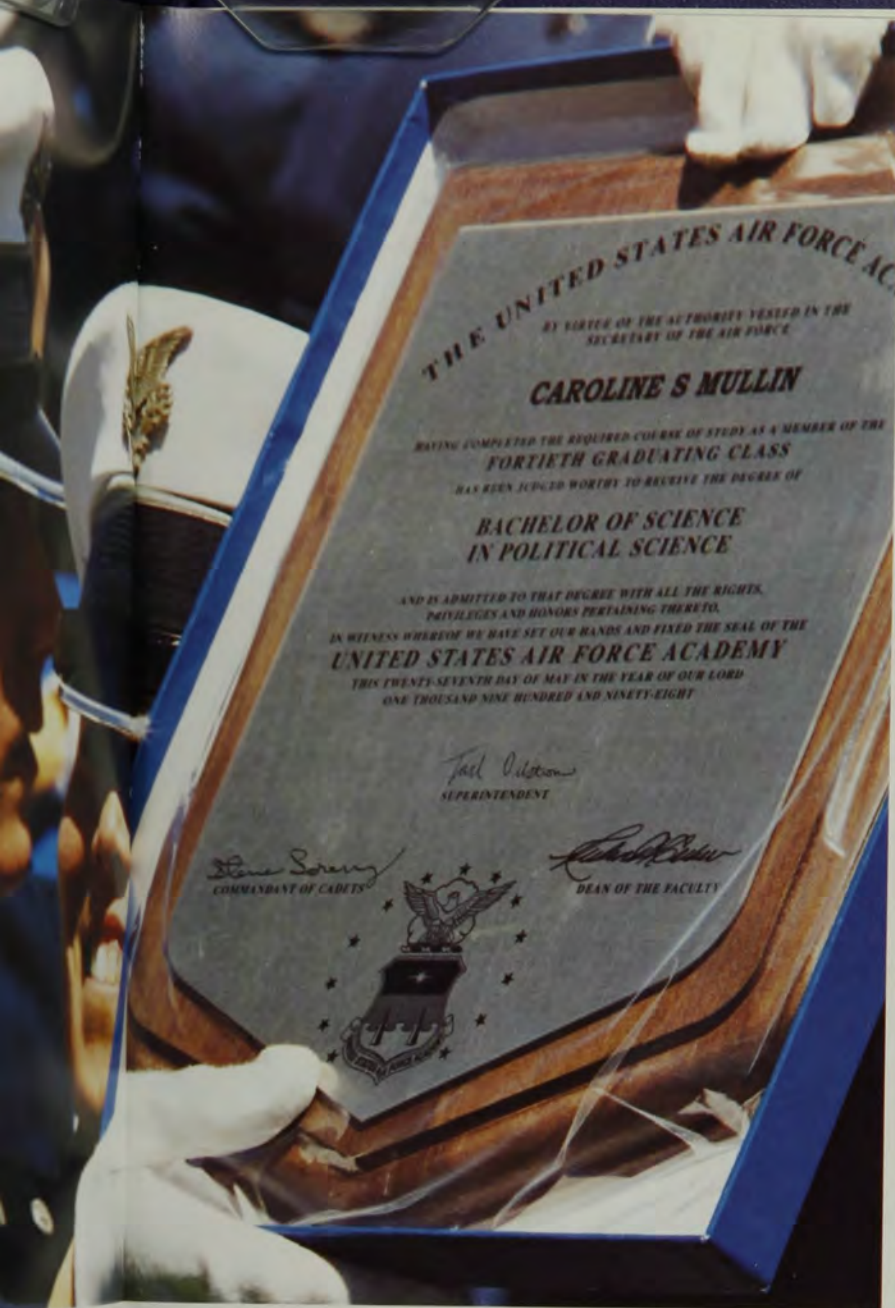
By C Renee Garcia

This graduate can't wait to show off his diploma to his cheering party. Graduates steadily grew more anxious as each squadron received its diploma in turn. Photo by B. Brandow.



These two graduates indulge in a little celebration at the bottom of the ramp. Although discouraged, many graduates do a little celebrating once they reach the bottom of the ramp. Photo by E. Bixby.





"Hey folks, check this out!" New 2Lt Caroline Mullin shows off her diploma to squadronmates during the 1998 Graduation Ceremony. The diploma includes a plaque of the diploma, a certificate of graduation, and a certificate of commissioning. Photo by B. Scharton.



2Lt Vincent Beneditto is all smiles as he shakes Gen Oelstrom's hand after receiving his diploma. Several distinguished guests took turns congratulating the new graduates. Photo by R. Marshall.



Uditha Piyasana, on exchange from Sri Lanka, gives the traditional salute on stage during the 1998 Graduation Ceremony. Most exchange cadets are already officers in their native country prior to attending the Academy. Photo by B. Scharton.

2Lt Matthew Palmer and a squadronmate returns the salute of newly graduated classmates at the top of the ramp. Unlike civilian institutions, the graduation order is done by squadron rather than alphabetical. Photo by E. Bixby.



Finally!

Off With A Fresh Start

The sun kissed down on the class as its members ended the chapter of their cadet career together. With a toss of a hat, a turn of a ring, and the Thunderbirds high overhead, the four-year ride had come to a close. Some took a bit longer than expected, and some didn't finish at all, but for those who did the day will live on in memory.

Each graduate relished in their moment and celebrated in their own way. Many graduates cried and hugged each other, and some said their

final good-byes, knowing they may never see each other again. Others lit up ci-

gars especially procured for that moment while yet others popped champagne on the stadium field.

Whatever the method of celebration entailed, no graduate celebrated alone. Parents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandpar-

ents, and even those distant relatives, showed up, proud to be associated with a person who accomplished the feat of graduating from the Air Force Academy. As proud as they all were of their graduate, no one was prouder than the graduate himself or herself.

Graduates reflected over the times encountered during their journey, and some looked back with wonderment that they made it. For most, the decision made to stick it out boiled down to pride.

Each graduate will forever carry the memory of the pride in their accomplishment, the memory of friendships forged, and the memory of those that are gone but not forgotten.

Graduation

By C Renee Garcia

The thunderbirds zoom over the stadium once the class is dismissed for the final time. The thunderbirds perform after graduation every year. Photo by B. Brandow.



2Lt Felicia Bell poses with a young admirer from her family. Kids are allowed on the field at the conclusion of the ceremony in order to collect hats, which may contain money and a note from its previous owner. Photo by R. Marshall.





2Lt Jason Kiker and a buddy share their moment with a puff from a cigar. Many cadets spend their last year searching for just the right celebratory tools. Photo by R. Marshall.



The Thunderbirds fly overhead as the class is dismissed for the final time. The fly-over is timed to coincide with the graduates' dismissal and the throwing of the hats. Photo by R. Marshall.



The new graduates await their cue of "dismissed" before tossing their hats high into the air. Graduation is the only time no one pays attention to the wear of the uniform. Photo by B. Brandow.



2Lt Bryan Wieland presses a napkin to a wound received from a falling hat. Every year, at least one graduate falls casualty to the hard brim of the parade caps on their descent back to Earth. Photo by E. Bixby.



2Lts Jeff Barnes and Marc Roberts share a cigar after the ceremony. Cigars and champagne are common celebratory tools used immediately following the dismissal. Photo by R. Marshall.

1998

GALL

THE WINNERS AT A GLANCE.....

