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As the Air Force Academy Class of 2000 embarks on a dedicated path of service to this great nation, it is important to take a moment and reflect upon the proud heritage that is now yours.

The last fifty-three years are an inspirational legacy forged by men and women whose courage and determination have been a beacon of hope throughout the world. Your country now looks to you to preserve the peace we enjoy today - whenever and wherever you are called.

The torch of freedom you carry forward has burned brightly through the years. It has been fueled by the bravery of airmen like Lance P. Sijan and Robbie Risner as they struggled against the cruelty of their North Vietnamese captors for the cause of freedom. It has



These Tuskegee airmen discuss the mission before heading to the air. Pre-flight planning was an essential element of success. Photo by U.S. Air Force Photo



been held aloft by the moral courage of the Tuskegee Airmen whose P-51 red tails brought security and comfort to bomber crews of World War II while destroying the argument for racial segregation back home. It is strengthened by the commitment of Jackie Cochran who first envisioned the role of women in American military aviation and laid the groundwork for their eventual entry into space. It has been enriched by the accomplishments of aces like Eddie Rickenbacker and Frank Luke; Jimmy Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders, Chuck Yeager's break through the sound barrier, and Billy Mitchell's quest for an independent Air Force.

The Class of 2000 will embark on a profession of arms that is unlike any other in a world of technological innovation and global communications unimagined by our forefathers. The conduct of modern military operations relies upon the flexibility, speed, and agility of our aerospace force. You are part of this great vision. I look to your talent, enthusiasm, and leadership to forge new directions in a new century.

Welcome. We've been waiting.

*The Honorable F. Whitten Peters
Secretary of the Air Force*

Superintendent



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It is my pleasure to conclude my tour as Superintendent with the Doolittle Class. I am envious of you—your future adventures, friendships and travels that will make for treasured memories.

The world is constantly changing, and the Air Force of my career bears a faint resemblance to the career awaiting you. We have integrated technology into every aspect of our mission. Our mission spans the globe and now includes humanitarian and peacekeeping duties.



Here a C-17 Globemaster III from the 437th AW flies over the coast of Downtown Charleston, SC. The Globemaster is the Air Force's newest weapons system that provides both tactical and strategic airlift. Photo by U.S. Air Force Photo

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With these changes, we will be expecting you to take the lead from day one—to make the tough calls with only your experience and your character to guide you. Rest assured...you are ready. Just a few words of advice:

- **Listen:** Pay attention to the NCOs, the airmen and to those old, experienced officers. They have the knowledge, experience, and desire to help you grow as an officer.

- **Learn:** Your job, no matter what career field you enter, is to become the technical expert. Be a sponge — take your training to heart and strive to apply what you have learned.

- **Love:** Treasure the bonds you have forged here. Cherish your family. Prize the people who will touch your life as you serve in the Air Force. This is what makes you strong.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with you. I look forward to watching you take our Air Force through the 21st century.

Lieutenant General Tad J. Oelstrom
Superintendent



The Air University library lies at the heart of Maxwell AFB. Air Force officers continue their professional military education throughout their career. Photo by U.S. Air Force Photo

Commandant of Cadets



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Congratulations...you made it! Hard to believe how fast the last four years went, isn't it? I hope you spent a little time before you headed out the North Gate thinking about some of the things you can't leave behind you at USAFA.

Things like the pride you felt when you finished the "O" Course; the emotions inside as you stood at a Taps Vigil; the sorrow you felt when a classmate died; the satisfaction of facing a new challenge and kicking its butt; or the trust that now lives forever between you and the classmates who helped you complete the journey. These are sacred things...and they're now as much a part of your life as your most cherished childhood memories. But the last four years



The North Gate entrance to the Academy is quiet this fall afternoon. The North Gate is the last image many graduates see as they drive off into the "Real Air Force." Photo by C. Seaman

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just set the stage; the real play's about to unfold. And **YOU** get to write the script. You can be the hero or an extra...your choice. It can be an epic action adventure or a quiet classic...you decide. And it can either bring the crowd to its feet or leave 'em cryin' in the aisles...you make the call.

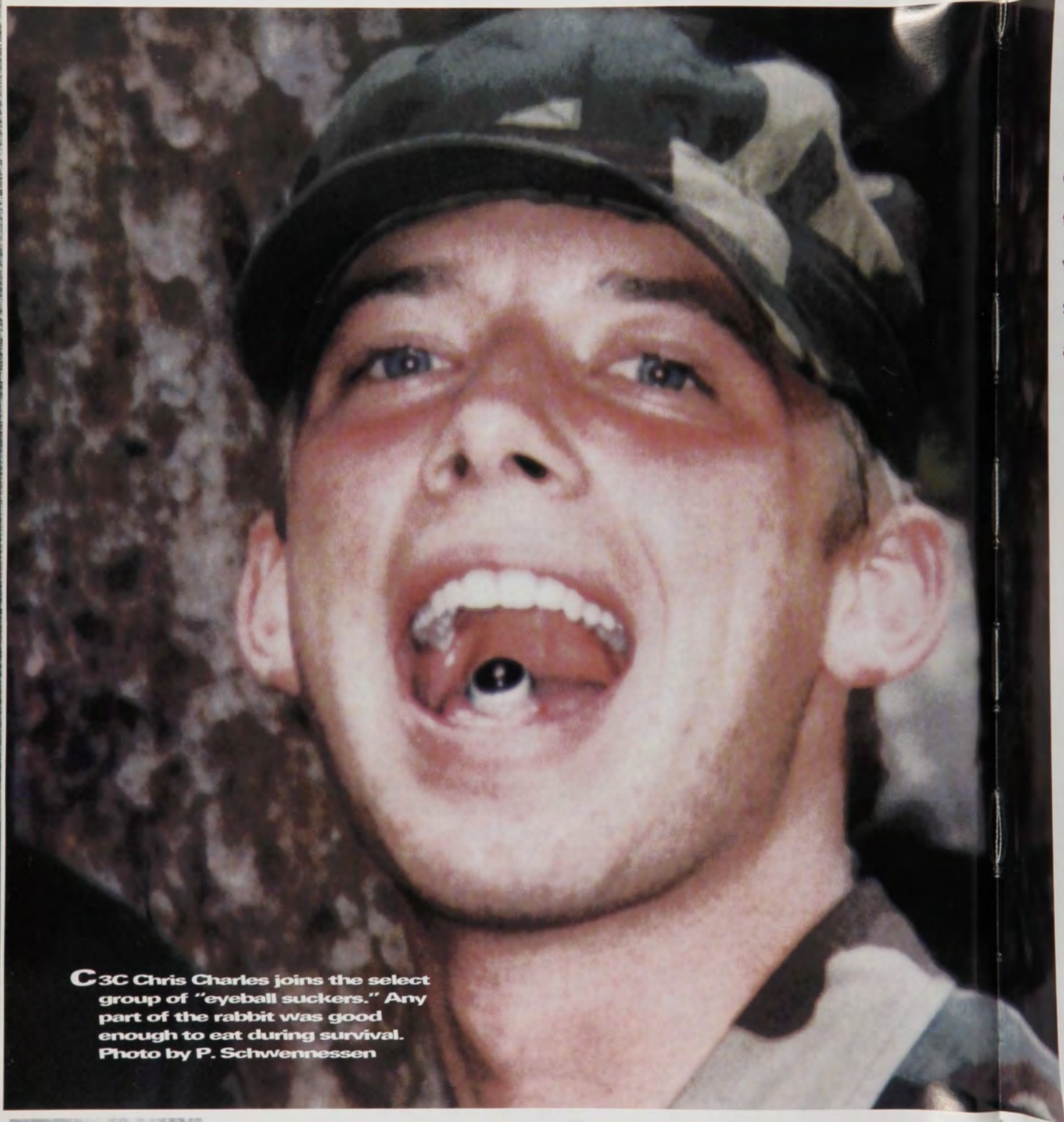
The only thing I'll promise you is that it won't be boring. Our Air Force is going about a thousand miles an hour. If you step out into it and stand still, your people will blow your doors off as they go by. You're joining a world championship team that's committed to keeping the title. You're playing an exciting, fast-paced, high-stakes game where second place is NEVER an acceptable option. And you're standing shoulder-to-shoulder with men and women devoted to service – to their nation, their profession, and each other.



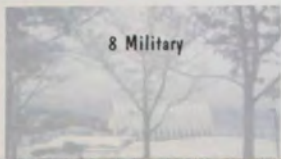
This C-141B Starlifter from the 16th AS at Charleston AFB, SC launches flares during a training mission. The Special Operations mission performed by the Starlifter is one contributor to our championship team. Photo by U.S. Air Force Photo

Be proud of what you've accomplished at USAFA. Be proud of who you are and what you represent. And be proud of each other...you've earned that. It's time to push it up!

Brigadier General Mark A. Welsh III
Commandant of Cadets



C3C Chris Charles joins the select group of "eyeball suckers." Any part of the rabbit was good enough to eat during survival. Photo by P. Schwennessen



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Of the four pillars taught to cadets at the Academy, military is engrained into cadets daily lives. From reveille to taps...HHQ's to silver weekends...cadets are constantly reminded that they are at a military institution.

In retrospect...

Basic Training wasn't as bad as it seemed...

the "bunny dance" really was the funniest thing ever...

the jumpmaster did an outstanding job of helping us get the courage to "stand...in the door..."

The entire military experience here at the Academy creates a bond few outside this institution could understand.

Triple Threat



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Commander in Chief



President Clinton addresses the Class of 1999. The President is slated to be the guest speaker at USAFA's graduation every four years. Photo by Polaris staff



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Secretary of Defense William Cohen and his wife pass through an honor cordon of U.S. troops during a visit to UN base in the Macedonia during the holiday season. Photo by Sgt James F. Thompson, US Army.



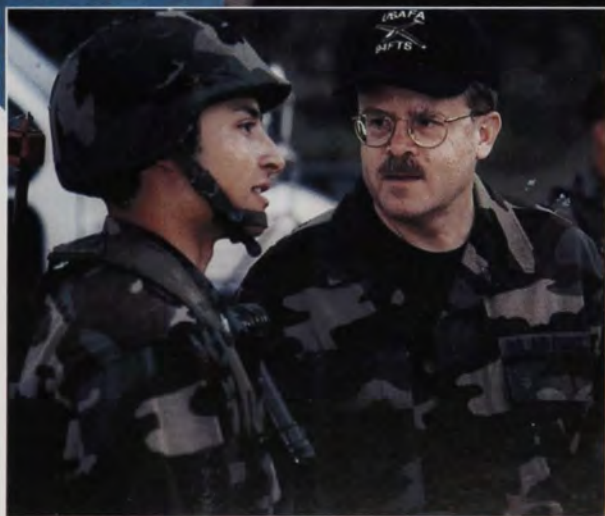
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The Honorable F. Whitten Peters takes a moment to speak with cadets during his visit last summer. Peters got the chance to check out many USAFA summer programs. Photo by S.S. Hampton, Sr.



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Air Force Chief of Staff



Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Michael E. Ryan gets passed up the stands by the USAFA crowd. Passing up big whigs is a favorite pastime of cadets at football games. Photo by Polaris staff

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Michael E. Ryan



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Superintendent



Superintendent General Tad J. Oelstrom stand proud with this new Lt. following the 2000 Graduation ceremonies. Photo by S. Wilson



Lt. General
Tad J. Oelstrom

Commandant of Cadets



Commandant of Cadets, General Mark A. Welsh III, adjusts his mic at KAFA. General Welsh's interview with the KAFA folks sparked some interesting spirit shows in the wing. Photo by C. Bell

Brig. General
Mark A. Welsh III



Fall Semester Staff

"Being on Wing Staff, you can actually have a 'small' impact on policies and the way things work. I really enjoyed working with the people on staff."

C2C Travis Winslow, wing training NCO

Wing Staff

Front Row (L-R): Nate Diller; Erik Axt; Justin Grieve; Rob Volesky; Jammie Himsl; Herb Green; BJ O'Neill; Eric Hanssen; Kirk Olson
Middle Row (L-R): Amy Abraham; Joy Harwood; Chris Giesel; Kris Malloy; Laura Hill; Joe Watson; Tim Spaulding; Steph Soltil; Shannon Nielsen; Kathleen Hasson
Back Row (L-R): John Hale; Kevin Jamieson; Matt Astroth; Matt Johnston; Jason Houston; Doug Villard; Brad Rueter; Jason McFeaters; Ricardo Cordova; Travis Winslow; James Bales



First Group Staff

Back Row (L-R): T. Nettblad; K. Bozarth; J. Mackey; M. Skalko; C. Alonso; R. Howard; C. Keithley; B. Daggett; B. Brown; P. Gabriel; K. Strom
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Front Row (L-R): G. Steeves; C. Frohman; M. Husemann; S. Johnson; M. Belardo; D. Rapanotti; L. Winter; P. Kelly
Back Row (L-R): J. Ang; B. Beakman; T. Copas; D. Yonsey; B. Murphy; M. Pasquino; A. Ortega; P. Davidson
 Not pictured: M. Elleby; C. Hall



Third Group Staff

Front Row (L-R): Nate Douglas; Kim Lee; Katrine Waterman; Sarah McGuane; Scott Gleason; Charlie Jackson; Chris Todaro; Chris Rohe
Back Row (L-R): Rob Marshall; Jose Flores; Stacie Pratt; Christine Love; Brian Hoose; Damion Holtzclaw; Peter Meeos; Chris Jackson; Geoffrey Brasse; Tanja Archer; Jon Elza; Sarah Burk; Kedric Osborne; Dave Jenkins



Fourth Group Staff

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Back Row (L-R): Kelly Marshall; Jennifer Trevino; Derek Rhinesmith; Michael Gosma; Aaron Layman; Broc Starrett; Patrick Giggy; Keggan McConoghey; Zachary Hickman; Chauncy Krol; Lauren Wagner; Jason Zumwalt; Holly Adams

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Row 2 (L to R): E. Weber, D. Golding, K. Krill, C. Johnston, J. Hale, D. Thompson, M. Johnston, E. Vanley, D. Caswell, T. Bozung, J. Johnston, S. Fitzgerald, K. Malloy



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Not Pictured: D. Macsary, J. Smith, R. Howard



Second Group

Row 1 (L to R): M. Husemann, B. George, R. LePome, N. Rowan, D. Mitchell, S. Ayre, N. Maertens, E. Kelly, S. Drew

Row 2 (L to R): B. Urban, M. Ihlenfeld, S. Bopp, B. Welfels, T. White, C. Schultz, B. Beckman, D. Adam Smith, J. Maclellan



Spring Semester Staff

"It was an honor to be selected and very motivating to see that I could make a difference,"

C2C Kurt Bruggerman, group operations NCO



Third Group

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Row 2 (L to R): B. Propper, K. Bruggerman, A. Banks, B. Starrett, C. Dishman, R. Ganske, E. Schmidt, J. Beliste, E. Janski, T. Wilkerson, L. Wagner, J. Zumwalt, M. Bates

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A typical morning at USAFA is probably very much like it has been for the last forty years: a cadet wakes up, makes his bed, reaches for a uniform and goes off to breakfast. It would appear to most that not much has changed in the past forty years. On the contrary, one aspect we all thought was such a constant in our lives, has actually been quite dynamic over the past years: the uniform.

While wearing the same thing day in and day out might seem quite monotonous at times, the uniform is one of the benchmarks of military tradition. Fighting forces have been wearing uniforms for thousands of years. In those years, they have gone from extraordinarily complex to plain and simple to practical and everywhere in between.

USAFA uniforms are no exception. They have gone from the simple to the downright bizarre. Back in the early days of USAFA, cadets actually wore a khaki colored uniform now only associated with more maritime services. Ties were tucked into the shirt providing no reason for tie tabs. Cadets once wore a white jacket mess dress along with the rest of the Air Force.

If cadets think parades look strange now, imagine a parade

in shorts. Dated yearbooks portray this interesting sight with a cadet still wearing his shirt garters.

As the years progressed, different forms of fatigues made their appearance. As recently as the eighties, the old style, solid color fatigues that tucked into the trousers were still worn. Eventually, the camouflaged fatigues, still around today, became the norm.

A few uniforms have remained staples in the last few decades, namely parkas, which have changed very little since the sixties. Also, the all too familiar athletic jackets have been around in one form or another. Recently, the class exemplar

patches were added to be worn on all athletic jackets.

Uniforms have undergone a few changes just in the past few years. Recent classes

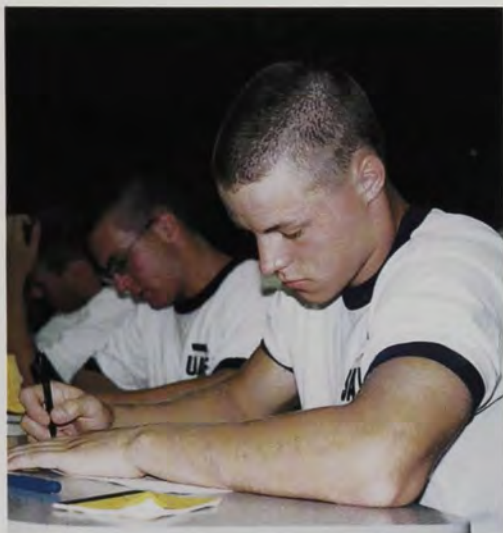


will recognize the term 'spirit jersey' which has slowly crept into cadet vocabulary in the last four years. Flight suit Fridays were new to the wing this year. Grads from years back could not get over the sight of an all flight suit formation on Fridays. Another recent change has been the switch back to allowing cadets to choose which outer garments they wear when not in formation.

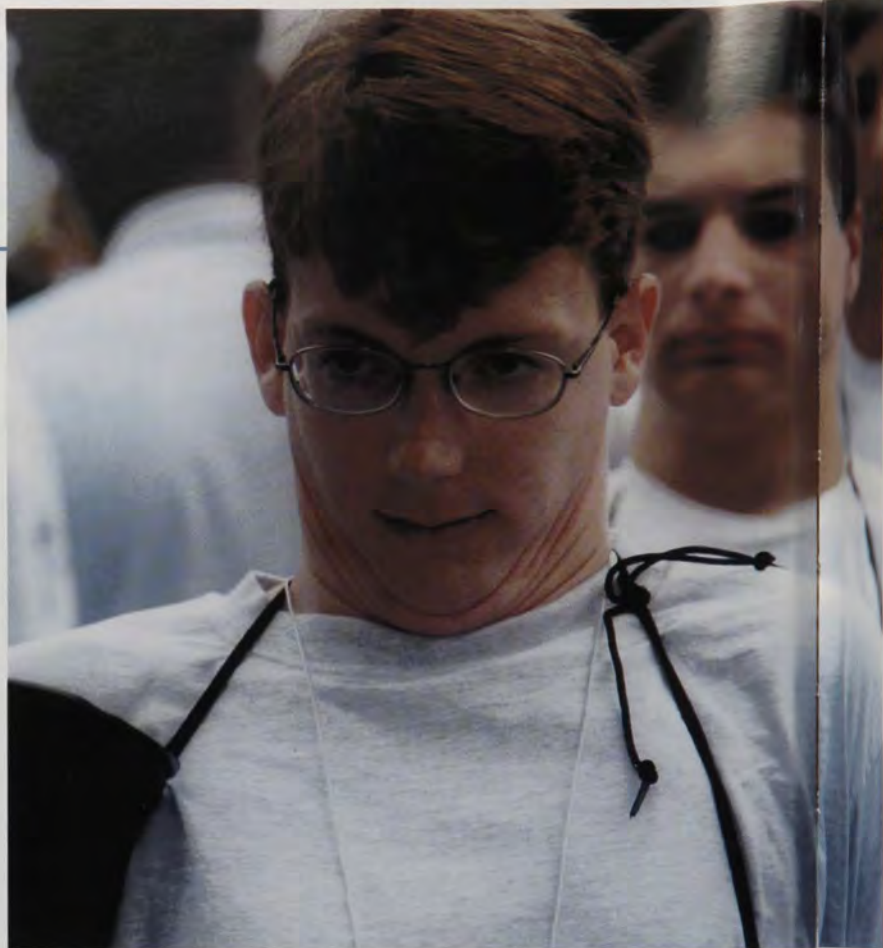
Fifty years from now other generations will look at our yearbooks and wonder what we were thinking. Who knows what the future might bring?

A constant change

This basic cadet unsuccessfully attempts to learn how to pull chins. Don't worry, you still have more than eight months to practice! Photo by Polaris staff



Basic cadets concentrate very hard on placement exams. For many, the placement exams do not rate high on their list of important activities to be awake for. Photo by Polaris staff



These basic cadets are about to march off to join the long inprocessing line. The footprints at the base of the ramp have been the traditional way of welcoming basics to the hill. Photo by Z. Jiron

These basic cadets make their first long awaited trip to the GStore. Sorry folks, nothing good to eat, just lots of cleaning supplies. Photo by B. Scharton





Into the Unknown

by Marques Hardin

This is Only the Beginning of a Very Long Journey

The day that many newcomers had an eye opener to the reality of the military was July 1, 1990. Most heard the horror stories, but to actually experience Basic Cadet Training (BCT) was entirely over whelming. And that is when the adventure begins. The class of 2003 entered Doolittle Hall with their families and friends. Little did they realize that their lives were about to drastically change. After in tending and saying farewell to their parents, the basics stepped onto that infamous bus to begin the journey to the "Hill."

Embarking, I felt plunged literally into a whole new, a completely foreign world, said Basic Cadet Adam Carrelle.

The bus ride was a mix of introductions and random screaming by the upperclassmen that were pulling chairs and sitting on the front one-third of the bus. If nothing else, the adrenaline was pumping.

After being taught what the seven responses were in the typical BCT fashion, the chaplains came on the bus and gave the basics a much needed moment of calm. Unfortunately, it was the calm before the storm. The basics marched in formation up the "Bring Me Men" lion cards, battle dress uniforms and hygiene supplies. What it ended up as was bad pictures, uniforms that didn't fit, and the scab that you would only have 30 seconds per day to use.

The BCT cadre are responsible for introducing the military way of life. They show the basic cadets how to march, custom and courtesy, decorum, and themselves for the stresses of cadet life. During BCT, the basic cadets had to prepare the training drill competitions that go along with best. The basics were taught rifle maneuvers and drill ing techniques.

"It seems like they are trying to make us high at ourselves most of all," said Basic Cadet Patrick Godinez. "No matter what we do we end up having a good time and I think that is bringing our flight together. I know I will always remember doing shovels manual."

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-- Patrick Godinez



Class of 2003 Shows BCT Who's Boss in the Dusty Valley

by Cory Barack

Slaying the BEAST

Every cadet remembers the feeling after three weeks at the Academy when you are told that the end of first BCT has finally arrived. You feel a great sense of accomplishment—three weeks of yelling, marching, and staring longingly at desserts that you will never eat. You feel great—what could be worse than that? You even get a half-day away from the zoo to act normal again.

But then you find yourself on the tarmac as a new group of upperclassmen, wearing a strange uniform combination of fatigues, USAFA T's, and blue jerseys, marches toward you. And then you realize that your feeling of accomplishment has given way to a new fear—what lies ahead?

What lies ahead is a myriad of Academy traditions—the march out, big bad basic, o'course, a takes to be in the military. Everything from learning how to fire a rifle to helping your buddy if he has a broken leg—second BCT is where this happens. Every day is spent going through expected twists. Today a movie, to morrow a five mile run through the thick air and rough trails, caneens.

I remember sneaking the smallest food item I could find—the little tubs of peanut butter we had at meals—back to our tent. I think I must have ended up with something like twenty or thirty little tubs stored in my sleeping bag."

— Basic Cadet Roberts

Everyone remembers it—looking forward to receive your hard earned shoulder boards. No more pushups before sunrise, low crawling under barbed wire, getting hit with pugil sticks, or trying to stay awake in your tent during a thunderstorm. The shout rade boards were waiting at the end, along with a pair of weeks of your life transitioning from civilian to soldier. You knew that it was coming. You counted the days and weeks until that fateful time arrived, when you would no longer be called a basic, you would be a part of the Cadet Wing. And when it did arrive, the same old feeling came back—what lies ahead?



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Basic Cadet Brette Donisi desperately attempts to navigate the dreaded obstacle course. If the obstacles do not get you, the cadre will. Photo by B. Scharton

Precariously perched on a thin wooden beam, Basic Cadet Ryan Zackerson helps his teammates navigate an LRC obstacle. The LRC is one of the more fun courses basic cadets experience. Photo by B. Scharton

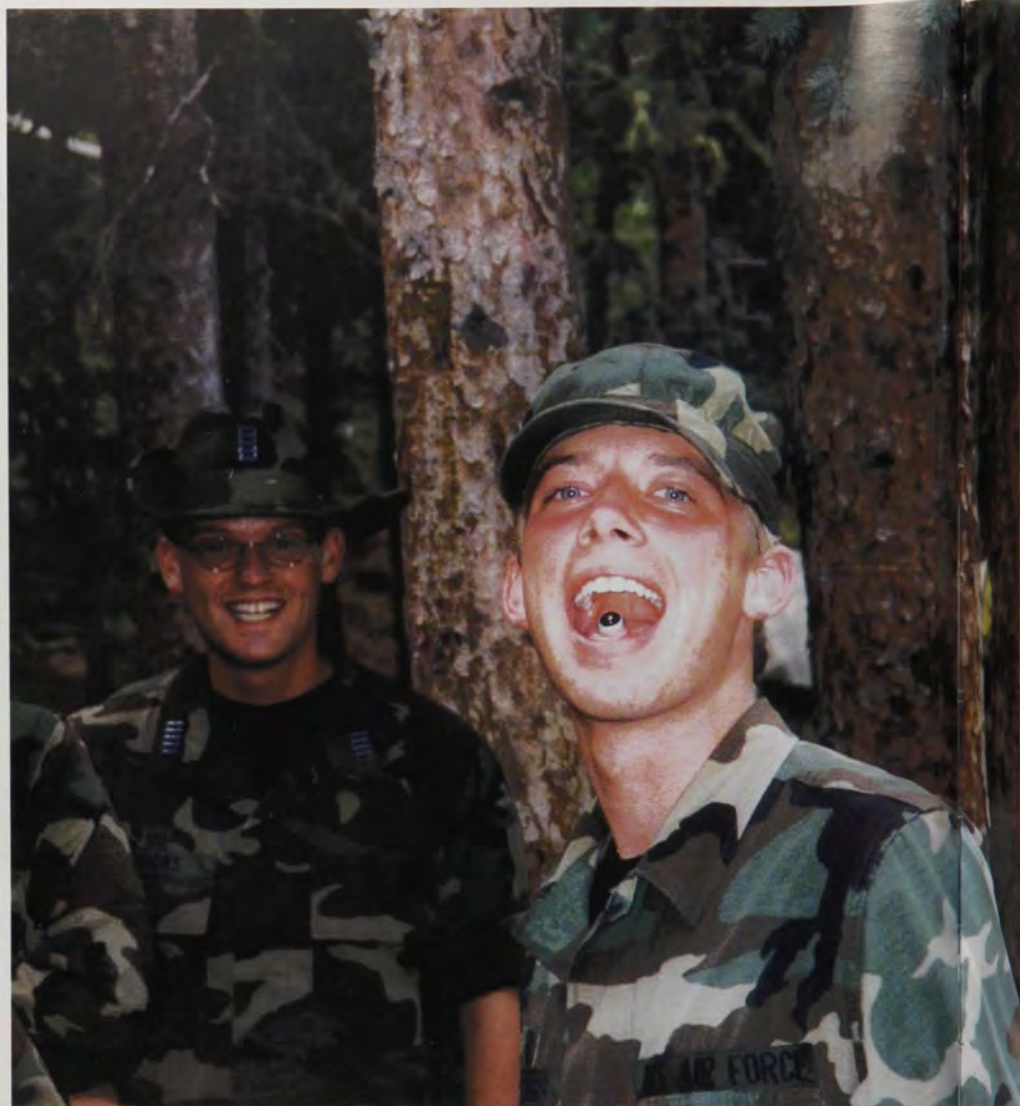


Slithery as a snake, Basic Cadet Paul Hodges picks his way out from under barbed wire on the a-course. There is never a fun day on the assault course. Photo by B. Scharton



C3C Chris Charles proudly displays the eyeball he just successfully sucked from the head of the rabbit. Tastes like chicken! Photo by P Schwennessen

C1C Patrick DuBe demonstrates how to expertly thump a rabbit. The job of thumping is a coveted position within the CST element. Photo by P Schwennessen



This cadet enjoys a pipe in the great outdoors. Sign? What sign? Photo by P Schwennessen





Thump and Muck

by Jesse Snyder

A Summer Stroll through Saylor Park

Before departing for Saylor Park for the "hands-on" evasion/survival training, a rigorous schedule of Combat Survival Training (CST) academics prepared the eager students for anything the outside world could offer. Something called this year to the academics was resistance education. Proud students learned how to resist the enemy and methods used to extract information from Prisoners of War.

The "TapCode" used by POWs in Vietnam was also taught. One industrious student named Dan Server decided to test this code out by writing in tap code on a piece of paper "This sucks." When authorities found this cryptic message forms 10 were issued and C3C Server joined the ranks of the tour pad. The highlight of the academic portion was viewing the video "In the Mouth of the Cat," a documentary about the POW experience in Vietnam. After the video one of the actual POWs from Vietnam talked to the class about his experiences and thoughts.

"I laughed a little, I cried a little, and I even learned a thing or two," said C3C Laura Abt.

Water survival, affectionately called water haze, was another fun-filled activity that everyone seemed to enjoy. C3C Matt Medley while teaching water survival tried to kill a squirrel by casting at rock at it. He seemed to forget that coordination is required for such high skill maneuver as he fell to the ground breaking his ankle.

After the academic portion, the merry students rode a magical bus to the place where dreams are made of... sweet, sweet Saylor Park. The survival portion entailed everything from building a Dakota fire, to trap and unsuspecting squirrels to even thumping rabbits. Then came demo day - a delight to all students. The only escape from this pleasure was to eat the forbidden pea pods, as C3C Dave Albin did.

Then the merry campers trotted off into the sun set for evasion.

Only staring at a white wall was more fun than evasion cadre," said evasion cadre member Sean Allen. Some students like C3C Jesse Snyder were so delighted in the woodland wonderland that they decided to get caught three times within an hour to win a free magical bus ride back to that mythical world people call Saylor Park next summer.

"I laughed a little, I cried a little, and I even learned a thing or two,"

-- Laura Abt



C3C Foster receives instruction on the use of his M16. Even though cadets were issued real M16's they were ineffective since the "bullets" were laser beams. Photo by S.S. Hampton, Sr.

This thirdclass cadet is very enthusiastic about learning how to use the jackhammer. Stand clear, everyone! Photo by S.S. Hampton, Sr.



Tsgt Waldron explains to C3C Vogt and C3C Schmid how to light a stove burner. Cadets learned many unique and useful skills during Global Engagement. Photo by S.S. Hampton, Sr.



C3C DeLongchamp prepares to enter the gas chamber. Getting gassed was one of the most exciting parts of GE for many cadets. Photo by S.S. Hampton, Sr.





Deploying the Force

by Christie Cleaver

Cadets Learn how to Successfully Defend the Fort

Global Engagement is the newest program added to the summer curriculum. Began by former Commandant Stephen Lorenz, it was designed to show thirdclass cadets how the Air Force planned to operate in the future.

The program began with four long days of briefings during transition week. Once the cadets entered the 10-day program, they began with another four days of briefings from 0700 to 1930. The first group to complete the program provided a lot of feedback about the amount of information covered, such as a two-hour briefing on military dogs, subsequently, the number and length of the briefings was cut down significantly. Many cadets such as CAC Jodi Gillespie tried to make the best of the long days by providing jokes, interesting stories, and asking "unusual" questions during the briefings.

Next came the deployment out to Jack's Valley. Armed with their M16s, security forces patrolled the area while civil engineering set up tents and the rest of the equipment and buildings with help from services.

Cadets awoke early the next morning to cook breakfast for all the members of the deployment. CAC Chris Thuot claimed to have cooked over 200 pancakes on the first morning.

"I don't ever think I can eat a pancake again after having to fix so many," said CAC Thuot. Services planned a different activity for each day to keep the nighttime interesting. Volleyball, sing-alongs, movie night, ice cream parties, carnival games and even a "strip-tease" contest were all the fun of the night.

One thing learned was how much work the enlisted had to do everyday and how miserable it could be to be an airman. Some cadets, like CAC Jesse Snyder, found their calling in the services career while others determined what they did not want to do.

"I have no desire to go anywhere near Jack's Valley for a long time, but at least I won't be as filthy as last time. Maybe I could work on my tan," said CAC Wendy Wilce.