Military 470-471

1st Place - Paul Brown

2nd Place - Matt Stanley

3rd Place - Matt Taylor

Sports 472-473

1st Place - Matt Taylor

2nd Place - Matt Taylor

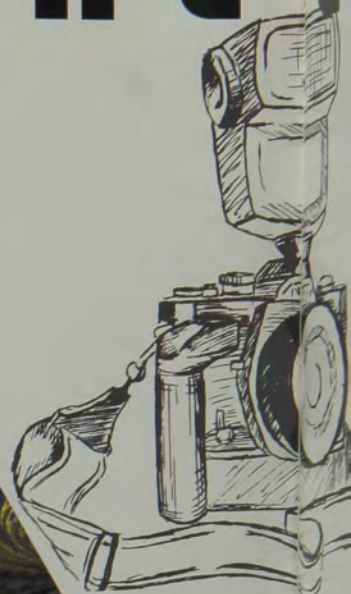
3rd Place - Matt Taylor

Black & White 474-475

1st Place - Erik Holzherr

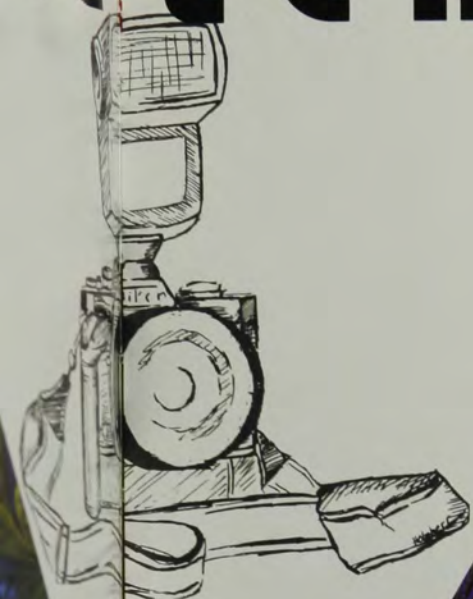
2nd Place - Matt Taylor

3rd Place - Eric Bixby



GALLERY

WINNERS



Nature 476-477

1st Place - Eric Bixby
2nd Place - Matt Taylor
3rd Place - Chris McClernon

People 478-479

1st Place - Matt Taylor
2nd Place - Dee Olsen
3rd Place - Elizabeth Ferrill

Color 480-481

1st Place - Ryan Sullivan
2nd Place - Ryan Sullivan
3rd Place - Jeffery Johnston

MILITARY

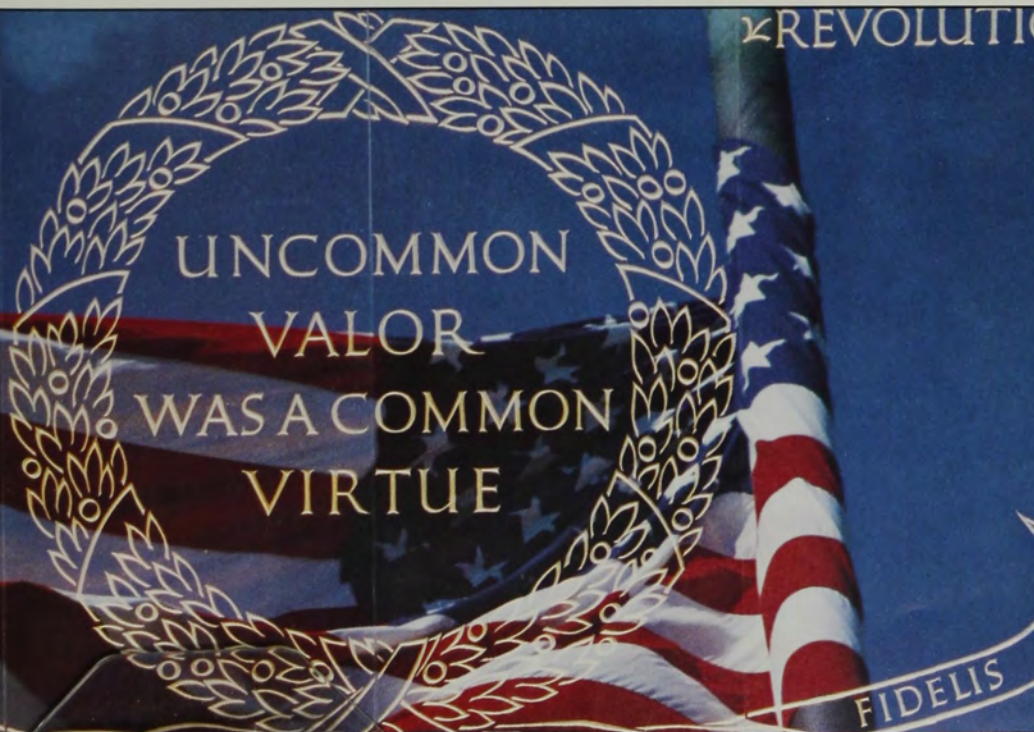
First Place
C2C Paul Brown



Second Place
C2C Matthew Stanley

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SEMPER



Third Place
C2C Matthew Taylor



First Place
C2C Matthew
Taylor



SPORTS

First Place
C2C Matthew
Taylor

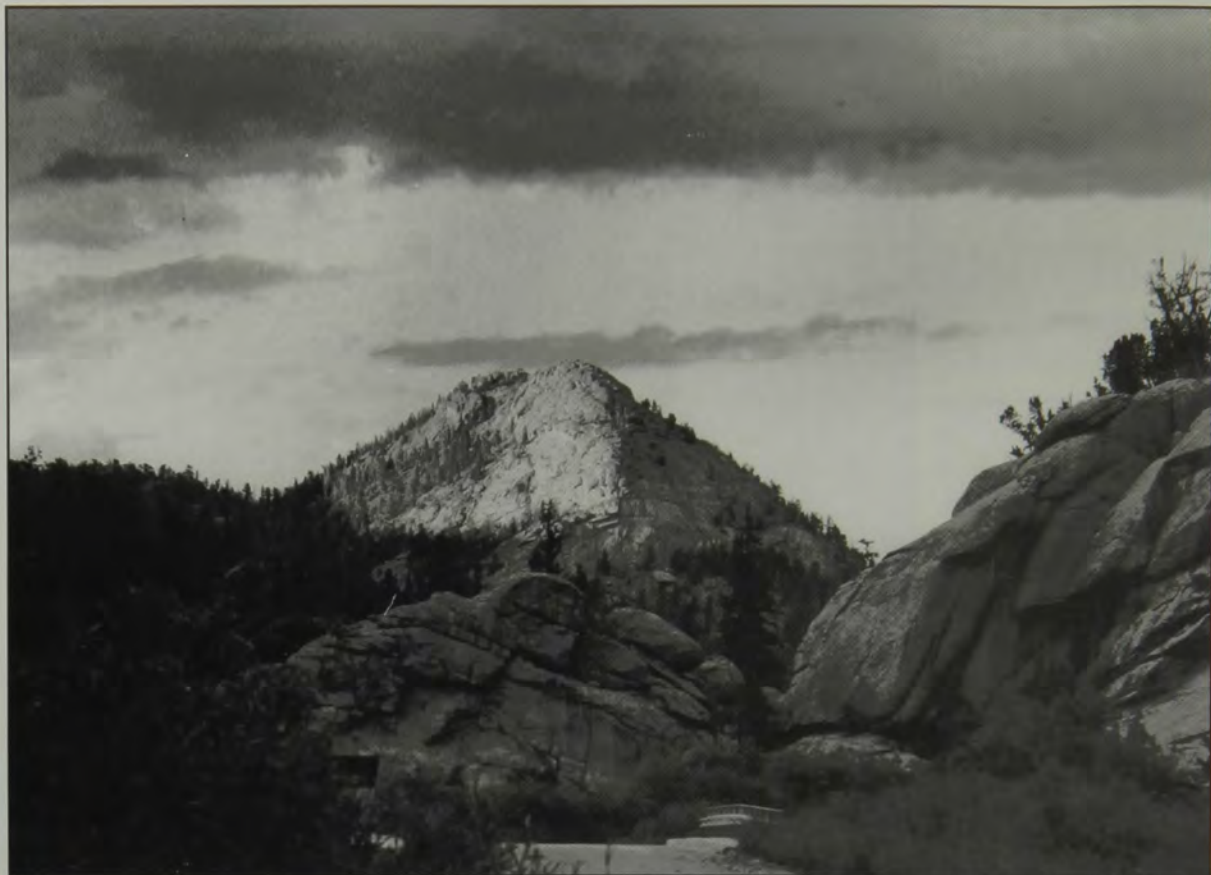


Second Place
C2C Matthew Taylor



Third Place
C2C Matthew Taylor

Second Place
C2C Matthew
Taylor



Third Place
C3C Eric Bixby





First Place
C4C Erik Holzherr

BLACK & WHITE



First Place
C3C Eric Bixby

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Gallery

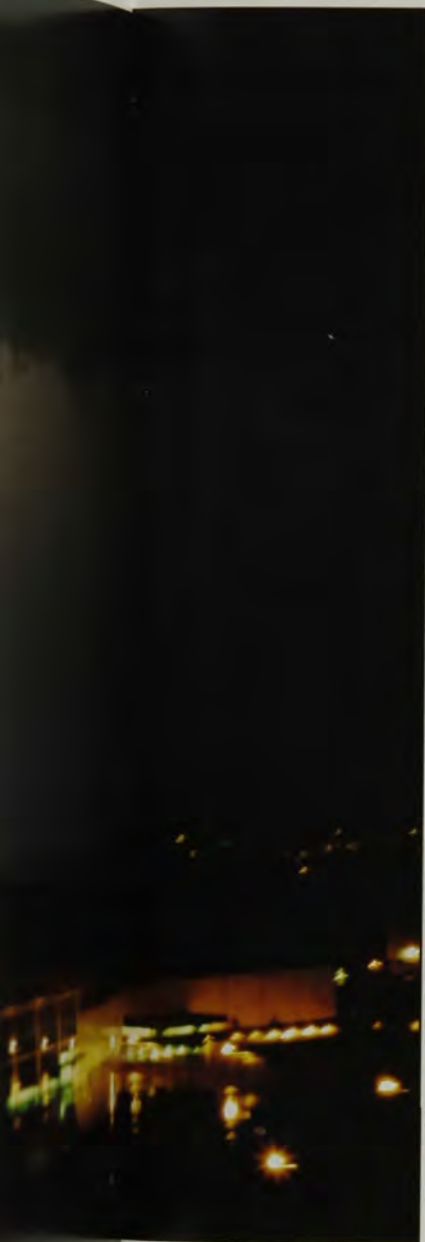
NATURE



Third Place
C2C Chris
McClermon



Second Place
C2C Timothy
Hoffman



First Place
C3C Eric Birby

PEOPLE



Third Place
C1C Elizabeth Ferrill



Second Place
C1C Dee Olsen



First Place
C2C Larry Sullivan



First Place
C2C Larry Sullivan

COLOR



Second Place
C2C Larry Sullivan



Third Place
C3C Jeff Johnston

In Memory Of.....



Damian Maertens '98

Damian Maertens

Cadet First Class Damian G. Maertens of the Air Force Academy passed away after a long battle with cancer.

As a member of Cadet Squadron 15, Damian served in several important positions including Fall 1997 Squadron Commander. He was selected for post graduate medical education upon graduation from the Academy. Damian was a coordinator of the Cadet Catholic Chapel Liturgical Service participants. He was an avid hiker, camper, and athlete.

"To capture Damian in so few words is not possible. Damian loved life and lived it to the fullest. I can only hope to experience as much through life as he did. When an opportunity for adventure arose he jumped at it. From backpacking to fighting, I have cherished every moment I have ever spent with you. There was no limit to the excitement that he managed to find from life. His dedication and perseverance to everything leaves me in awe. He always worked to be the best he could be at everything, and always accomplished it. He never did anything to the minimum standard. If there was a better but more difficult way for something to be done he would do it, and right. He never accepted failure as an option, this spirit I hope has rubbed off on me. He was a model to everyone in how we should think, act, and be. Although, D, you may not be with us today physically we can feel you spiritually here molding our lives today and for eternity. I hope I can someday grow up to be as great as you are. You will always be my hero. Here's a toast. . ." - C3C Nathan Maertens, Damian's brother.

"He was a good friend and a good leader to us freshmen.....And everyone lost something when they lost him."

—C3C David Witt (Class of 2000)



Patrick W. Ashdown '00

Patrick W. Ashdown

Lights in the Sky by Patrick Ashdown

*Lights in the sky,
Flashing, burning, shining.
Beautiful are the lights in
the sky.
Illuminating the heavens,
Showing the way.*

*Flashing through the
skies,
Burning from above,
Unleashed upon
the open night,
Striking terror,
wonder,
excitement.
Into the
watches
from
below.
In their
minds
they fear,
Fear the
unknown lights in
the sky.
Where shall they strike?
How shall they strike?
Nobody knows, nobody knows.
Beautiful are the lights in the sky,
Unknown to the watchers below.
Meaningless are they to the lights.
Worthless to the lights.
The lights strike without fear,
Penetrating through the night.
Unleashing its might upon the watchers.
Terror into their minds,
Fear through their bodies.*

*Striking without remorse,
Death enters the night.
All is silent,
All is still.
The watchers mourn.
The lights wait.*

Cadet thirdclass Patrick Ashdown died in a climbing accident at the Air Force Academy on 24 April 1998.

In June of 1996, Ashdown fulfilled a long-standing dream - entering the United States Air Force Academy. His great sense of humor and independent spirit helped many a squadron mate cope with the rigors of Academy life. Patrick was a totally selfless person - always ready to help someone else, always a caring confidant to his friends. He was a member of the Karate Club, and enjoyed the rigorous challenges of that sport. He loved the freedom of soaring, and felt very much at home close to nature, hiking and camping. He was also an accomplished poet.

Patrick stated that his greatest inspiration was his family: he loved them deeply, and was grateful for the love and support they unfailingly gave him. He planned to share that caring spirit with fellow cadets as a Flight Specialist during the upcoming year.

Patrick was a proud cadet, a talented and caring young man, almost of all-an unabashedly loving son, brother, and friend. We will miss his loving spirit, his fierce independence, his great sense of humor...his vibrant presence among us.

Families, Friends and Supporters of Cadets send a special message....

For the sixth year, the Polaris staff offered Parent Clubs, families and friends the opportunity to express their congratulations, words of encouragement and best wishes to their cadets and graduates. The response to this offer continues to grow and we are pleased that so many people are using yet another avenue to let their cadets and graduates know how proud they are of their accomplishments at the Air Force Academy. The following pages are a combination of Parents' Club ads and family and friends' messages. The family, friends and supporter messages are in alphabetical order.

Enjoy!

A

Wes '99 You're one year closer now. Love, M. D. A. T.

HOLLY ADAMS'01-LOVE FROM TN, LA, TX, CO! WE ARE ALL SO PROUD!

Paul'99, We love you. We are proud of you. Love Dad and Mom

We support you Ryan, in each step-with love, Mom & Dad

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE, KNUTE ADCOCK, LOVE MOM

SCRATCH THE SKY, ERIC

Jeremy, You are our shining star. We love you. Mom and Dad JBA

UR ABSOLUTELY AWESOME MONA 98 DAD

Schmatz, If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain. What a storm! We're proud of you!

CHARLES, NEVER GIVE UP YOUR DREAMS!!

Marie, Keep flying high! Love Dad

Marie, I thot you said STAR FLEET ACADEMY! Love you forever. Mom

Marie, luv u, but hope u don't want your room back! Rachel

BRADLEY, HEBREWS 12 VERSE 11 LOVE MOM & DAD

JASON 00 2YRS DOWN 2 TO GO-LOVE FAM

B

SHALANDA, CONGRATULATIONS! PROUD OF YOU GRANNY

2nd Lt Zach Barker '98 Live your dream, keep flying high

JOHN BARON '98, YOU DID IT! WITH LOVE AND PRIDE, YOUR FAMILY

PROUD PARENTS OF IAN S. BAUTISTA '98

NATHAN BEARD YOU'RE ONE TERRIFIC SON

HANG IN THERE BRI. LOVE DAD BEEKMAN

WAY TO GO STEVIE BOY! LOVE, MOM AND DAD!

VINCE: ITS BEEN A HARD DAYS NIGHT! WE LOVE YOU-MOM&DAD

Dusty, We're Proud Of You & Love You Guy The 4D's

JULIE CAKES ~ WE LOVE YOU! DAD, MOM, JENN, JACKIE & JOHN

Proud of you Jordan! Dad & Barbara.

PROUD PARENTS OF JOHN RAYMOND BEURER

ONWARD & UPWARD, ERIK WE'RE PROUD OF YOU! MOM DAD AARON EVAN

LUKE-THREE DOWN-WAY TO GO! LOVE MOM

NOW YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF ERIN LIZ LOVE M,D,E,D

Colorado Parents Club



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**Congratulations To
Our 2nd Lieutenants**

David Baumgartner
Chet K. Bryant
Travis J. Clovis
Gerard V. DiManna
Jennifer L. Drum
Matthew J. Dunker
Bryan A. Elder
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Tyler N. Hague
Nathaniel H. Hartley
Leslie F. Hauck, III
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Matthew C. Johnson
Matthew B. Johnston
Ross T. Johnston
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Matthew J. Wieder
P. Ross Wilderman
Christopher H. Willis
Ely A. Wolin
Benton C. Zettel
Colleen S. Zrebiec



Proud Parents of Scott
Breece '98

JENNIE & DAN YOU ARE
THE SUN, MOON, &
STARS LUV MOM& DAD

WE ARE SO PROUD
STEVEN! YOU DID IT!

GREAT JOB ADAM! WE
ARE PROUD OF YOU.
LOVE MOM AND DAD.

GREAT JOB SARAH!WE
ARE SO PROUD OF
YOU!NANA AND
GRANDDAD

Sarah, We're so Proud of
you-You're awesome!! Love,
M&D, AB, DA&R

REACH FOR THE
STARS,TRAVIS BURTON.
WE LOVE YOU
ALWAYS!

JUSTIN-HEY SPORT!
GOOD JOB! WE LOVE
YOU!



ENJOY THE
CHALLENGE, MATT
CANTORE! LOVE.
PROUD OF YOU.

MICHAEL '99,PROUD
ISN'T THE HALF OF IT
LOVE YOU, MOM &F&F

Goal One Reached! We're
Proud! Love Mom, Dad, &
Matt

JAYME-GREAT!THREE
DOWN, AND ONE TO
GO GRANDMA AND
GRANDPA

Congratulations Rick! Keep
Soaring! Love Mom, Dad, &
Chari

JOE'99, YOU'RE ALMOST
THERE! ME MAW

Juan we are all so proud of
you, Mom, Dad and Jr.

GOOD JOB MATT LOVE,
"D" MOM & TYLER

MIKE,TOUGHEST YR IS
OVER!LOVEMOM&DAD

CONGRATS BRIAN U R
HALF WAY THERE!
LOVE MOM DAD
MICHELLE

HECTOR'01, WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU ! LOVE
MOM,DAD,&CHANTAL

BRIAN YOU ARE COOL
AUNT LOIS AND UJ

ALMOST THERE
AARON! WE LOVE YOU!
MOM DAD & LACEE

You've wanted this since 5th
grade!! We love you Adam-
Mom

JON, YOU'RE HALFWAY
THERE! WWIDWY?

DESIRE MADE IT
HAPPEN GOOD JOB
ROSIE

YOU ARE A GREAT
BLESSING SCOTT A
FINE JOB LOVE
M&D&CLINT

Eastern Michigan Parents Club extends congratulation to our New Second Lieutenants The Class of 1998



Joseph R. Adamski * David Eisenbrey
James R. Graham * Anthony L. Jiovanni
Kristine R. Kramer * Christopher Neiman
Shawn K. Orban * Charles S. Parents
Daniel E. Polsgrove * Jeremy P. Stringer
Jason D. Vinson



PROUD PARENTS OF
DUSTIN CREECH '99!
YOU'RE ALMOST
THERE!

DOUGeDOUG-2 the boy u
were-2 the man u r-so proud
of u!

AARON '01 A GREAT

D

MILESTONE

John'01 The best is yet to
come! Love Mom Dad Tara
& Jenny

CONGRATULATIONS
GREG DASH '98. YOU
DID IT! LOVE
MOM&DAD

TISHA,
CONGRATULATIONS
YOU'RE 1ST CLASS LOVE
MOM AND DAD

GOOD GOING AARON!
LOVE YOU MOM

KEVIN, YOU'RE THE
BEST! LOVE MOM, DAD
AND BRIAN

SETH You can do all things
through HIM Phil 4:13 LUL

BTD-As far as the laws of
mathematics refer to reality,
they are not certain, and as
far as they are certain, they
do not refer to reality.
AEinstein

MED, ONE SET OF
WINGS TO GO. LOOK
OUT SQUIDS. DAD &
DEBBIE

TO MR. ORANGE: WELL
DONE.

Allison Del Grande '98
Grad-AWESOME! Love
Mom, Dad, and "Rudy"

PROUD FAMILY OF
CARL DIECKMANN

CONGRATS JUSTIN ON
YOUR 1ST YR WE'RE SO
PROUD! LOVE YOU!!

Jonathan, Fly like an
eagle...God bless. Mom &
Dad, J&J

KEVIN, GREAT WORK!
WE SUPPORT AND
LOVE YOU-
MOM, DAD, JENN

You can do anything Malia
Luv Mom & Dad.

ABI, I LOVE YOU
FOREVER. MOM

PROUD FAMILY OF
DREW DOUGHERTY '98
MOM DAD
CURTIS & ANGELA

DENNIS, WE'LL SALUTE
WE WON'T
CURTSY, EVEN THO
YOU'RE A FIRSTIE

DENNIS-You're almost
there, it'll happen. Love
Mom & Dad

BLAINE-
CONGRATULATIONS-
BIG-BROTHER-I-LOVE-
YOU-LOVE-SUMMER

Blaine Congratulations! Your
hard work FINALLY pays
off! God has blessed our
family, with you. De'an and
Joe

THE BEST IS YET TO
COME! I LOVE YOU
PHIL 1:3 MUAH! JOLIE

E

LT LAUREN DREAMS
AND GOALS ARE
REACHED AS YOU FLY
HIGH LOVE M&D

WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU LAUREN ECKERT
GRAMPS AND
GRANDMA

CONGRATULATIONS
LAUREN LOVE CHICA

Congratulations

*from the Southern Eastern
Pennsylvania Parents Association*



to our 1998 Graduates

Matthew Barry
Jennifer Brooks
Matthew James
Andrew Parke
Brett Schumer

Vincent Benedetto
Daniel Fehl
Matthew Palmer
Stuart Rubio
Casey Vile

Parents Association of Nebraska and their Cadets

Brenton Karsten -01	Josh Close - 00	Geremy Goldsberry -01
Marc Ellis -01	Jeff Cain - 99	Eric Pauls - 99
Will Reynolds - 99	Zach Arnt - 99	Pat Widhelm - 99
Daniel Knerl -01	Ryan Peterson - 99	Perry Marshall - 99
Joel Pauls - 99	Wade Holen - 99	Jake Miller - 00
David Jenkins - 00	Justin White - 00	Steven Jones -00
Tom Gifford -00	Andy Carr - 00	Christopher Moeller -01
Kyle Kimberlin -01	Chauncy Krol -01	Neil Poppe -01

Congratulate



The Class of 1999

Kirby Ensser
Travis Lauritsen
Brett Wells

Michael Power -01
Thomas Cisar
2nd Lt. George Sefzik
2nd Lt. Mark Nolley

TO
LAUREN&CLASSOF98
BLESS THE
PEACEKEEPERS...THE
ECKERTS

LT LAUREN, FLY ON
ANGELS' WINGS... WE
LOVE YOU MOM&DAD

LT LAUREN..POP WILL
ALWAYS BE YOUR CO-
PILOT WE LOVE YOU

IM PROUD OF YOU
LAUREN, LOVE
GRANDMA

WAY TO GO LO, LOVE
AUNT ELAINE-O

LAUREN-UPWARD TO A
FUTURE WITHOUT
LIMITS LOVE AUNT
CAROL

MATT EDWARDS '98 -
THE STARS AWAIT! -
YOUR LOVING FAMILY

Outstanding job Mark! Love
Mom & Dad

PROUD PARENTS OF
BRIAN ELMERICK '01

Great job, Paul! Not
somehow, but
triumphantly...through
Christ! Phil 1:20,21...Love,
Dad & Mom

Jeff, you made 'em all misty-
eyed! Love Mom, Dad, L,
and S

BRENDAN WHEN THE
GOING SEEMS ALL
UPHILL, THINK OF THE
VIEW FROM THE TOP

WOW! MARK ALLEN '98!
PTL! WE LOVE YA

Joseph, "ELVIS HAS JUST
LEFT THE BUILDING!"
LOVE MOM DAD &
SHELL

F

CONGRATULATIONS
FRANK WE ARE SO
VERY PROUD OF YOU
MOM&DAD

JOE FERFOLIA '98 SOAR
WITH THE EAGLES
YOUR PROUD FAMILY!

CONGRATULATIONS
BETH FERRILL '98 WE
ARE PROUD OF YOU!

YourDeedsExceedYourGoalsBut
NotYourDreamsPressOnLoveDad

JEREMY F. BLUE SKIES
ALWAYS!, THE M'S

JEREMY,
CONGRATULATIONS I
AM PROUD BEYOND
WORDS LOVE DAD

Well done Craig! Love from
the proud Fitzpatrick family.