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-- Wendy Wilce



The Introductory Flight Training (IFT) program is no longer just a mere introduction to aviation, but is now a more complete package.

In October 1999, the Air Force permanently grounded the Slingby T3A Firefly and his flight screen with, there were problems with the engine on the Firefly, which led to several fatal accidents. According to head Air Force officials, this had nothing to do with the reason for stopping the T3 program.

Regardless of which program is in use, they both have the same purpose - to prepare cadets for Air Force Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training.

"The IFT program lets you know whether or not you want to fly in the Air Force," according to CIC Mark A. Sletten.

The current IFT program includes 40 hours of flight time from civilian instructors usually from the Academy Aero Club, hundreds of ground school hours, and has an entire semester. Classes are regularly scheduled for 1200 to 1700 on weekday afternoons with no average in-air lesson lasting a little more than an hour and a half.

However, night flights, weather delays, and the need for additional training can cause irregularities. Additionally, this training is only available to cadets who do not already hold a FAA Private Pilot License (PPL) or higher.

When the Air Force canceled the T3 program, it also redefined IFT to create the Enhanced Introductory Flight Training (EIFT) program. Under this program, participants will receive 50 hours of flight training and are required to attain their FAA PPL. Furthermore, cadets who already have this rating will be allowed to participate in the program. In the summer of 2000, 16 classes resume in the fall.

EIFT instructors have been satisfied with the performance of IFT program participants and eagerly await to see the benefits of the new program. Likewise, cadets are looking forward to the increase in flight time and additional program requirements. Now that IFT is here to stay, many problems such as scheduling and limited enrollment will be eliminated.

"The IFT program lets you know whether or not you want to fly in the Air Force,"

-- Mark A. Sletten

Cadets Are Given a Small Taste of the Flying World

by Kenyatta Ruffin

Flying High





C1C Lindsey Nielson preflights her plane. Safety, as with any flying operation, is always paramount. Photo by Academy Spirit

C1C Brandon Nickel briefs his classmates during the academic portion of IFT. Like pilot training, academics play an important role in flying training. Photo by Academy Spirit



C1C Lyndsey Nielson goes over preflight plans with an instructor. Basics such as flight planning are an integral part of IFT. Photo by Academy Spirit

C1C Amanda Saunders boards the bus for IFT. The Firsties assigned to IFT have to take a huge portion of their day to spend at the airfield. Photo by B. Nickel



You climb into the cockpit while your instructor gives you encouragement. You don't hear his exact words because you are going through your pre-flight checklist. Okay... CASUAL. Controls, Bal-
last, Seats, Instruments, Trim, Canopy, Airbrakes, Lookout...

You stretch out your hand, grab the radio mic and steadily repeat your request, then a deep breath as the words form. "Skytrain... this is 14 Bravo. So we're questioning you to the wing runner and wag your head thinking that you're ready. Before you have time to think, the rope begins to pull your aircraft forward. The speed increases while you concentrate on keeping the plane centered on the runway. Lift off.

As you climb, all your concentration is focused on keeping the plane steady. As the release altitude approaches, your heart is racing with anticipation. You reach for the release lever, take one more deep breath, and let the rope from the tow plane lead away toward the ground. Immediately, a million thoughts rush through your mind. Is the tow plane clear? Is there another glider in my way? Do I have sufficient altitude? But then you are alone. The wind silently rushes by the canopy and you finally appreciate what it means to fly.

This scenario is familiar to many of the 1400 cadets who participate in the Airman program every year. Soaring through the air, even if you have flown a powered aircraft, there's something special about being up in the air alone with Mother Nature.

The soaring program's focus is to motivate cadets toward a career in aviation but what each individual gains from the program is a personal experience. "A huge sense of accomplishment was what I remembered most about the gliders. The realization that you are the one in control of your life is a great moment," said Lt Col Steve Carey, class of 1977. Everyone remembers the first time going up with their instructor pilot. Everyone remembers the first time they tried solo. And for many, they remember the first time they flew.

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Cadets

Soar Above

the Clouds in the

Mighty Yellow Glider

by Christopher Seaman

Flying in Silence

Time to land! There is no such thing as a go-around in a glider so the landing has to be good the first time! Photo by C. Seaman



Aerotow is often one of the hardest skills to master in soaring. Students spend the majority of their airborne time working on perfecting aerotow. Photo by C. Seaman



Cleared for takeoff! This sailplane rolls down the runway waiting to get airborne. The student gets a great view from his seat. Photo by C. Seaman

C1C Rob Brooks instructs C1C Mike Pennington on the finer points of aerotow. Ground instruction is often more important than the flying phase of soaring. Photo by C. Seaman

Arch thousand, two thousand, three thousand....Students spend a lot of time suspended in harnesses to prepare them for the unknown feeling of freefall. Photo by T. Becker



This jump student prepares to exit the mock door. Somehow jumping out of the mock door was much easier than the real thing. Photo by T. Becker



C1C Ben George simulates a canopy wrap for his student. SM4 involved several interesting scenarios for students to negotiate. Photo by T. Becker



Stand in the Door

by Kerrick Krill

Cadets Experience the Super Rush of AM 490 Jump

In AirmanShip 490, you took an ordinary, stressed flight suit, jumped out of plane and suddenly it became the proudest uniform you may ever wear because of what it now symbolizes to you. Each time you wear that flight suit, you wrap yourself in the nervous excitement first felt on that nailbiting Twin Otter ride to altitude. You can still smell the sweet odor of fearful perspiration in the material, so deeply incised you'll never wash it out. Your boots feel a little lighter now that you've walked on the clouds.

And then there's your jumpmaster. Possibly a long-time friend or just another smiling face passing you on the tarmac. You'll never forget their face because it's the same one you saw when they looked you dead in the eye and shouted, "Stand in the door!" at that moment as you step out of the plane; you realize this may be the last face I see. You put your life in somebody else's hands and they hand it right back to you. "No, you take it... and do something spectacular with it." Then they lean out the jump door and wave to you on your way down.

The only thing leaving the plane with you is a feeling of loneliness and determination. You find yourself paying tug-of-war with the earth. You feel its mighty pull of gravity. It's as if you are encapsulated in a bubble, surrounded by air on every side. The feeling is out of this world because for a moment you are completely detached from all that surrounds you. And the instant your canopy opens up over your head and you feel the wonderful sensation of shock, you realize you've indeed done something spectacular.

You jumped out of a perfectly good airplane for the sake of putting yourself to the ultimate test. The birds have a right to be jealous of you because, by your own freewill, you did what they need wings to do. Now you have your own set of wings pinned to your chest. It's a badge that brings you great pride and continues to be a source of strength and a reminder of what you are capable of doing.

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Yesterday's dreaded SAMI/MWH inspections have a new big brother—the cadet-termed HHQ. But has anything really changed or is it just more of the same?

The Wing believes the purpose behind HHQs is a means of holding everyone to set standards, thus leveling the playing field and getting us to do our jobs. As a Wing, it is felt that this does not differ much from a SAMI. When asked if they clean more now, the overriding consensus was that for AMIs they do, for SAMIs they don't. So why's everyone complaining?

"It's my office and I think it's appropriate to display reams of paper...and books," said CJC Gerdell and CJC Farnn. Squadron Commanders Watson and Scott both feel similarly: "I get emailed every day that something's changed. We can't keep it all straight. They need to start each semester with one set of rules, stick with them and let us play the game."

Random HHQs are seen as pointless because they're not used as Operational Readiness inspections, but as Quality Inspections. A QI is seen as too stringent and focused on criticism, without much effort being focus on how to fix it. And some feel it is a drain on cadet leadership because leaders focus on HHQs instead of their people.

According to Major Hudson the reason for having them are culture and leadership. Inspections like ORIs, NSIs, ASEVs, etc. are part of the air force culture. The HHQs are designed to help transition the Cadet Wing into the operational Air Force. Likewise, HHQs exercise leadership and teamwork in the cadet-run leadership laboratory.

For example during AMIs, cadet leaders practice leadership by getting everyone to do things they may not like through the balance of discipline and "living". Also, "they" understand the AF CWs aren't perfect; however, only when standards are upheld can they be evaluated and modified. The AF Form 847 is a great way of doing such.

A word of advice from Major Hudson: Understand that no one likes inspections...they aren't fun. Make a contract with yourself and do what has to be done, and then go have fun.

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Cadets' Rooms Have Never Been Quite so Clean in the Past

by Elizabeth Yesue

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MSgt Mike Martin inspects a squadron during the IRI portion of the inspection. The IRI was usually the easiest part of the inspection to pass. Photo by E. Bixby



Mike Barton works with his roommate to make sure everything is in line. Cadets often took everything out of their closet and reorganized it. Photo by E. Bixby



C1C Eric Birch sanitizes his room for HHQ. Often, squadrons had to relocate everyday items to other squadrons in order to pass. Photo by E. Bixby

C3C Chris Lazidis irons his bed to perfection. Often people took no chances when it came to HHQ prep. Photo by E. Bixby

Jobs in Squadrons are Hard Work with Little Credit

by Russ Grimes

Unsung Heroes

It really takes a lot more for a squadron to run smoothly than a good AOC or a squadron commander that takes his or her job seriously. One of the biggest tasks in the wing is to fill the many different jobs within a squadron with the right people — people who will take the job seriously, work hard at it, and who will be willing to take the crap that may come along with the territory of certain positions.

One of the positions that seems to suck in naive support NCOs. The support NCO is basically responsible for everything in the squadron that if no one wants to deal with. Whether it be meal accountability, making sure everyone was prepared for the HHQ inspection, reporting broken furniture items, or just plain dealing with the lazy workers in dorm management all NCOs every semester seem to finish the semester a little more bitter than they ever were before.

As C2C Brian Delvaux put it, "Being support NCO was one of the best and worst experiences of my entire United States Air Force Academy experience."

C2C Dave Siemion agrees to a point, but takes the position of a support clerk. "All I know is that I never knew the word delegate meant dump everything on the lowest ranking guy."

However, within squadrons there were other important jobs that needed to be filled. While some were busy processing forms 10, counseling those in their elements, meeting with group and wing leadership and staff was usually hard at work with new ideas or out there that could enhance squadron morale.

"I know what you're thinking. MWR is the job they take. It's a job with no responsibility and a way to get out of things. But it goes much, much farther than that. MWR is about knowing when to take the burgers off the grill, making the decision between cole slaw or potato salad, and planning legal ways for four degrees to frat with upperclassmen," remarked C1C Matt Chisam.

All in all, although there are many positions to fill, picking a good squadron staff will allow a squadron to function well, help keep people out of trouble, and help those in trouble get back onto the right path.

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-- Dave Siemion





C1C Ozzie Osborne listens intently to conversation at his lunch table. The job of regulating the table, as Table Commandant, is reserved for responsible firsties. Photo by J. Campbell

C1C Jason Hoffman inspects some fourthclass cadets during a SAMI. Stan/Eval works very hard making sure they grade every squadron. Photo by J. Campbell



C2C Alex White reads the announcements to his squadron during noon meal formation. Outrigging and announcement reading are two very important tasks accomplished by the First Sergeant. Photo by J. Campbell

C2C Nick Johnson leads the four degrees in pushups during noon meal. In order to train properly, the staff must make use of every spare minute. Photo by C. Seaman

There is Only so Much Time in a Day to March and be Clean

by James Do

The Triple Threat

No one likes SAMIs — standing in your room being told your towels aren't folded right. No one likes IRIIs — standing in your flights while inspectors inform you of your failure to meet the standards because your left pant leg had two bends instead of one. No one likes parades — standing on the field while you watch your classmates drop like flies, and wondering if the reviewing officers will notice your polka dotted boxers.

Cadets can tolerate a SAMI and on a good day you are just looking to pass them off. Better known by the Cadet Wing as the Triple Threat, these three formations test the endurance and sanity of most cadets.

Those fortunate enough to be graced with the survival status of SCA escape the wrath of an entire room, getting uniforms ready, and drinking water. "Basically, it bites," said CIC Man.

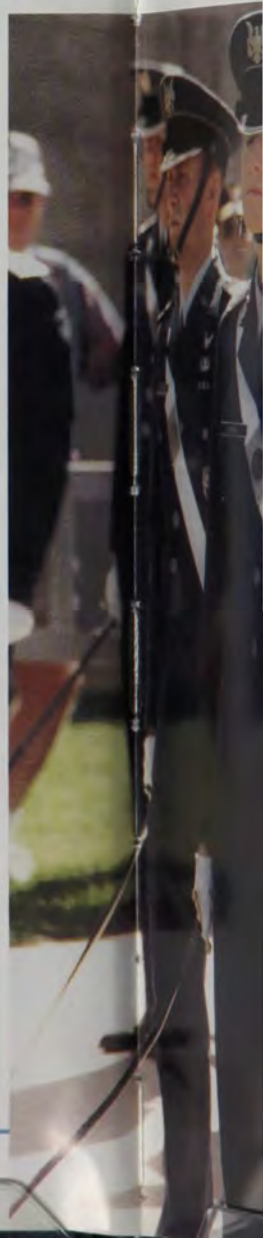
Most cadets understand that in addition to SAMIs and IRIIs have a military tradition. But consider scheduling a SAMI and IRI on the same day, well that is just doable.

"An IRI is a tool to inspect uniforms. During a SAMI our uniforms are also inspected as part of the checklist, in addition to our room. Why do we need two uniform inspections within the span of a few hours? It's double jeopardy," said T. Moose.

After spending the majority of the morning going through the grueling room inspection and two uniform inspections, cadets end the day with a parade bringing a close to the infamous Triple Threat. Despite their exhaustion from the SAMI and IRI, cadets find the strength to put on a good show for the reviewing officers and tourists, putting their weariness aside to finish off the weekend with a great show of excellent military performance.

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The end of second group and the beginning of third group march past the reviewing stand. At last, the triple threat is almost done! Photo by BJ. Lingle



C1C Heather Fox and C1C Ben Brown inspect flights during an indoor IRI. Indoor IRI's were a common occurrence this year due to many inclement weather formations. Photo by C. Seaman



C1C Ben Brown and C2C Camille Chigi help this NCO inspect rooms. The SAMI is usually the first event of the triple threat. Photo by C. Seaman

C1C Jammie Himsi, Fall Semester Wing commander, closes her eyes to rest while waiting for the parade to begin. As if cadets were not tired enough, triple threats will wear you out. Photo by R. Grimes

C3C Max Rodriguez and **C2C Jon Scofield** report in to the grog. They are still smiling because grog punishments are all in good fun. Photo by C. Seaman

Dining Ins would be incomplete without the all-important guest speaker. **C5-14** chose the inspiring and often funny remarks of **Col. Carpenter** for their Dining In. Photo by C. Seaman



Cadets read most of the script at Dining Ins. **C2C Jason Somers**, **C3C PJ LaBarbera**, and **C2C Camille Chigi** work their way through the toasts. Photo by C. Seaman



C4C Oliver Barfield pounds down some grog. Even four degrees are not immune from the grog bowl. Photo by C. Seaman



Rules of the Mess

by Laura Renner

Good Natured Fun and a Bowl of Unknown Liquids

The more things change, the more they stay the same. If you ever befriended an Academy grad, you'll find that you share many of the same stories. Every year cadets endure similar situations as cadets in the past. The infamous dining ins are one such situation. They have existed as long as the Academy has, and thus every cadet and grad naturally has some thoughts on these mandatory social gatherings.

Lt Col Eric Ash, a 1979 grad, said, "I like General Lorenz saying, 'Always on parade.' The dining in is certainly a gala event and lots of fun—but NOT too much fun. I've known a few young officers who forgot it was 'bet your career' time."

While we should keep this in mind for after we graduate, we as cadets experience a more light-hearted occasion.

In fact, Major Sam Szvetcz, from the Class of 1986, thinks that dining ins "need more jokes, more grog, and more liquor." A more recent grad, 1st Lt Justin Johnson from the Class of 1998, thinks that they "still need more jokes, more grog, and more liquor."

Every year, cadets attend a range of dining ins including squadron, majors, and class-wide. Often, dining ins carry a negative connotation with them. They are seen as another "mandatory fun" event that wastes precious time.

"Although I normally find mandatory dining ins a real pain, our major's dining ins have been a blast. It's wild seeing all your teachers getting drunk and joking around. Makes them seem like normal people for one night at least. Even so, I think we need more liquor," said C2C Rob Reinbach.

Ironically, when asked about dining ins, Dr Ken Werrell, a 1990 grad, claims, "My memory has faded on that."

So maybe things have changed a little. Yet one thing remains the same. Every year, we attend these social gatherings. Sometimes they are fun, sometimes they are miserable. They give us fond memories or another thing to complain about. But we all go through them together; they give us another story to share with those who have gone before us.

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-- Maj Sam Szvetcz,
1986 grad

C2C Phillip Bryant trains C4C Ferruzzi at a meal. Four degrees don't get any rest during recognition and meals are no exception. Photo by J. Campbell



C4C David Breuer gets some special attention from C1C's Miguel DeVargas and Abdullah Brodie. Sweepstakes was a painful experience for many fourth class cadets. Photo by P. Rose



Trust your classmates and you will make it through the year. During Recognition, several four degrees got to see just how much they trust the people they went through four degree year with. Photo by J. Campbell

C4C Barendan McBeth recalls how hard it was to pull chins right. During Recognition training standards are definitely maxed out. Photo by J. Campbell





Earning Respect

by Simon Ritchie

Recognition Comes at Last to End a Tough Year

On Thursday afternoon, March 16th, 1600 hours, the entire class of 2003 poured out of Fairchild hall, awaiting their fate. For all four degrees, it was a much anticipated moment, a moment to take their place in Academy history, even if it did mean the beginning of two days of beatings.

"I was just ready to get the crap over with. I would have done anything to end it", said CAC Conor Teggarden.

With tired up attitudes and insults written across their class colored baseball caps, 2003 had started res like nothing could stop them from getting their Prop and Wings.

From there, the training was moved into the squadrons, where every upperclassman, no matter how much of a slacker, participated in the systematic beat-down of every fourth class cadet.

"The squadron training was probably the hardest part of recognition. I got screwed," lamented CAC Travis Authier.

As most upperclassmen noticed, there wasn't as much time spent in the squadron for training this year as in the past. We can only guess that this was to allow more time for the four smokes to go through the different courses in the cadet area.

Even though every member of the class of 2003 had been through BCT eight months prior, most had forgotten how much it sucked. However, they were soon reacquainted with BCT lifestyle, except this time it was worse. This became most apparent at dinner on Thursday night, the first meal of recognition. Forgotten rituals were brought back to torment the four degrees.

"I had forgotten about all that 'The waiter, Mr. so and so, has informed me...' crap. The learning curve Thursday night was a little sharp", said CAC Brian Staniszewski.

The four degrees spent Friday paying their respects to the cadre of the many different courses in the cadet area. These included: the Obstacle Course, the Buddy Down Course, Confidence Course, Leadership Reaction Course, and last but not least, the beloved

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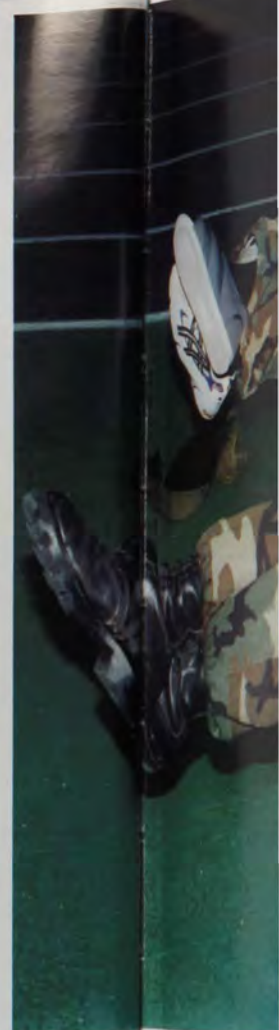
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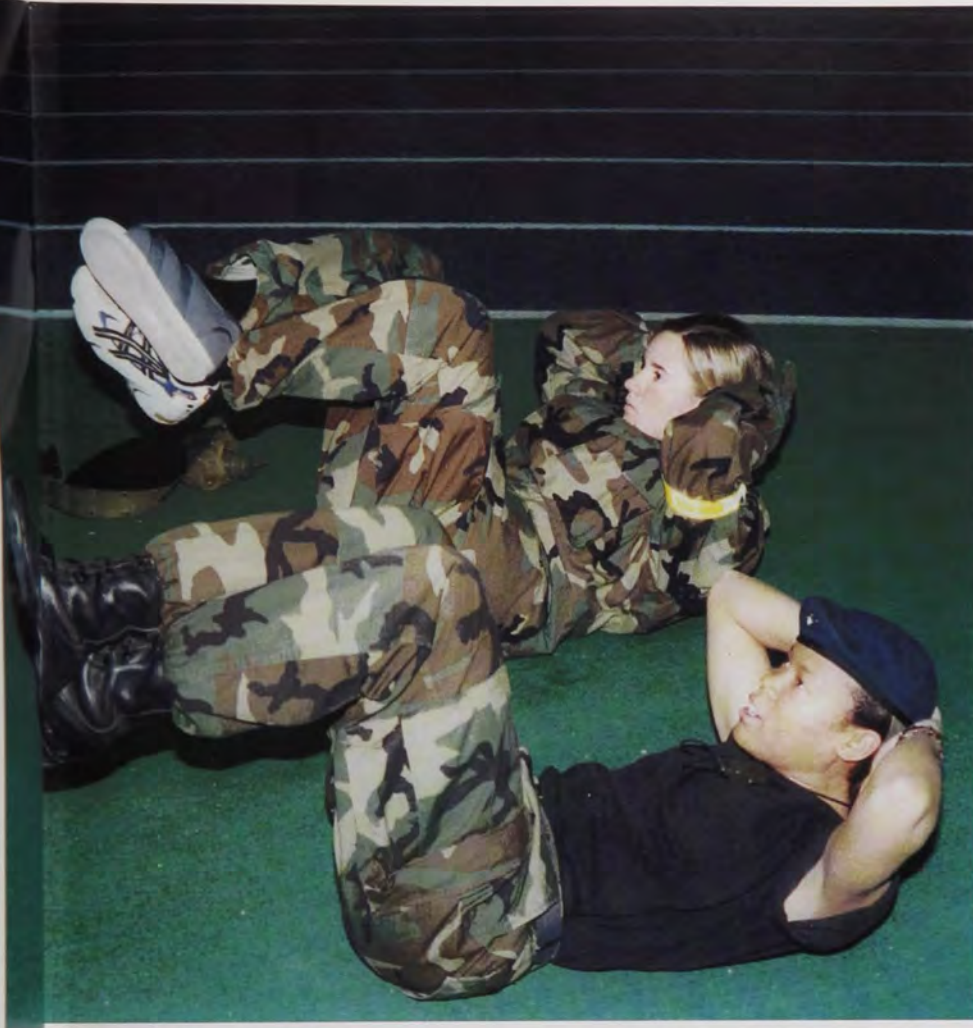
"You tried to move to stay warm, but you couldn't because you were so cold. We wanted to leave our buddies and just beat the crap out of the cadre shooting at us. But we knew that wouldn't get us anywhere. So, like the rest of the year, we played their game."

-- Kris Rorberg

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C1C Vanessa Anderson leads C4C Ashley Robinson in situps. Even injured four degrees were included as much as possible in the training events. Photo by P. Rose

C4C Marcos Santiago sits in the mother during Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes is a super-hard hour long ordeal in the field house for most four degrees during recognition. Photo by P. Rose



C4C Brian Debruhl gets some assistance from C4C Joseph Gore and another classmate during "Buddy Down." A new event this year, the four degrees had to rescue an "injured" classmate. Photo by J. Campbell

C3C Dave Mather pins prop and wings on C4C Stuart Heintz after recognition. The prop and wing ceremony is often the highlight of recognition for all involved. Photo by T. Becker





Cadets become intimately involved with this chicken. Zoology class provided an opportunity to explore the anatomy of various animals. Photo by C. Seaman

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One word that can describe the academic experience here at the Academy is unique. What other school has core classes such as Astronautical Engineering, Philosophy, and Thermodynamics?

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group projects always seemed to take a little longer than if you had done it yourself...

all of the core classes helped you develop in their own special way, supposedly...

No matter what a person experienced with academics, be it the Dean's List or Ac Pro, there was always one certainty. Our memories of the Academy would be forever changed in the classrooms of Fairchild Hall.

Blue Tube



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Dean Of Faculty

I believe that the great value of an Academy education is in the way it prepares us for our public life as warrior scholars. As leaders destined to control a vast destructive capability and responsible for life and death decisions, we must be able to think critically about doing the right thing when employing that power. And knowing the right thing is often as difficult as doing it. We must negotiate a fine and often gray line between people and mission, boss and subordinate, money and capability.

To that end, the Academy core is both broad and deep—preparing you to think critically, communicate clearly, and operate skillfully. Though the true Renaissance Man is largely gone from this age of ever-increasing specialization, you are the

modern-day equivalent—equipped to think and speak intelligently about a wide range of ideas, concepts, and possibilities. But this is only the beginning.

If my own military career has taught me anything, it's that officers must continue to pursue both breadth and depth to be effective leaders. You can never stop learning. The Academy has given you a tremendous foundation on which to build—don't let it sit there and crumble from lack of use. The more you know, the more you realize how little you know.

Plutarch said that the mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled. Fires need fuel or they go out. Keep feeding your mind with literature, science, technology, history, and leadership topics. Your education and your impact on the Air Force is just beginning—keep the fire burning.

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Retrospect...

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The process of integrating personal computing into the environment at the Academy began in 1984. Initially, 290 microcomputers were installed in academic and staff areas.

The installation of the "Falconnet" local area network, the delivery of microcomputers, and the integration of all subsystem components occurred throughout the summer of 1986.

In 1992, the first computer lab was developed – Networked classroom laboratory NCL – by IBM with 20 computers all with touch screens. By September of 1993, "USAFAnet" was fully operational throughout the cadet area to include the academic building and the cadet dorms. More than 378 miles of unshielded twisted pair cabling and 24 miles of multi-strand fiber optic cabling were installed over the summer to bring high-speed connectivity to over 6000 cadets, faculty, and staff users.

As part of installation, two lines were run to local internet service providers and one to the Government NIPRnet providing 24hr internet access. This "state-of-the-art" Local Area Network is predicted to last 15 years (until 2007).

Wireless technology is the latest craze and USAFA has already begun moving that direction. Thirty cadets in the class of 2001 were issued notebook computers as a test group. Imagine being able to log onto the network while sitting in the middle of the library and being able to print that paper that is due in five minutes without running around the fourth

floor of Fairchild and learning that the computer lab has moved to the library (again...).

The multi-user computer labs at USAFA have been at the forefront of computer and information technology since their inception and have continued to grow. Since 1996, the cadet computer labs have been upgraded four times and each time providing more machines, access, and resources to cadets. The Library Lab currently has 28 Dell Desktops (Class of 2003 issue), 3 scanners, 1 LCD projector for practicing presentations, and notebook connections.

"We provide support to the Cadet Wing," said Carolyn Dull of the Center for Education Excellence, current manager of the Library Computer

Lab (and formerly the Networked Computer Lab in Fairchild). "For example, this technology helps fourthclass cadets work on a group project

since they can not cross squadron lines."

What will the future classes be issued? The Class of 2004 will definitely receive desktops and its undecided for 2005, either way, all of use can be sure that they will far outmatch the computers that we have.....aghhh the pace of technology.



Technology



Strategic Studies

Military Arts & Sciences

If there is one thing the Academy is notorious for it is core courses. There are few people who can claim that they never once cried out in frustration, "What does this class have to do with my Air Force career?" Unfortunately, the Military Arts & Science (MAS) classes are one of those core courses that gets lost in the sea. Yet, it happens to be one of those courses that actually is relevant to all cadets.

The primary goal of the MAS classes is to provide a rough indoctrination into the operational aspect of the military. The indoctrination begins with a historical analysis of the events that have shaped the military today. Teachings ranged from examining the relationship of the military and media to the thoughts of Clausewitz and Sun Tzu.

"We studied the principles of Sun Tzu in History 202, however it was combined with a few other principles. I really enjoyed how MAS class enabled us to analyze the principles of war in greater depth," said C2C Steve Wilson.

The next step in the progression of core MAS classes here at the Academy is titled "Air and Space Power Theory and Doctrine." Whereas, the first class focused on how the military has evolved over the years, this one concentrated on how the Air Force is employing its various weapons systems. One high point of the course is a simulated war game towards the end of the semester. Cadets break up into small groups and plan out an entire air campaign. Each

cadet is assigned a position in the campaign, and it is their responsibility to ensure that they accomplish their mission at any cost.

"I thought the air campaign exercise was awesome! I already knew that planning an air war was tough, but I had no idea how much fun it was," remarks C2C Jonathan Scofield.

The final phase in the cadet's core MAS career lies in the "Introduction to Joint and Multinational Operations." Cadets learn to appreciate how each service relies on one another to provide an effective blanket of national security. Luckily, the Academy is in relatively close proximity to the Army Post Fort Carson, allowing cadets to travel to Ft. Carson to experience inter-related services.

No matter what everyone thinks of core courses, MAS actually provides an education that will be an immediate asset upon graduation. Quite a refreshing change of pace....

By Christopher Seaman



C1C Matthew "Mackie" Miller and C1C Ada Holland stand proud in front of "their" tank. This was the first year cadets traveled to Ft. Carson to learn about joint operations first-hand. Photo by D. Steadman

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By Christopher Searles



C1C Brooke Page prepares to drive this tank over her imaginary enemy. As part of Joint Operation, cadets are exposed to different facets of our services. Photo by D. Steadman



C2C Ryan Fleming asks Capt Jay Billups a question about his wargame strategy. The wargame was a welcomed change from more formal presentations. Photo by J. Drummer

34th Education Squadron



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new "Machin" Miller and C1C Ada
present in front of "their" tank. This
new unit is devoted to P1. Carson to
operations Test-hand. Photo

"The most interesting thing about Sheppard was ENJPT and getting a ride in the T37. My advice would be to get rid of the workbook. We always ended up asking those workbook questions instead of things we were really interested in."

- C2C Cody Schultz, CS13



"Just being able to experience the real Air Force and seeing what all it has to offer. Get familiar with as many career fields that you may have questions about so that you will know for sure whether or not it is for you."

- C2C Damion Holtzclaw, CS24

"The best part of OPS was getting the F-15 ride. My advice would be to party in the government vans and park them in front of the clubs because girls dig 'em."

- C2C Jim Thompson, CS32



What was your most interesting experience, and what advice would you give lower classes?

C2C Janene Drummer learns parachute egress procedures firsthand. Many agencies were more than willing to share their expertise with the cadets. Photo by R. Wiseman



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Operational Experience

The Academy can be a very isolated place for cadets, especially when it comes to interaction between cadets, officers, enlisted members and civilians in the Air Force. In order to remedy this situation, the Academy sends cadets out into the "real world" during their two degree summer. The Operation Air Force program, or

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The Academy sends cadets to Air Force bases located all over the world, and the military performance average is the primary means to determine which base each cadet will attend. The overseas bases, such as Mildenhall AB in England, are the first to be assigned, however cadets assigned to Hickam AFB in Hawaii are usually not the ones to complain.

After the location of the base, the mission performed by each Wing is the most important characteristic. The Air Force has a wide variety of career fields, and likewise possesses a wide variety of Wing missions. Due to the fact that cadets receive physiological flight training at the Academy, most hope to attend Ops Air Force at a base with a flying mission. The incentive rides offered by a good number of the bases are often times the deciding factor between pilot training and another career field.

Cadets were afforded the opportunity to tour the majority of agencies on base such as Logistics, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and the

Judge Advocate General's office. These agencies usually gave a quick briefing as to the specific mission of the agency, and some were even kind enough to perform demonstrations. Charleston AFB's EOD unit demonstrated an explosion of four pounds of TNT and two pounds of Plastic Explosives.

A new twist placed on Ops Air Force this year was the requirement of completing a group workbook. The workbook's aim was to ensure each cadet "got the most" out of the Ops Air Force experience, and consisted of detailed questions concerning everything from flying operations to mortuary affairs.

The lessons learned by interacting with other members of the Air Force were much greater than any workbook could ever teach.