RYAN, KNOCK SNOT!

Flintosky? We lied. You're
really not Polish! Love M/D

CLIFF, U R ONE STEP
CLOSER...HANG ON

ANDY, SUPER JOB-VERY
PROUD LOVE DAD
MOM JOHN JEN TIM

Proud parents of Lt Jason
Ford '98

Great job, Tim Foster. One
to go!

SLAM DUNK FREE! YOU
MAKE US SO PROUD
LOVE MOM & DAD.

Sh*!#ty! Congrats! Toughest
year done. Keep flying high.
M&D

GREAT JOB BUD WE'RE
VERY PROUD LOVE
MOM&DAD GO '98 '99

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PROUD OF YOU
STEVEN GADOURY!!
REMEMBER ONE DAY
AT A TIME

PROUD FAMILY OF
CHRISTOPHER
GEISEL'01

JAMES, YOUR HARD
WORK HAS MADE US
ALL PROUD YOUR
FAMILY

GO WITH GOD! WE
LOVE YOU! MOM, DAD
AND MELISSA

Great job Jim Gingras'01 We
love you

FIRSTIE BEN-YOU MADE
IT! WE'RE PROUD!
LOVE,YOUR FAMILY

PROUD PARENTS OF
CHRISTOPHER GOAD
'98

G+10 YOU ARE AN
INSPIRATION TO ALL
LOVE MOM AND DAD

GOOD JOB TOMMY
LOVE MOM ERNIE ANT

JEREMY '98: FROM OZ
TO HIGH FLIGHT!
LOVE, GORDON
FAMILY

Ryan G.'98! We're so proud
of you! Love,Mom and Dad.

MIKE '01, OVER THE
HUMP AND
ROLLING!LOVE, DAD
AND TEXMOM

KICK THE TIRES AND
LIGHT THE FIRES LOVE
MOM & DAD

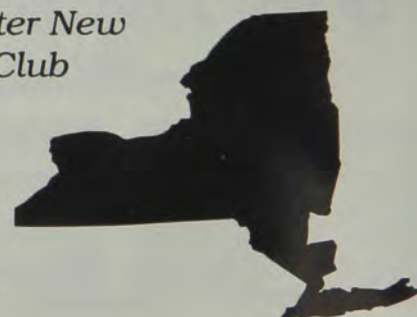
Janelle Reach out & touch
the face of God Love Mom
& Dad

MAY GOD BLESS YOU,
SON! BLESSINGS MOM &
DAD GUNN

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF '98

*from the Greater New
York Parents Club*

Edward Browne
Jeremy Cukierman
Catherine Devlin
Francis Farrelly
Jeffery Freedman
Mathew Leddy
Suzanne Rourke
Jonathan Santangelo
Matthew Santorsola
Brian Vlaun



YOUR
CHALLENGE, YOUR
FUTURE-OUR PRIDE!
THE GUICE FAMILY

H

PHIL, '98 AT LAST - YOU
MADE IT!! WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU!
FREEDOM
ROCKS!...WITH MUCH
LOVE, MOM, DAD, &
DOUG

Christopher; 2 down 2 to
go! We are so proud! Love
Dad & Mom

COLLEEN, HALFWAY TO
YOUR GOAL, CLOSER
TO YOUR DREAM
DAD MOM

COURT-YOU MADE IT!
YOU ARE THE BEST-
WE LOVE
YOU! MOM & JOHN

SCOTT, WE ARE PROUD
OF YOU AND WHAT
YOU HAVE ACHIEVED!!

JAKE '00 HALFWAY
POINT YOU MAKE US
PROUD LOVE MOM &
DAD

ERIC WE ARE VERY
PROUD OF ALL YOU
HAVE ACHIEVED LOVE
MOM, DAD, & KELLY

BILL, FOLLOW YOUR
DREAMS. WITH ALL
OUR LOVE & SUPPORT
MOM & PA

ANDREW, BEING
WORTHY OF THE
CHALLENGE BRINGS
THE DREAM IN REACH

Shortcake is halfway! Keep
soaring high. Love, Mom &
Dad

Aaron, We're so proud of
you. Luv you lots. Mom Dad
Dave Matt XO

BUCK, WE LOVE YOU-
MOM, DAD & CHARISSE

Sean, attitude = altitude!
Love, Mom, Ike and Kelly

WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU RICH! LOVE DAD
AND SHARON

DOUG YOU DID IT! BE
VERY PROUD WE ARE
LOVE YOUR FAMILY

JAY '00 WE LOVE YOU
AND ARE SO PROUD OF
YOU! MDDPGSTDSASA

JOSHUA,
CONGRATULATIONS!
LOVE, MOM, DAD,
GLEN, AND GEORGIA

CONGRATS MAME! 2
DOWN 2 TO GO! ♥
MOM

CJ99 3 DOWN 1 TO GO
WE'RE PROUD M&D

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Ben 2001 We are so proud
of you and your
accomplishments We love
you!

With great pride,
The New Jersey Parents Association
extends congratulations to our

New Second Lieutenants
The Class of 1998



David A. Bickerstaff

John F. Borowski

Daniel DeYoung

Andrew M. Fogarty

Christopher D. Forrest

Caroline S. Mullin

Andy Merkle

Victor R. Pickett

Theresa A. Pisano

Scott W. Plakyda

Ryan L. Ransom

Aaron K. Tallman

Charles A. Wolfsandle



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PROUD FAMILY OF
MATT JAMES-ONLY THE
BEST-CLASS OF 1998

We're proud of you Jason
'99 Love Mom Dad and Jina
Jensen

CDT JENSEN AWESOME
RECOGNITION 98! MOM

CONGRATS SQUAD 3 1/2 -
GREAT JOB TONY!!
LOVE MOM/DAD
GIOVANI

DAVE '01 HERE'S TO
YOU, RISING STAR!!

PERSISTANCE PAID!
DANA, WE LOVE YOU!
MOM&DAD&DEANNA-
1998

2 DOWN 2 TO GO FOR
PROUD KIP OF '00!

WAY TO GO GUY
WE'RE ALL PROUD OF
YOU

PROUD MOM OF
CHERYL JONSTON '01

ROSSO, WE ARE SO
VERY PROUD OF YOU!
MOM AND DAD

Evan, you're the best! Matt.
19:26 Love, Mom, Dad &
Marg

AARON, WE ARE VERY
PROUD OF YOU, LOVE
MOM AND DAD.

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LUCAS, A GREAT FIRST
YEAR! LOVE, MOM

Jeff, you made your dream
come true! The Katzman
Family

MIKE, WE'RE SO PROUD
OF YOU! GO FOR IT!
LOVE MOM AND DAD

IAN '01, WAY TO GO,
FALCON! LOVE, MOM,
DAD, LINDSEY

Broken Nick & Answered
Prayers! Gold still shines in
99! We love you, Dave!

Brittney, Wow, What A Year! You
Did It Keep Strong Mom ♥

BARRY A. KING II.
NEVER A DOUBT! LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AND BEN

KL, MAY THE LORD
GUARD AND GUIDE
YOU! LOVE, YOUR
FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS
SCOTT KLEMPNER '98
LOVE, MOM DAD
STACEY
WE ARE SO PROUD,

L

IAN, MOM DAD CRAIG
'98

ONE STEP CLOSER TO
GRAD-DAY DANIEL
LOVE YOU MOM AND
DAD

Very Proud Mom of Ron
Lecza '98.

TRUST IN GOD/VISION/
SPIRIT/ACHIEVE WE
ARE HONORED MOM&
DAD

Proud Parents of Joe Leeper
'00.

Proud Family of Jeffrey H. S.
Lin

YOUR GUARDIAN
ANGELS EARNED THEIR
KEEP! LOVE, MOM

AL, 50% DONE! LOVE
MOM

Proud Family Of Lt. Kari Lueken '98
All Our Love Grandma And
Grandpa

CONGRATS KARI
LUEKEN! LOVE, MOM &
DAD

M

GREAT JOB SAL! THE
DOOLIES ARE FREE. WE
LOVE YOU BIGTIME!

WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU JOHN LOVE MOM
DAD GENE AND MAY
MAH.

Kevin '01, the view from the
top is getting closer!!

HUAH, JUSTIN M.M.! WE
LOVED ALL OF IT...
MOM/DAD

ONE YEAR TO GO,
TOM! AIM HIGH '99!
MOM, DAD, CHRIS&DAN

JOEY, SUPER FARNO
FLIES AT LAST! YOU'RE
THE BEAST!

We Love You! Kurt '01
Keep Smiling CYH

You did it, John Matuszak!
2Tim.4:7 Dad, Mom, &
Family

Blue Skies 2LT Nathan
Mead! Love Mom and Dad -
'98 Huah!

BLUE SKIES-ABSOLUTE:
JEFF, NATE, TJ, CASEY-
USPA 4-WAY SILVER

Jeremy remember Is. 40:31
We are so proud of you!

We are proud of you Lt.
Greg Meis! Mom, Dad, Bec,
& Pete

VERY PROUD FAMILY
OF RYAN MENATH '01

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Christopher Olsen - Squadron 28

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Lewis Go On Eagles Wings
We love you Mom Dad and
Julie

SWEET LEILANI MUCH
ALOHA DAD MOM KEN

SPIDER '99, 3 DOWN, 1
TO GO, WE LOVE YOU,
MOM, DAD, JOHN, DEE

JOSHUA '00, WE ARE
VERY PROUD OF YOU
LOVE MOM AND THAD

We are proud of you David
C. Miller! Love Mom and
Dad

Rawley, Our love and pride
"Jump" with you. Love Mom
& Dad

DAMANI '99 CATM Cmdr,
Grp Staff - AWESOME!
Mom Dad & Kim

ANDREW, 1DOWN3TO
GO! WELL DONE!
LOVE YOU. MAMA,DAD
& POOH

CHRISTOPHERWAYTO
SOARTHROUGHYEARONE

LAURIE
MOFFETT,AWESOME
YEAR! DAD&MOM

CONGRATS2MARK
DENARD BLOSSER
MOORE 99 SKY-
DIV'S+PPL♥FAMILY

CRAIG '01, WAY TO GO!
MOM, DAD, AMY

SUSAN, ONLY 1 MORE
YEAR TO GO;
OUTSTANDING! LOVE,
MOM/DAD

Mc

J. J. THE GOLD WILL
SHINE IN '99! LOVE
MOM, DAD, & AMY

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CONGRATULATE
BRIAN MCFARLAND '98
GRAD.

You're terrific Bart-fly high!
We love you. Mom Dad Bill

Go for it Get it! Tobin
McKearin '99

WAY TO GO RYAN!
WE'RE SO PROUD OF
YOU.
MOM,DAD,KEV&ERIC

MICHAEL,REMEMBER
ALWAYS JEREMIAH2911

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HUAH '98 THUMBS UP
CHRIS! LOVE, MOM,
DAD, & BROS.