By Christopher Seaman



C2C Renae Wiseman struggles to put on her EOD suit. The suit is normally very heavy and very hot. Photo by J. Drummer



These cadets are at a luau at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Cadets often participated in "extracurricular" activities while on Ops. Photo provided by Cadets



C1C Olivia Mitchell and partner work on melding a piece of metal. Cadets had many projects to build in Engineering 410. Photo by R. Rouse

C1C Jason Goldberg holds the clinder while C1C Joseph Bemis measures for accuracy. Engineering 410 provided cadets with an opportunity to put their skills to work. Photo by J. Param



C1C Nathan Schauermann molds some clay into a work of art. Fine arts provides an artistic outlet that is hard to find at the Academy. Photo by J. Param



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Building a satellite
was C2C's longest
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While projects are usually required throughout the semester for any science class at USAFA, they can also be used in lieu of the final or serve as graded reviews for majors classes in any technical department. One of the most widely known projects for a core class at USAFA though, is that which is required in Engr 410, a firstie class that is required for graduation.

Engr 410 students are tasked with building some sort of equipment that has been requested by anyone at the Academy or in Colorado Springs. The item is sometimes one that would

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help the disabled, like a special bicycle or a ramp, but others are just for fun, like an electronic scoreboard or a remote-controlled plane. At the end of the semester, the 410 students present the project that they have built throughout the semester, and receive a final grade based on time and effort put into the project, peer ratings, and whether or not the project actually works.

Across the board for all other technical classes, the major classes require quite a workload of projects; about one every week. Astronautical Engineering majors can expect to be building satellites as a weekly activity, while chemistry majors will perform numerous lab exercises that include synthesis of new inorganic compounds, and biochemistry majors

did extensive research into green fluorescent proteins, which culminated in the production of a green fluorescent worm. Projects for studio art (Fine Art 460) involve painting and sculpting, so that the students display an adequate understanding of artistic concept. C2C Jennifer DiCarlo, a double major in both Astronautical Engineering and Aeronautical Engineering, has had more than her fill of projects here at USAFA.

"All I've got to say is, early turn-ins are a saving grace," said C2C DiCarlo.

C2C DiCarlo would always finish her projects ahead of time, then turn it in to her instructor for early feedback, then correct the errors and turn the fixed version in on the due date.

But one can expect to get his/her fair share of projects in just about any core class at the Academy. In the core biology and chemistry classes, students make weekly trips to the lab. In the four-degree chemistry class, chemistry 142, students use their understanding of acids and bases.

"I liked the photo lab because it was an easy concept to understand and easy to see why I would care about it," said C4C Thomas Parker.

In Engr 310, otherwise known as "Thermo," students study the jet engine, refrigerators and gas-turbine engine. Also, thermo students perform a semester-long project that entails building and selling a hydroplane.

So in addition to all of those English papers and math tests, cadets are not only expected to keep up with the rigorous requirements of technical class project assignments, but also expected to do flawless and creative work on the projects for a decent grade. And, we all know that not many cadets like to settle for less than a decent grade on a project that has occupied all those precious Sunday nights and free periods...



These cadets work together on this project. Close teamwork is necessary for most projects to be successful. Photo by J. Param

Projects

Putting it into Practice





C1C Jeff Burnhardt shows his Scottish spirit. The real question - is he wearing any underwear? Photo by P. Rose



C1C Rob Taylor and partner opt for the casual plaid shirt attire. Unfortunately, civies did not make class any more interesting than usual. Photo by P. Rose

When most people think about the Air Force Academy, they imagine cadets marching around in uniform. Any tourists, watching from the chapel wall on 20 April 2000, may have been surprised.

Instead of the usual "sea of blue," it appeared to be a regular college campus. Where were all of the uniforms? Well, on this day, cadets received permission to wear civilian clothes to all classes and meals. This "civies to class" day policy came about for two reasons.

First, it was a rewarded privilege for the Cadet Wing's generosity in the Wing Open charities. Finally, the opportunity to wear civilian clothes to class was meant to increase wing spirit. Despite the freedom to wear civilian clothes, cadets were still required to follow a certain "dress code." The clothing standard authorized was "smart casual", defined as civilian clothing in good taste, appropriate for a professional classroom environment.

At any other university, students attend class wearing everything from their pajamas to the clothes they plan to workout in after class. At USAFA, it was almost as if there was another uniform standard. A majority of cadets wore their "smart casual" khakis and print shirts.

The trend was so noticeable; e-mails began circulating around the Wing pointing out this "alternate uniform." Not everyone jumped on this bandwagon. Many cadets refused to look like everyone else and really took advantage of this opportunity to show off their individual per-

sonalities. Some cadets wore funky Hawaiian shirts, suits, and even kilts.

Almost every cadet also took this opportunity to wear their book bag straps on both shoulders as well. Even the PE classes looked semi-normal. Instead of USAFA tees and shorts, cadets wore their own shorts and t-shirts, again reflecting how much of an individual he or she was.

Some cadets elected not to participate in the activities. Their reasons ranged from "my khakis are dirty" to "they don't do this in the real Air Force." However, any cadet who used the latter as their excuse was mistaken. A MTL commented on how he was glad that the cadets were able to participate in an activity that was actually practiced in the operational Air Force.

Overall, the day was a success. Most of the cadets appreciated the change of pace. However, not every cadet got the chance to show off his or her own wardrobe. Cadets who had to perform special military duties, to include flying operations, were still required to wear a uniform. So when the tourists on the chapel wall began wondering what college campus they'd arrived at a few flight suits on the terrazzo reminded them that they were still at the Blue Zoo.

"If you can't get them to wear the clothes you tell them to wear and salute when you tell them to salute, then how do you expect them to die for their country."

Alternate Uniforms



C2C Charlie Toth shows off his elaborate wardrobe. A variety of clothes were displayed at lunch. Photo by P. Rose



A New Dress Code?



"I thought civilian clothes for a day was really relaxing...gave us a taste of what we're really missing."
- C2C Karl Recksiek, CS-09

"I thought we should have had something different than civilian clothes. I didn't think it was appropriate or that big of a reward for us. And DF complained too much about it to make it worth it."

- C4C Simon Ritchie, CS-34



"It was really weird but I thought it was pretty cool!"
- C3C Brett Swiger, CS-08



These two cadets help each other study. Studying in groups is advantageous to both parties. Photo by S. Joca



This cadet studies while doing laundry. Cadets have learned to make the most of their time. Photo by J. Param



Studying

Possibly the biggest change from high school to the college years has got to be the increase in study time. The time we spent on studying during those high school years pales in comparison to the demands of a 20-hour class load. The increase is usually a huge shock to most four degrees. Even though most enter the academy with a high grade point average from high school, USAFA brings a new definition to study time. Cadets can spend anywhere from three to five hours a night studying before hitting the sack. Some even study all the way until morning formation.

Studying is boring but necessary. It can ruin a whole weekend or just your mood, but luckily a lot of cadets have cool ways of getting around the monotony. While preparing for a night with your books, it is necessary to plan how you are going to be able to pull this feat off. First, you have to make sure plenty of coffee or some type of caffeine is on hand. Jolt Cola is also popular in this mode. Some cadets find music makes them concentrate more, while others find this a distraction. Breaks are a must to keep the mind from falling asleep. If you have an all-nighter ahead of you a movie is also a great way

of taking a break. Hey, if you have 10 hours or more of studying, why not pop in Austin Powers, Blues Brothers, or Steel Magnolias (for you girls out there) and laugh or cry with your favorite characters for a few hours.

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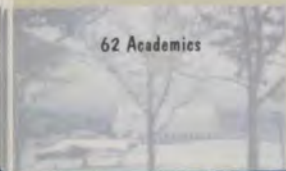
Probably the worst thing a night of studying can do for a person is to ruin plans for a night or a weekend. How many of us have had a date, only to have to cancel it so that we can study for that Astro quiz or Philosophy GR. We all dread postponing our lives to stay off of academic probation, but sometimes it is just necessary. Just remember, drink your coffee, watch your movies, listen to your music, but please don't disturb me when I am studying.

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Making the Grade





C2C Thanhy Huynh gets ready to enjoy a refreshing Capri Sun. Box lunches, affectionately known as box nasties, are rarely seen in a lectinar. Photo by J. Param



C2C Jason Hansberger finishes typing up that last minute paper. Computers are an integral part of a cadet's studying habits. Photo by J. Param

Air Force Cadets prepare to join their classmates before the Air Force-Navy game. Interservice games were marked by a "prisoner-of-war" exchange between Academies. Photo by Polaris Staff



Semester with Rivals

C2C "Mickey" Traugott gets inspected by CS-14's AOC. Exchange cadets were expected to uphold the uniform standards. Photo by C. Seaman



Why anyone from Camp USAFA would ever want to go to another Academy is beyond most of us, but every fall semester, we send about twenty of our Falcons off to show up the folks at Navy, Army, and Coast Guard. In turn they send students here, all as part of the service academy exchange program.

In order to go on exchange, cadets and midshipmen go through a process of interviews and applications to pick the most qualified and motivated to make the switch. The semester away is chance for students to learn what it is like to attend another Academy and get a glimpse at life from the other side of the rivalry fence. The world is not the same over there, as witnessed by C2C Eric Zarybnisky, who attended the Naval Academy.

"I also have gained a better understanding of the mentality of the Navy and Marine Corps and believe me, they don't see things the same way we do," said C2C Zarybnisky.

According to most who have taken advantage of this opportunity, the exchange is a chance to have some awesome experiences and to meet some really great people.

"Joining the waterpolo team was the best experience I have had on the exchange program. I made some life-long friends on the team and had great times every weekend," said C2C Brian Mills, on exchange at West Point.

Sometimes visiting another institution is just the change of scenery and attitude cadets need. After coming here for the fall from the Coast Guard Academy, C2C Meredith Queen said the biggest thing she gained from the experience was freedom.

"FREEDOM. It's like not being at an Academy for a semester," said C2C Queen.

Another benefit of the exchange is the stories cadets bring back to share and to remember for the rest of their lives. C2C Dave Penuela enjoyed all the benefits of being a flyboy during Air Force vs. Army week.

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"I attended West Point and the one aspect I would like to see the most is the sense of pride and camaraderie that West Point cadets have. Everyone seems to work towards the same standard and try to upkeep the "long gray line" as untarnished as possible. I wish more cadets here are the Air Force Academy had that motivation and sense of pride, especially since our life here is so much better than at West Point."

- C2C David Penuela, CS26



"The one aspect of the Naval Academy that I would like to see implemented here is a two-degree Tuesday or some type of weekday pass for two degrees. The biggest impact from this policy is a more social cadet wing. Midshipmen are better able to deal with individuals away from the Academy. This decreases the level of cynicism in the Brigade of Midshipmen and could help improve the relationship between citizens of Colorado Springs and Air Force cadets."

- C2C Eric Zarybnisky, CS-16

"Navy's PRT (USAF's PFT/AFT equivalent) consisted of push-ups, sit-ups, and a mile and half run, the same test given out in the fleet. We should adopt a more reasonable athletic test that resembles Air Force standards. In the same sense, we should strive to mirror the Air Force in more things and function like the Air Force."

- C2C Seward Matwick, CS-12



What aspect or policy of the Academy you attended would you like to see implemented here, and why?



C2C Sarah Woodman gets pre-flight instructions from C2C Jimmy Maclellan. The Academy's aviation programs were a huge benefit of the exchange. Photo by C. Norman

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C3C Kevin Floyd blows air through a straw into the trachea of a chicken. Interaction such as this allow cadets to visualize how various body parts work "in action." Photo by C. Seaman

As illustrated in this photo, labs could test a person's stomach if you're just coming from lunch. Dissection isn't for the faint of heart. Photo by C. Seaman



Department of Biology

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Back: Capt Collins, Dr. Takekoshi, Capt Hawks, Capt Pakula, Capt Summers, Dr. Dajani, Lt Adcock, Capt Zablocki, Capt Everitt, Capt Broome

Not Pictured: LtC McHarg, Dr. Patterson, Capt Banker, Capt Kumru, Capt Morris, Mr. Dailey, Mr. Speakman, Mr. Johnson

Department of

Biology

Understanding Life



Biology is the study of living systems and how they interact with the nonliving world and with one another. It is a discipline that bridges the physical and social sciences. Students who major in biology at the Academy become familiar

"I did not know that I would need such a strong stomach for a core class"

with all levels of biological organization from molecules to ecosystems, and gain practical experience in both laboratory and field studies.

The biological or life sciences range from molecular biology and biophysics to ecology and behavior. Biology is the study of life, and its two great themes are: evolu-

tion and ecology - the patterns of life in time and space; and development and function - the mechanisms by which living things are formed and maintain themselves. Biology teaches us to understand humanity's place in nature and our relationship to the rest of the living world. It also helps us to understand ourselves, both in health and in sickness, and so assists the art of medical science.

The faculty, staff, and students of the department of biological sciences use their diverse experiences and expertise to contribute to a high quality, educational environment that: offers a curriculum in biological sciences emphasizing acquisition of knowledge through integration of theory with practical laboratory and field studies; provides opportunities to develop critical scientific reasoning, communication skills and the appropriate use of technology; and extends our skills and facilities in service to the public as well as to the scientific community.

The biology department seeks to prepare students for graduate and professional schools, and to stimulate them to develop an attitude of scientific inquiry so that they may become informed citizens and military members. The department has an undergraduate program with a Bachelor of Science in biology.

In addition, the department offers support courses to meet the requirements for programs in allied health sciences, dentistry, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and physical therapy.

In summary, the study of biology provides an understanding of life and plays a vital role in the education of the general public and of the military, who are stewards of our research and development.

Biology

C3C Andy Rohrer cuts the chicken under the watchful eye of C3C Kevin Floyd and C3C Brent Feldt. Lab groups provided cadets the opportunity to witness the dissection, while not actually performing the "dirty work." Photo by C. Seaman





C1C Marty Smith helps C1C Danny Brown get set up for filming. Both enjoy the time invested to produce the weekly satire of cadet life on Blue Tube. Photo by P. Rose

What is your favorite thing about Blue Tube?



"Steve [the blow-up doll] was the man!!!!"

- C3C Matthew Tarantino, CS-11

"The men on the trampoline."

- C2C Chris McAlear, CS-04



"I liked the part about Frat Club."

- C4C Victor Portillo, CS31

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Cadets have always enjoyed creating parodies and satires, lampooning Academy lifestyle and making light of what the public sees as one of the nation's most prestigious military institutions.

"Bluetube is one of the most entertaining classes we have at the Academy"

The Dodo, started during the early years of USAFA, is a humorous paper publication filled with cartoons and articles that artists use to poke fun at Academy life. Bluetube uses current technology (including cameras and video editing equipment) to expand what cadets are doing on paper, and what they can't do on paper. Let's just call it USAFA's very own SNL Weekend Update.

Take for example Jason Holbrook and Chris Hall's rendition of the Beastie Boys' "Sabotage." Dressed in service dress, wigs (complete with oversized mustaches), and sunglasses, these two agents' mission was to recover misplaced bags during Threatcon Alpha conditions and apprehend all unauthorized personnel.

Another sketch involves a satire on the Blair College television commercials everyone is so familiar with in Colorado. Referring to the acad-

ics at the Academy, "it only takes four whole years" as opposed to Blair College's two years. These parodies, although doable on paper, are more enjoyable when done on camera.

Bluetube, while maintaining a news show theme, takes on a personality as cadets act out their scenes on camera. Cadets who are interested in working for Bluetube can enroll in this elective class dedicated to teaching cadets how to make televised shows and the operation of all the equipment used to create them.

"Bluetube is one of the most entertaining classes we have at the Academy," said C2C Jennifer Peterson.

When asked about the more serious side of Bluetube, they commented that taking this class is an excellent way to improve public speaking skills and learn how a TV news show is produced, as well as learn electronic news gathering and conducting news interviews.

Although the final product you see on television is clear-cut and filled with hilarity, looks can be deceiving. Bluetube is not for the weak-hearted – students of this English class are exposed to a dynamic, fast-paced, and deadline oriented TV production world that can induce stress levels proven to be detrimental to your health.

By James Do



C1C Olivia Mitchell reviews some notes for an upcoming Blue Tube episode with fellow firstie staffers. Blue Tube is a class that requires extensive preparation. Photo by P. Rose



Blue Tube



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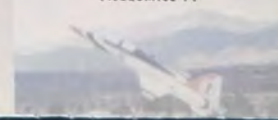
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Jarvis Croff tosses up a floater in the face of New Mexico defenders. Photo by E. Bixby

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The value of athletics to the Academy education is one that cannot be overlooked. The various programs offered to cadets enable them to hone their leadership skills in an environment away from the "hill."

In retrospect...

intramurals provided an outlet to relieve the stress of the duty day...

the Wing Open really was as exciting as you remember...

it felt damn good to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, again...

Whether it was taking your first scuba dive or embarrassing your friend in a game of basketball, the memories made down on the athletic fields will always be looked upon with great admiration.

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As the Academy's athletic director, I feel I have come full circle in my military career. It was here as a cadet that I learned what it takes to become a good officer. My athletic experience as a football player and a Wing Open boxing champion added to my 'life lessons'.

It was here that I developed a habit of good physical conditioning and learned the importance of team work. I learned the value of humility in victory and courage in defeat. Academy athletics is a proving ground for developing men and women with a competitive spirit. That's reason enough to make athletics one of the four pillars.

I believe that our intramural, physical education and inter-collegiate programs offer all cadets an opportunity to strengthen their resolve to become future Air Force leaders. I know that I became a better person and officer because of my athletic experience .

*Col. Randall Spetman
Director of Athletics*

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Tradition is a main building block here at the Academy. The football program is no exception. In 45 years, the team has had only four coaches, and two of them have combined for 35 of those years. Our Falcons have had some of the best coaches in collegiate football. This is shown in the fact that one football coach has

become a NFL coach, who has won the most prestigious game in football: The Superbowl.

Our second coach, Ben Martin, started in 1958, three years after the Academy's first team took the field. Coach Martin did something special that year. After a dismal 3-6-1 record the previous season, Martin led the Falcons to an undefeated season, the first in its history. That year the Falcons also beat the Colorado State University Rams and the University of Colorado Buffalos. Martin's team was rewarded with a Cotton Bowl appearance, another first for the Academy, where they tied CSU in the game.

After Martin's departure in 1977, a now famous Bill Parcells took the helm of the Falcons distinguished program. In the next few years, Parcells reshaped the Academy's team to resemble a professional team. What no

one knew at the time was that the New York Giants were seeking to hire Parcells to take over their team. They wanted him to do the same to their team as he had done to the Falcons. In 1982, Parcells took over the Giants team and lead them to a Super Bowl victory.

Coach Fisher DeBerry replaced Parcells and is currently the head coach. He has been here for 16 successful seasons, second in years only to Coach Martin.

Coach Fisher DeBerry has had four trips, between 1989 and 1992, to the Liberty Bowl. His teams have received, and

accepted, this honor by winning the Western Athletic Conference. No other team in the WAC, which is no longer in existence,

can claim anything close to that record.

Just this season, Coach DeBerry led the team into a new conference. This new conference was formed from the strongest teams in the former WAC and has been named the Mountain West Conference. The Falcons will surely have many successful seasons ahead of them in the MWC.



Continuing excellence through the years

Free Safety Jason Blevins tries to shed a block and make the tackle. Jason had 22 blocks on the year. Photo by J. Aragon



Strong Corner Nishawn Smagh holds up a running back for Nova while Outside Linebacker Corey Nelson strips the ball away. Turnovers became a key to the win over Villanova. Photo by JD Roberts



Quarterback Cale Bonds looks down field selecting a target for a pass. The Villanova game was the highest passing game in the season for the Falcons. Photo by Polaris staff

1999 OFFENSIVE LEADERS

Touchdowns: Mike Thiessen -- 8 TDs
 All Purpose yards: Scotty McKay -- 1258 yds
 Total Offense: Mike Thiessen -- 1426yds
 Kick Off Return: 22 -- 457 yds
 Punt Return: 34 -- 300 yds
 4th Down Conversion: 7/10
 1st Downs: 237



Strong Start

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Four degrees wake up on Parent's Weekend knowing that this will be the day they will have contact with someone outside of the Academy for the first time since Inprocessing Day. This is one day they have actually looked forward to for some time.

Families visit their sons or daughters and offer support in light of the rigors of the Academy. At the center of Parent's Weekend is the first home football game of the season. This game has the highest attendance of any other at home as well as the most tailgates and parties afterward. It doesn't matter if you are a four degree or a firstie, everyone has a good time.

Coming into the season, the Falcons had a lot of slots to fill. They had lost a lot of seniors the previous year and their leadership was a question. The new seniors took this challenge head on and were prepared to start another winning year in front of a huge home crowd. Under the leadership of the Class of 2000, the Falcons looked

poised to take control of the new Mountain West Conference. This control would have to start at the Parent's Weekend game if the Falcons were to be successful.

This year the Falcons took on Villanova and expected a quick and decisive win, especially after last season. The opening of the game was slow, with little success for either side. Villanova worked hard and had a good first quarter but their play slowly deteriorated as the game progressed. The Falcons just wore down on the Wildcats until they had defeated them on both sides of the ball. Air Force scored a total of 37 points on their way to a commanding win.

The Falcons played so well and handled the Wildcats with such ease that they were able to play their second and third strings for the majority of the fourth quarter. These players did a great job holding the Wildcats to only 13 points. This display showed the depth of the Falcons bench, which would be needed in future games.



Fullback Scott Becker breaks a tackle against a member of the Villanova secondary. Air Force's ability to run over the Nova defense opened up holes in the defense. Photo by P. Rose

Wide Receiver Matt Farmer gets some help from Tony Jones on a run after the catch. Having a strong running and air game gave the Falcons a double threat. Photo by E. Bixby



Kicker Jackson Whiting attempts a field goal as Scott Gribben holds. Whiting was perfect on the season with 12 field goals and 26 extra points. Photo by BJ Lingle



Fullback Jeremy Laster takes the handoff from quarterback Cale Bonds. Laster was third on the team in scoring with five TDs for 30 points. Photo by BJ Lingle

1999 RUSHING LEADERS

Touchdowns: Mike Thiessen -- 8 TDs

Net Yardage: Mike Thiessen -- 827 yds

Yds/Carry: Paul Mayo -- 12 yds/carry

Yds/Game: Mike Thiessen -- 91.9 yds/game

Longest Run: Mike Thiessen -- 53 yds

Attempts: Mike Thiessen -- 160 carries

AF Totals: 3140yds--285.5yds/gm--25TDs



Falconback Jeff Felton and strong corner Nishawn Smagh smash a Wyoming wide receiver. Smagh finished the season seventh on the team in tackles with 45. Photo by BJ Lingle

The all-important offensive line faces off a strong Wyoming defensive line. The offensive line allowed only 14 sacks all season. Photo by BJ Lingle



The Falcons celebrate after a TD by halfback Scotty McKay. McKay led the team with 1258 all-purpose yards. Photo by JD Roberts

Air Force was denied points twice inside the 10 yard line to propel the Cowboys to a 10-7 victory. Air Force's only score came when Bonds' hit Scotty McKay for an 18-yard touchdown pass with 12:24 remaining. While the defense played tough all game, two crucial turnovers cost Air Force the game. Looking back, this is one game the Falcons sure would like to have back.

Quarterback Mike Thiessen ran for a career-high 134 yards and two touchdowns to lead Air Force to a 23-22 victory over San Diego State. Thiessen came on after Cale Bonds left in the second quarter with an ankle sprain. While the defense played strong all game, San Diego State held the lead, 22-17, with 10:08 to play in the game. Thiessen responded by marching the Falcons to the game-winning score, converting four

third-downs, including three of 10 yards or more.

"I knew we had to get a score and just had to find a way to come up with a first down each time," said Thiessen after the game.

On the way to a huge victory against Washington, Cale Bonds ran for three touchdowns and Jeremy Laster added another. Scotty McKay led Air Force's rushing attack with 14 carries for 106 yards. The defense was strong all game.

"We were excited for the opportunity to play in front of such a large crowd in such a big game. We came prepared to dominate," said Matt Pommer.

The Husky crowd, all 70,000+, started the game rowdy, but were quieted by Air Force's methodical domination, as AFA defeated Washington 31-21.

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A winning attitude

Quarterback Mike Thiessen takes the ball for positive yardage against the tough BYU defense. Thiessen carried for 78 yards and one touchdown in a close MWC game. Photo by P. Rose



Middle linebacker Jamie Arthur and defensive tackle Justin Pendry take the high-low approach to bring down this BYU running back. Both players made a big impact on defense combining for 55 tackles and four sacks. Photo by P. Rose



A winter's night

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The conditions at the Utah game can be summed up with the statement from Kelly Chellman, "the subzero temperature froze the valves on my mellowphone."

Conditions were anything but bearable: sub-freezing temperatures, frozen extremities, instant clouds with every breath and puffy white flakes abound. The ground crews worked overtime to keep the field clear of snow at halftime. Refs were hard pressed to call the lines as they were obscured by snow. Everyone was miserable the officials, players and fans alike. The typical noon games would have been a welcome relief at the night time extravaganza, at least the sun could have warmed up the old bones.

The Utah game had its share of erroneous calls but the greatest setback was the lack of cadet wing support. A large portion of the wing failed to show for the game. The bitter cold of the televised night game did little to spur attendance from even the season ticket holders. Sideline huddles were conducted around the portable heaters to attempt to get some heat into frozen extremities. The dwindling crowd huddled together in the stands to watch the falcons try to turn the tides on the Ute's.

Drives late in the game by Air Force failed to over take the Ute's, we had chances as the defense stopped drives. The bitter cold zapped the strength from the 12th man and alas the falcons lost, 21-15.

The Falcons played hard but could not pull out a victory in the end - losing to the BYU 27-20.

In the final quarter, down by only a touchdown, we converted on an on-side kick but could not make the push into the end zone and had to settle for a field goal. This is not the only hardship that we suffered that day. Both sides were plagued with recalled touchdowns and big plays, such as a critical punt in the waning moments of the game after Charlie Jackson roughed the punter. Huge kick-off returns were called back for roughing the kicker calls and touchdowns were brought back for offensive holding.

All-in-all, without back breaking calls, the outcome could have been drastically different. Wes Glisson and Tony Metters crashed into each other on a sandwich tackle knocking each other to the ground. Through injury the falcons fought on as Tony Metters was taken off the field in the ambulance with a mild concussion.



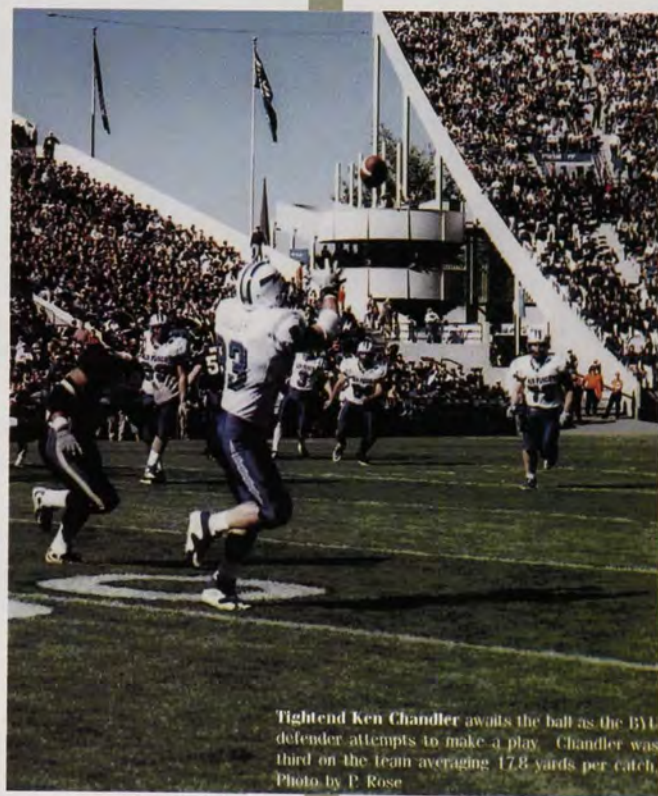


1999 RECEIVING LEADERS

Touchdowns: Matt Farmer--1 TD
 Scotty McKay--1 TD
 Ryan Fleming--1 TD
 Ken Chandler--1 TD
 Net Yardage: Matt Farmer--484 yds
 Yds/Catch: Makia Epie--23.8 yds/catch
 Longest: Matt Farmer--40 yds
 Scotty McKay--40 yds
 Catches: Matt Farmer--40 catches
 AF Totals: 1253yds--113.9 yds/gm--4 TDs



Halfback
 Scotty McKay slides along the frozen tundra during the frostbite game against Utah. Snow and below freezing temperatures dominated the game. Photo by J. Param



Tightend Ken Chandler awaits the ball as the BYU defender attempts to make a play. Chandler was third on the team averaging 17.8 yards per catch. Photo by P. Rose

Halfback Leotis Palmer avoids a diving tackle while gaining five yards. Palmer had a promising first year as a Falcon averaging 7.9 yards per carry and scoring two touchdowns. Photo by J. Scheeres

Halfback Chris Wade makes the extra effort for the end zone. Wade was the third on the team with 7.4 yards per carry with a long of 31 yards. Photo by ?

The offensive line congratulate Scottie McKay on his touchdown against UNLV. McKay and his fellow runningbacks would always return the congratulations and thank-yous for the offensive lines support. Photo by ?



Halfback Tom Heier averaged 5.5 yards per carry for 108 yards, including a long of 19 yards. Air Force as a team averaged 4.9 yards per carry and 285.5 yards per game. Photo by ?



Fullback Scott Becker finds his way through the line and now searches for extra yardage. Becker was the workhorse of the fullbacks with 88 carries, 3 touchdowns, and 345 yards. Photo by ?





Fullback Jeremy Lester breaks through the tackle and runs for the endzone. Photo by G. Seaman

1999 DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Tackles: Matt Pommer -- 78 tackles

Solo Tackles: Charlie Jackson -- 38 tackles

Tackles/Loss: Charlie Jackson -- 11 tackles for 31 yds

Shawn Thomas -- 10 tackles for 38 yds

Sacks/Loss: Todd Meidinger -- 4 sacks for 29 yds

Interceptions/Yds: Jason Blevins -- 3 int for 0 yds

Corey Nelson -- 1 int for 27 yds

Fumble Recoveries: Justin Pendry -- 2 recoveries

Blocked Kicks: Corey Nelson -- 3 blocks



As the Falcons headed into the November 13 meeting with the UNLV rebels, spirits were high after coming off of a big win against arch rival Army. Air Force's defense was rebuilding after several serious injuries had put key starters out for the season. However, the shutout against Army was a boost of confidence for the young defense.

Going into the conference game against the rebels, the Falcons were 53 and eager for a bowl bid and a possible chance to win the first ever Mountain West championship. Junior running back Scotty McKay ran for 74 yards on seven attempts with a 40-yard touchdown run. The Falcons had over 500 yards of total offense, and Air Force triumphed 35-17 against their first stumbling block towards a bowl bid and the Mountain West championship.

Following the Falcon's victory over the Rebels, they approached, arguably, one of the biggest games of the season. Both Air Force and the arch rival Colorado State Rams needed a win to remain in the race for the championship. After a severe comeback and upset over the Rams in the previous 1998 season, the Rams were out for blood. The Falcons had their chance to make it two years in a row playing on a thursday night, in front of a nationally televised audience on ESPN.

It was bitter cold that night in Fort Collins and it took the Falcons until the fourth quarter to finally get warmed up. Despite the toughness and heart that Air Force defenses are known for, it wasn't quite enough to stop All Mountain West Conference running back Kevin MacDougall. He ran for 200 total yards and Colorado State acquired a significant half time lead. The Falcons proved, once again, their relentless attitude despite the odds and managed to dominate in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough - 21-41 Rams.

The final game of the 1999 season left the Falcons disappointed with much to be desired for next year. New Mexico was a strong team led by defensive captain Brian Urlacher. Simple mistakes, turnovers and missed opportunities caused the Falcons to fall behind late in the fourth quarter. With only two minutes left in the game, the Falcons scored putting them only five points behind the Lobos. A valiant effort on special teams allowed the Falcons to recover the onside kick, but a penalty on the play forced them to turn the ball over to New Mexico, drowning their hopes for one last victory in the 1999 season. Despite this feat, Air Force lost to New Mexico 28-33 making the Falcons 65 on the season with a conference record of 25.