PROUD FATHER OF
JAMES R NOVAK JR. '01

JAMIE NOVAK '01 KEEP
ON KEEPIN' ON! LOVE,
YOUR FAMILY!!!

1 Cor 13:1-13,1 Peter 1-5 Go
Matt Go

O

Jeff, your gigantic effort.You
did it! Love Mom & J.D.

WAY TO GO JOE O.
LOVE FROM THE
FIRELANDS!! MOM DAD
AMJLA

SO PROUD OF YOU,
ADE! GODSPEED FOR
THE NEXT TWO YEARS!

Kevin J. Osborne '98
Congratulations! God bless,
Mom&Dad

Kedric J. Osborne '00, God
speed! We love you, Mom &
Dad

Nate '01 continue the
journey! We love you. Mom
and Dad

P

Oh joy! joy! Do I hear Bach?
Brooke?

ANDY YOU LIGHT UP
MY LIFE! LOVE NANA

LT ANDY PARKE, FLY
HIGH! WE R PROUD OF
U! LOVE MOM & DAD

ANDY OFF YOU GO
INTO THE WILD BLUE
YONDER LUV AUNT
KAREN

Congratulations Anthony
Parrille-You Did It! Class of
2001

BID,TWO DOWN;ONE
TO GO!WE LOVE YOU!
MOM,DAD,MAR,BRIG,MATT

WEEN, EAGLES SOAR &
SO SHALL YOU! PRIDE &
LOVE MOM & DAD

Lindsay'01 We are with you
the whole way! Love Mom &
Dad

SUPER JOB BRIAN!
TWO DOWN,TWO TO
GO! LOVE MOM DAD &
DEAN

MGP our MVP! Save the
best for last! Love always
from WBL

TAYLOR MY PRIDE AND
RESPECT IN YOU
CONTINUE TO SOAR
LOVE PAPA

3 DOWN 1 TO GO WE
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Jessica, you amaze us with
your strength of spirit and
hard work! Love, your family

Laura Lani '00, Love You All
the Time Mom and Dad

JASON, IMAGINE-
DREAM-REACH-
BELIEVE-ACHIEVE!
LOVE-DAD MOM &
MATT

BRANDON, GREAT JOB,
The tough year is over

'98 AND FLYING HIGH
ON YOUR WINGS OF
BLUE! GO KEVIN!

We are proud of you Kyle!
Love Mom & Dad, Marta BJ
& Kaela

Q

WE LOVE YOU
HEATHER Q! YOUR
FAMILY

SPECIAL K-YOU DID IT!
PROUD TO BE MOM &
KDAD. LOVE YOU!

Kerry Quinn—You go girl!
Love, Mom, Dad and Kelly

R

GOOD JOB DAVID THE
TOUGHEST YEAR IS
BEHIND YOU YOU DID
IT

PILOT TRAINING IS
READY WHEN YOU ARE
RYAN- HAVE TO GO FLY

CONGRATULATIONS
RYAN LEE MY FUTURE
PILOT TO BE LOVE
MOM

CONGRATULATIONS!
THOMAS HENRY
RAPKO

PROUD OF YOU LT
SETH-LOVE MA&PA&SIS

WhoSaidItCouldn'tBeDone?
LUVUJarmica, Ma

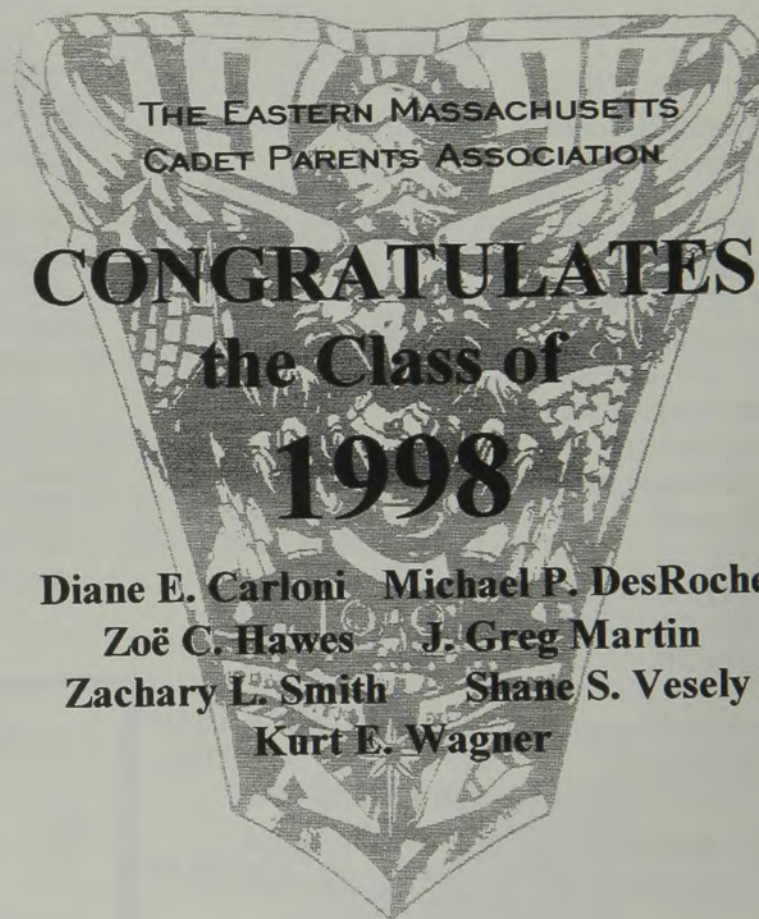
MATT-WE ALWAYS
KNEW YOU COULD DO
IT! LOVE
DAD, MOM, MEG & JON

JAMIE, YOU CAN DO
ALL THINGS THRU
CHRIST, LOVE MOM &
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MOM DAD ET AL &
NIKKI

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We are proud of you Ryan!
Mom,Dad

JENN 01, WE ARE VERY
PROUD OF YOU.LOVE
MA AND PA ROATCH

GOOD JOB, AUGUST!
LOVE YOU SISTERS

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YOU, AUGUST! MOM,
DAD, GRANDMA,
GRANDPA STUMP

A. G. The sky has no limit.
Grandpa Wayne Grandma
Twyla

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AUBRIE YOU ACHIEVED
YOUR GOAL WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU-M&D

Lance R-M 98'
Congratulations! The sky is
yours! Love Mom&Dad

BILLY IT WON'T BE
LONG UNTIL IT'S JUST
A WAKEUP! M-D& ALI

Your eyes have seen the glory
Suzie Rourke triumphantly!

Brad, 1 down-3 to go! We
are so proud! Your Family

LOU WE ARE VERY
PROUD OF YOU LOVE
MOM, DAD, & BARBIE

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"AD ASTRA!" WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU

WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU, JONATHAN! LOVE
MOM, DAD, & ALISON.

We are proud of you Angel!
Love Mom, Dad, Deb, Mik,
Mad

Jose'99, You're one step to
graduation, We Love
You, Always

BRAD, ONE YEAR
CLOSER 01 We love you
Mom and Kevin

Very proud of you Robin! '98
Mom, Dad & Rick Schaeffer

Jamison '01, You are
awesome! We love you!
Mom-Dad-Ryan!

Jeff-an incredible year-an
amazing feat! We love you!

We are so proud of you Joe!
Love Mom and
Dad,Grandma&Grandpa

Jon Seelbinder:Your Friends
and Family send love-You go
boy!

CASEY '99, YOU CAN DO
ANYTHING! WE LOVE
YOU, MOM & DAD

JENNA YOU ARE A
QUARTER THERE
CONGRATS LOVE MOM
DAD JEFF

YOU'RE HALFWAY
THERE JEN! WE LOVE
YOU AND ARE SO
PROUD M&D

Great Job! So proud of you-
Mike Love, Mom, Dad,
Stacey

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CLOSER TO BEING A
JEDI LOVE MOM FRED
AND FAMILY

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ROBERT SKUYA '98
FROM MOM DAD AND
JOANNE

JOSH 01 THE BEST IS
YET TO COME, YOUR
FAMILY AND JAMIE

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VALENZUELA BOCK
SMITH.

Andy '00, We are proud of
you. Love, Mom, Dad, &
Squirt

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Smith '98

Jimmy Smith II
Congratulations good job!
Love Mom and Dad

Stu, One more year to go.
We love you!

GREAT JOB, PROUD
PARENTS, JONATHAN
'01

Outstanding Job Tim
Spaulding '01

KEEP UP THE GREAT
WORK MIAH STAHR 99

CONGRATS, TAIT '98.
FLY HIGH, SON.

JOHN, YES, TRAINING
PRODUCED
CHARACTER, HOPE & PEACE.
LOVE, MOM & DAD

BROC,
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU
SHOULD BE VERY
PROUD! THE FAM

Krista "98" Sharing your joy!
Mom, Dad, & Bill, 'the Fam'

Chad, Way to go! Love Mom
and Dad

Tiff you were great in 98 but
you will shine in 99 Ma & Pa

Way to go, Ryan! Our pride
in you is bigger than all those
balloons put together. We
love you, Mom, Dad, Steph,
Chris, Mark and Suz

We couldn't be more proud
of you Luke! Love Mom &

T

Dad
ANGELA T. 98 LOVE
YOU PROUD OF YOU!

#61 Youve made it we
couldn't be prouder! Love
Mom Dad.

PROUD PARENTS OF
BRANDON TELLEZ

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YOU SHANE! LOVE
MOM AND DAD

MARK, HUAH! SERVE
WITH PRIDE AND
INTEGRITY LOVE MOM
DAD HILARY

STARMAN #99 GIVES
"KICK" TO COAST
GUARD HOTYD LOVE
YBF

JT Great Job Hang tough Be
cool Huit

Ry You're Almost There We Love
You Prov 3:5 & 6 Mom Dad Jabe
and Matt

Brad '98, Great Job! T/O &
Fly High. Love Mom, Dad,

V

"Wait..Wings..eagles"(Is.40:31) Well
Done VETTER! M,D & B

KIRSTEN, THREE
DOWN ONE TO GO!
LOVE DAD & MOM

AND THE POINT
IS...GREAT JOB BRAD IN
OVERCOMING
ADVERSITY

Tara, good things come from
hard work You did it! Love
Mom

Casey-Wow! Love, Mom &
Dad

W

Erwin Waibel '98
Outstanding! Immensely
proud of you! We could not
have hoped for a better son.
Love Mom, Dad, Annemaria
& Grandma

Annemaria Waibel '99
Wonderful
accomplishments! Proud of
the person you are! Love
Mom, Dad, Erwin &
Grandma

David, 99 Proud, Yes! Yes! You
got it, kid! Mom, Dad, Brady,
Happy

Reginald, Keep your hands in
HIS and continue to SOAR!
Mommie

Mike, dreams do come true.
Congrats! Love Mom, Dad,
& Jeff

Awesome Job CTWZ! Love,
Neta, Larry, Aly, & BEAR

LIZ WICKMAN '98
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FAMILY SALUTE YOU!