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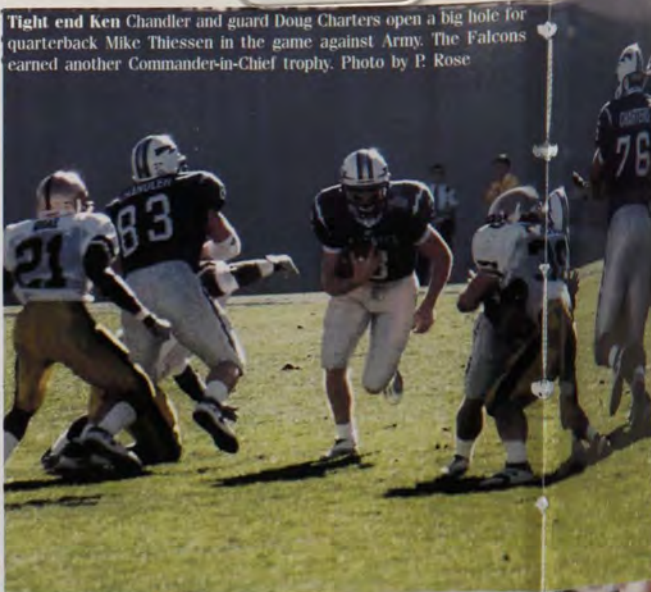
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Bitter Cold

Junior halfback Scotty McKay tries to escape a leg tackle by this Army defender. McKay and his running mates rushed for 244 yards against Army that led to a 28-0 whitewashing of the Black Knights. Photo by P. Rose



Tight end Ken Chandler and guard Doug Charters open a big hole for quarterback Mike Thiessen in the game against Army. The Falcons earned another Commander-in-Chief trophy. Photo by P. Rose



In Command

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Which two games are the most important to the Air Force football team? That is an easy question to answer for anyone associated with the program. The top goal for the Falcon football team is to win the Commander-in-Chief's trophy every year. This trophy is awarded to the winner of the annual football rivalry between Air Force, Army, and Navy. Knowing this, it is obvious that the Army and Navy games would be Air Force's most important. In the 1999 season, Air Force traveled to Washington, D.C., to play Navy, and Army visited Falcon Stadium.

The first battle on the way to the Commander-in-Chief's trophy took place at Jack Kent Cooke Stadium, home to the NFL's Washington Redskins. After a 49-7 stomping at the hands of Air Force in 1998, Navy was ready for revenge.

Quarterback Mike Thiessen would start the game in place of the injured Cale Bonds. He led the offense on two scoring drives in the second half. Dave Adams and Jackson Whiting each added a field goal in the second half. However, the game was not decided until the very last play. Down by five points and at the Air Force seven yard line, Navy's incomplete pass sealed the game for Air Force. The Falcons escaped Washington, D.C., with a 19-14 win.

"It was an ugly win," said Air Force tight end Chris Jessop. "I'm glad we won, but they played us really tough."

Now that Navy had been defeated, only Army was standing in Air Force's way to the Commander-in-Chief's trophy. Like Navy, Army was looking for revenge against the Falcons. The first quarter was slow with Air Force leading 3-0 on a Jackson Whiting field goal. However, after a Thiessen touchdown run, a Corey Nelson interception return for a touchdown, and an Adams field goal, the Falcons led 22-0 at halftime. Whiting and Adams each added a field goal to make the final score 28-0. Army would have to wait until the 2000 season to try to get their revenge on the Falcons.

"It's great to beat them like that. They're a tough team, but we just had their number today," said Thiessen.

Another season, another Commander-in-Chief's trophy for Air Force. The Falcons have won 9 of the last 11 trophies, and, since the series started in 1972, Air Force has won more Commander-in-Chief's trophies (13) than Army and Navy (six and five, respectfully) have won combined. So, until the rivalry renews in the 2000 season, the Falcons again have bragging rights among the Academies.





COMMANDER IN CHIEF TROPHY

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Senior fullback Jeremy Lassitar is brought down by a couple of Navy defenders on this carry. Photo by Sports Information



Junior fullback Nathan Beard cradles the ball and looks for running room against the Black Knights of Army. Falcon teammates Andy Malin and David Hildebrand do the dirty work up front for Beard during this hard-fought 19-14 victory by Air Force. Photo by Sports Information



Nelson attempts to sack Navy's quarterback but he has already released the ball. Photo by Sports Information

A Way of Life

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Spirit at the Air Force Academy is a not so much a matter of pride; it is more a way of life. Even though many cadets will deny it, there is something that we all can be proud of and support at this fine institution. At least that's what I keep telling myself. It is hard for me to understand how eating dinner in civilian clothes at Mitchell Hall is supposed to get me motivated to go to a football game where I will freeze my buns.

I guess the only good thing about spirit dinners is food-fights. There is nothing like some anarchy to get the mood going. That in itself is our spirit, that's how we would like to get fired up for a football game. What better way to demonstrate that we want to see some rowdy football players knock each other out than by being rowdy ourselves? But I guess if we must be civil then why not make the smacks dress up in geeky outfits.

Maybe spirit at the Academy wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't forced upon us. Take for instance the class of 1979's reunion. It was held

the Friday before the Air Force vs. Army game. They did an awesome spirit mission by adorning the Chapel with a banner that read "LCWB". Now that took balls!!!!

The most controversial spirit related incident was civilian clothes day. I was all for it until we were told what to wear. What's the point of not wearing a uniform if you are forced to dress a certain way? I don't mind wearing a uniform at all, it's a military institution, but if we are allowed to wear civilian clothes then let us decide what to wear. But something is better than nothing and it was funny to see how people tried to get around the rules. That must be where the spirit lies, not within the bounds but rather on how we attempt to get around them so that we can make it our own. Spirit is not in the spirit dinner but in the food fight. The class of 1979 had it in their motto "LCWB", 2000 had their own saying, "balls". I wonder what they'll throw at us next. Heck, it doesn't matter, four years at this institution have taught me how to turn mandatory fun into a good time, "where's the beef?"



A young fan sits on the wall of the stadium enjoying a sunny football game. Air Force football is fun for those of all ages, even though this one might not agree right now. Photo by T. Becker





Some cadets wear costumes, hats, and alternate uniforms to the game to show a uniqueness that they are not usually allowed to show. It's an opportunity to show their spirit in their own way in a time when a lot of spirit is pushed onto the cadets. Photo by M. Wong



During the third verse of the Air Force Song, cadets join the Bird on the field to honor all Air Force members who have died. The verse is reserved for funerals and the end of football games. Photo by Polaris Staff

These cadets rally their support for the football team while a passing photographer captures their energy on film. A football game is one of the few events during the year when all classes are encouraged to intermingle and not worry about class distinction. Photo by T. Becker

The women's lacrosse team sits together at a football game which became a tradition during the year. A lot of teams and squadrons sat together to show spirit together. Photo by M. Wong

To a crowd of fans shouting "toga, toga, toga", the Bird makes a grand entrance into a football game. Cadets regularly helped the Bird enter a football game with style as our mascot has become a very visible symbol of the Academy. Photo provided by squad

During the Air Force vs. Army game, it is tradition that both cheerleading squads mix to do lifts for the crowd. Here, Elizabeth Cherney is lifted by an Army yell-leader in front of the Air Force crowd. Photo provided by squad



The Bird commands the crowd at Falcon Stadium to get up on their feet. The use of props, pranks, and funny themes kept the crowd's eyes on the Bird between plays. Photo provided by squad



Rabble Rousers

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Anybody who has attended an Air Force Academy high profile sporting event has been whipped into a rabid frenzy by the AFA Cheerleaders and experienced first-class entertainment observing "the Bird" carrying on with his quirky antics. Whether it's the rabble-rousers inciting the crowd in the closing seconds of a close competition or the

Bird instigating altercations with the opposition's mascot, these two indispensable components hold integral roles in every high profile Academy sporting event.

There is much more to the sport of cheerleading than what the average person witnesses at sporting events. The routines are complicated and require many hours of practice to achieve perfection. This coupled with the strenuous physical demands make rabble-rousing an extremely difficult activity. Practices take place every day after school at the same time as the rest of the intercollegiate activities. All this hard work

pays off however when the cheerleaders are able to whip the crowd into a wild frenzy in support of the Falcons sports teams.

The Bird's life isn't all peaches and cream either. His day starts with a breakfast which strictly follows his nutritional requirements. This followed by an IRI to ensure his feathers are all properly groomed. After school comes a power line run and individual physical training in the quad until dark. This combined with the ever-present academic load makes the Bird's life very tough. But all this work doesn't come without glory. At lulls during competitions the crowd directs its adoration to the Bird. Whether he's skydiving into the stadium or appropriating the Wyoming cowboy's six-shooter the Bird never fails to entertain the cheering masses.

Regardless of whether the Falcon sports teams win or lose the fans are always winners as long as the cheerleaders are present to perform their stunning routines and the Bird continues his energetic frolicking around the arena.



Cheerleading squad

Back row: Venessa Anderson, Dietrich Grimes, Nannette Ohman, Hobart McIntosh, Maim Hutchinson, Fortune, Joy Goddard, D.J. Fortune
Front row: David Huinker, Karen Jelke, Grant Schroeder



Falcon soccer had a successful year despite the team being plagued with injuries. The new conference posed some tough opponents including San Diego State, Stanford, Cal. State Fullerton, and Washington. The Falcon defense was led by C1C Wes Williams, C2C Donovan Kneur, and C3C Matthew Rabe. The midfield was led by C2C Ryan Sagastume and C3C Brandon Jones with rookie of the year C4C Noah Merica-Jones complimenting their skills. The front line was led by C1C Keith McDaniel, C3C Trevor Frobose, and C4C Jamil Walker. Falcon Goalkeeper C1C Richie Cullen led the whole team and was drafted by the Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids, which makes him the first soccer player in Academy history to make the professional ranks. The charismatic commandant C1C Steven Anderson (voice of the Birds) led the Varsity Soccer Manager Corp.

Student support for Falcon soccer is increasing every year with cadets and other intercollegiate teams coming out to tailgate, boost the birds, as well as heckle the opponents. Student cohesiveness is epitomized by the crowds drawn to the Birds Nest to witness, first hand, the skills demonstrated with such tenacity that only the Falcon soccer team is capable of providing.

One of the highlights from the fall season was a solo goal from G2C Donovan Kneur to tie Stanford, the runner-up in 1998's Division I NCAA Championship Tournament. Another highlight was when C4C Jamil Walker stifled everyone by completing a hat trick with forty-seven seconds left in a come-from-behind victory over Oregon St. C3C Brandon Jones highlighted the spring season with a solo goal against the Colorado Rapids to post a short-lived lead in the annual Bout.

Individual efforts



Men's Soccer Team

L to R front row: Armando Ruiz, Britton Miller, Matthew Rabe, Brandon Jones, Brendon Richardson, Wes Williams, Ryan Sagastumi.

L to R middle row: Terrance Welliver, Noah Merica-Jones, Michael Alfaro, Jamil Walker, Richard Littfield, Trevor Frobose, Keith McDaniel.

L to R back row: Maj Paul Nowotny, Louise Sagastumi, Donovan Kneur, Michael Brophy, Richard Cullen, Lucas Tickner, Steven Anderson, Cory Kiefer, Capt David Hanser.





Donovan Kneur keeps his head on the ball as he takes it up the field. Ball handling proved to be a strength for the Falcons. Photo by Sports Information



Brandon Jones and Keith McDaniel work their defenseman with short passes between each other, as they fought Stanford. Brandon is a young standout in his second year and Keith helped lead the team this year. Photo by Sports Information



This player moves the ball to the right side of field. Photo by Sports Information

Brit Miller hustles to regain possession at a home game. Miller is one of the Falcons' top prospects for a scoring forward. Photo by Sports Information

Becky Wyffels leaps for a headball while Steph Rader battles for position with the San Diego State goalkeeper. The Falcons scored numerous goals off of head balls this season. Photo by J. Param



Defender Laura Abt tackles the ball away from an Oral Roberts attacker. The Birds' defense was key in each of the teams 11 wins. Photo by J. Param

Steph Rader dribbles through two Oral Roberts defenders. The skill of the birds forwards led the team to its first post-season conference tournament since moving to Division 1. Photo by J. Param



Women's Soccer

Front row (L to R): Phil Webber, Amy Magee, Wendy Emminger, Ali Tedesco, Billie Rothwell, Lindsey Winter, Laura Abt, Kim Feikens 2nd Row: Chrystal Erickson, Samantha Teague, Tonia Giraud, Gina Hohman, Kristy Kuhlman, Morgan Bennett, Brooke Rinehart, Beth Boyer 3rd Row: Coach Marty Buckley, Holly Huston, Carrie Wellman, Karrie Bracken, Mary Cholko, Christine Miller, Kari James, Jennie Schoeck, Rosie Costella, Katie Gillespie, Coach Rob Behm, Coach Mark Plakorus.

Midfielder Beth Boyer holds off an Oral Roberts defender. Beth earned second team All-Conference honors as an outside midfielder. Photo by J. Param



The inaugural season for the women's soccer team, in the Mountain West Conference, was the most successful division one season to date. After finishing with an 11-10 overall record and a 33 conference record, the team is anxiously awaiting the upcoming fall season.

It wasn't all bliss though. After a 0-4 start, the outlook appeared bleak. The team pulled together in order to turn the tables and finish on a high note. The tides changed for the Lady Birds at the Creighton Tournament in Nebraska when they defeated both Creighton and Eastern Illinois. From then on, the general attitude of the team carried them through the tough times and kept them grounded during the good ones. Realizing that the next game was the only one that mattered, they moved beyond the rough beginning to finish strong against several nationally ranked opponents, including Wake Forest, Utah, Navy and San Diego State.

For the first time, the team traveled to the post season conference tournament in San

Diego with hopes of making the NCAA's. A win against UNLV in their first match left hopes high as they anticipated a rematch with San Diego State. After a hard fought battle, the Falcons returned home, unvictorious but thirsty for future success.

"The season did not end as we'd hoped, but we demonstrated our abilities and are looking forward to another season," said defender Laura Abt.

The team attributes its success to a strong returning line-up and a powerful four-degree class. The three seniors, Karrie Bracken, Brooke Rinehart and Lindsey Winter, anchored the team and their talent and leadership will be missed.

"I am envious of the success this team will have in the future. There is so much talent and desire. I know they will be unstoppable," said senior Brooke Rinehart.

With a talented score of returning players and a promising recruiting class, the 2000 season promises excitement and numerous victories for the women's soccer team.

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A strong finish

2000 Fencing Team

L to R front row: Ramon Rodriguez, Laura Powell, Margaret Kucia, Sarah Metthe, Sean Blas, Jared Parks, Kim Surue, Kate Helleberg, Kristen Wenner, Tracey Kaler, Eva Sanchez
L to R back row: Doug Medley, Antoine McNeal, Maj Hatch, Corey Hunt, Capt Doug Flinn, Sean Recame, Ryan Deis, Eric Lathrop, Chris Jones, Seth Kelsey, Wil Gettys, Head Coach Abdel Salem



A New Guard

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The USAFA fencing team concluded one of the most memorable seasons in its history this year. With fencing coach Abdel Salem in his second year, the team has become a force in the nation. Salem brought in several national level recruits and the rest of the team to a new level.

The men's team boasted winning records and two fencers qualifying for the NCAA championships. Seth Kelsey and Chris Jones both qualified as freshmen with Kelsey finishing in 9th place. Epee led the team this year with the strongest epee team in school history. Not only did the team have the strength of Kelsey, who has finished as high as 6th place at the Jr World Championships, but it also had depth that few schools could match. Beating third ranked Stanford at the Western Regional competition was the high point of epee this year. Sabre continued to grow throughout this year. It returned several letter winners from last year and recruit Jared Parks. Next year, this team should be stronger with the addition of more recruits, a new coach for sabre, and returning all but one letter winners. Foil finished with one athlete qualifying for NCAAs. As the foil team is young and also growing in

fencing maturity, this was a large step forward for the team this year. With all lettermen returning and more recruits coming, expect to see foil emerge in upcoming years as a strong weapon and support the entire team's goal of becoming a national powerhouse. The men's fencing team looks forward to becoming a top team in the country next year as only one letterman, graduating team captain Eli Bremer, will not be returning and more nationally ranked recruits will join the team.

After a slow start, the women's team began to surprise collegiate fencing this year. With an extremely young team, they had the challenge of competing in sabre, which was a new collegiate competition this year. Jamie Rassmussen broke onto the national scene in this event and qualified for the NCAA championships. Elie Burrell also qualified for NCAAs in epee making a surprising and memorable season end for the women. Like the men, epee became a powerhouse for the falcons as senior Laura Powell returned for her fourth year on the team and narrowly missed qualifying for NCAAs. In the upcoming years, expect to see women's fencing become a national force as the team will only lose one letterman this year, team captain Laura Powell.



Two fencers go for the kill, and only one will emerge victorious. Photo provided by fencing team



Many have tried but all have failed. McNeal attacks with fury and when he attacks no one stands a chance. Photo provided by fencing team

Recame has victory on his mind as he parrys the blade and prepares for the kill. Photo provided by fencing team

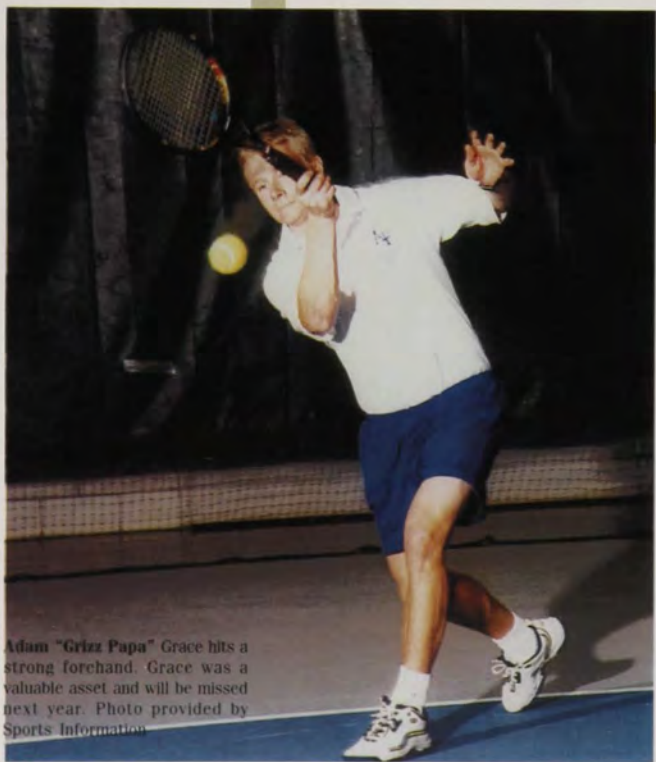


Antoine McNeal and Sarah Metthe practice for the annual Nick Toth Invitational. Photo provided by fencing team.

Rene "the bulldog" Ramirez steps into a backhand. Ramirez will be looked to for leadership as co-captain of next year's squad. Photo provided by Sports Information



Kyle Rainey lines up a forehand. Rainey was a reliable singles player producing big wins. Photo provided by Sports Information



Adam "Grizz Papa" Grace hits a strong forehand. Grace was a valuable asset and will be missed next year. Photo provided by Sports Information

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The 1999-00 tennis season was a year of ups and downs, high hopes, and goal achieving. This was head coach Rich Gugat's 24th consecutive season, but for the first time since the Cold War, the team did not reach its usual 20 win pinnacle. Tough opponents and untimely injuries kept the team from the 20 win apex. However, the 20 man roster still placed fine results and enjoyed themselves along the way.

Led by the senior Big Hitters Tom "Don Joy" Deangelis and Nolan "Freak Show" Cooper, the team did accomplish its goal of going undefeated in the Gugatorium. Due in part to its enormous fan support, the team won all 18 home matches. The results away from the Academy were not as favorable due to the stiff national competition.

"It's all about the beautiful babies in the home crowd cheering us on," said CIG Pat Rayner.

This season, the team also welcomed a new assistant coach—Capt. Iceman Ledzinski ('95). Coach Ski's brought great instruction and

mentoring along with his sharp haircuts. The sharpness rubbed off on the Zielinski brothers and fellow classmate C3C Ilkyu "No Food" Yim. Another great addition came in the form of C1C "Jungle" Jim Knapp and his excellent vocal ability. He became the new MC for the home matches.

Stepping up this year, C4C Eric "Falcon Love" Pittman had a break out year. C2C Doug "Fresh" Fike, provided stability in the starting lineup along with Cooper and Deangelis.

Next year, the team will look to leadership from Fike and C2C Rene "All Day Long" Ramirez, along with the sophomore class—Love Deuce ('02). In addition, Brent "Big Bootie" Bak will look to keep the troops in line both in the squadron and on the courts.

Certainly, the past year was filled with its ups and down, but overall you can wrap up another great tennis season for the fightin' Falcons. Cooper and Deangelis will be leaving behind big shoes to fill and in the case of Deangelis, more female cadets to date.

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Men's Tennis Team

L to R front row: Grace, Haedge, West, Yim, Greg Z., Johnson, Chris Z., Pittman, Rainey, Bartley, Berk

L to R back row: Emerson, Garza, Rayner, Ramirez, Fike, Coper, DeAngelis, Knapp, Anderson, Gugat.

Women's Tennis Team

Front row: Kay Knapp, Heather Shelby, Brooke Parsons, Kelli O'Bryant, Susan Doyle
Middle row: Asst Coach Amanda Krantz, Ashley Gee, Nadine Lynn, Jen Shelby
Back row: Alyssa Camel, Chrissy Nigro, Kristel Chuntrarnk, Coach Kim Gidley, Julie Weiss, Jen Nigro, Mae-Li Amiek



Julie Weiss hits a backhand lob on the run trying to sneak it over her opponent's head. As team captain, she led the falcons to their first conference win. Photo by E. Bixby



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The Air Force Academy women's tennis team made great strides this season. Each player put in tremendous effort on the off-season and raised the level of their game. Combined, these individual efforts made the Lady Falcons a force to be reckoned with.

Each year Air Force and Army compete for the Gideon Cup, the tennis version of the Commander-in-Chief's trophy. It was great to bring the cup back home where it belongs by beating Army a convincing 7-2. Free pizza and raffles, along with some stellar tennis, helped draw one of the biggest crowds in history.

The Falcons posted an 8-0 record before traveling to San Diego to play the University of San Diego in the spring. Their team boasted the number one and three singles players, and the second best doubles team in the nation, but this didn't faze Air Force. Kristel Chuntrarnk stole the first set at singles from the '99 NCAA singles champion, Julie Weiss and Kelli O'Bryant posted straight set wins and then combined to win doubles. Every other match was very competitive, and everyone had opportunities. Competing so closely against a top 25 team gave the

Falcons the motivation to keep working hard throughout the long season.

At the MWC Tournament, Air Force faced top-seeded San Diego State first round and lost 6-0. Then they got another chance against fifth seeded University of Utah (who they had lost to earlier this season). They battled it out for more than four hours in wind gusts of more than 40 mph. Great wins by Brooke Parsons, Nadine Lynn, Julie Weiss and Kelli O'Bryant put the team in a strong position going into the doubles. Weiss and O'Bryant clinched the victory at doubles.

The final match at the MWC tournament was perhaps the most exciting. The match was tied going into the doubles. Weiss and O'Bryant fell, and then Parsons and Heather Shelby won at number two. The final match was Lynn and Chuntrarnk. With their team screaming for them on the sidelines, the duo played a great match losing in a tiebreaker.

Overall this season was very exciting and encouraging. They went undefeated at home, largely due to outstanding fan support. They are looking forward to a great season next year, and are ready to turn more heads and set even more records.





Jennifer Nigro scrambles after the ball in hopes of keeping the point alive. She was an important contributor to the team's enthusiasm and hard work throughout the season. Photo by E. Bixby



Kelly O'Bryant hits a forehand winner down the line past her opponent. Kelli played a major role in the team's success during the year and developed into a great doubles player. Photo by E. Bixby

Brooke Parsons shows extreme concentration as she slices the ball back to her opponent for a winner. She was a constant fighter on the team giving her all on every point throughout the season. Photo by E. Bixby

Brian Rodgers and Billy O'Reilly chase down a rebound. Air Force counts on quick turn-arounds to put the puck in the net. Photo by E. Bixby

Derek Olson takes his man out and pins him in the corner. Defense is essential to good performance in hockey. Photo by E. Bixby



Scott Bradley takes a faceoff against Bemidji State. Bradley provided leadership as the Falcon team captain this year. Photo by E. Bixby



Scott Bradley moves his feet quickly to get this opportunity on goal. Air Force used its scoring power to win eight of its last twelve games. Photo by E. Bixby





Hockey Team

L to R front row: Marc Kelkucki, Marcus Peters, Derek Schooley, Matt Zitzlspergen, Capt. Joe Delich, Nels Grafstrom, Frank Serratore, Scott Bradley, Kirk Zerkel, Lt. Justin Kieffer, Bill O'Reilly, Sean Broadrick.

L to R middle row: Brian Gornick, Jake Tesar, Jeff Zurick, Justin Hamilton, Dr. Jim Lowe, Dave Toller, Erik Marsh, Col. Cliff Utermohlen, Maj. Ryan Healand, Dr. Eli Powell, Rob Malone, Brian Rodgers, Chad Shenk, Derek Olson, Neil Barner.

L to R back row: Jace Anders, Brian Reaney, Pete Johnston, Kyle Fransdal, Brendan Connelly, James Ord, Michael Stucki, Scott Zwiers, Jeremy High, Ryan Smith, Andy Berg, Bobby Pete.



Air Force, who clinched its first winning season in 10 years, finished the season with a 19-182 overall record and a fourth-place finish in the conference tournament. Frank Serratore, third year head coach, led the Falcons to one of the best seasons in recent history. The team's 19 wins ties the most in 23 years. The team was just one win shy of posting the fourth overall season with 20 wins.

AFA's 14 Division I wins are the most in school history and the team broke the record for fewest goals allowed in a season. The Falcons played some of their best hockey late in the season, winning eight of its last 12 games.

In the last season games, the Falcons continued their dominance of the Army hockey team with two wins at Army. Air Force is 7-0-1 vs. Army in the last eight games, which is the longest streak by either team in the series. AFA's five-game winning streak, the longest by either team

in the series, ended with a 33 overtime tie last season. Since then, the Falcons have now won two straight over Army. Air Force has not lost at Army since the 1996 season.

Next year will be a promising season for the Falcons. Only four seniors depart this year, leaving a solid core of talent and leadership to guide the team next year. The 2000-2001 team captain Scott Bradley was asked about his feelings on next year's team.

"It is going to be hard to fill the leadership roles that the seniors are leaving behind this year but with the experience our young guys have now, we are looking forward to a more mature team with good depth," said Bradley, "Next year is going to be an exciting year for AF hockey."

Head coach Frank Serratore added, "I am very encouraged about the future of our program. We will have a solid first-class (seniors) that will provide leadership for a very talented group of underclassmen."

by Michael Keough

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The women's volleyball team posted the best record ever seen by the senior members and coach Penny LucasWhite. For the senior members of the team, it was "do or die" as they were pressured to have their first winning season in their careers. Despite the team's last place ranking in pre-season polls, the Falcons fought with much heart and tenacity to earn their fourth place finish in the Mountain West Conference. The landmark season for the team was also filled with personal milestones achieved by several players.

The Birds swept New Mexico to post their first win over the Lobos in the series history. Suffering in Utah against BYU and Utah St., the ladybirds were able to maintain their posterity to post wins over Denver and Wyoming in the next two matches. Towards the end of Mountain West Conference play the Falcons suffered, but were able to hold on to share fourth place with New

Mexico. Falcons earned fourth seed over New Mexico in the final polls, since the Falcons swept the Lobos earlier in the season.

In the MWC Volleyball Championships, the Falcons were ousted in a memorable five game upset by New Mexico. Although the Falcons expected to go farther in the tournament, they had several other positive aspects on their season.

Senior Brooke Effland, the team captain, posted 27 kills in one match, making her second in the conference for most kills in one match. Effland was also the first player, since Air Force transitioned to Division I, to surpass 1000 career kill mark. Junior Shaylor Billings was one of only three players in the conference to rack in a triple-double. Senior Tracy Wilkerson finished sixth among all the Air Force all-time assist leaders. Coaches, parents, and players never lost hope, and their efforts have finally paid off.



Women's Volleyball Team

Front row: Sarah Kotte, Ana-Maria Ortega, Kylie Adams, Jennifer Engh
Back row: Thorommony In, Tracy Wilkerson, Jamie Rempel, Shaylor Billings, Summer Koons, Laura Jerry, Roby Duncan, Brooke Effland, Nicki Marino



Tharommony In and Ana-Maria Ortega demonstrate a perfect block. Tharommony lead the team as a valuable strong setter. Photo by P. Rose



Coach Penny Lucas-White instructs the team on the perfect form. Coach Lucas-White led her team to a winning season. Photo by J. D. Roberts



Brooke Effland soars above the competition hammering the ball over the net. Effland was this year's most valuable player. Photo by E. Bixby

Summer Koons attacks the ball using a single block to her advantage. As team captain, Koon's leadership on and off the court proved essential to the success of the team. Photo by P. Rose



Charlie Toth blocks an oncoming shot from up top as he explodes from the water. Toth played the key defensive role of goalie this season giving the Falcon water polo team the backbone needed to achieve excellence. Photo provided by Sports Info



Ben Couchman executes an off the water shot into the goal. With great moves and cat-like reflexes, the Academy water polo team surprised their opponents. Photo provided by Sports Info



Brent Reimer coils and explodes from the water, as he prepares to dislodge the goalie from the goal with a 50 mph shot. Reimer posed a great threat for opposing teams, especially up top beyond the 7m line, where goals are counted as two points. Photo by P. Rose



Team Captain Mark McGill executes a pass into the hole while being pressed by a defender. McGill's leadership and talent helped carry the water polo team to the conference championships. Photo by P. Rose



Treading Water

With the arrival of Coach Ehrlich in his first year, the team looked to be a force to be reckoned with. Coach Heidmous' departure last year, after 17 years as head coach, created a challenge for both players and coaches to overcome this season. With six out of eight starting players returning, the team was up to the challenge.

Led by Captain Mark McGill and All-American Casey Wood, the Academy water polo team set out for the conference championships. Mark McGill's talent and leadership helped the team become a cohesive unit and brought many victories.

Such victories included the upsets over sixth ranked Irvine, while the Falcon team was on a trip to California.

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog," as Derek Argel stated. "We beat top ranked teams this year because of our heart, and nobody can take that away from us."

Indeed great heart and motivation were needed throughout the season, if the team was to become victorious. In addition, the execution of plays and the exploitation of the players' talents kept the Falcon water polo team a top contender

for the conference championship.

"When we played Irvine, we did something that we hadn't done all year. We put it in the hole wet and drove hard. This was very crucial to our victory," said Andres Guerra.

While remaining undefeated at home, the water polo team also brought honors as they posed a great threat to top ten California. After beating numerous teams throughout the season, the conference championships were underway. Unfortunately, the Falcons ended the season with an upsetting 10 to 7 loss to San Diego. Although not attaining the ultimate goal of bringing home the conference championship, the team gained a highly respectable 13th ranking in the nation.

Not only were records achieved and heroes exalted, friendships were born to last a lifetime.

"The camaraderie on this team was incredible. Certainly by the end of the year we were running on all cylinders and I want to thank Coach Heidmous (17 years) for not leaving the cupboards bare," stated Coach Jeff Ehrlich (1st year at the Academy).

With Coach Ehrlich's second season arriving shortly, the Academy water polo team looks to upset San Diego and take what is theirs.

by Ben Coachman



Waterpolo Team

Front row: Coach Jeff Ehrlich, Ronnie Garcia, Ben Coachman, Greg Ebert, Brian Hasbrouck
Back row: Coach Capt Neil McCafferty, Andre Guerra, Lowell Wallace, Mark McGill, Steve Cruz, Casey Wood, Derek Argel, Chris Smith, Brent Reirner, Chad Simendinger

Forward Tyron Wright could do no wrong in hitting this revers lay-up to give the Falcons the win over Wyoming in overtime. The team showed much perseverance throughout the season. Photo by C. Seaman

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The 1999/2000 men's basketball season started with great promise as senior Tyron Wright garnered preseason All-Conference acclaim, as well as a placement on the All-Region team. It ended just as successfully, as freshman Tom Bellairs won Mountain West Conference Co-Freshman of the Year honors by averaging a double double.

Coach Reggie Minton also gained accolades by being named Mountain West Conference Co-Coach of the Year. Coach Minton won these accolades following a season in which the team won the third most conference wins in history.

Junior Jarvis Croff averaged 31.0 ppg in the Mountain West Conference tournament, and will come back for his senior year with the fifth highest scoring average in the conference. Although it was a successful year on many levels, there was also underlying sadness towards the end of the year.

"After a tough year of adversity, this falcon basketball team fought hard for all their success this year," said Billy Humphrey. "At times when it would have been easier for this team to roll over,

we worked hard to persevere in every game that we played. In the end, we finished a great season for ourselves and for our great coaching staff."

This year had six seniors: Billy Humphrey, Miguel Garcia, Lawrence Yazzie, and Tyron Wright. Each had been with the program for all four years, while Matthew Elleby and Jaron Roux played a majority of their years here, but took some time off to pursue military aspirations.

Additionally, Coach Reggie Minton, after becoming second on the all-time wins list, served his final year of coaching at the Academy, after 16 years as head coach and 14 years as an assistant. Despite these emotional setbacks, the men's basketball team had one of its most acclaimed seasons in years, and has left its fans very optimistic of the years to come.

"Usually, we forget what people mean to us. Usually, we do not tell them the impact of their life on ours. Sometimes we are enlightened to what's been hidden... To what is most important. That's why today, I remember and I tell you... You are a busta - Miguel Garcia

Beyond Adversity

Shooting guard Jarvis Croff drives the lane against the University of New Mexico. Croff led the Falcons in scoring this year with 18 points per game. Photo by E. Bixby





Tommy Bellairs looks for an opening in the Wyoming defense. Patience payed off many times for the team as they worked their way through many teams. Photo by C. Seaman



Mens Basketball Team

L to R front row: Col Mike DeLorenzo, Lawrence Yazzie, Mark Englebreton, Dean Christian, Reggie Minton, Paul Drake, Jeff Luster, Selwyn Mansell, Vernard Jenking, Jaron roux, Col Jim Head.

L to R back row: Jeremy Gingrich, Matt Elleby, Brian Ross, Byron Nicholson, Billy Humphrey, Shawn Christensen, Jon Baize, Jacob Leonard, Tom Bellairs, Miguel Garcia, Tyron Wright, Jarvis Croff, Mike Nuzzo.



Junior Jarvis Croft takes it to the hole against the New Mexico Lobos. Croft was named second-team all conference honors. Photo by C. Seaman

Freshman starter Morgan Bennett blows by the defense for this lay up. Bennett came from soccer to also play varsity basketball. Photo by C. Seaman



Team captain Megan Thiedeman splits through Wyoming's defense for this lay up. Thiedeman is now one of Air Force's best three point shooters. Photo by C. Seaman

Lindsay Payne plays on the ball defense at center court. Payne battled her way back into a key role at point guard after an early season ankle injury. Photo by C. Seaman



Shelby Bowen attempts to inbound the ball against Wyoming, in Clune Arena. Bowen provided quality minutes, sparking the team at the point guard spot. Photo by C. Seaman



Shelby Bowen attempts to rebound the ball against Wyoming in Clime Arena. Bowen provided quality minutes, sparking the team at the point guard spot. Photo by C. Seaman

Women's Basketball Team

Front Row: Lindsay Payne, Rozalyn Russ, Shelby Bowen, Shanekia Peebles, Sarah Albright, Terri Hunter
Back row: Megan Thiedeman, Lauren Maher, Mollie Peters, Kylene Grove, Samantha Clifton, Wendy Stillman, Morgan Bennett



The 1999-2000 women's basketball team finished its season with a disappointing 4-21 win-loss record. Although the team's 4-24 finish was not an improvement in record over the previous season, the team improved on the court and was much more competitive than in 1998-99.

Numerous team and individual records were broken in the 1999-2000. Most remarkable was Megan Thiedeman's record-breaking 82 three-pointers made, which set a new Air Force single season record. Thiedeman finished her career with 173 three-pointers, also an Air Force record. Numerous Division I records were set, including the single season rebounding record, set by Rozalyn Russ. Russ collected 162 boards, shattering Carrie Carrow's old mark of 145 rebounds.

The highlight of the season came in January, when the Falcons knocked off visiting San Diego State. Air Force played one of its best games of the season to grab a 77-72 victory, snapping a 37-game conference losing streak. It was only the second time the Falcons won a conference

game since moving to Division I three years ago. Rozalyn Russ led the Falcons in scoring with a career-high 21 points. She also grabbed eight rebounds. Her efforts earned her Mountain West player of the week honors.

In the team's following game, the Falcons extended their winning streak by defeating Army 75-58. Their only other victory came in the Air Force Classic, when the Falcons dominated Lafayette in the tournament's consolation game for the 78-56 victory.

Although the season ended on a 12-game losing streak, the Air Force women's team has high hopes for the future. The team played with intensity and pride throughout the season, only to come up just short on numerous occasions. Head coach Sue Darling has established herself as a competitor, and despite losing five seniors to graduation, a solid core of returnees combined with a strong recruiting class will only help the Falcons continue to improve and compete at the Division I level.

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The 19992000 golf season had its share of accomplishments and disappoints. Coach Gene Miranda (a recent inductee to the golf coach's hall of fame) and the assistant coach George Koury outlined a few goals for the season. The main goal was to win the Service Academy Golf Classic. We not only beat Army, Navy, and the Merchant Marines, but we defeated them by over 20 strokes. This was the fourth year in a row winning this championship, and the second year in a row that Ben Leestma won the individual title.

Another goal was to win the Falcon Invitational that is held at Eisenhower G.C. We did not win, but placed sixth out of 24 teams.

We placed third out of 14 teams at Colorado University's invitational held in Stevenson Ranch California. Ben Leestma placed second in this tournament with a score of two over par.

As part of our spring trip, we played at some

of the most prestigious golf courses in the nation. We played Olympic Club which hosts the U.S. Open every few years, and Cypress Point which is ranked as the second best golf course in the nation by Golf Digest.

Danny Visosky, team captain, placed fifth in the BYU Invitational with a score of even par. During the Mountain West Conference Championship, Ben Leestma posted the lowest score of the entire field during the final round. He shot a four under par 68.

Each of the seniors had tremendous career accomplishments. Danny qualified for the U.S. Amateur this year, played at Pebble Beach Golf Club. Jeff Scohy was one of our most consistent players. Bill Sullivan earned above a 3.6 GPA for his senior year. He also played over one hundred holes in one day to benefit breast cancer research.





Casey Hall grimaces as he chips in for a birdie. Photo by Sports Information

Dan Visosky attempts to chip this ball out of the rough. Visosky has lowered his golf average every year since high school. Photo by Sports Information



Danny Visosky heads to the next hole. The team finished 6th out of 24 teams at the Falcon-Cross Creek Invitational. Photo by Sports Information



Brandon Baum eyes up his approach to the cup. The team beat the Military Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy to win golf's equivalent of football's CINC trophy. Photo by Sports Information

Rachel Westergren, Kevin mandrik, and Beau Nicewanner line up with the rest of the Falcon rifle team. The Falcons defeated Army and Wyoming at this match. Photo by P. Rose



Kevin "Mav" Mandrik checks out one of his finished smallbore targets. Mav is one of the top air rifle shooters for the Falcons. Photo by P. Rose



Kevin Mandrik settles into the prone position with "Emilio", his Anschütz .22 rifle. It is common for shooters to name their rifles. Photo by P. Rose

On the Rise

The Air Force Academy rifle team ended their season with a fifth place finish at the NCAA Rifle Championships that were held at VMI, VA. They maintained an excellent win/loss record of 46-13.

"I thought that the year was very successful," said Beau Nicewanner, team captain. "We were very happy to finally beat West Virginia (one of the highest nationally ranked teams that AF has been battling for years) in the sectionals."

"We stuck with a very rigorous and time consuming training schedule this year, practicing every day at the Olympic Training Center," said Capt Justin Broughton, second year coach.

After a lot of hard work and planning, Capt Broughton was able to get the team its own home range here at the Academy, which will help the team out a lot.

The team competed well in NCAA qualifiers. In air rifle, the team was tenth, but only the top seven teams in each event advance to the NCAA Championships. The team missed qualifying for air rifle by 5 points out of 1600. Air Force shot a 1525 barely missing the 1530 it

took to qualify. Air Force had two shooters go to smallbore individually, C1C Matt Berube and C2C Rachael Westergren, with Berube finishing 24th and Westergren finishing 11th overall. In air rifle, Air Force sent Berube and C3C Rich Sawyer, ending up 20th and 21st, respectively.

Five out of the eleven shooters qualified to shoot at nationals this year, with the team entering at a strong fourth place. The team also had three Olympic Trials Qualifiers, seniors Beau Nicewanner and Matthew Berube, and junior Rachael Westergren.

Four of the team's members were selected as Academic All-Americans: C2C Rachael Westergren, C2C Daimon Geopfert, C3C James Lewis and G3C Christopher Carson.

C1C Nicewanner, next year's assistant coach, said that he is also "really looking forward to seeing how the juniors will keep improving next year." With all the improvements made this year, the team's scores are definitely on the rise.

With a new range under construction and ready to be used for the 20002001 season, the team looks to have all the tools in place that it will need to succeed next year.

by Rachael Westergren



Rifle Team

Capt Broughton, Rich Sawyer, Justin Lewis, Kevin Mandrik, Rachel Westergren, David Anderson, Daimon Geopfert, Michael Gronberg, Matthew Berube, Nicholas Brefitt, Brian Debrahl

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The 1999/2000 Air Force wrestling team had another successful season. Under the leadership of team captains Phillip Johnston and Patrick Brady-Lee, the Falcons faced the most competitive schedule in Academy history, wrestling high caliber teams such as Hofstra, Michigan, Illinois, Cal Fullerton, Portland State, Cal Poly, Wyoming, and BYU.

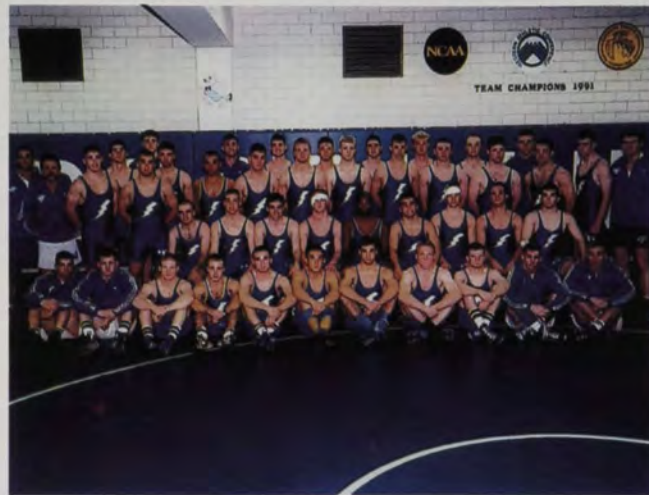
The team was handicapped by the lack of a 125-pound wrestler for the first part of the season, although they overcame the adversity and finished strong with a 7-6 dual meet record. The team also performed well in tournament competition, having two wrestlers, C3C Scott Frohardt and C3C Andy Peters, finish in the top eight at the prestigious Cliff Keen Collegiate Invitational tournament. This tournament was a big boost for the team as each one of its members were able to win at least one match during the competition - the strongest Air Force finish in history.

The team also won both the Colorado Collegiate tournament and the All-Academy tournament, showing a 30% increase in winning percentage over the previous year.

C3C Mark Berthot attributed the team's success to hard work and togetherness, "The team bonded much tighter than last year and, as a result, we pushed each other more in the practice room. We had a successful season because we were willing to push each other to the limit."

Though the overall season was a success, the West Regional NCAA qualifying tournament was a disappointment as only one wrestler, C3C Frohardt, qualified for the national tournament. Frohardt went on to win one only one match at the NCAA tournament before being eliminated from competition.

Only graduating two starting wrestlers, the Falcon's are looking forward to next year's season and have already set their sights on winning the conference championship.



Wrestling Team

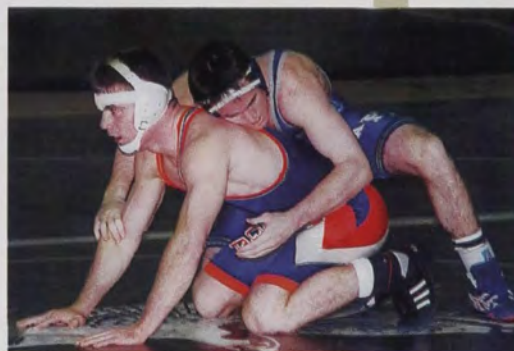
L to R front row: James Stewart, Travis Elliot, Christopher Bennett, Wes Bennett, Christopher Jensen, Stuart Heintz, Jose Flores, Ryan Wallinski, Dylan Bell, Kevin Weaver, Adam Harder. L to R middle row: Andy Peters, Joshua Budreaux, Ryan Brewer, Scott Frohardt, Patrick Brady-Lee, Ryan Montanees, Timothy Huxel, Alex Pelbath, Michael Brown.

L to R back row: Coach Reese Edgington, Coach _____, Scott Jenkins, Sam Shertz, Mark Berthot, Kevin Hoy, Jeremy Kahoe, Jesus Rumundi, Terry Parham, David Padilla, Mike Walker, Matthew Peterson, Richard New, Broughn Ferris, Robert Walker, Charles Lanks.





Phil Johnson faces off against his opponent. In his last year at the Academy, Johnson helped lead the team with his experience. Photo by P. Rose



Alex Pelbath prepares for the whistle and a chance to score points against his opponent. The Falcons practiced long and hard to be ready for their difficult season. Photo by P. Rose



Air Force outstanding wrestler, Scott Frohards, takes down his opponent. Frohards continued his excellent record in his second season with the Falcons. Photo by P. Rose

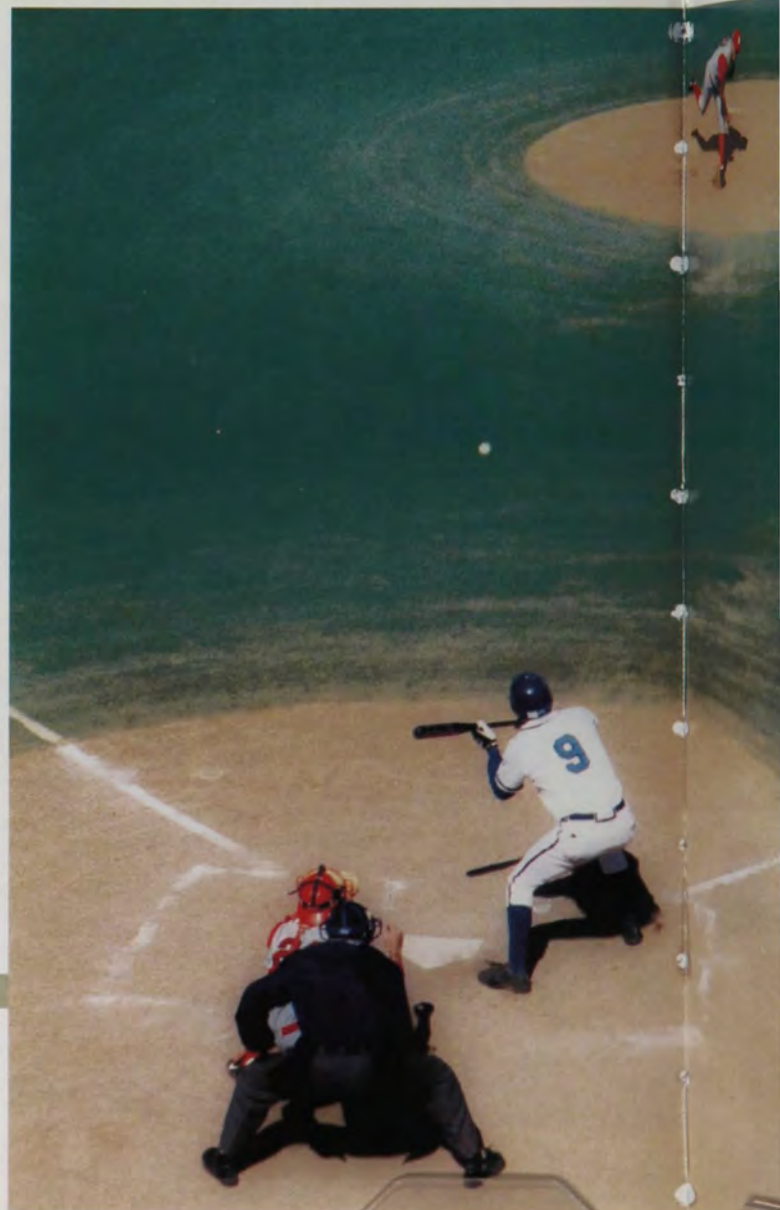
Sam Shertz covers his opponent for the pin. Shertz was a standout in his first year of wrestling at the Academy. Photo by P. Rose

The umpire concentrates on the play as this Falcon defender attempts to apply the tag. Although not the most glamorous, defense is one of the critical necessities in baseball. Photo by C. Seaman



Senior Chris Humphrey ensures that his foot touches home plate. Players always want to guarantee that their run will count for the team. Photo by C. Seaman

Junior Gerremy Goldsberry squares around to lay a bunt down the thirdbase line. Bunting allows you to move a runner over, but can also be a quick way on base. Photo by C. Seaman



Senior Chris Humphrey awaits a play following the pitcher's release. Baseball is a sport that requires a player's full attention. Photo by C. Seaman



Baseball Team

Back Row: Asst Coach Bobby Applegate, Head Coach Reed Peters, Sonje Berg, Matt Kaercher, Scooter White, Brian Gornick, Geremy Goldsberry, Jim Murphy, Kiwedin Cornell, Asst Coach Capt Mike Manor, Rickey Hayes.
Second row: Ryan Carville, Derck Kasel, Brett Ellis, Kris Wolfram, Mike Thiessen, Michael Tufte, Brad Bashore, Adam Howes, Jim George, Erik Fisher.
Front row: Josh Phifer, Daniel Petro, Brian LaBasco, Brendan Shannon, Steve Jones, Chris Humphrey, Justin Alford, David Diehl.



The Falcon baseball team saw a new look in 2000. Last year's assistant coach Reed Peters took over as the head coach and implemented a new motto: "The End of Accepting Mediocrity" (TEAM). His era began in the inaugural season of the Mountain West Conference.

The Falcons senior leadership came from Brendan Shannon, Jim Murphy, Chris Humphrey, Steve Jones, and Sonje Berg. These five starters accounted for 180 RBI's and 20 Home Runs and helped lead the Falcons to their first 20+ win season in five years. They paved the way for the incoming freshmen players, who made valuable contributions.

Offensively, the Falcons hit .339 for the season, which is the best team batting average since 1994 when they led the nation in hitting with a .360 average. In addition, Falcon batters led the conference with the fewest strikeouts. Individual standouts were seniors Brendan Shannon, Steve Jones and Chris Humphrey, juniors Mike Thiessen and Geremy Goldsberry, and freshmen Josh Phifer. Shannon, Jones, Thiessen, Goldsberry, and Phifer led the team in batting

average hitting near or above 400. Humphrey led the Falcons in RBI's, slugging percentage, and home runs. Thiessen broke the record for the most doubles in a season with 25.

Pitching coach Bobby Applegate assembled one of the best pitching staffs in Air Force history. The team ERA was the best in 17 years. The Falcons staff had 330 strikeouts (shattering the old school record of 298) and led the league with the fewest walks allowed.

Additionally, the Falcons staff had four consecutive pitchers of the week in the Mountain West Conference (Erik Fisher, Michael Tufte, and Matt Kaercher). Fisher and Kaercher led the team in wins with seven each, while Bashore and Fisher posted the lowest ERA's. Fisher also led the team in innings pitched with 106, consecutive scoreless innings with 21.1 and strikeouts.

The Falcons look forward to another promising year in 2001, under the instruction of head coach Reed Peters and assistant coaches Bobby Applegate and Capt Mike Manor. Though the seniors will be sorely missed, there is a great deal of young talent ready to step into the large shoes they have left behind.

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Building a TEAM



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After a great dual meet season, the men's swim team went into the first meet of the MWC ready to go. After the four-day of competition, the team finished third. On the last day of the meet, the Falcon's desire really shined, as swimmers performed at a higher level resulting in nail-biting session. Freshman J.P. "Deuce" McCroan earned his nickname with a surprising second place finish in the mile, and C2C Charlie Toth conquered a nine year old Air Force record in the 100 free, setting the new MWC record in the event as well.

"Swimming is 90 percent mental, and the other half is physical," said junior James "Gator" Bales.

Sophomore Matt "Horndog" Horner reset his own Air Force record and qualified for the Olympic Trials.

"Swimming isn't a passive sport; you have to think about it," said Horner. "You must pay

attention to every stroke, every kick, and every breath... only then can you achieve total consciousness. So I got that going for me... which is nice."

Only two firsties are leaving the squad, one of which is C1C Andrew "Bob" Smith. Fun Bobby is excited about next year, as he will be staying on as a Golden Fifteen Lieutenant.

"We had a great season, I'm really excited about how we did overall and how it looks for next year," said Smith. "We have a lot of depth returning."

The fourth class certainly earned their place on the team. One of the biggest surprises was C4C John "Moose" Dayton. Moose swam in IM, Breaststroke, and Freestyle events at the conference meet, and helped the Falcons earn second in the 200 and 400 Freestyle Relays.

"It's not the swimming, but the guys I swim with that make it all worthwhile," said Dayton.



Men's Swimming Team

L to R front row: Shawn Strabley, Jeff Roberson, Eric Trimble, Dustin Nowak, Martin Park, Nate Amidon, Andrew Wells, Dave Lehosit, Matt Wieringa, Matt McDonald, John Holland.

L to R middle row: Coach Stan Curshaw, Coach Rob Clayton, Matt Shipstead, Chris Schalgheick, James Marlon, Doug Hulise, Nam Nyugen, Josh Finch, Matt Ihlenfeld, Andrew Mitchell, Mike Grados, Andrew Smith, Scott Percival, Matt Tarantino, Joshua Biederman, Major Alan Arata, Captain Jeff Collins.

L to R back row: JP McCroan, John Dayton, John Olson, Matt Horner, Marshal Haylett, James Bales, Race Steinfort, Tim Paschke, Andrew Badgett, Tyler Paige, McKay Morgan, Paul Kitko.



Tim Paschke does the Guatemalan War Chant prior to a home meet. Paschke was team captain for yet another successful men's swimming season. Photo by P. Rose



James Bales swims the breaststroke during a dual meet. Bales finished out the season by being an integral part of the MWC travel team. Photo by P. Rose



the Guatemalan War Cham prior to a home meet. again for yet another successful mens swimming



Charlie Toth dives in for the 400 medley relay. Race Steinfort (backstroke), Andrew Smith (butterfly), and Toth (freestyle) made a large contribution to every meet through the relay. Photo by P. Rose



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plagued by continuous pool problems, the 1999-2000 women's swim team finished with a 9-8 record and an eighth place finish at the MWC meet. Because of the renovations on the swimming pool, the practice and meet schedule became a twisted saga. In addition to the normal afternoon practices in the water polo pool, the team practiced at the crack of dawn on T-day mornings. The dedicated attitude combined with the team's talent helped them to overcome training in a non-regulation length pool and winning six meets during the first semester.

Over the holiday break, the team ventured to Coronado Naval Base in San Diego for the annual Christmas training trip. While in California, the repetitive schedule of sleeping, swimming, and eating was disrupted by a visit to Disneyland. However, pool problems struck again hitting the pool's heaters this time, and the training trip concluded prematurely.

The upcoming second semester not only promised a challenging schedule but also the completion of the pool. In the new pool, the team won three home meets, two of which were the senior's last home meet before wrapping up the regular season. Mary Edith Smith remembers the last home meet as a highlight of the season be-

cause of how "every member of the team pulled together to have a great meet" and nearly upset visiting Utah. Finishing off a successful dual meet season, the Falcons eagerly looked forward to the MWC meet.

At the conference meet held in Oklahoma City, Diane Moerer, ME Smith, Karley Kroschel, Emily Heidgerd, and Erin Mukri finished with lifetime best swims. As the season concluded, the seniors retired their caps and goggles after lifelong careers.

"It was a great way to end a career," said Lindsay McRoberts, captain. "I was surrounded by good friends and great coaches."

The Falcons, who spent numerous week ends on the road traveling, distinguished themselves from teams in the past by uniting and becoming a team. The closeness not only allowed the team to train harder, but also in a more fun atmosphere.

"It seemed like we had fun with swimming which is something I can't swim without," said Mary Edith Smith.

After improving their dual meet record and conference meet performance, the remaining Falcons eagerly look forward to next year's season in hopes of continuing to better their performance and have fun along the way.



Womens Swimming Team

L to R front row: Sarah Law, Wendy Wilce, Annie Keitze, Ellen Stimmel, Erin Mukri, Ashley Stewart, Emily Heidgerd, Jamie Koller, Karley Kroschel, Rachel Haff.
L to R middle row: Katie Stapp, Heidi McKinley, Renee Zimmerman, Nancy Rosencow, Candace Staubitz, Mary Edith Smith, Christie Cleaver, Jodi Gillespie, Danielle Miller, Lt. Connie Cann.
L to R back row: KC Converse, Meredith Beavers, Jenny Trapp, Meghan Szwarz, Julie Turner, Lindsey McRoberts, Donna Silva, Jenni Haney, Diane Moerer, Jessica Dowd, Ali Ross, Niki VanTou, Robin Cadow, Captain Jara Lang.





Ali Ross strokes ahead as the top distance swimmer for this season. Her best events are the 500 and 1000 freestyle. Photo by P. Rose

Diane Moerer swims butterfly. Diane helped out the team with numerous wins as the teams' top butterflyer. Photo by P. Rose



Ellen Stimmel was one of the top three distance swimmers on the team. She contributed many points by swimming the 500 and 1000 freestyle. Photo by P. Rose



High Ground

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James
Marion

The Men's and Women's Diving team completed another successful year despite training through diversity. Falcon divers started the season without a pool, and had to drive to Colorado College to practice every day. The divers, and coach Stan Curriow worked through this hardship to have one of the most successful years in falcon diving history. They rolled into Oklahoma for the Mountain West Conference Championship on a mission, and prevailed in the presence of tough competition.

The Men's team entered the first Mountain West Conference meet with high hopes after a good showing in the WAC last year. Team Captain James Marion finished in two events while sophomore phenom Doug Hulse completed the hat-trick, finishing in all three diving events. With Marion and Hulse leaving next year, the Men's Diving team looks to the talents of freshman Jeff Roberson and Eric Trimble to carry the torch next season. Senior Jim Marion adds, "This has been the most successful team in our coaches career at

the Academy. It feels good to leave my mark after I graduate."

The Women's team also recorded outstanding performances at the conference meet this year. Team Captain Donna Silva and freshman Katie Stapp represented the lady falcons with style in the mountain west. Donna finished her career as a finalist in three conference events, finishing as high as 7th on platform. Donna shared, "This year was tough since we didn't have our home pool for the first half of the season, but we finished strong at conference which was where it mattered." Katie competed great for her first year at the Academy, and barely missed making finals on platform at Mountain West. Hindered by an injury, Freshman Sarah Law was unable to compete in the conference meet, but was the only falcon to compete at the Zone E NCAA qualifying meet. The youth and depth of the Women's Diving team makes them a real threat for next season.

Jim Marion concentrates as he prepares for his back approach. Marion was a valuable member of the team at the MWC placing in two of his three events. Photo by P. Rose



Sarah Law holds a tight handstand on the 5m platform. Law will be the captain for both the men's and women's teams next year. Photo by P. Rose



Donna Silva is in the middle of her hurdle getting ready to do a front 2 -1/2 pike off 3m. Silva helped the team out at conference by placing in 1m, 3m, and platform. Photo by P. Rose



Donna Silva and her teammates take a break from the pool and enjoy the hot tub. Relaxation is a key element in diving. Photo by P. Rose



2000 Lacrosse Team

Front Row: Jason Cromar, Eric Lederer, Billy Arnold, Eric Carrano, Bick DiPoma, Brock Miller, Ross Schumer, Adam Gaudinski, Ricky Greening, Ryan Hayde, Grant Heston, Chris Munger

Second Row: Ryan McCue, Aaron Walenga, Michael Tarantino, Chad Orzechowski, Matt Lynch, Michael Garrett, Nathan Koss, Ed Palazzolo, Kevin Hill, Rob Holt, Matt Dudderar, Michael Contardo, Capt Mike Veneri

Third Row: Coach Ryan Principi, Kevin Peterson, John Anacker, Alex DeManss, Kyle Warf, Ryan Hyatt, Grayson Walter, Nick DiCapua, Dylan Quinn, John Agnew, Danny Brown, Ernie Sedelmyer

Back Row: Coach Dermot Coll, Kevin Groom, David Frank, Justin Troyer, Bruce Phillips, Stephen Berger, Craig Anders, Nick Wzientek, Sean McCrudy, Eric Hutcheson, Kelly McGann, Coach Fred Acee



John "J" Agnew protects his stick from the Brown Defensman. Lacrosse had a rough start this year but grew as the team became strong as the year progressed. Team work is an integral part of Lacrosse. Photo by Poloris Staff

Ryan Hayde ditches the ball off to another player not shown as three defenders attack Hayde. Lacrosse is a game with quick decissions and even quicker reactions to the opossing team. Photo by Poloris Staff



Kevin "Norm" Peterson changes direction on the Brown long stick mid-fielder. Lacrosse is a sport of fast feet. All players will change direction and speed to lose the opposing players. Photo by Poloris Staff



by example

The 2000 Men's Lacrosse season came to an end with a disappointing home field loss to in-state rival Denver. The Falcons finished the season with a 2-12 record with wins coming over Manhattan College and VMI.

A young team, the men had only four seniors and five juniors dressing for most of the season. The defense, led by senior Brock Miller, was the most experienced group, but had to play with extra intensity in front of freshman goaltender, Billy Arnold. The young, mostly underclass offense was lead by senior midfielder Nick Dipoma, who led the team in goals, and junior attackman J. Agnew. Also a factor in their final record was a schedule containing some of the best teams in the country including Brown, Penn State, Notre Dame, Hofstra, Navy, Butler, Ohio State, Villanova and Denver. Next year will

get no easier for the Falcons with the addition of perennial powerhouse, Maryland.

The team is still in its rebuilding stages under Head Coach Fred Acee who says of his team.

"I do not look at our record as a measure of our success. The effort the boys put into each game makes me proud of them and excited for what is to come," said Coach Acee.

What is to come is due to the great efforts Coach Acee has put into his recruiting, which brings in about 20 new talents each year. Such hard work and dedication toward recruiting top-notch players is building a foundation that will only be added to in the years to come.

Look for a much-improved team next season as the younger players will emerge as leaders and become key contributors to the Falcon success.

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Ben Gensic catapults himself carefully over the delicately balanced bar. Gensic, with his brother Jake, helped the team score many points in the vault competition. Photo by P. Rose



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The 2000 season for the men's track team was a year of hard work and progression that culminated with a Dual Meet victory over Army and a second-place finish at the Mountain West Championships. The team has never beaten Army before nor have they placed as high as second place in the conference. At the end of the season, the team was ranked amongst the top 30 in the nation for division one.

The team was led through indoor and outdoor by senior sprinting standout Kevin Griswold. Griswold's consistent and dependable victories in the 200m and 400m dash were critical to the team's success. Senior Joe Bonner's mighty javelin throws also helped the team achieve their winning ways, while Tony Jones and Doug Alfaro were clutch performers in the triple and long jumps, earning key points when the team needed them. Pole-vaulter Jake Gensic always helped the team out with points from the field events section of track. While fellow senior Jim Nelson was running many laps round the track to score points in the distance events. Jesse Smith and Jimmy

Peoples were dependable in the 400 and 4x400 races as was Matt Puckett in the hurdle events. The senior class led the team this year with performances as well as team leadership.

The loss of such good athletes will be softened by the excellent up-and-coming track stars who are waiting in the wings or who have already proven themselves. Junior Shane Rogers once again qualified for the national meet in the steeplechase during the course of a season where he could be called on for a win when it came crunch time. The Joe Lopez and Brian Carpenter 12 punch in the 1500 and 800 were important to the team. Look for them to break four minutes in the mile next year. Junior Kurt Duffy showed everyone his abilities at the conference championships as he scored points for the team over four days of competition. Look for freshman sensation Marc Fulson in the hurdle events next year as he rolls up the competition in class and style.

It was a good year for the Air Force track stars with an amazing finish at the end. It's up to the new leaders on the team to ensure they always finish at that level or higher.