Kev, May your last year be
your best year!
Mom, Dad & Jenny

Jason, seek God's wisdom
always. Love & Pride, Mom
& Dad

YOU'RE HALF-WAY
THERE, EDGAR! LOVE!
YOUR FAMILY CLASS 00

JASON-GREAT WORK -
MOM DAD KATIE-2000

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BRIAN W '99. LOVE,
MOM, DAD, & SISTERS

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YOU SANDY! WE LOVE
YOU MUCH! MOM AND
JIM

STEVE W '01 GOOD JOB
LOOSE HAWG! LOVE
DAD,
MEGHAN & LAUREN

BEYOND THE
STRUGGLE LIES
DESTINY FAMILY -
REGEN WILSON '98

APPLAUSE TO YOU,
PATRICK! GOD BLESS
YOU! LOVE ~ PRAYERS

Z

Fernando you did it! We
Love You Mom and Ricky

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YOU!

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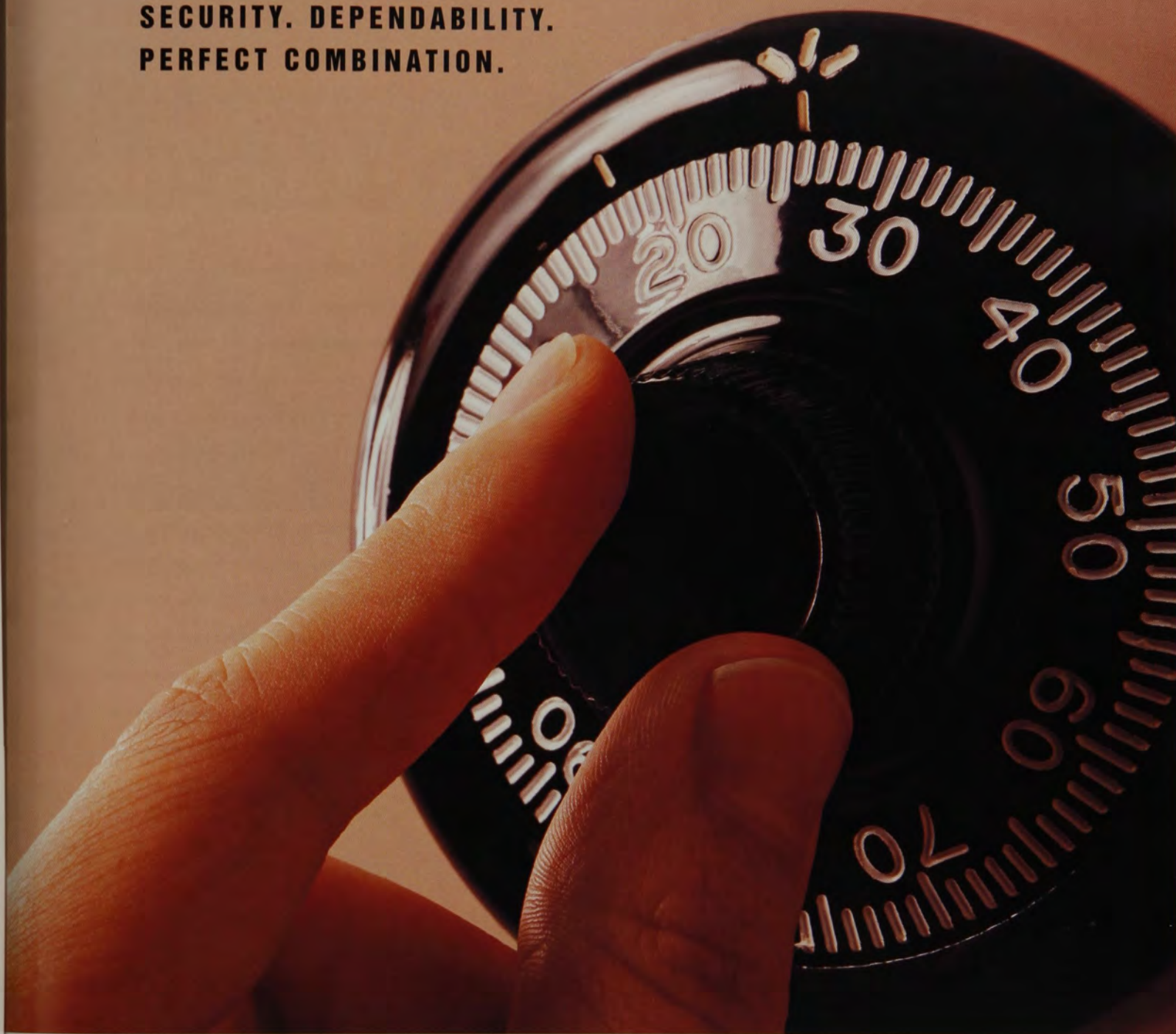
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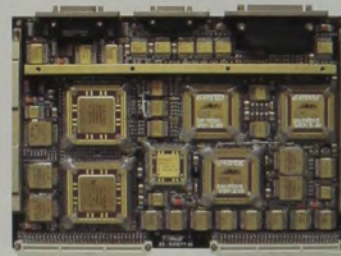
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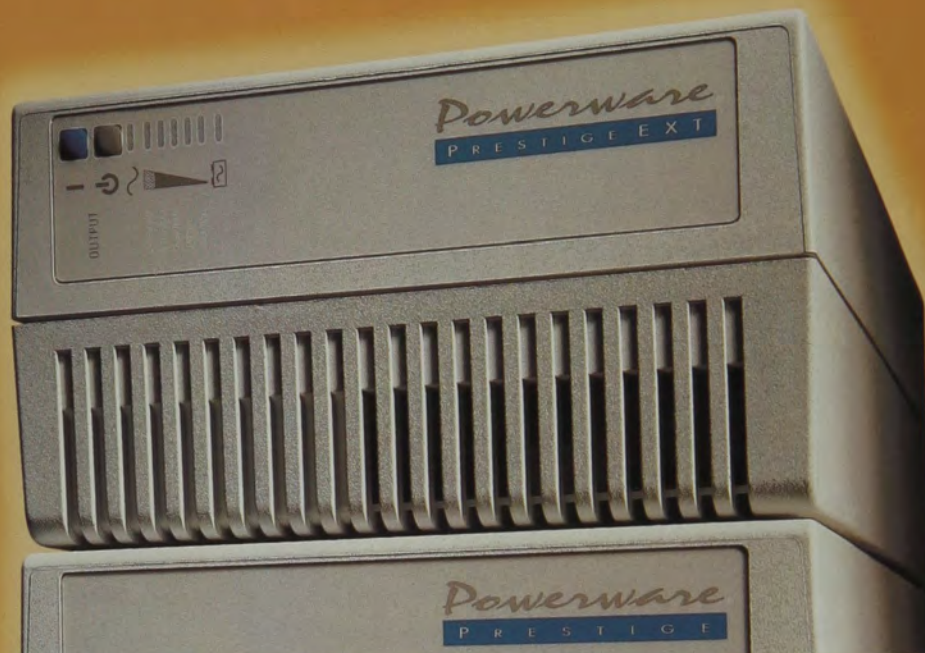
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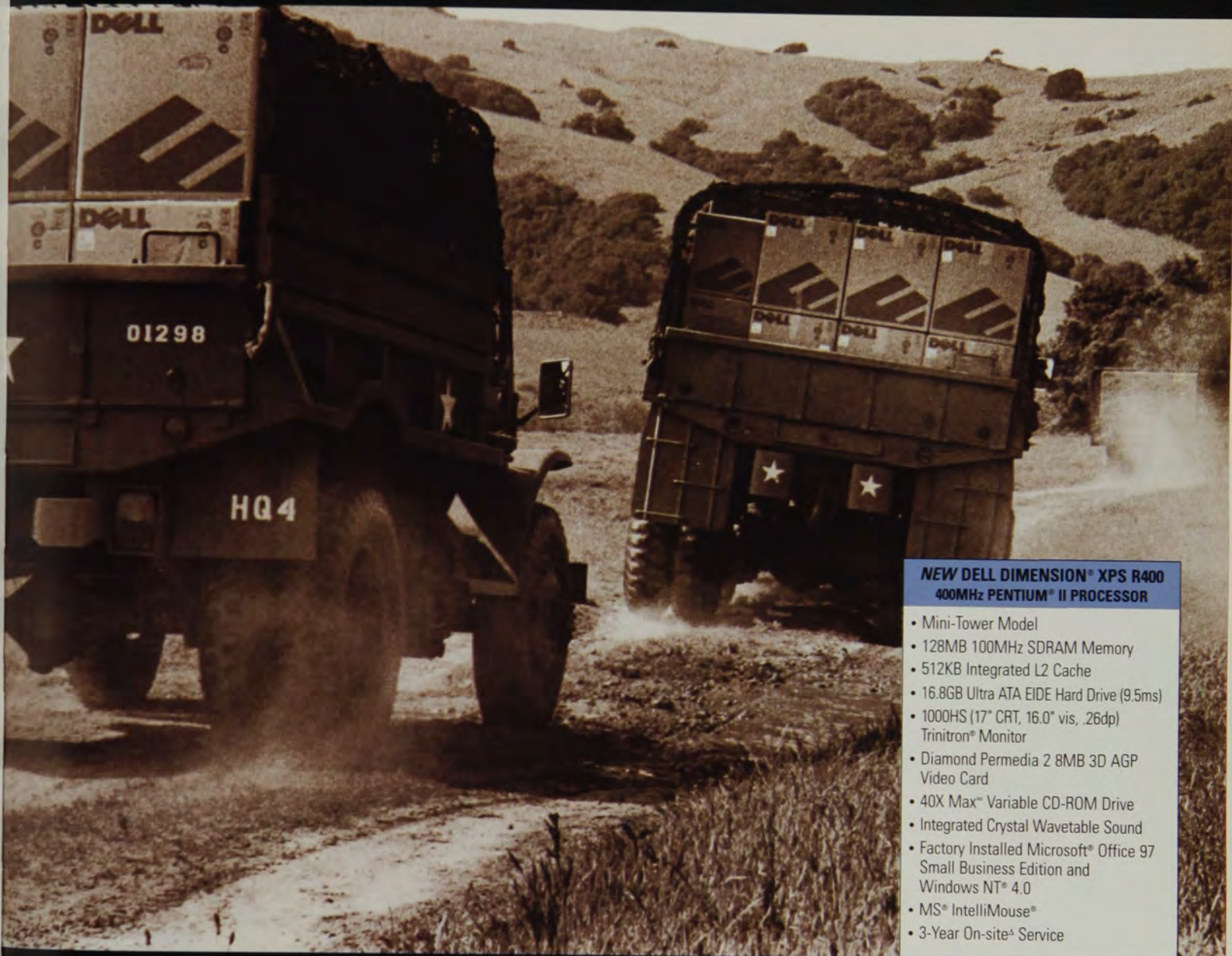
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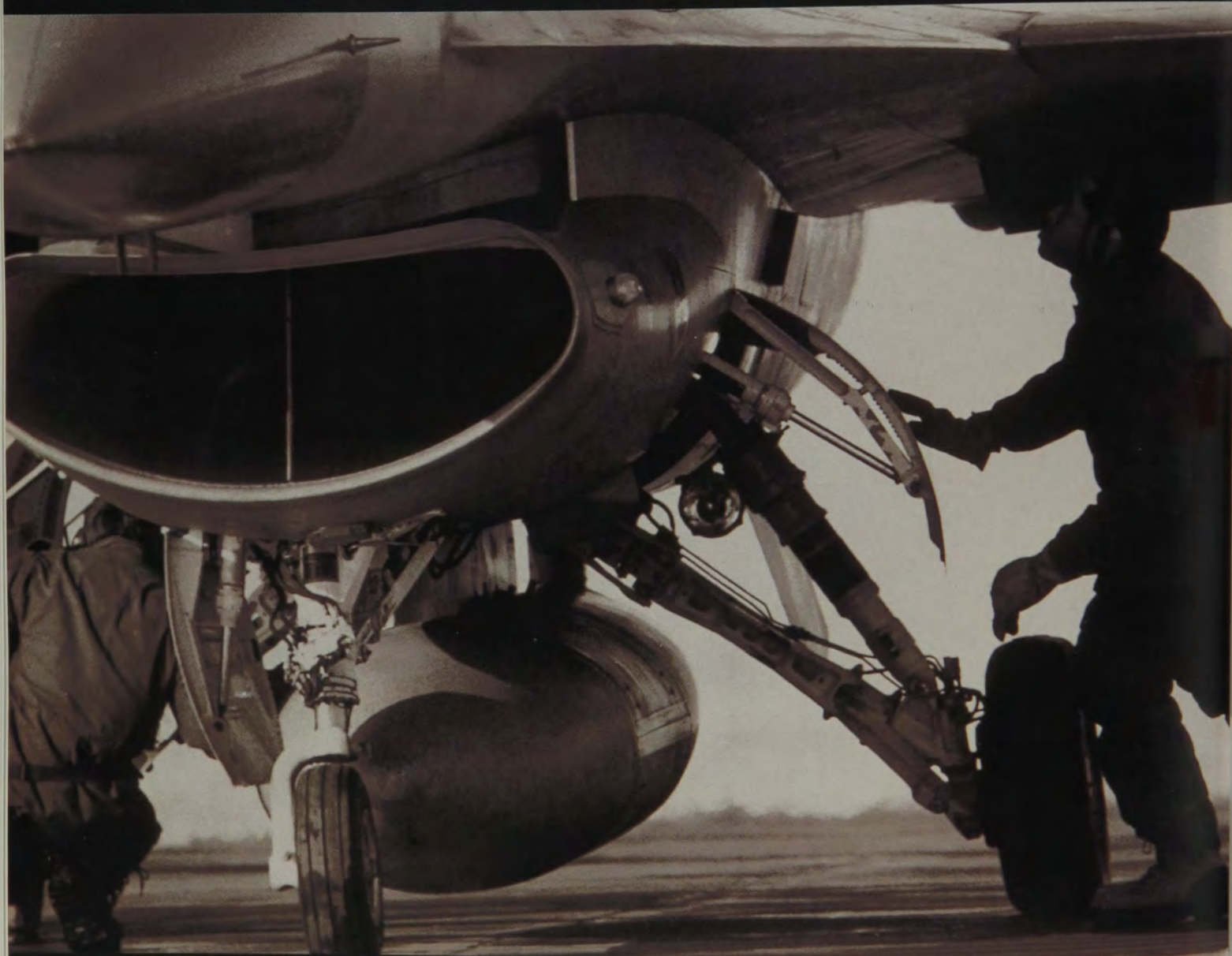
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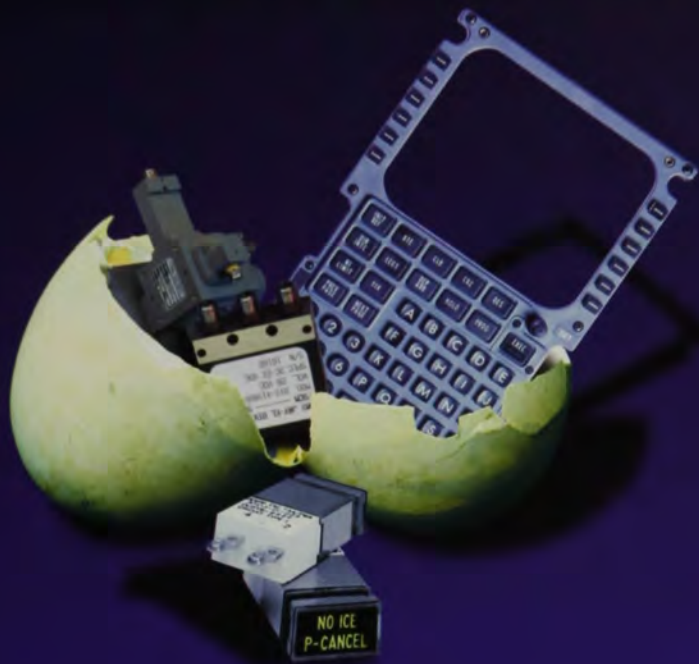
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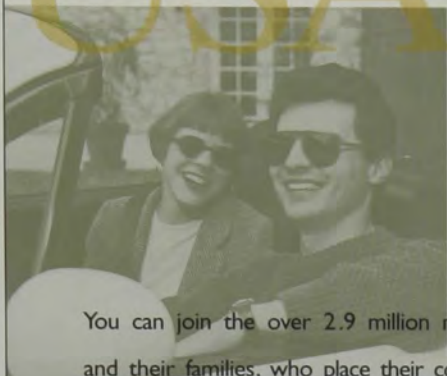