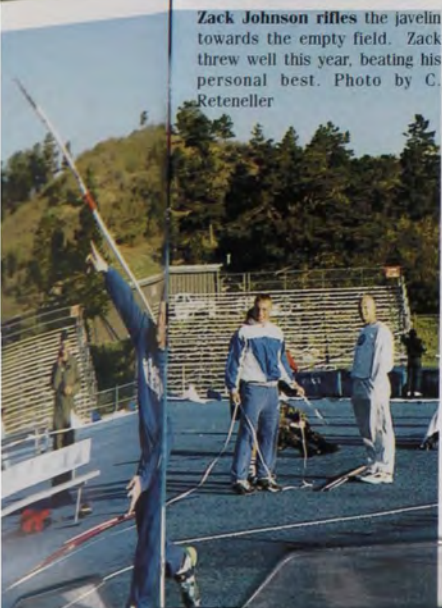


Zack Johnson rolls the javelin towards the empty field. There will this year, his personal best. Photo by P. Rose



Like a soaring falcon, Doug Alfaro propels himself into the sandy pit below him. Alfaro was the leading long-jumper at the Academy. Photo by P. Rose

Like a canon, Daniel Macsary launches a sixteen pound shotput into the heavens. Dan was an intricate part of the Men's throws team this year. Photo by P. Godinez



Zack Johnson rifles the javelin towards the empty field. Zack threw well this year, beating his personal best. Photo by C. Reteneller



Paul Mayo and Dave Francis charge hard to defeat their competitor. Photo by P. Godinez

Brooke Paige glides over the pole vault bar in another successful jump. Paige was one of two vaulters for the Lady Falcons. Photo by C. Reteneller



Justine Pearlberg winds up in preparations to send the javelin towards her mark. Pearlberg was a standout freshman for team. Photo by C. Reteneller



Kathy Mullee begins her ascent over the high jump bar. Mullee and Le'Netta Banks were essential in scoring during the Mountain West Conference competition. Photo by P. Rose



Dorothy DeLuz bolts out of the starting blocks. DeLuz was a member of the 4 X 100 and 4 X 400 meter relay teams for the Air Force. Photo by P. Godinez



Injury prone

The Women's Track team had a paradoxical season. With injuries running rampant, they managed to score more points at Outdoor Mountain West Conference than they ever had in a conference meet.

Rachel Smith, recipient of the Outstanding Track Athlete of the Year, had a phenomenal season in both the 3000m and 5000m. She even managed to step down a race to the 1500m and tear up the track with the fastest times on the women's team. Other seasoned standouts were Jaime Flood in the 3000m and 5000m, Jenny Stehwein in the 100m hurdles, and Dorothy Deluz in the 400m. Ana Ortega once again performed beautifully in the pole vault while trying her hand at several other events. Bessie Fontenot threw the javelin and received a personal record even though she has been plagued with injuries for two years. Four degree standouts included Dominique in several jump events and sprinting

events, Tracy Denaro in the 800m and 1500m, and Katie Crowe who managed to drop several seconds in the 400m.

There were many also that pushed through the pain of injuries to valiantly finish the season. Heather Johnson, an awesome 1500 m runner finished bravely though plagued with hip problems. Lenetta Banks, a high jumper, had a great season before her injuries proved too much. Elissa ran super times in the 1500m and 1200m before stress fractures stopped her from competing. Likewise, Jennifer Berger and Lara Coppinger, who had put in many miles during cross-country in anticipation of track also succumbed to knee and shin problems respectively. However, though the ranks were depleted for the final meets the other women pulled through with amazing performances and finished proudly. They are eagerly awaiting next year!

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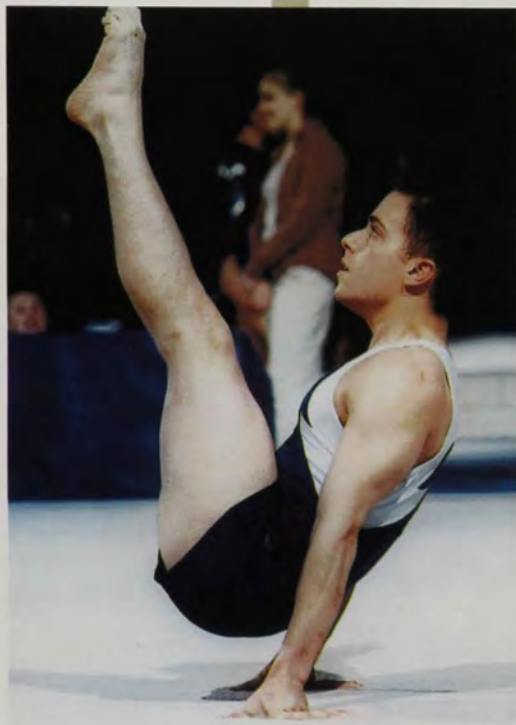


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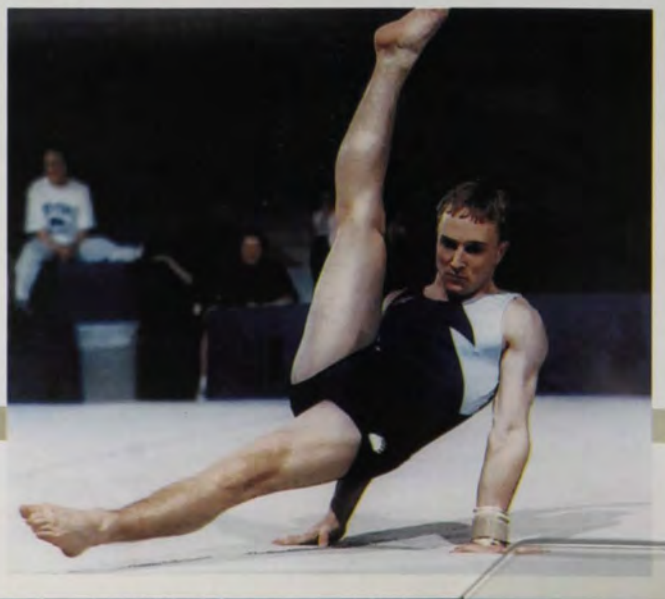
Track & Field

Nate Drewry shows off his talents on the pommel horse. Strength and precision are necessary when performing on the pommel horse. Photo provided by Sports Information

Showing balance and poise, Scott Lewis shows why the Air Force gymnastics team had a record breaking season. Photo provided by Sports Information



The floor exercise was a strong event for Falcon gymnasts in 1999-2000. Photo provided by Sports Information





Men's Gymnastics Team

L to R front row: Sean Daniel, Levi Torkelson, James Hays, Matt Kinkle, Nate Drewry, Parker Marshall, Justin Jones, Aaron Jackson, Hanson, Billy Kool
L to R back row: Devin Ryan, Steven Cystar, Andrew Fisher, Jeff Anderson, Scott Lewis, Javin Peterson, Billy Herman



The Men's Gymnastics season can be reminisced with record-breaking highs, new traditions and precedents, as well as mishaps and injuries. A promising freshman class evolved during the pre-season and eventually stepped up to the challenge of collegiate level competition. Aaron Jackson and Justin Jones marked themselves with consistency as they could continuously be relied upon to hit sets.

The competition season began at the Rocky Mountain Open where a new Academy team vaulting record was established. The meet founded a standard that was not to be let down in the upcoming competitions. Another team record was crushed on the pommel horse as the Falcons paraded over close rival University of Illinois-Chicago.

The highlight of the year was the first ever Inter-service Academy Triad meet with Army and Navy. Your Falcons again called out, "Who wants a piece of Air Force?" as they annihilated the competition.

However, this record-breaking season would take a turn for the worse the following weekend as

Captain Nathan Drewry would fall off the rings and sustain a near season ending torn ACL. Despite the disappointment, the gymnasts headed to Santa Barbara for a pivotal competition against West coast rivals including Stanford. Unfortunately, prior to the competition, Justin Jones broke his arm in a bad collision. On an individual level, Jeff Andersen set a new Academy pommel horse record with a solid 9.60. Andrew Fisher also broke a long-standing individual vault record with a score of 9.80 on a difficult handspring double front. Javin Peterson finished his career with a personal record on the rings of 9.75, as well as winning USAG championships on the event. Lastly, Levi Torkelson finished the season placing second in the all-around at Nationals as well as holding on to his status as "the best parallel bar swinger Air Force has ever competed".

After finishing the season with a culmination of injuries, (including Andrew Fisher's severe broken wrist just prior to NCAA nationals) everyone is hungry for the next year and the opportunity to reclaim their reputation established this season.

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For the Lady Birds, this was a season of changes and records. The first change occurred at the beginning of the season when Lisa Woody-Green became assistant head coach. She brought the spirit and enthusiasm needed to bring out the best in the team. Coach Green had a saying: "You may not know what the PLAN is, but I promise you there is one and all the hard work WILL pay off!"

The team started the season with an outstanding performance at the Rocky Mountain Open. The Lady Birds scored their highest first meet score ever with a 189.800. They continued to dominate throughout the season and won 10 home events.

A highlight of the home competitions was a dual meet against Texas Woman's University where the Lady Birds scored a season high and set a new Academy record with a score of 194.225.

Individual Academy records fell during this competition when Bethany Stott tied the floor record with 9.925 and Kim Broughton tied the uneven bars record with 9.875. Four out of five possible team records fell during this last home meet: the vault total, the floor total, and the overall total.

"Expect it!" said Jenn Glomb.

Post-season championships were significant for the Air Force Falcons. Kristi Delcœur, Kim Broughton, Jenn Dougherty, and Bethany Stott qualified for the NCAA Regional Championships.

The women's team also qualified for the national championships. The team had outstanding performances and finished second behind Texas Woman's University with a score of 191.550.

In addition, six individuals qualified for event finals and most competed in more than one event. This is the most competitors that AFA has ever put into event finals. Kim Broughton took the individual all-around championship title and had an outstanding performance in the event finals. Jenn Dougherty also did very well by placing in the top ten in vault, beam, and floor. Other individual qualifiers were: Elizabeth Weber, Amy Hultin, Courtney Hamrick and Bethany Stott. Overall, there were 14 USAG Collegiate All-American awards given to the AFA team members.

"It is amazing how close the team is," said Amy Hultin. "It feels like we're all part of a big family!"

Christy Delcœur flawlessly performs her floor routine at a home meet. She was a solid and consistent all-arounder throughout the year. Photo provided by Sports Information.



Women's Gymnastics Team

Top L to R: Liz Webber, Erin Decamels, Christy Delcœur, Bethany Stott, Courtney Hamrick, Lauren Lettler, Shelly Hooten, Linda Newton, Jennifer Glomb
Second row L to R: Amy Hultin, Tiffany Stewart, Jennifer Dougherty, Hanna Obermiller Smith, Robin Kamlo, Kristen Gale, Megan McHowen, Tammy LeBlanc
Third row L to R: Danice Kiefer, Courtney Gray, Kimberly Broughton, Allison Todd

Debbie Karvinsky performs her floor routine at a home meet. She was a solid and consistent all-arounder throughout the year. Photo provided by Sports Information.



Amy Hultin floats through the air while executing a high leap. With her talent and experience, she lead the team to a record breaking year. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Team captain Shelly Hooten lets her personality shine during her floor routine. With her leadership, Hooten was the driving force behind the lady birds success. Photo provided by Sports Information.



Lauren Lettini skillfully holds a scale on the balance beam. The lady birds broke both individual and team records on the beam this year. Photo provided by Sports Information.



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A sharp blast rings to the ear, while a gray fog of smoke fills the air and nostrils of each competitor. The runners lurch off of the starting line prepared to engage in yet another competition to see who can make it to the finish line first.

The Air Force Academy Falcons had another outstanding cross-country season. The men's team finished second close behind BYU. On the men's side, team captain and number one runner Jim Nelson comments on the season.

"It started a little slow, but we were able to put it together at the conference meet for a second place finish, and a lot of great performances," said Nelson.

"The 1999 season has created the momentum we need for success in the next two years," said Joe Monaco, a second team all conference winner.

The men's team will be saying goodbye to seniors James Nelson, Ryan O'Hara, and Patrick Shanahan. The men's team is young and will be strong with the help of returning players Brian Carpenter, Perry Griffith, Al Kelly, Joe Lopez, Joe Monaco, Zach Richter, Shane Rogers, David

Romero, Jarek Thompson, and a host of young talent from the freshman. The Academy will have another run at the MWC Championship.

On the women's side, team captain Rachel Smith let the team.

"The team worked very well together, and we improved a lot over last year," said Smith, a second team all conference winner. "We had hopes of beating CSU in the conference meet this year, but we were very happy to finish 3rd!"

The women's team placed third in the Mountain West Conference Meet, one of the best finishes in Air Force Academy history. The women's team will lose seniors Rachel Smith and Heather Johnson next season, however, there are a lot of young talented runners ready to fill their slots. Juniors Jamie Flood, Dalia Wenckus and freshman Tracy Denaro, Stephanie Fry, Laurel Huber, Sarah Malberg, and Cynthia Vincent will contend for another top MWC finish.

To top the season, Coach Mark Stanforth was voted the Mountain West Conference coach of the year. Congratulations coach and team for another spectacular cross-country season.

Launching off the starting line, Rachel Smith bolts past a pack of competitors. Smith earned 2-0 Team All MWC honors. Photo by P. Rose



Cross Country Team

Top Men: Brian Carpenter, Patrick Shanahan, Joseph Monaco, James Nelson, Ryan O'hara, Joe Lopez, Albert Kelly, Zachary Ritchen, Stephen Jones, Shane Rogers, David Romero
Bottom Women (L-R): Sari Kinney, Lauryn McGrath, Dalia Wenckus, Brooke Paige, Jaime Flood, Lara Copplinger, Heather Johnson, Rachel Smith, Glory Smith

...ing off the starting line. Rachel Smith holds
... of competitors. Smith earned 241 Team
... MWC honors. Photo by P. Rose



With fists pounding furiously and legs striding rhythmically, Ryan O'Hara surges as he nears the finish line. O'Hara was an integral component of the men's team top seven. Photo by P. Rose

James Nelson and Patrick Shanahan destroy the field as they gain a commanding lead of the race. Team captain Nelson led the men's team and earned first team All MWC honors. Photo by P. Rose



Sprinting down the home stretch while blowing away the competition, Heather Johnson gives us a sign she is going to capture another win for the Falcons. Johnson ran consistently for the women's team throughout the year aiding in a fourth place finish in the MWC. Photo by P. Rose



Mike Benza is receiving the Wing Open outstanding boxing trophy. Benza is the second cadet in Academy history to win four regional and national titles. Photo by S. Ritchie



William Keller parry's a jab from Adam Roberts. Boxers use all types of moves to avoid their opponents. Photo by E. Bixby



Aaron Banks connects with a jab to the chin of Jay Pantages. Banks fought hard which is apparent by the blood on his shirt and shorts. Photo by E. Bixby

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Tensions ran high for 24 USAFA cadets on the 27th of June in Clune Arena. Months and months of hard work and training followed by elimination fights had trimmed the numbers down to only two fighters in each of the 12 weight classes. Now the time had come to find out who was the best.

The stage was set and the fans were ready. Over 4,000 cheering supporters from the cadet wing and the Colorado Springs area turned out to see this perennial favorite. The event was split into 12 bouts, each one consisting of three rounds, two minutes per round. Each boxer hoped he would still be standing at the end of three rounds.

The fights started and the boxers didn't disappoint. Blinding fast combinations ending with thunderous blows left opponents woozy and dazed, clinging to the ropes. But many courageous pugilists battled back to land several blows evening the fights. The intensity level remained high throughout the evening.

Six boxers, Joel Rivera (125), Paul Gabriel (132), Michael Benza (139), Lincoln McCloud (165), Mark Sletten (185), and Mark Porcella (Hwt) all repeated as wing open champions. For Michael Benza, this was his fourth victory becoming only the fourth boxer in USAFA history to accomplish this feat and establishing his immortality in the annals of Air Force Academy boxing.

The real winners of the event however were not battling in the ring. Instead they were two young girls who were predetermined to receive all the proceeds from the evening. Jessica Zangrilli, a 13-year old, was at the time suffering from systemic lupus erythematosus and nine-year old Nichole Battion who was diagnosed with a tumor in her leg in August 1999.

For whatever reasons, the fans flocked to the event, whether it be the free weekend leave for cadets or a genuine interest in boxing among community members, the Wing Open once again proved to be an exciting evening for all age groups.



Vaughn Brazil lands a left hook on his opponent, Dave Pugh. Pugh won the hand fought match eventually capturing the silver medal in nationals. Photo by E. Bixby



Mike Benza sets up his opponent for an offensive fury. Mike was an instrumental boxer this year.
Photo by T. Becker



Tenacious

by
Mark
Sletten

The Air Force Academy boxing program, coached by Eddie Weichers, has achieved unparalleled success in the collegiate boxing arena. In twenty-one tries, the Academy has brought home fourteen team titles. True to form, the Academy boxing team, led by six seniors, snatched its fourteenth team title from the hungry hands of all its competitors on April 6th, 2000. The Academy's dominance of collegiate boxing is a testament of its coach's tenacity and the work ethic of its boxers.

Three seniors made the night especially memorable with their crowd-pleasing performances. Mike Benza became only the second boxer to ever win four Wing Open Championships and four National Titles. When asked what motivated him to train at that level of intensity, he revealed his secret.

"When someone tells me I can't to do something, I'm going to get it done," said Benza. "That's all there is to it."

Benza's no-nonsense style served him well as he finished his career with a win over Doug Bayly of Penn State.

Mark Sletten, at 185 lbs, confidently fought his way to his third straight national title

with an impressive victory over Chuch Mussachio of Lock Haven University. Knocking his opponent out mid-way through the third round, Sletten attributed his victory to God's strength.

"The Lord has brought me through a lot of tough times which makes it that much sweeter to finish with three titles under my belt," said Sletten.

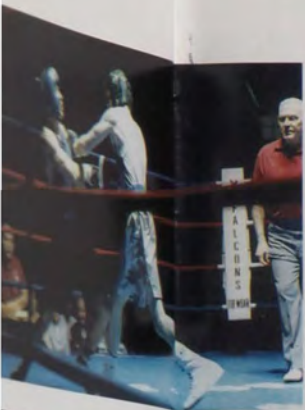
Sletten finished his career as the nation's best at 185 lbs.

Mark Porcella, the Air Force's heavy weight, defeated Nathan Whitfield of Army to win his second straight national title. Porcella is well known for his pure boxing skills, but he showed the crowd in Clune Arena that he is also a hard hitter. Knocking Whitfield out in the second round, Porcella finished his career as the national heavyweight champ.

"To win this as a senior... it's a great feeling - there's nothing better," said Porcella.

Air Force had two underclassmen win their first national titles. Chris Robinette, at 119 lbs, won his first title as a freshman. Dustin Brown fought his way to victory at 185 lbs. With Brown as a sophomore and Robinette as a freshman, Weicher's boxing club looks to have more good years ahead.





Dave Pugh battles with his opponent from Navy. There is a strong rivalry between the Falcons and Navy, with Air Force coming out on top. Photo by T. Becker

Mark Porcella extends to land a body shot on his opponent. Porcella went on to earn another national title. Photo by T. Becker



Mike Benza squares off with his opponent from Penn State. In his fourth National Championship bout, he once again came out victorious. Photo by T. Becker



This cadet jumps high to bring down this pass but cannot get up enough. Cadets put forth a lot of effort for their teams during intramurals. Photo by C. Seaman



Players from CS-12 open up a large hole against CS-13. Cadets get so involved in intramurals that sometimes they do not even notice the play has stopped. Photo by S. Joca



Khomani Shortte breaks free from Curtis Cunningham and Jake Lanford. Flag football is an enjoyable and high-scoring sport for cadets. Photo by S. Joca

Marco Cardenas battles it out. In boxing intramurals, fists and excitement are always in the air. Photo by E. Bixby

Fall Intramurals

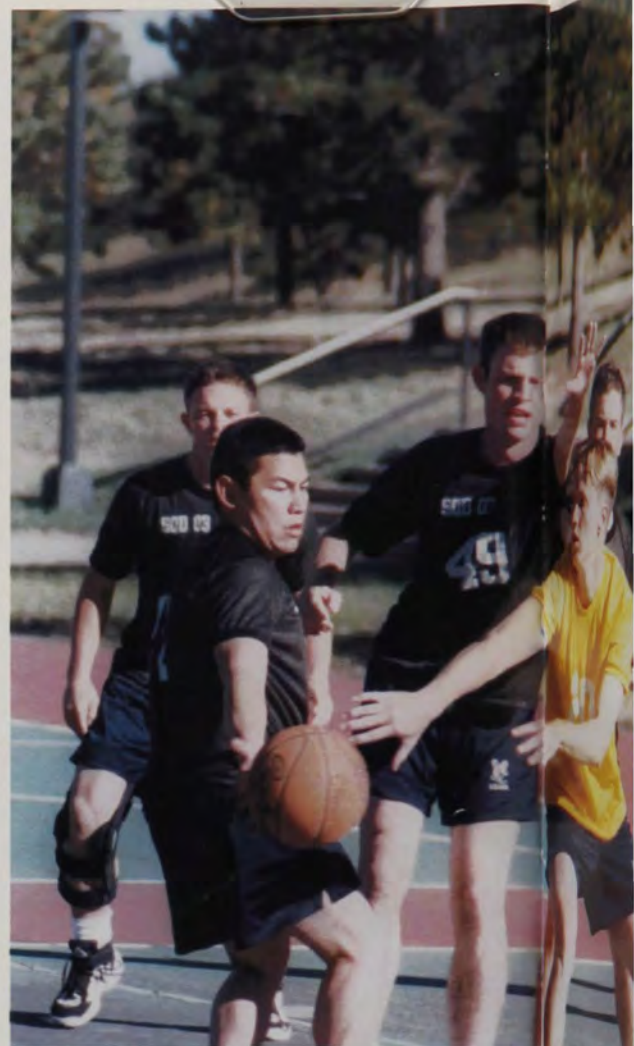


This CS-03 player attempts to get the handball by two teammates from Bull Six. Team handball is played very intensely as displayed by these cadets. Photo by J. Aragon



- Champions
- Basketball
- CS 22
- Soccer
- CS 36
- Flickerball
- CS 03
- Football
- CS 17

John Gilliard dribbles away from a cadet from squadron 5. Intramural basketball keeps cadets moving at a fast pace. Photo by J. Aragon



Champions
Handball
CS 06
Mtn. Biking
CS 11
Walleyball
CS 15





Chris McAlear is surrounded by Leo Tonko, and other CS-03 players as he tries to pass the ball. Basketball is an intense game to watch during intramurals. Photo by J. Aragon



Jerome Deleon Guerro throws the handball at the goal as Justin Rufa tries to block the shot. Matthew Gettings tries to get out of the way as Wink Jenkins guards him. Photo by S. Joca

With skill and poise, Tobin Allen cuts the ball to beat another cadet. Soccer is one of the longer intramurals, going later than most others. Photo by S. Joca



Flag Football players from CS-07 huddle before a play. Understanding and teamwork are essential elements to success in intramural athletics. Photo by Polaris Staff

Fall Intramurals



A CS-17 player reaches to hit a long ball and possibly score for his team. Rules for softball included a "one-swing-and-you're-out" rule. Photo by A. Wheatley



Champions
Soccer
CS 23
Softball
CS 15
Ultimate Frisbee
CS 25

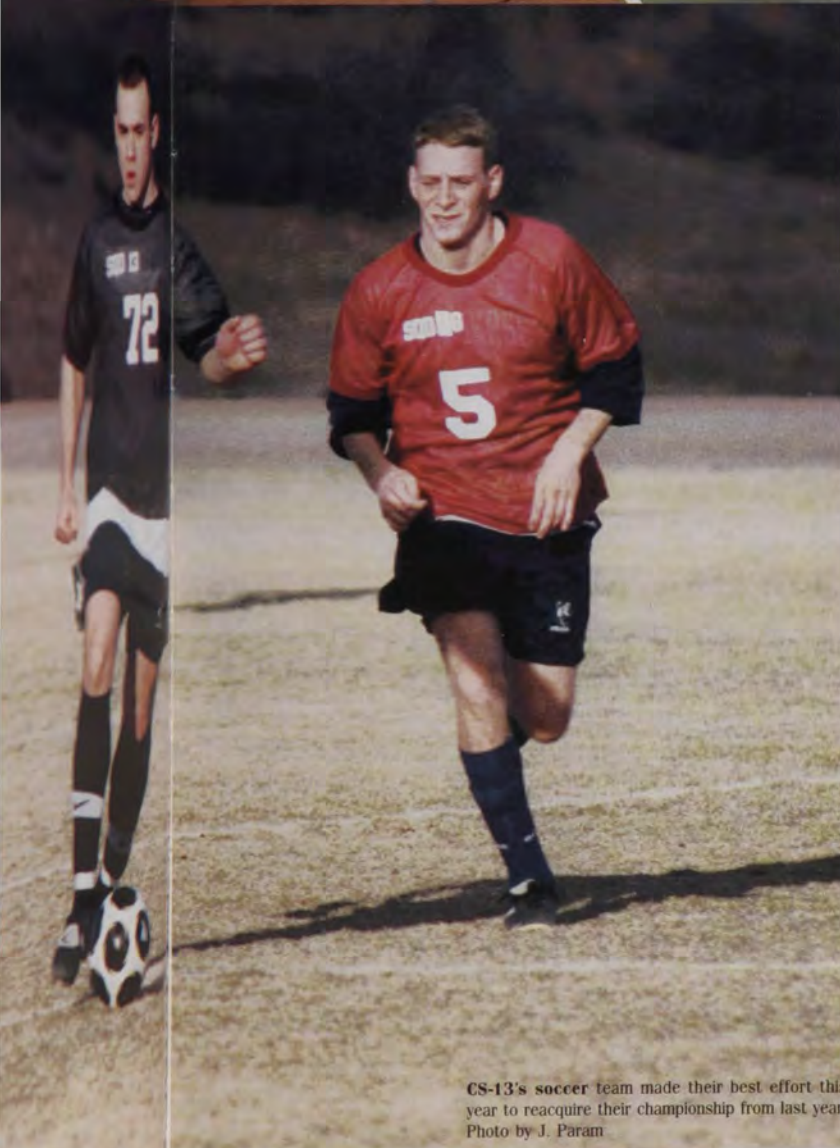
Spring Intramurals



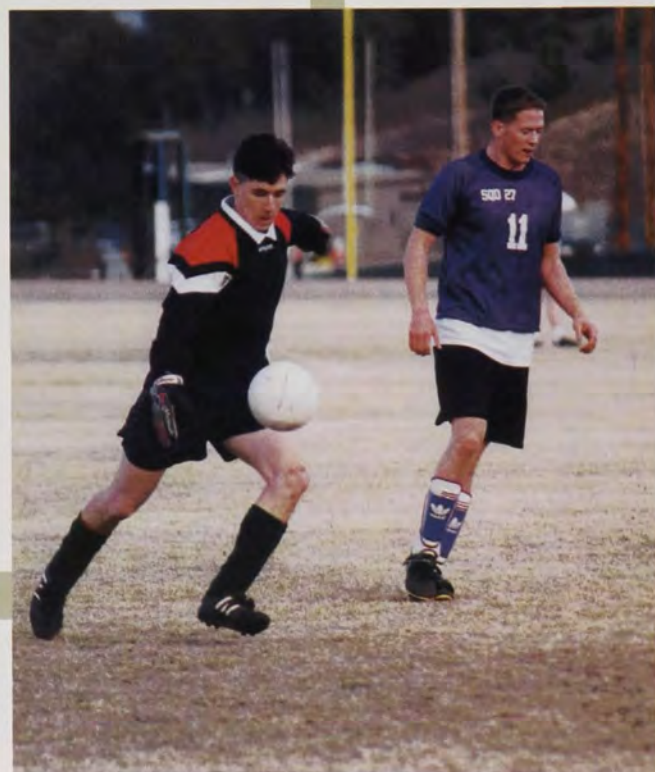


CS-22 players battle for a loose ball with players from CS-25. CS-25 made up for losses in the fall semester by going to the finals in 3 events during the spring. Photo by J. Param

Tyler steps up to the plate in an effort to bring CS-10 another win. Tiger Ten's squadron pride shows in all aspects of cadet life, to include intramural athletics. Photo by A. Wheatley



CS-13's soccer team made their best effort this year to reacquire their championship from last year. Photo by J. Param



Tim Chapman, CS-27, stands ready for action as his opponent punts the ball down the field. All squadrons put their best foot forward each semester to bring their team to the finals. Photo by J. Param

Team Handball players from this squadron attempt to move the ball past defenders. Team Handball is changed this year, as it is now played on an asphalt court. Photo by J. Param



Athletic spirit shines as these cadets give their all in an effort for a victory. Athletic superiority adds points to a squadron in contention for the Outstanding Squadron Award. Photo by J. Param

Cadets battle both the chill and each other in Team Handball. Intramural athletics provided cadets with both athletic fitness and a competitive intuition. Photo by J. Param



Spring Intramurals

Champions
Cross Country
CS 14
Racquetball
CS 03
Team Handball
CS 02
Volleyball
CS 21



This cadet is about to launch the ball as Ben Price tries to get in front and block the kick. Competition is fierce in all intramurals, especially soccer. Photo by S. Joca



This Falcon rugby player gets a little help from his teammates. Photo by P. Rose

The one positive note about the Academy that no cadet can deny is the fact that there is a club for everybody. Literally. With over 95 registered clubs, it is certain that there is a club out there for everyone.

In retrospect...

those trips with the ski club were the hookup four-degree year...

the numerous spire groups allowed everyone to practice their faith among friends...

Every graduate leaves the Academy with thoughts of at least one particular club. Whether it was D&B playing for us at noon meal formation, or the Wings of Blue jumping into the graduation parade, the memories are there.

Mountain Biking



KAFPA & Dodo



Wings of Blue

CLUBS

In

Retrospect...

mens rugby



Zoomie Rugby

Row 1 T.J. Fryar, Scott Craven, Phil Gause, Tony Colella, Nate Harrold, Ty Selfridge, Dimitri Martini, Shane Owen, Juan Guzman, Rick Kice, Drew Wiesehan

Row 2 (Coach) Toby Edison, Javier Figueroa, Josh Weed, Bo Balzer, Marty Laye, Steve Edstrom, Zack Baker, Mike Igoo, Tarek Awada, Buck Gardener, Kevin Davis, Wayne Kinsel, Derek Kallman, Dusty Born, Christian Grimm, Matt Clugston, Phil Sheridan, Nolan Foster, Tim Strouse, Mark Murphy, Todd Green, Lance Vivion, (Coach) Elliot Davidow

Eight man Tarek "Jamil" Awada being tackled after an aggressive scrum move. The team always flexed its muscles against its union rivals.



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rugby team
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two national
titles.

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Rugby...it speaks for itself! Since the 1970's, the Air Force Academy Zoomie Rugby Football Club (ZRFC) has been strutting its stuff both on and off the field. Rugby is a game known for its smash mouth, hard hitting play, not to mention the long night of partying that occurs afterwards.

From the birth of zoomie rugby, our teammates have accomplished some pretty impressive goals. At present, the rugby team has four third place finishes, four runner-up finishes, and two national titles.

The two national championships, in 1989 and 1990, came at a time when the team had little support from the high ranking officers at the Academy. Known to take life at a fast pace and get a bit rowdy at times, the Academy did not want a bunch of hormone raging, future officers tarnishing its image. But it was too late, they had already left their mark on collegiate rugby.

From some of our former players/coaches, we hear stories of wild road trips, unrestrained victory parties, and a ferocious attitude that is synonymous with the game of rugby. Outside this little world of USAFA, they were feared. No team in the union was strong enough to overcome our athletic ability and sheer heart, even Cal-Berkeley cringed at the sound of our name.

Much the same is true now, though some of the lighter aspects have died off. The team is still known for its fierce temper and will to win, along with the traditions of old. Every year, the team sets goals which include winning a third national title. Through blistering heat or snow storms, they are out on the pitch becoming the best. Their hard work and dedication proves to be the basis for their success.

What makes them unique is their love for the game and spontaneity of life.

From rugby queens to zulu warriors, these are the future leaders of our country.



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Life

club photos



Row 1 N. Walker, J. Libman, J. Smith
Row 2 J. Downs, Unknown
Row 3 Dr. Herzinger (OIC), J. Roth, J. Janik, Dr. Schaubroeck (OIC)
Row 4 P. Grossenbach, Unknown, Unknown, A. Rubi
Row 5 M. Burniston, R. LePome, Capt. Serpa (AOIC)

Row 1 D. Rapanotti, J. Himsi, J. Trevino
Row 2 D. Santos, L. Brocklesby, T. Archer



Row 1 T. Dunagan, P. Godinez
Row 2 Unknown, J. Vigueria, D. Mortensen, S. Ahrens
Row 3 J. Browning, Unknown, E. Flemming, L. Sustman

Row 1 K. Sprotte, A. Albert, E. Serra, S. Mansfield, H. Adams, J. Anpke, F. Hitchcock, K. Arn, E. Urso
Row 2 M. Hardin, I. Vian, G. Huhmann, M. West J. Belisle, BJ Lingle, J. Bennett, N. Sawruk
Row 3 J. Sullivan, T. Cook, C. Panier, M. Moss, J. Bianchi, C. Perich, J. Simmons, D. Morlock, Captain Bates
Row 4 R. LeVay, J. Jessup, C. Uecker, R. Sanford, T. Johnson, B. Stephens, J. Bernazzani, B. Sodini
Row 5 C. Oliphant, S. Ayre, A. Kenney, D. Burshtein



bowling
Row 1 J. Clayton, L. Wagner, S. Soltis, K. Blair, D. Golding, M. Talley
Row 2 C. VanEuserom, S. Ahrens, S. Gleason, S. Yousey, M. Olson, C. Frohman

ski race
Row 1 J. Clayton, L. Wagner, S. Soltis, K. Blair, D. Golding, M. Talley
Row 2 C. VanEuserom, S. Ahrens, S. Gleason, S. Yousey, M. Olson, C. Frohman



cycling
Row 1 M. Rudy, M. Barnes
Row 2 A. Yee, S. Ahrens, J. Johnston, B. Ames, J. Shaffer, S. Eyer, S. Troge, S. Hoffert, B. Leonard

archery
Row 1 J. Clayton, L. Wagner, S. Soltis, K. Blair, D. Golding, M. Talley
Row 2 C. VanEuserom, S. Ahrens, S. Gleason, S. Yousey, M. Olson, C. Frohman

ski club
Row 1 J. Feuring, F. Kochanowski, B. Bak, T. Still, M. Lennon, J. Feuring



women's
Row 1 S. Boff, N. Winters, L. Nelson, J. Roberts, T. Adams, L. McDonald, E. Harms, N. Hamilton-Brown, M. Smith, T. Labowitch, C. McBrayer

SPRINT photos club



C3C Ben Vickers rounds a turn in one of the many fast descents throughout the race. Is that Duct Tape on his helmet? Photo by Mt. Biking Club



Mountain Biking

Left to Right: Brad Ames, Mary Rudy, Daniel Coelle, Sam Troge, Jon Shaffer, Scott Ahrens, Daniel Munson, Steve Hoffert



Overcoming The Mountain Biking

So there we were standing on the starting line of the National Collegiate Mountain Bike Championships with fifteen minutes to start. Somebody looks down and says, "Ben, I think your back tire is flat."

This situation is typical of our competitive Air Force Mountain Bike Team. We always have a last minute barrier to overcome, but it seems to always work out. The season started off a little slow with the team only competing in five events, but many of us had been doing open entry races all summer. The team ended up doing well enough to earn a spot among the 60 fastest schools in the nation.

A roster of six riders made the trip to Athens, Georgia to place 21st in the nation as a team. These riders included Scott Ahrens, Sam Troge, Ben Vickers, Dan Yousey, Carl Frohman, and Jaime Lusk, a Navy exchange cadet. Together, along with Mary Rudy, James Christensen, McKay Morgan, and Warren Carroll, the team represented Air Force throughout Colorado against the fastest teams in the country.

The Mountain Bike Team has been a good way for the Academy to get people interested in a sport that offers fun as well as fitness. With more and more support from cadet clubs and the Association of Graduates, the USAFA team has been able to compete at a national level for several years.

In addition, the team has expanded from cross-country racing to downhill and dual slalom (similar to the snow skiing events). With a solid performance under their belts at nationals, most of the racers on the team began training with springtime road racing or other endurance sports, such as Nordic skiing.

Most of the riders focused on the cross-country races, but with Jamie Lusk and Ben Vickers' having more extreme race experience as an influence, the whole team dabbled into downhill and dual slalom events. The cross-country races ranged from 15 to 30 miles and were filled with winding climbs and rocky descents.

C1C Carl Frohman, who first tried dual slalom this year said, "when you're used to cross country races, taking jumps where you had to clear a gap and land on a down-ramp freaked me out, but after seeing Ben and Jamie do it, I had to give it a shot."

The downhill events were like racing the descent sections of the cross-country races.

"If you crash in the downhill races, you can really screw yourself up, but by the end of the season, I could really tell I was getting faster, its all mental, really, you have to take chances," said C1C Scott Ahrens.

C2C Troge also went from being a fairly new racer to hammering even more experienced team members by the end of the season.

Aas Vickers sped across the line for a fifth place finish in the second heat, he had already forgotten about the flat tire that almost kept him out of the race.

BY BEN VICKERS



C2C Stephen Hoffert, CS-30 explores alternative, less legal riding areas. He is available for question in room 2F36 of Sijan Hall. Photo by Mt. Biking Club



C3C Ben Vickers instructs onlookers on the finer points of Dirt Jumping. Wait, are those issued running shoes he's wearing? Photo by Mt. Biking Club



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Row 1 K. Denton, Unknown, Unknown, B. Small
Row 2 B. Fiske, R. Denton, Mae-Li Amick,
Unknown, Unknown

Row 1 Captain Tracey Neal-Walden, ShaNekia Peebles, Jenae Jackson, Caroline Ayo, Cara McBrayer, Ebony Johnson, Charlene Wilson, LeNetta Banks
Row 2 Christina Fox, India Donald, TaNika Archer, Kalet Gibbons, Johnathan Gillard, Malcolm Roberts, Damelsa White, Joshua Barlow, Mr. Sam Bryant
Row 3 Sterling Barnes, ???, Erica Shannon, Adonis Haynes, Ahon Griffin, Roderic Faulk, Vaughn Brazil
Row 4 Khomani Shortte, Edgar Williams, James Sargeant, Jay Matlock, Joseph Harding, Jason Sanders
Row 5 Eric Lathrop, Fitz Glasgow, Gary Cooper, Derrick Connor, Detric Grimes, Mark Fulson, Meredith Jessup, Tyron Wright, Michael Sutlar, Garrick Collins



Row 1 Theresa Vick, Karen Negran, Erica Vogt, Robin Lease, Mary Perez, Doug White, Garret Knowlan
Row 2 Erin Nagel, Joseph Chapmen, Nicholas Ferrington
Row 3 Jaqueline Albright,

Row 1 Robin Lease, Sarah Hardin, Emily Vinson
Row 2 Greg Hoffman, Dave Ware, Brad Salmi, Brian Randolph, Tom Hutton, Adam Schlag, Drew Eisenhofer
Row 3 Elizabeth Medlin, Ned Jones, Nate Hillard, Jeremy McDaniel, Steve Griffen
Row 4 Lauren Emerson, Megan Smitt, Nate Harris, Will Sanders, Jonathan Dark
Row 5 Darren Moore, Matthew Perry, Michael Kump, Randy Carlson
Row 6 Joshua Weed, Jesse Hastings, Nathan Leuthold



Row 1 Dallas Hansen, Tom Purdie, Kathryn Young,
Derek Neal, Ray Gamero, Julia Rodriguez
Row 2 Ryan Romano, Kevin Thomas
Row 3 Michael Rose, Mark Reeder, Reid Gardner,
Andrew McClay, Nathan Karchner
Row 4 ???? Dan Bongioanni, Eric Johnson, ???? Kim
Osborne
Row 5 Captain Mark Patterson, Troy Monson, Travis
Monson, Kent Jensen, McKay Morgan

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Row 1 Thomas Hall, Karen Wagner, Eric Yu
Michele Lewis, Mary Alessi, Doug White, Carl
Kavanaugh Row 2 Eric White, Jason Charns
Nicholas Vermeiren Row 3 September Camp

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GR photo club





C1C Kristen DiScala catches the ball before beating her defender to the cage. DiScala owned the turf with her speed throughout the season. Photo by P. Rose

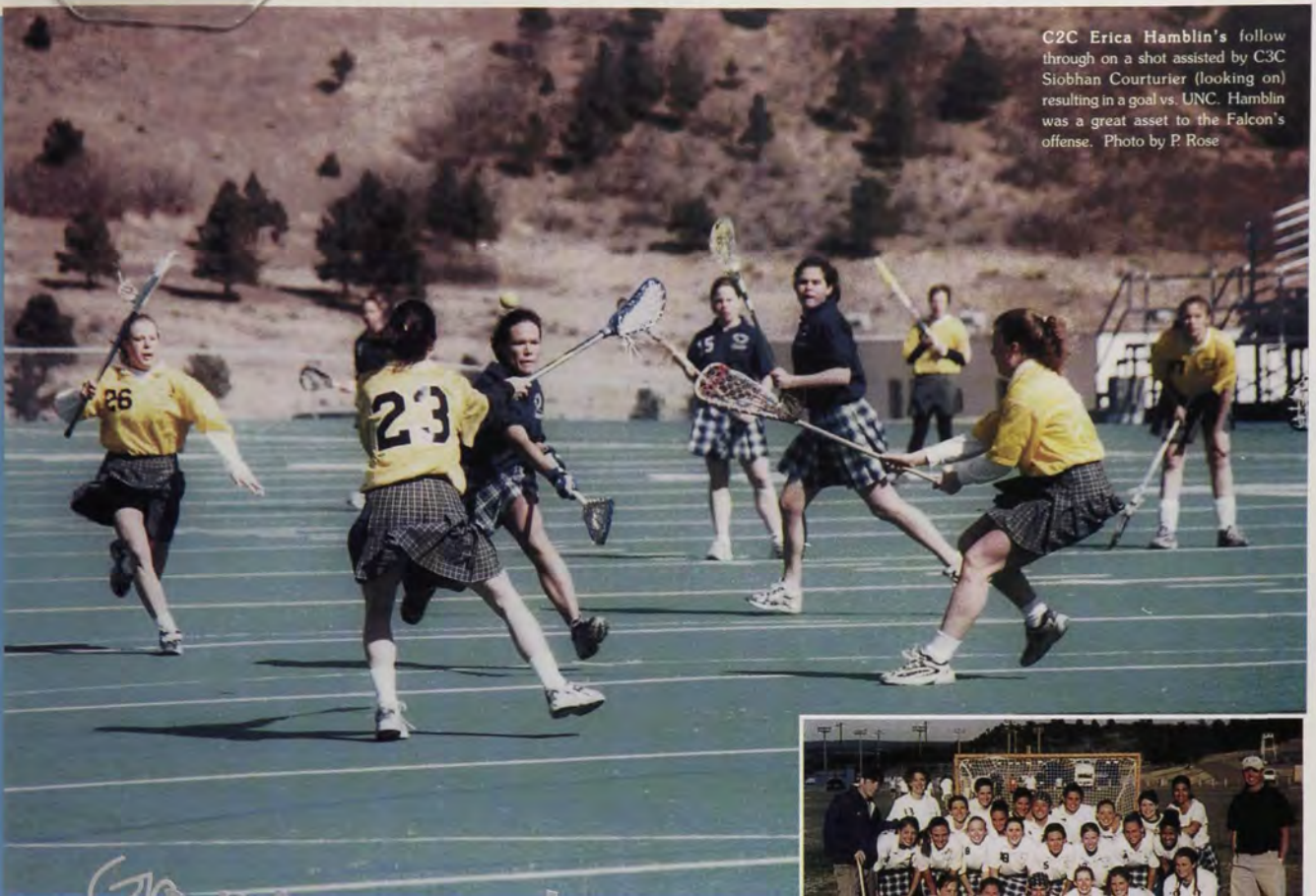


C2C Lisa Jorgensen, the teams top scorer, cradles after winning a face-off and setting up a fast break. Jorgensen brought her expertise to the game to show the others how it was done. Photo by P. Rose

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C1C Jess Guyton and

C2C Erica Hamblin's follow through on a shot assisted by C3C Siobhan Courturier (looking on) resulting in a goal vs. UNC. Hamblin was a great asset to the Falcon's offense. Photo by P. Rose



Go Women's LADY Lacrosse BIRDS



Women's Lacrosse

Row 1 Mary Cunningham, Lisa Jorgensen, Kristen DiScala, Jessica Guynn, Shannon Nielsen, ReAnn Caldwell.
Row 2 Howie Schmidt, Staci Cotner, Colleen French, Emma Stanley, Kathryn Young, Erica Hamblin, Adrienne Stahl, Jackie Harris, Allison Ecung, Cody Stiverson
Row 3 Lisa Vice, Tara Heintz, Nelle Pirotte, Heather Gagnon, Rebekah Holt, Nora Cho, Siobhan Couturier, Angela Luciano, Maureen Duffey, Jen Peterson

The Women's Lacrosse team is one of the hottest teams at the Academy. The team is also one of the few that is predominantly cadet run. The OIC, currently 2nd Lt and former player Jenn Ortiz, is one exception. The team handles everything from funding to scheduling to transportation.

After losing most of their starting lineup to the Class of '99, the team came back strong this Fall, finishing 3-1, with only 1 loss to D-1 Denver University. With a relatively young team, (only three current firsties), there is a lot of new talent on the rise. Our current coaches, C1C Howie Schmidt, C2C Patrick Lowe, and C2C Cody Stiverson, have been working hard with captains, C1C Jess Guynn and C1C Shannon (Shan-Dog)

Nielsen, to pull it all together. This spring they compete against tough teams such as Colorado College and Stanford University.

Upon being questioned about the team's upcoming Stanford trip, C1C Jess Guynn replied, "This team has too much heart to walk away feeling like anything but champions."

After asking C1C Howie Schmidt about his experience coaching Women's Lacrosse he profoundly stated, "Neat."

Although this is "No Simple Highway," for the team, they've got something to prove in their journey to gain intercollegiate status. With their amazing determination, heart, and teamwork, they are sure to succeed in making it happen.

By HOWIE SCHMIDT AND
MARY CUNNINGHAM

club photos



Row 1 E. Ka'a'a, A. Bergquist, R. Rosario, D. Martinez, S. Hoffmeier, L. Ceville
Row 2 T. Ganzelez, E. Lyons, A. Price, D. Smith, R. Anderson, J. Mueller, P. Ovaelle, D. Penuela, M. Valentine, J. Mikes, P. Zapata
Row 3 D. Rogers, J. Morales, R. Daniel, J. Burd, E. Williams, M. Decz, M. Booker, J. Lukens, K. Hasson

Row 1 M. Balsa, C. White, A. Betley, B. Lipshutz, J. Howard, K. Robertson, R.J. Williams, D. Stohr, D. Phillips



Row 1 C. McKes, B. Spillane, A. Tydingco, O. Hill, A. Mauer, C. Baca-Madroff, K. Wampole, J. Nix, J. Kramer
Row 2 B. Rudd, A. Luyet, J. pargas, A. V'ant Land, B. Long, K. Go, B. Rhoades
Row 3 M. Shrull, K. Limberlin, M. Schmidt, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, D. Merritt, K. Lee, P.J. Seipel, Unknown

Row 1 W. Keller, M. Vandermeiden, J. Cinq-Mars, V. Meyer, C. Collins, M. Robinson
Row 2 J. VanOverbeke, Pat Godinez, P. Maney, P. Haney, T. O'Hara, D. Mather, B. Hale
Row 3 P. Cole, J. Lichleiter, P. Hefley, C. Conley, A. Lane
Row 4 Unknown, S. Masters, D. Ferruzzi, C. Teegarden
Row 5 D. Wangen, J. Hofstede, J. Blaire, C. Hinkes, Unknown, M. Kump, D. Eastmen, K. Sunderland, J. Seal, J. Brantuk



Row 1—G. Cameron, S. Robitaille, S. Alvarez, J. Rose
 Row 2 P. Cole, A. Britton, D. Anderson, J. Kubacz
 Row 3 Maj. Rathbun, M. Vandermeiden, B. Bryan,
 E. Fleming



Row 1 Major Carl Katsche, M. Hajdinpak, J.
 Viguerra, S. Ritchie, T. Hinkle, K. Spencer, J. Richards,
 Captain Jeffrey Young

Row 1 Brent Carpenter, Joe Sorensen, Justin
 Longmire, Bryan Trinkle, Bede Bolin, Lance
 Brenneke
 Row 2 Tim Dunagan, Greg Moulton, Brian Beekman,
 Luke Porsi
 Row 3 Mike Donaldson, Jeremiah Alder, Rich Ward
 Row 4 Chris Schulz, Dan Anderson, Greg McCann,
 Justin Riester
 Row 5 TSgt. Steve Beebe, Nate Jensen, Joshua Jessup,
 Dave Caponio
 Not Pictured Captain Roger Sherman, MSgt Tom
 Freeman



Row 1 Unknown, Francis Irving, Joe Vigueria
 Row 2 Captain Bowe, Unknown, Dustin Born, John
 Mikal, Ryan Pham, Dustin Beardin, Eric Music, Cory
 Barack



club photos

By SCOTT BEUSCH

Backstreet Boys... no. Nsync... no again. Britney Spears... maybe if this were television. For many cadets, this is a typical and not to mention frustrating way to browse the radio dial.

The solution is KAFA, a station produced by and for cadets. Staffed by a diverse mix of cadets with an even more diverse musical taste, KAFA provides tunes to those lucky enough to receive signals from the fragile antennae pumping out a hefty 20 watts (or roughly 1/3 the power of an incandescent light-bulb). Few are sure how old the station exactly is, but it went back on the air in 1989 and has been on the air ever since (aside from the occasional officer who pulls the plug). Although not famous by any means, if you haven't heard us yet, you soon will.

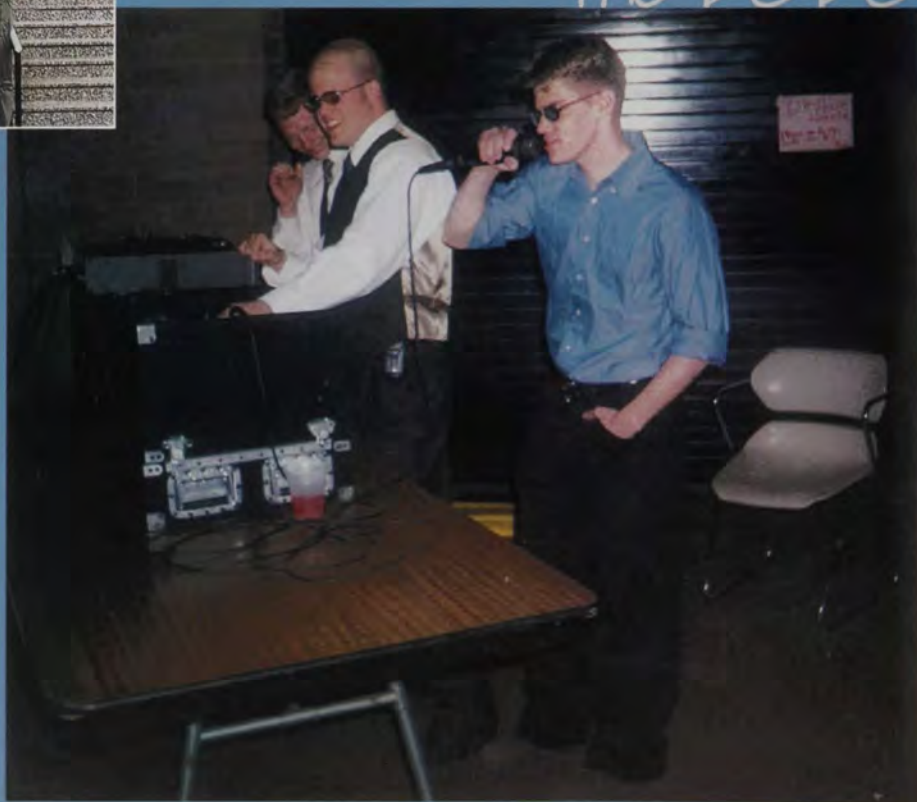
General Welsh talks with Ryan Chmielewski about the finer points of life. General Welsh made a one time appearance on KAFA. Photo by P. Rose



104.3 KAFA

Row 1 Scott Beusch, Jason Green, -, Chris Adams
Row 2 Eric Gardner, -, -
Row 3 Mario Martinez, Luke Rostowski, -
Row 4 Marco Cardenas, Doug Fike, Adam Grace

Chris Hopkin gets the crowd going while Scott Beusch and Eric Gardner spin the music. KAFA's DJs played for many events outside the Academy. Photo by Polaris Staff



KAFA AND the DODO

...Walt talks with Ryan Chastain...
...of the General Walsh made a one...
...of K&N. Photo by P. Rose



The Dodo - a cadet publication for cadets, by cadets, and censored by officers. Tradicao, Peixes, Gracejos, Dodo.

In the beginning, there was Dodo, and it was good. And then there was an Editor, and he was Do.

But he could not do anything by himself because he was as crazy as they come. So he was given assistants, numbering two, in the form of a feline and a publishing giant. They were called Dave and Matt. And times were again good.

Dodo was published, and published, and published, until the Wing knew that this was the pinnacle of the Dodo. From the cover and Editor's Page, through the Dodo Innards, and clear to Dodo

Tails, the testosterone triumvirate took the Wing from one issue to the next, showing them what was Dodo, and what was not.

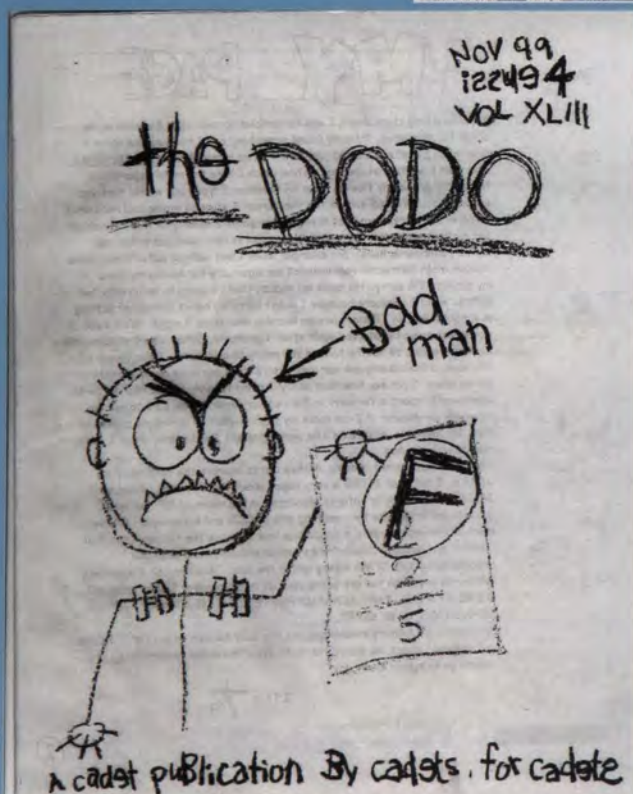
No one was spared. The hit list read like every cadet's nightmare. DFMS, Warrior Update, Smacks - and it was funny. Some issues and topics were so funny that even the evilness of the censors could not stifle the work these great men accomplished. The righteouses were spared, and the stupid were mocked.

Dodo was again at the height of its power, and nothing could ever stop the "Von Dodo Express" from running over the CIF's and AFCWI's and policies that just didn't make sense...



DoDo

Row 1 James Do, Matt Harding, Angie Wheatley, Dave Adamson, Jeremy Greenawalt



By JAMES DO & MATT HARDING



club photos



forensics
Row 1 J. Monaco, Capt. S. Kiser, N. Green, K. Donley, M. Pennington, D. Foster, J. Cornibe, R. Webster, K. NiVeseth, Cap. S. Valentine
Row 2 S. Torres, A. Rector, M. Pettibone, A. Myers, A. Galab, C. Richards, M. Young, N. Hewitt, Maj. M. Salyards

russian
Row 1 Jen Peterson, Tara Storch, Jessy Jones, Omar Kadri
Row 2 Eric Hutcheson, Reid Gardner, Michael Penland, John Carter, Russ Bastian



equestrian team
Row 1 K. Denton, R. Quadri, L. Byrne, N. Hagerman
Row 2 L. Wagner, H. Day, A. Gandolf, W. Hardie, K. Weaver
Row 3 H. Hatlestad, C. Ballard, K. Stockman, D. Laansma
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Row 6 E. Decker, R. Dunegan, A. Javed, Unknown, S. Clifton, J. Mason

mock trial
Row 1 Barbara Soucy, Amy Rivera, Amanda Rivera, Kim Megorden, Shiraz Delal, Professor Howard Eggers
Row 2 Jason McClure, Brent Tadych, Justin Tollivere, Sam Kidd, Stu Fleming, Chris Reteneller
Row 3 Thad Reddick, Dane Platt, Scott Hodges, Gary Wells, A-K Lau



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Row 2 Dan Ward, Brent Curtis, Bradley Sayer, Rachel Coleman, Trevor Hall, Ryan Pham, Ray Gamero, Greg Hoffman, Jose Castaneda, Laura Durham, Randall "Depp" Deppensmith, Micheal Walsh
Row 3 Brian "Jello" Denaro, Brian "Griff-Dog" Griffin, Mr. Bill Doyle, Mike "CheckPoints" Deaver, Bradley Rueter, Robert Volesky



model engineering
Row 1 Unknown, Lavinder, Joden Werlin
Row 2 Kevin O'Keefe, Unknown, Todd Salxwedal, Eric Graves, Karl Haggarty
Row 3 Ryan Simms, Unknown, Brad Huebinger, Unknown, Unknown

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Row 1 Major Jim Serpa, Mike Hale, Captain Pete Comen
Row 2 Dave Witt, Chris Ogroski, Aaron Rubi, Joseph Lisanti



banda
Row 1 Major Carl Maes, Chris Heinz, Aaron Lewton, William Keller, Brent Ziarnick
Row 2 Dave Chow, Mike Edmonston, Shawn Strabley, Josh Frakes, Matt Hunt, Dr. Fassil Ghebremichael

photos of club

The karate team records go back at least as far as the 70's. From those sketchy chronicles, all that can be seen is forgotten names of a team that brought people together, regardless of style, to compete in the name of the Academy. After more than two decades of random prosperity and decline, the team had enough. They pulled together. Mediocrity and defeat taught them that being successful depended on a lot more than their martial arts skills.

All people are warriors, not by nature but by existence. Exposure to conflict, regardless of your reaction, makes you a warrior. Every warrior is composed of three aspects that shape how you will respond to conflict and how successful you will be: mental attributes, physical attributes, and attitude or spirit. Training in the arts only shapes your mental (strategic) attributes. The team has a heavy physical conditioning regimen to shape the physical attributes of strength, endurance, speed and flexibility. However, spirit is the hard one to nail down; the team shapes that by its nature.

Jason San Souci playing "Johnny" gets his hits on Benjamin Wolf who's playing "The Devil" during the final act of the Asian Culture Festival Demonstration. Full speed weapons training is just one of the many ways the team trains to make complete warriors. Photo provided by club



Mind body Karate Team spirit

170 Clubs



Karate Team

Row 1 Erika Neimane, Jose Ramirez, Carolyn Schroeder, John Kim, Tony Campbell, Jeremy Adams, Ben Beville, Steve Torres, Gary Nowak
Row 2 Benjamin Wolf, David Lasagna, Shaylor Billings, Patrick Stewart, Shawn McGregor, Ben Berlin, Jack Rhodes, Jonathon Seal, Brian Smolensky, Anthony Thompson, Jason Powell, Ryan Deis, Alexander White

Our journey with... because its openness to... a place to train, but a... more. Devotion, respect... what's right made the b... The most special... the people it attracts. Th... the demand of this team... rough together and ove... and work harder. It ma... intense work ethic and d... in a great club because



Jason "Cage" San Souci performs kata in a tournament in San Antonio. During his four years here, he has become well known for his "intense" faces. Photo provided by club.

Alex White spars Patrick Stewart during practice. White, after breaking nearly every record for victories there is, finally signed a contract with the Olympic Committee through the 2008 Olympics this year. Photo provided by club.



During the "Devil Went Down to Georgia" skit, the entire Demo Team gets to have a little fun and show off as the "Band of Demons." The Demo Team, although seeing little action this year, is designed be constantly prepared to share the culture of our arts and give a positive message for kids

Our journey with the karate team started because its openness to any style not only offered us a place to train, but a unique learning experience. Diversity, respect, and dedication to doing what's right made the bonds on the team strong.

The most special thing about the team is the people it attracts. The people associated with the demand of this team are those motivated to laugh together and sweat together, to play hard and work harder. It makes for a tight knit group whose work ethic and devotion to honor unique. It is a great club because we are the ones in charge.

"What made me stick to this team was the fact that we, the cadet team leadership, owned the team. If we failed, we learned, there was no officer to belabor the experience of growth," said CIC Jason SanSouci.

The team has come far from its roots; now we are becoming strong warriors in every sense and coincidently strong leaders. Twenty years from now our names may be the meaningless sketchy chronicle, but let the tradition we've helped form remain.

BY BENJAMIN WOLF



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Row 1 K. Olsen, J. Cromer, E. Hendrickson, A. Abraham, E. Stimmel, C. Gray
Row 2 P. Cusack, L. Wagner, B. Rosales, J. Bales, Unknown
Row 3 B. Feldt, J. Reese, A. Ackerman, Unknown, S. Ahrens
Row 4 E. Marshall, M. Deaver, L. Lemelson, R. Whiting

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Row 2 J. Masion, E. Janski, M. Maddox, E. Hansen
Row 3 B. Moritz, J. Burroughs, B. Ehaz



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B. Hettinga, Coach S. Nelson
Row 2 J. Guerrero, J. Page, E. Nelsen, P. Giggy, J.
Merback, R. Lucero, P. Usher, D. Huinker
Row 3 Asst. Coach B. Deutscher, M. Dimaria, M.
McCoach, F. Biancardi, E. Flemming, C. Barton, J.
Wagemann, J. Miller, B. Castle, R. Iseminger, K. Ruffin



Row 1 C. Youngpeter, J. Campbell, L. Hill, R. Hall
Row 2 M. Campbell, T. Teasley, C. Richardson, R.
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Row 2 B. Thompson, E. Music, C. White, R.
Lawrence, Lt. M. Jaroszewski
Row 3 N. Sammons, L. Rostowske, A. Wehrli



Row 1 M. Knapp, M. Vandermeiden, M. Connolly,
A. Snapp, J. Kerestes
Row 2 Capt. Weller, R. Fiechtner, E. Celik, Col. W.
Connolly (ret)
Row 3 D. Breuer, C. Naddy, A. Gray



photos of club

One Wings of Blue ^{With The} Sky

As a Wings of Green member, you spend an entire year learning the skills necessary to be an effective parachute instructor/jumpmaster. You start by learning how to pack and inspect parachutes, with your sixth jump being under a parachute that you packed. You learn advanced freefall skills in the Accelerated Freefall progression and travel to Florida to spend hours in a wind tunnel. You fly sortie after sortie over the Academy practicing the skills you need to pass your jumpmaster check ride. You deploy to Gila Bend, Ariz. over spring break to make 1.5 min freefalls and to refine your formation skydiving skills. You work closely with the enlisted and officer staff to learn what it's like to be a part of an operational squadron performing a mission for the United States Air Force. This is all done with the hope of receiving your "blue suit" after a year of intense training.

You receive the blue suit and become a member of ... the Wings of Blue. Unlike most traditional sports, you have no "playing field" or "turf" ... just "the sky." There are no "side lines" or "out of bounds" ... those limitations don't even exist in your mind. There is no such thing as a "time-out" ... once you jump, the clock is running. There is no keeping "score" either ... every time you strap on a chute or stand in the doorway of a Twin Otter, you know you have to win. Every jump

Wings of Blue

First Row: Brian Denero, Jamie Rand, Joey Gaona, Marion Knapp, Jose Castaneda, Dave Heinitz, Aaron Brown, Katie Vreuls

Second Row: Cheryl Johnston, Olivia Mitchell, Jeff Strange, Jerry Ferdinand, Aaron Lapp, Henry Schantz, Jeff LaFleur, Abigail Albert, Tom Bowman, Justin Bright, Kerrick Krill

Third Row: Mike Masuda, Josh Friebe, Evelyn Anderson, Matt Hepp, Drew Judkins, Travis Winslow, Mike Laidlaw, Chris Tomlinson, Kevin McGlone, Doug Villard, Brandon Zuercher, Matt Reilman, John Isacco, Dean Berck (in Cockpit), Ryan Mossman, Pat Doyle, Zack Hickman, Mike Zeigler, Sierra Burgess, Tom McCaleb, Matt Phillips, Matt Roles, Jeff Smith

Not Pictured: John Enis, Justin Johnson, Devin Pulliam, Matt Vedder



This year's collegiate four way relative work champions, the "Little Rascals," gracefully exit their aircraft for an adrenaline filled journey towards the earth. Top to Bottom: Matt Phillips, Aaron Lapp, Jeff Smith, Kerrick Krill. Photo by WOB

is a victory.