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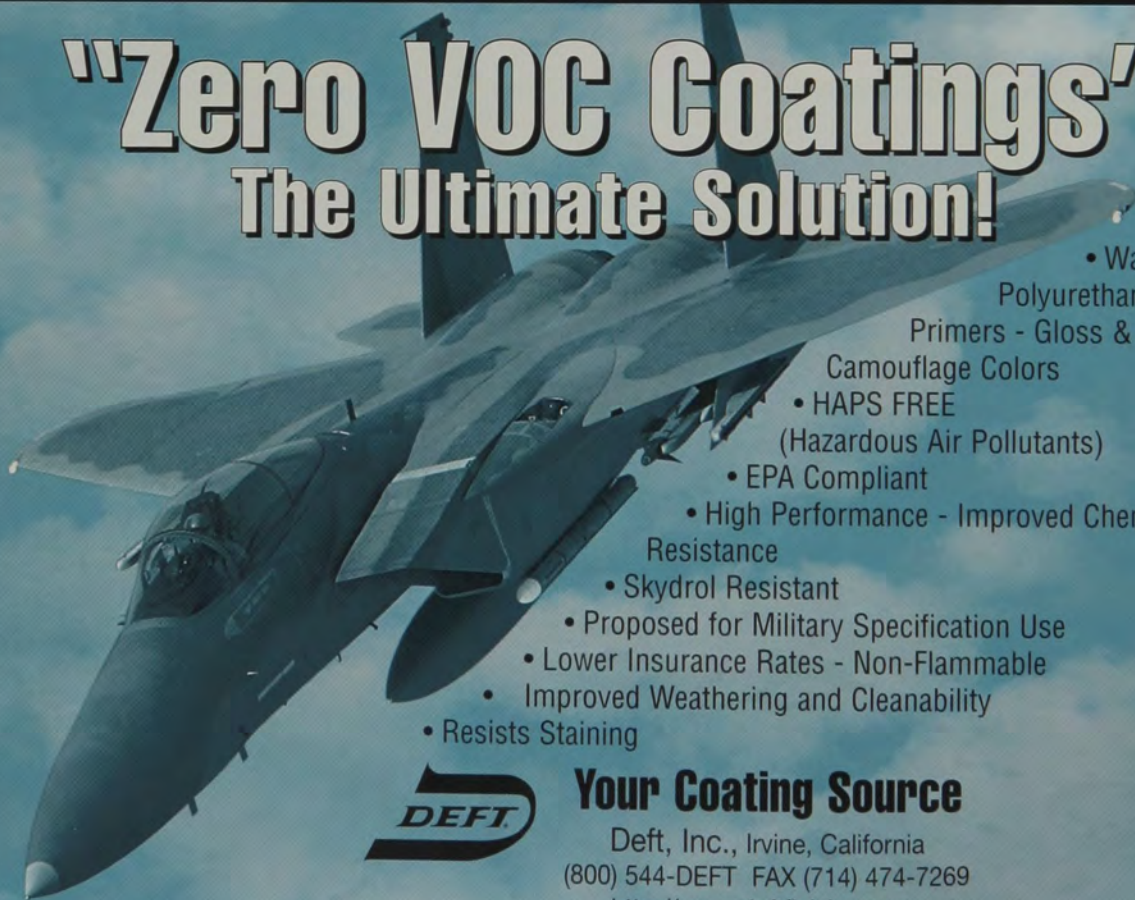


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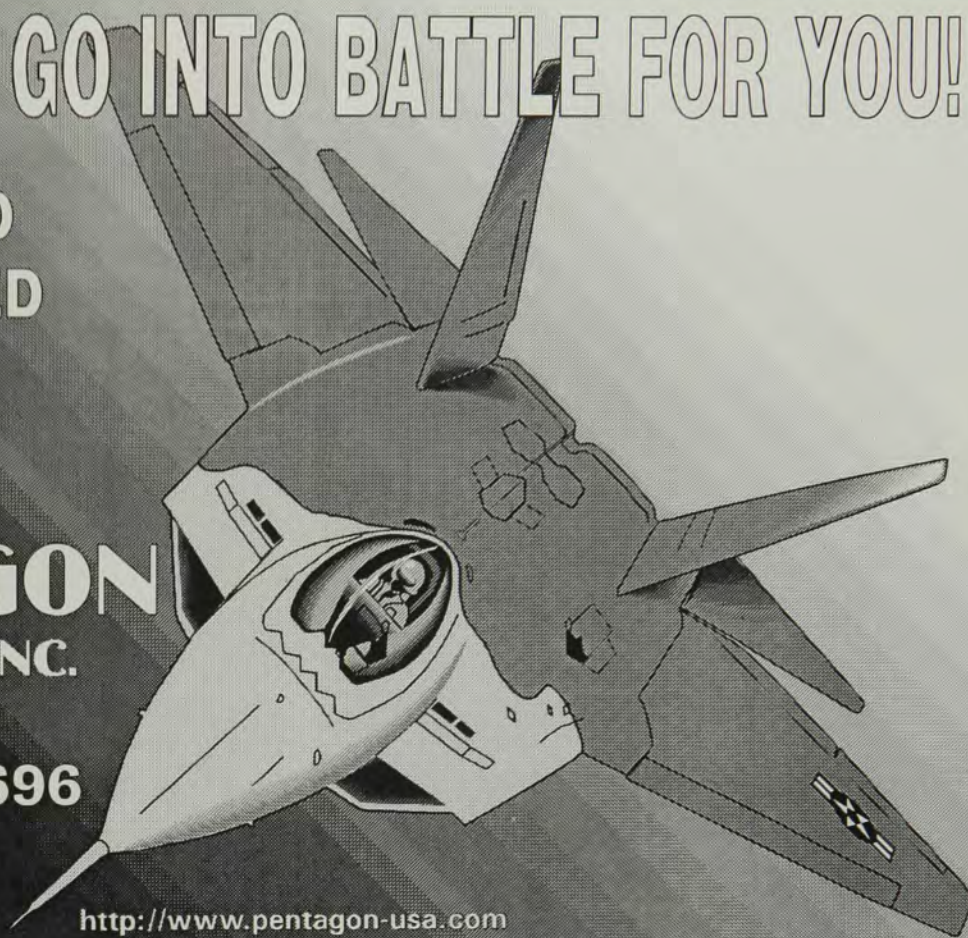
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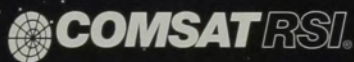
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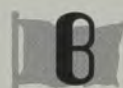
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Shawn Colvin is a great folk-pop songwriter. Colvin's debut more than 10 years ago won her Grammy with "Steady On." But her new single "Sunny Came Home" is a bona fide hit. And her latest and best album, "A Few Small Repairs," was mega-seller and stayed on the charts for more than a year.



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Diana Princess of Wales killed in car crash

Britain and the world bid farewell to Diana, Princess of Wales, on a sparkling September morning with a grand tribute rich in pageantry. Since her death in a car crash in Paris a week before, the country had witnessed an astonishing outpouring of grief that forced a repentant monarchy to join in the kind of full celebration of Diana's life that the millions of people who flooded into London demanded.



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Earth from the Mir space station

The first component of the Mir space station was launched in 1986. It has made more than 60,000 trips around Earth. In 1994, the U.S. and Russia agreed to conduct joint missions aboard the station. The main Mir module, which provides living quarters for up to six people, has been orbiting for nearly 12 years. These joint U.S. - Russian missions are the first phase of a program to build an International Space Station, scheduled to be in orbit by the year 2002.



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Princess Diana's sons, William, 15, and Harry, 12, stood in attendance, joined by their father, Prince Charles and her brother, Earl Spencer, as the body was taken into Westminster Abbey. Millions packed the city for the funeral of Diana. It was a crowd unmatched since the end of World War II. More than a million bouquets were stacked outside the royal palaces.



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Israel's Prime Minister - Netanyahu

Often called Israel's first American-style politician, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu steadfastly rejected the land-for-peace bargain with the Palestinians, which was the backbone of the 1993 Oslo peace accords. In the wake of his hard-line stance, there were dozens of deaths by terrorism throughout Israel. In the summer of 1997, two suicide bombings in Jerusalem, claimed by militant Muslim group Hamas, drove Netanyahu to halt peace proceedings indefinitely. At the age of 48, he is the youngest Israeli Prime Minister ever.



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Yasser Arafat is chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and president of the Palestinian National Authority. He is one of the key leaders trying to maintain peace in the Middle East. His 1993 handshake of peace with Yitzhak Rabin promised mutual recognition between the Palestinians and the state of Israel. Under the agreement, Arafat assumed leadership of Arabs within Israel's occupied territories.



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Mother Theresa will be deeply missed

Mother Teresa was among the most well-known and highly respected women in the world. In 1948, she founded a religious order of Roman Catholic nuns in Calcutta, India, called the Missionaries of Charity. Through this order, she dedicated her life to helping the poor, the sick and the dying around the world, particularly those in India. Her selfless work with the needy brought her much acclaim and many awards, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She died at the age of 87 on September 5, 1997 of heart failure at her convent in Calcutta.



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Never underestimate the power of women

At the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, USA Women's Hockey debuted as one of many new sports. Not only did they debut but they won the gold medal!

Goalkeeper Sarah Tuetting had a .937 save percentage during Olympic competition.



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The 1997 Florida Marlins were the quickest expansion team to win the World Series in history. Facing defeat, the Marlins finished off the Cleveland Indians in game 7 to win their first World Series.



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resident Clinton faces accusations

President Bill Clinton has had a controversial second term in office. The President has faced charges of sexual misconduct with a former intern, Monica Lewinsky. President Clinton has assured the people and told the media that he has not had sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky. Kenneth Starr is the head prosecutor in the case.



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Rodham Clinton, Hillary - the First Lady

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton turned 50 on October 26, 1997. She is one of the most famous of the female Baby Boomers. During her husband's first term as President, Hillary took a leading role in health-care reform. Now, after nearly two years in the wings, she has quietly returned to center stage to begin a program on child care.



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The U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee investigated alleged campaign fund raising abuses by Democrats in the 1996 presidential campaign. The committee chairman was Senator Fred Thompson, a Republican from Tennessee. The committee heard testimony from a wide variety of government officials and big-money political contributors. Senator Thompson is also an actor in hollywood and has been seen in such blockbusters as ?

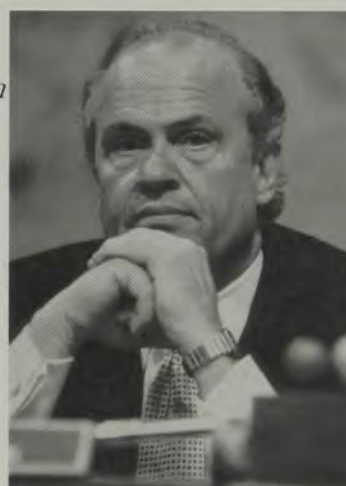
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V olcano erupts in Montserrat

The 11,000 residents of the Caribbean island of Montserrat witnessed first hand the devastation that a very active volcano can cause. The volcano belched ash and small rocks for several days in September and forced more than two-thirds of the population to evacuate the island. A shortage of housing was one of the biggest problems, especially for those evacuating the central communities of the island. The volcano on the British protectorate island became active about two years ago, and the latest eruptions caused most the population to flee to Britain or other Caribbean islands.



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What I really, really want

Despite comparisons with earlier groups like Menudo and New Kids on the Block, the Spice Girls have jumped into superstardom, grabbing the adoration that comes with overnight worldwide fame. With only one album to their credit, the five young women took the world by storm with their saucy antics and innumerable shouts of "Girl Power." They got together in 1994 and cut their first single a year later. Their album "Spice" hit the charts in early 1997 and stayed all year.



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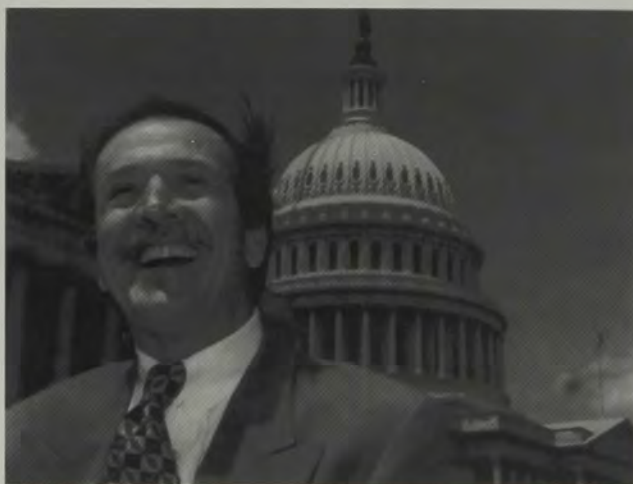


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Well, we have come to the end of yet another yearbook. It has occurred to me that most "normal" people have no clue what colophon means. According to Webster, colophon means an inscription at the end of the book giving the publication facts. It gives you an opportunity to know what fonts and papers were used in producing the yearbook.

It's A Matter of Pride was the theme decided upon by the 1997-98 staff. The cover was designed on both Pagemaker 6.0 and Photoshop 6.0. The material chosen for the cover is a rich matte special ordered to match Pantone 267C with Hot Foil Silver Matte 904 embossed. All pages in the book are 80 pound signature gloss. The book is made up of 34 signatures, all of them are printed four color except for the Family, Friends and Supporter section and the Index which are black and white.

All of the sections of the book were designed in Pagemaker with additional designs made in Corel Draw 3.0 and Photoshop. The background designs in most sections are either a scanned paper or a choice of Pantone colors.

Each staff member chooses fonts for their section but the body copy and captions are the same throughout the book. The body copy is Baskerville Old Face 10 point and the caption style is Baskerville Old Face 8 point italic. Here are a list of sections and the fonts each incorporated: Military - Verdana, Goudy; Academic - Switzerland, Footlight MT Light, Times New Roman, Switzerland CondBlack; Clubs - Footlight MT Light, Bell MT Aardvark; Sports - Motor, USA Black; Cadet Life - Comic Sans MS, Envision; Mini Mag - Switzerland CondBlack, Britannic Bold, Vogue, Brooklyn; Divider Pages - Hammer Fat, Palisade; Squadrons - Switzerland Black, Prose Antique, Renfrew, Haettenschweiler; Firsties - Lucida Handwriting, Baskerville BE Regular; June Week - Elephant, Avalon; Gallery - Amphion, Ballroom Tango, Times New Roman, divider page (Bordeaux Black, Brush Hand, Bordeaux Heavy); In Memory - Park Place, Avalon.

A Few Final Words - from the new Adviser.....

To say the least it has been an interesting year for the cadets and myself. The former adviser, **Amara Fotenos-Comeau**, left the Air Force Academy in October 1998, after five very dedicated years of service to Cadet Wing Media, the yearbook and the cadets. I, **Becky Sanford**, started as the new adviser on February 1, 1998. The lapse in time between advisers and all the changes made an already challenging project even more so. But, as the case has always been - the cadets dedicated their time and hard work to making my first couple months here easier and in the process they have produced what we all think will be another award winning yearbook.

The *Polaris* yearbook is an entirely volunteer project for all cadets. This means cadets must sacrifice a significant amount of free time, what little they have, to complete the yearbook. During these last few months I must thank some very important people: **Greg Pleinis**, editor of the book, **Gayle Apolonio**, Academics editor, **Jeremy Eggers**, Military editor, **Beth Ferrill**, Cadet Life and Mini-mag editor, **Jen DiCarlo** and **Jen Shelby**, Sports editors, **Connie Garcia**, Clubs, June Week and assistant editor, and **Phil Hagen**, Firstie editor and system administrator. In addition, there are many others who have contributed significantly by either taking photos, writing stories or finishing sections - Thank you all!

Lastly, **Brian** I could not have made it through the year without, you possess more talent than you realize and I look forward to your creativity as editor of the 1999 *Polaris*. **Connie**, you are a gift from God, without your help during the school year and summer we would not have finished the book - you will be greatly missed. **Jen DiCarlo**, thank you for quitting honor guard! **Jeremy**, thank you for completing your commitments - I trust your word. **Gayle**, you are the silent one with the great ideas and patience! Firsties, so sorry our time was so short but thank you for all your hard work, support and wisdom - good luck! **Amara**, thank you for starting a tremendous project and entrusting it to me - you are missed! Until next year, shine bright - *Polaris* - shine bright.