Teamwork is paramount. You risk your life just to be in the company of your fellow teammates and you quickly realize what makes this team different from all the others. As a member of the Wings of Blue, you travel all over the world competing and performing in various demonstrations. By dominating the U.S. Collegiate Nation-

als as well as jumping into a stadium of 50,000 people at the Fiesta Bowl, you'll bring a great deal of credit to the Air Force and the Air Force Academy. From teaching Airmanship 490 here at the Academy to jumping into air shows in Yakoto, Japan, as a member of the Wings of Blue, you'll impact the lives of many around the world.



Eye contact and complete concentration is key when you are screaming towards the earth at 120 mph. Wings of Blue members learn how to communicate with one another in stressful situations such as this. Photo by WOB



Wings of Blue team members enjoying each other's company on another 18000 ft high ride to altitude. Photo by WOB



Clouds present a whole new perspective to the sport of skydiving. Ask any Wings of Blue team member what it's like to walk on the clouds and you'll probably get an answer. Photo by WOB



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Row 2 M. Wroten, K. McElmurry, E. Shpak, B. Lentz, M. Hall, B. Beekman, E. Ballas, R. Hollinger, S. Wilson
Row 3 K. Ruffin, C. Compton, E. Brough, K. Robertson, D. Willard, S. Shnoebelen, R. Agallar
Row 4 Steenman, M. Reid, Chris, L. Ball, T. Rennel, D. Darnell, M. Gongol, P. Woddall, S. Beusch

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Row 3 C. Alonzo, D. Tanner, M. Rossi, I. Donald, M. Ecung



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Row 2 P. Larsen, R. Aguilar, T. Huynh, N. Nguyen, J. Guerro, M. Esgurra, T. Managdeg, L. Renner, T. LeBlanc, Cap. Hobb
Row 3 A. Grace, D. Fike, M. Cabio, J. Pritchett, J. Smith, A. Miller, J. Duz, ---

Row 1 L. Yazzie, M. Tenakongva, Unknown, R. Markham, L. Yazzi.
Row 2 S. Johnson, A. Moon, Maj. A. Cecil, Capt. DJ. Vaunas.



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society

Row 1 I. Barrett, J. Heimgartner
Row 2 D. Beloved, S. Griffin, J. Almeida

darts and foosball



Row 1 A. Watson, M. Leypold, B. Raridon, N. Ohman, K. Strom
Row 2 J. Bughta, G. Wells, R. Menath, C. Carden, N. Thompson, B. Swiger, B. Hintz, D. Field, S. Fann, N. Schaueremann

campus crusade

pacific
club

Row 1 M. Reed, R. Baker, D. Mangum, J. Mabe
Row 2 J. Larkin, A. Anglin, T. Hayes, M. Nye, J. Gorman, M. Egan, T. Wadsworth, L. Ramey, J. Hoffman, Cap. Reed
Row 3 A. Gause, B. Eke, M. Cahn, J. Pritchard, M. Miller, J. Dine

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BY LEVI HALL

Starting in the 1970's, the Rodeo Club, while not among the high-profile USAFA clubs, is one of the more successful clubs at the Academy. These successes can be seen not only in the team members' personal victories, but also in the number of cadets that have moved on into the professional ranks, the Professional Cowboys Rodeo Association (PRCA).

While considered a club here at the Air Force Academy, those within this group compete on a collegiate level in what is called the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Specifically, the Academy's Rodeo Club is part of the Central Rocky Mountain Region which includes familiar schools such as CU, CSU and UW.

While individuals compete for themselves, they also go for team points. The team enters ten rodeos throughout the year in this region, and from these rodeos accumulate points for the College National Finals Rodeo. Held in June, all the top performers who have

qualified from around the country's different regions come together to compete for the national championship.

The team's Officers in Charge are Capt. Kendra Warner and Lt. Jerry Catt. This year all of the team members competed in the bull riding event.

This year, I was able to enjoy the position of CIC. In addition, I was able to compete not only in bull riding but also in saddle bronc riding. I grew up on a working cattle ranch in the mountains of northwestern Colorado. Rodeo is a great sport — no doubt the most enjoyable thing that I do or have done. Nothing else compares to the rush you get when you test yourself against a 2000 lb. bull. It is also very competitive, which I also enjoy.

Rodeo is kind of unique because everyone is willing to help everyone else out, while still trying to win. I often ask someone else what a horse or bull is like, so I know what to expect, and they openly tell me. No one is trying to hide anything from anyone. It all comes down to who can ride the best.



Rodeo

Row 1 Mickey Friedrich, Dave McDonald, Chris Allred, Micheal Gilmore, Matt Weber
Row 2 Kevin Rothe, Levi Hall



Chris Allred and Kevin Rothe help Levi Hall as he waits for the arena to be cleared before he nods his head. The team competes against many colleges throughout the region including CSU, CU and UW. Photo permission by JJJ

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Levi Hall rides a bull from the Burch Rodeo Company in the Torrington, Wyoming rodeo. The stock used for the college rodeos is the same that is used among the professional ranks. Photo permission by JJJ.

Feel the Rodeo rush



Levi Hall rides the bronc "Sandra Dean" of the Burch Rodeo Co. This year all of the team members competed in bull riding, while Hall also rode saddle broncs. Photo permission by JJJ.

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drum & bugle corps

Andy Bennett, Denny Davies

drum majors



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flags

Row 1 Z. Sauerman, M. Hickie, R. Goodlin, M. Kawan, D. Neal, W. Fort, R. Lyon
Row 2 M. Weeks, A. McEwen, J. Paslay, M. Fernandez, M. Rose, J. Lechlitter, D. Zabka, A. Bogusky, D. Kunkel, C. Wee, J. Arrowood, J. VanOverleke, D. Montes, C. Gallagher, J. Ma, T. Mione

drumline



drum &
mellophone corps

Row 1 M. Borchers, D. Krootie, E. Culbertson, L. Flynt, K. Chellman
Row 2 G. Dandele, S. Fraser, J. Carroll, K. Nemmer, J. Ford, M. Williams, K. Thomas, I. Ostermiller



Row 1 A. Granger, B. Hans, R. Rennell, C. Hillen, J. Dark, D. Walton, E. Roehrkasse, R. Sharpe, M. Sweoiow, D. Thompson, G. Urcina

Flags
Row 1 E. Hoffer, D. Brown, M. Borchers, E. Lutz, M. Hoffer, K. O'Neil, M. Nelson, A. Elton, L. Galt, M. Howard, D. Davis, R. Karlson, J. Toner, J. Nelson, J. Nelson, P. Nguyen

Row 1 B. Brown, C. Russo, J. Carr, H. Hermann, M. Sakai, M. Esguerra, C. Hern, R. Wartman, R. Smith, S. Schofield
Row 2 J.P. Mintz, D.e Collette, R. Kinsey, R. Carlson, J. Laclede, J. Liang, M. Tompkins, B. Youngquist, R.n Story, J. Sundry, J. Magill, N. Lofthouse



Row 1 L. Adami, M. Lopez, R. Bailey, L. Howard, M. Trujillo, S. Jensen, R. Hough, M. Romero, D. Strasser, E. Redl
Row 2 J. Hinson, M. Spidell, J. Bertino, A. Lane, L. Philley, N. Bertino, R. Spodar, T. Robarge, D. Brisson, C. Roberts

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C2C Ben Kallemyn meets new people with his animal impersonations. Cadets were able to unwind and be themselves at the Navigators doolie retreat. Photo by T. Skaar



Mark Nyberg and Dan Myers take in the sights on top of Razorback Ridge. The Doolie retreat is a great time to meet new people, have a good time, and hopefully not fall off cliffs. Photo by T. Skaar



By Tim Skaar

Making

C2C Ben Kallens meets new people with his actual experiences. Cadets were able to assist and be themselves at the Navigators double retreat. Photo by T. Skaar

By TIM SKAAR

Spirituality. The overlooked pillar of the Academy. While the other pillars are developed through mandatory activities, there are no official programs for the development of a cadet's spirituality.

However, there are many opportunities to develop spirituality. One of these opportunities is the Navigators. The Navigators bring value to the Academy by helping cadets to deepen their spirituality. The mission of the Navigators is to know Christ and make him known.

One of the main ways that this mission is accomplished is through several Bible studies. Most of these studies are held at the normal Monday

night Spire meetings, but others are done during the week. The different studies are there to meet the varying spiritual needs of the cadets involved.

"Since I first came to the Academy," says C2C Garrett Fisher. "Navigators has been a big part of that for me."

In addition to the regular Bible studies, Navigators deepen spirituality through retreats to various parts of Colorado.

"Retreats are great because they really help you to get away from the stress of the Academy for a time and refocus on the things that are really important" says C3C Steven Taylor. "Oh, and there are usually girls there too."

Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect of Navigators is the friendships made with other cadets here at the Academy and students from other schools who participate in the Navigators. These friendships are forged and deepened during the normal studies and during social activities such as games and skits.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the help and support of the Navigator's staff members who volunteer their time to lead the bible studies and give mentorship to cadets. It is because of their investments of time and energy that the Navigators are able to enrich the lives of the cadets who take part.

Making Christ Navigators Known

Navigators



Mark Nyberg, Carlin Bern, Ryan Kahlidat and Mike Edmonson frame the walls of a cabin during their spring break. This cabin will be used by campers at Eagle lake for years to come. Photo by T. Skaar

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By JUAN LAVARREDA-PEREZ &
BRIAN CONGDON

C4C Sara "The Beast" Dahlin was honing her handball skills in Jack's Valley by throwing pinecones with her left hand during BCT under the watchful eye of handball veteran and team C1C C2C Juan "The Chick-less Mack" Lavarreda-Perez. Just a mere seven months later, and after hours of hard-work under the expert tutelage of Coach Bill "Dirty Old Man" Scharton and Captain Mike "Dirty Young Man" Rice, she was on her way to the National Collegiate Handball Tournament in Springfield, Missouri along with the rest of the team. Three days and five grueling matches later, the Air Force Academy had its first female handball national champion, C4C Sara Dahlin, in the women's contender division.

Overall, the handball team had one of its finest finishes in years at nationals, placing seventh in overall combined team standing behind strong performances by Dahlin and C4C Liz "Smiley" Rini on the women's side and impressive showings by C2C Abe "Curly" Cuddeback, C2C John "Hands" Page and C2C Chris "Taco" Moeller. Also putting in strong performances at nationals for the Academy men were C2C Billy "Baldy" Hintz, C2C Daniel "Dirty" Cruz, C2C Cam "Head" Buell and C2C Brian "The Brain" Congdon. Cruz and Hintz were also victorious in the novice divisions of the Dog Bowl Tournament in New Mexico and the Great Gorilla Tournament in Fort Collins.

The future of Air Force Handball is ensured with promising new recruits C4C Ray "Dairy Queen" Rounds, C4C Emily Vinson and C4C Danielle Willard. With star player C3C Bergan Hugos, and a virtual smorgasboard of returning firsties, the Handball team looks forward to next year with much anticipation.



Handball

Left to Right: Bill Scharton, Cam Buell, Emily Vinson, Abe Cuddaback, Danielle Willard, Billy Hintz, Sara Dahlin, Chris Moeller, John Page, Brian Congdon, Dan Cruz, Liz Rini

Not pictured: Juan Lavarreda-Perez, Erick Pacheco, Ray Rounds

Focus Position
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C2C Billy Hintz watches the ball as he prepares to whack a return during play at the 2000 Collegiate Handball Nationals. Hintz made it to the C Division this year, thus earning 63 points in the team tally. Photo by B. Scharton



C2C Chris Moeller gets set to rip a drive serve during competition at the 2000 Collegiate Handball Nationals. The first-year player made it to the C Division at Nationals and earned 63 points for the team. Photo by B. Scharton



Concentration, position, and shot-making ability propelled C4C Sara Dahlin to a national championship in February 2000. When Dahlin captured the Women's Contender Division at the 2000 National Collegiate Handball Tournament, it marked the first time a woman from USAFA had ever won a national division title. Photo by B. Scharton



C2C Juan Lavarreda-Perez unleashes a kill shot during a match at the Dog Bowl tournament. Lavarreda-Perez was the Handball CIC this past season. Photo by B. Scharton



club photos



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 Row 2 A. Manchowski, J. Ney, D. Nita
 Row 3 D. Caswell, M. Audaire, D. Adamson



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 C. Smith, T. Henderson, N. Miller, D. Paulus
 Row 2: B. Brown, S. Sanders, C. Shumaker, A.
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 Jones, M. "Big Daddy" Ziemann, M. Schlegel,
 Glavin, Major T.J. Woodruff
 Row 2: J. Edwards, E. Palmer, S. Norris



Club Fast Facts

- This past academic year there were 5,761 cadets participating in 95 cadet clubs.
- Out of the almost 100 clubs - only 15 get the prestigious limited on-season status (LOS).
- New clubs are instituted each year by process of approval by the Cadet Extracurricular Activities Board and the Commandant. This past year three new clubs were approved as sanctioned cadet clubs - Academy concerts and cadet entertainment, Dart, Foosball and pool, Management Honor Society.
- The biggest club at the Academy is the Ski Club with almost 1/4 of the Cadet Wing as members.
- The smallest club at the Academy is Falconry with 12 members. Only four new members are accepted into the club each year. The members must pass the state license tests for working with raptors.

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These cadets discuss the day over a couple pitchers of beer. Haps Place provided a great opportunity to just go and talk with friends. Photo by P. Rose



SECTION EDITOR: ERIK HOLZHERR

The notion of a "cadet life" is humorous to some individuals, however the truth reveals how each class made their memories.

In retrospect...

A-Hall was a great place to get out of the squadron as a four-degree...

CQ wasn't nearly as bad as long as your computer had solitaire...

having a car as a two-degree made this place a bit more bearable...

unlimited passes helped to remind you there was less than one year left...

Four years of living at USAFA changes you forever. We look back upon our time spent at the zoo, and no matter what the feeling... we will always remember cadet life.

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It is undeniable that cars are the most essential possession in a cadet's life. Cars are plainly a status symbol at USAFA, being that only first and secondclass cadets in good standing are permitted to own a vehicle. Automobiles act as a link to the outside world and a much needed form of escape for some "R&R".

The tradition has been four degrees and three degrees seeking out the upperclassmen on probation in their squadrons to beg and plead for cars on weekends - in return a car wash and a full tank of gas. And the firstie or two degree trying desperately to talk their way out of their latest parking ticket.

In the past, a cadet loan was strictly for the use of purchasing a car. Starting with the class of 2000, cadets were officially allowed to use their loans selectively as they saw fit. As a result, there has been a growing number of POS cars driven by the officer candidates. Still, the majority of cadets appear to enjoy traveling in style.

"It is sad to drive on the Academy and see that most of the vehicles owned by college students are a lot nicer than the vehicle I own," said Rebecca Joyce, a civilian employee. From the beginning and for a vast number of years, the mighty

corvette claimed cadet parking spaces, but as time went on a new trend emerged. In the last few years Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) have emerged unchallenged as the favored cadet transport. While cadets favored beauty and speed in the past, strength and versatility are now sought. SUVs are roomier, built to handle all-terrain environments and harsh weather conditions, making them the most intelligent choice for any resident of Colorado.

Other positive changes have taken place over the years for cadets. A few years back, the lower Sijan and Vandenburg lots were not even in existence. Also, two degrees were

originally not permitted to own vehicles.

"Parking was tight, but only the senior class had cars, so it was usually OK," stated Tom

Hunt class of '79.

What changes will occur in the future? Will loans continue to increase in size? Will the trend in cadet

cars go back to small and fast? Who really cares as long as Cadets can get off base and escape the rigors of USAFA life, or a lack of it.



CARS
Getting AWAY

"Bottoms Up!" Firsties do their best to take advantage of Hap's place during the week. Hap's allowed firsties to have a good time without having to worry about a D.D. Photo by J. Param



CIC's Paulo Rivera and **Daniel Patak** pass the time with Mario Kart. Photo by J. Param



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In an ever-changing world, the Class of 2000 has many questions to ponder about life after the Academy. What will lieutenant-hood bring? What will I do for 60 days leave? What if the world ends before we graduate?? These questions are ever present as we move "Into the Next Millennium" (or was it supposed to be "Socii Stamus"?).

While the future holds many unanswered questions, our past is as clear today as it was yesterday. Life at the Academy hasn't been so bad. We have had many exciting times like getting the wing commander's service cap on a chapel spire, putting a majority of 2001 in the hospital during recognition, listening to General Olds' stories while watching Col. Pinkerton's face turn red and leading the Cadet Wing through the draw down of squadrons.

We entered USAFA and were titled "The Class of Honor". We maintained our "Discipline, Integrity, Teamwork, Faith" throughout our long four years here. The days lasted for months, but the months flew by like seconds.

As we prepare to leave the Zoo and be reintroduced into the wild, we cannot help but remember all those who were not able to come with us. Although they will not be with us to see the future, they will always be a part of the Class of 2000.

And now we face the uncertain future. No doubt we will see many changes and exciting times in the new millennium. But no matter how things change our Academy experience will forever remain the same, etched in our memories, four years in which we grew, we learned, we shared, and we finished.....together. "Two Grand, United We Stand!"

by D. Golding

CIC Pat Smiley is all smiles as he throws back a few mugs. Firsties are usually in the best of moods, especially as graduation nears. Photo by J. Param

W DRINKING - N E H WITH A CLASS - N O Z O

by D. Aston

The class, taught by Dr. Gary Hotchkin, offers something for those that do not know how to open a wine bottle all the way to the more experienced wine connoisseur.

Dr. Hotchkin educates the class on the specifics of each wine sampled. One might learn that a Cotes Du Rhone is a full-bodied red wine enjoyed with red meat, duck, and quail. While sampling a Cotes Du Rhone, the student learns what distinctive flavors make the wine and how to tell if it is of poor quality or spoiled.

Dr. Hotchkin explains how countries classify their wines and what markings to look for when buying a bottle of wine. Between each glass, the student is able to clear their palate with either crackers, grapes, or a variety of cheeses.

For a main course of ham or other sweet meat, an Auslese would be the perfect complement for those that enjoy a white wine. This very sweet wine can also be enjoyed as a dessert wine.

Each class deals with a different group of wines and wine products such as California wines, European and other imported wines, and various wine based liqueurs such as ports and sherries.

The insightful and experienced teaching coupled with the handpicked wines, allows each student to fully appreciate the wonderful diversity and unique experiences of fine wine.

CIC Matt Schmitz and CIC Kevin Peterson show that drinking wine is as much about style as it is quality. Firstclass cadets know how to put fun into everything they do. Photo by P. Rose

Thomas taught by Dr. Gary Hinchman often something for those that do not know how to open a wine bottle all the way to the main experienced wine commission.

Dr. Hinchman educates the class on the specifics of each wine sampled. One night he says that a Cotes Du Rhone is a full bodied wine enjoyed with red meat, duck, and pork. While sampling a Cotes Du Rhone, the student learns what distinctive flavors make the wine and how to tell if it is of poor quality or good.

Dr. Hinchman explains how countries classify their wines and what meanings to look for when buying a bottle of wine. Between each glass, the student is able to share their experience with other cadets, grapes, or a variety of cheeses.

For a main course of lamb or other meat, an Aulene would be the perfect complement for those that enjoy a white wine. The very sweet wine can also be enjoyed as a desert wine.

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C2C Denique Asion studies the label of another fine wine. Cadets learned to appreciate quality over quantity. Photo by J. Param



C2C Asion tries to educate his fellow wine partner. It is important to gain as much knowledge as possible about the wine you choose. Photo by J. Param



C1C Ely Bremer remembers that style is number one when wine is involved. Small sips of wine were tasted to determine flavors on the palette. Photo by J. Param



C2C Matthew Nussbaum gives his toe-prints in his grad physical. Placing your foot in ink is always a good thing. Photo by A. Oiland



These two cadets are preparing for an HHQ inspection. HHQ inspections were new this year and not welcomed by most of the wing. Photo by Polaris Staff



C2C Chalene Ogilvie has a chance to prove how well her ears work. Hearing is only one of the many tests cadets must pass to be commissioned. Photo by A. Oiland



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The start of the Academic year brought forth new hopes, new cadets, a new commandant, and of course ... an Air Force commitment for the Class of 2001. Once the two degrees stepped into their first class, the Air Force would "own" them for at least the next three years. And that's just the minimum! For those who were considering flying after graduation, it was a 10-year commitment upon the completion of pilot training, and for many that made the decision to leave or stay difficult.

Despite some apprehension, the majority of the Class of 2001 accepted the challenge and took their rightful place as the NCO's of the Cadet Wing. Wearing the NCO rank meant different things for many people. To some the greatest joy was knowing that you're one step closer to graduation. Others found their happiness in the realization that they were no longer the primary trainers of the Wing. And still others thrived on the opportunity to practice their new found leadership roles.

C2C Matt Maggos liked the change because, "we got to move into positions where we had a say in how things were run ... at least more of a say than last year."

Along with incurring rank and responsibility, the two degrees were faced with adjusting to a new squadron. Some were happy with their new environment while others were not, but one constant shared by all was the chance to meet new people. The fact that many two degrees owned cars meant most squadrons welcomed the new car loaning "fresh meat."

C2C Margaret Becker felt that being able to keep a car on campus "offered the opportunity to go out, as well as the chance to get some exercise walking miles and miles to the parking lot."

Schoolwork took on a whole new dimension, because this was the first year that classes were primarily majors courses. Although this did not mean a decrease in the difficulty factor, the classes were now at least topics of interest to the individual. And most cadets would rather stay up late working on a class that interests them than one of those god-forsaken core courses.

So as two degree year draws to a close, we will look back and remember that we took the commitment together, most got \$21,500 richer together, we lost more classmates together and we received our rings together.

by Christopher Scanlan



C2C Asa Christensen happily shows off his car. Even though Christensen's car is not new, it is vital to his happiness. Photo by E. Holzhert

TWO DEGREE LIFE
Fast Cars
Faster Women

To escape from the rigorous demands of Academy life for short amounts of time, many cadets turn to the great outdoors where opportunities abound. There are activities at the Academy, in the Colorado Springs area, or just short distances away.

At the Academy, cadets can enjoy the beautiful, well-maintained trails that wander aimlessly about the Academy grounds to include the ever-popular Falcon Trail. Cadets can hike or ride bicycles enjoying the natural beauty of Colorado. The Academy also maintains a horse stable allowing cadets to pursue their equestrian interests. There are numerous lakes, reservoirs, and streams which give angling cadets a chance to fish.

In the Colorado Springs area, cadets can explore beyond the boundaries of the Academy grounds to places like the Collegiate mountain range or Eleven Mile Reservoir. Some cadets decide to hone their mountain climbing skills at the Garden of the Gods.

This cadet finds one of the many hidden treasures of the local hiking scene. Glacial lakes and reservoirs can be found on many hikes. Photo by D. Golding



C2C Blake uses resourcefulness to add a little fire to the evening. Cadets learn many outdoor skills during their four years at USAFA. Photo by E. Holzner

Great Outdoor Adventures



These cadets make it to the top of the summit. Colorado's mountains offer spectacular views for those that venture to the top of a peak. Photo by D. Golding



These cadets head to the range for a little target practice. Cadets have many opportunities to learn the use of firearms and firearm safety during their cadet careers. Photo by E. Holzherr

When winter sets in, the days become short, and snow accumulates at higher altitudes, groups of cadets can be seen signing out on weekend passes to ski resorts such as Breckenridge or Vail. When the weather heats back up a favorite among cadets is whitewater rafting in the Royal Gorge.

Whatever adventure cadets choose to head out to, the Outdoor Rec Center at the Academy provides the necessities to accomplish it. Whether it be renting camping gear for a weekend expedition into the mountains or renting a bicycle for a day of riding the Falcon Trail, the Outdoor Rec Center has it.

Whatever cadets' interests are the Academy and surrounding areas can more than provide for whatever they want to do in the great outdoors.

by Donny Seabloom



So now you are a three degree, what does that mean? Well, you gain some new freedoms, and then along with that, more responsibilities. The joys of sitting CQ soon cloud up your weekends and school nights, and you find yourself wishing you had more free time.

Once in a while, you have a weekend free, and then the challenge begins - finding a gracious firstie or two-degree. Someone that will be willing to relinquish their keys so that you can feel like a normal college student. That in itself, is not the easiest task in the world, but you do succeed on occasion because there are a few firsties that remember what its like.

According to C3C Matt Wilcoxon, "getting to borrow a car is pretty cool. Knowing that they trust you enough to borrow the most expensive thing that they own here says a lot about that person."

As with most things in life, more flexibility brings more responsibility. Training the four degrees can pose as a threat to your enjoyment. Most three degrees understand that it is their duty to make sure that the proper training is accomplished, but there are some that would disagree.

The desire to experience life outside of Camp USAFA still remains. There is a balance, somewhere, and for those that find it, this place is not all that bad. But for those that haven't yet found that thin line, they become cynical and part of the problem. With as many opportunities as this place has to offer, it is hard to find time for yourself. It is important to remember why we are all here, to serve. That means sacrifices will be made.

Overall, the third class year is not the best of times, but it sure beats being a smack.



These four degrees receive instruction on their knowledge. A lot of time is spent by the third-class ensuring four-degrees know their "stuff." Photo by J. Campbell

This three degree watches as his four degrees prepare the drinks for the noon meal. Three degrees are the primary trainers even during meal time. Photo by J. Campbell



This three degree sits CQ. Sitting CQ is a three degree duty that is integral to squadron operations. Photo by J. Campbell





It's all about style. Cadets practice their moves and grooves in case their day job doesn't work out. Photo by S. Nagy

C3C Elizabeth Culbertson practices some aerals with her partner. With a little bit of practice cadets were able to swing with the best of them. Photo by S. Nagy



C1C Ryan Chmielewski tosses his girl like a rag doll. A small number of cadets became hardcore swingers by the end of the year. Photo by P. Simms





Swing Dancing

The actual start of swing dancing started in 1929 and carried on through the 30's, this was the beginning of the "Swing Era". Many members of the population enjoyed this new style of music because it was more uplifting than the mournful music that lasted for a majority of the Depression.

Swing dancing has made a comeback within America's youth for a number of reasons. One of which is considered to be an almost identical attitude between the youth of then and now. For both generations, the feeling that the future was something uncertain, with many obstacles along the way was common.

From many fourthclass cadets all the way to the well know Zach Arnt (Class of 99), the swing craze has embraced the Academy—taking over Arnold Hall and KAFA on Wednesday nights to sharpen their skills and learn new moves.

"Swing has the cultural and social advancement that other aspects of the Academy lack," said C2C Furman. "Knowing how to dance isn't just something that you have for a short time, but something that you will have throughout your life."

Contrary to popular belief, swing dancing takes a lot of physical endurance and coordination (especially with aerial tricks). One thing noted by a few swingers is the common bond that all the swingers share, which makes it easier to get to meet people and swap a few dance steps. Go ahead and give it a try, it is one of the most addictive things that USAFA clubs have to offer.

by Victoria Miller

It takes two to tango, or to swing for that matter. Gracefulness is the key in all dancing. Photo by E. Bixby

Four Degree Life?

Being told that Doolie Day out and Parent's Weekend were not right around the corner by a chaplain on Inprocessing Day could have been the most sobering moment in the four degree year. It meant that we had a long road of basic ahead of us. We were facing a struggle that would be the hardest and longest that we had faced in our lives. Coming into the Academy, we were the best the nation had to offer, but as soon as we stepped off that bus and onto the footprints we became worth not much more than the clothes that we brought with us. We swallowed our pride and pressed on and in that moment, we knew what it was like to adapt.

Four degree life is a different experience for everyone. Anyone can sit there and sound-off back to the cadre, but if you can walk away with a little bit of what the upperclassmen are trying to teach you, then you become a better person.

Four degrees are given more rules and regulations than they can possibly follow perfectly. So, they learn how to get around them. This is almost a necessary way of staying sane for people who have never been away from home. Creativity and cunning are skills necessary for most four degrees.

Training is the most unpopular fact of four degree life. Memorizing Contrails and upperclassmen's information is a tedious fact of the system. Every class has had to do it and it will continue much like most of the traditions built into the four degree system. To make it as a four degree there is one thing that you have to learn - adapt and overcome.

by Patrick Godinez

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C2C Scheeres preaches teamwork to his four degrees. Ranger push-ups are just one of the many four degree team building exercises. Photo by Polaris staff



These four degrees relax on a flightsuit Friday. Flightsuit Friday was new this year and a welcome uniform addition for many. Photo by J. Param



C4C Mueller is hard at work creating perfect "military creases." Attention to detail in personal appearance is more than highly encouraged at the Academy. Photo by S. Ritchie



This cadet helps paint a house during a group community service project. Service projects often draw large numbers of cadets from all four classes. Photo provided by Academy Spirit



CIC James Do poses with his Sunday school kids. Do taught Sunday school classes as a community service project. Photo provided by J. Do



This cadet shows his weed wacking skills. Community service was a great way to volunteer your time. Photo provided by Academy Spirit



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Sometimes cadets are just overwhelmed by the secluded military life they lead up on The Hill. Regulations, the constant waves of blue uniforms, and blaring bugle calls are just few of the stressors that lead cadets to find any possible way to get off base. They want to go out and do something fun and relaxing...and what better way to do that than to help out the community.

There are many ways cadets volunteered their time in the community. Projects included painting, building playgrounds, food and clothes drives, and helping run school fairs and carnivals. Ongoing activities involve helping with the Special Olympics, and even a few Sunday school teachers.

CIC Nino Baldacci commented on the sacrifices made by those helping out the community on their own free time – "Time is one of the most important things we have at the Academy, as we have very little of it. It's good to know that cadets are willing to sacrifice this ample time to lend a helping hand to others in the area."

Many cadets were influenced by others to get involved with community service. Academy instructors, sponsors, families, and friends were some sources of encouragement for cadets to help out. By the numbers, these good influences definitely did a lot of encouraging, but most cadets would say that Captain Alvin Lee is a primary mover in community service. With his recognizable emails, which included various community service opportunities, trivia and prizes, and his trademark introduction ("Gentlepersons..."), he brought a new light to the second core value of the Academy – Service Before Self.

It is a great thing to get out into the city to relax and have fun, but all these helpful cadets know their primary purpose for being a volunteer. Community service takes a lot of time, planning, and hard work. When cadets finally stand back and see what they have accomplished for the community, they realize the hard work has paid off and they have left their town in better shape than before.

by James Do

SERVICE
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Painting along a stairwell is not an easy task. Yet, this cadet demonstrates the proper technique. Photo provided by Academy Spirit

CIC Jason Case scores on the foosball table. Haps may just help you feel as though you are no longer at the Academy. Photo by P. Rose



Haps is sometimes thought of as the happiest place at the Academy. The bar-like atmosphere helped cadets relax and avoid shop talk. Photo by P. Rose



CIC Jonathan Gratton is seemingly unimpressed as **CIC Brian Wood** releases the puck with impressive flair. Photo by P. Rose

210 Cadet Life

Hap's Place has proven to be a great time for the upperclassmen in the Wing. It's a place to play pool, watch an occasional football game, and has even been known to be a breeding ground for "Falcon Love"!! But the friendships forged and the memories made aren't what makes Haps special - it's the love...the love for BEER! Yes, Haps is a place to get drunk (*responsibly*, of course)! And there are few things that cadets do

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CIC Chris Todaro takes a shot while CIC Jonathan Graton and CIC Edward Wagner look on. CIC Brian Wood, on the other hand, thinks he is handsome. Photo by P. Rose

CIC Brian "Morty" Moritz, Eric Brinkman, Nicole Drevet, Mike Landers, and Dan McConnel pose for the camera after a tough day at work. Photo by P. Rose



CIC Earnest "Ernie" Mayfield and CIC Bobby Esposo get carded before entering Haps. Hand-stamps are given at the door. Photo by P. Rose



CIC Colleen Hall, Bo James, Jeremiah Gentry, and Matt Crocket enjoy each others company while throwing back some refreshments. Haps provided a social atmosphere that was desperately needed at the Academy. Photo by P. Rose

Cadet Life 211

Haps
Where Every body Knows Your Name...

better! When the homework is stacked high and the pressure is on, cadets can always escape to Haps Place to forget all their worries. The of-age wing has also been known to stop by for an occasional libation when the sign out logs are closed. Haps can be counted on to relieve those lock-down blues. No matter what your reason for going to Haps is, you can count on having fun with other cadets....lots and lots of cadets.

by Vince Livie



CIC Matt Granger, CIC Kirk Olsen, CIC Troy Voorhees, and CIC Brian Trinkle light 'em since they have them. Everyone was enjoying themselves as the real count down began. Photo by P. Rose

100 Nite

Gathering together for one of their last times as a class while here at the academy, the Class of 2000 hosted one of the greatest "Balls" of all time.

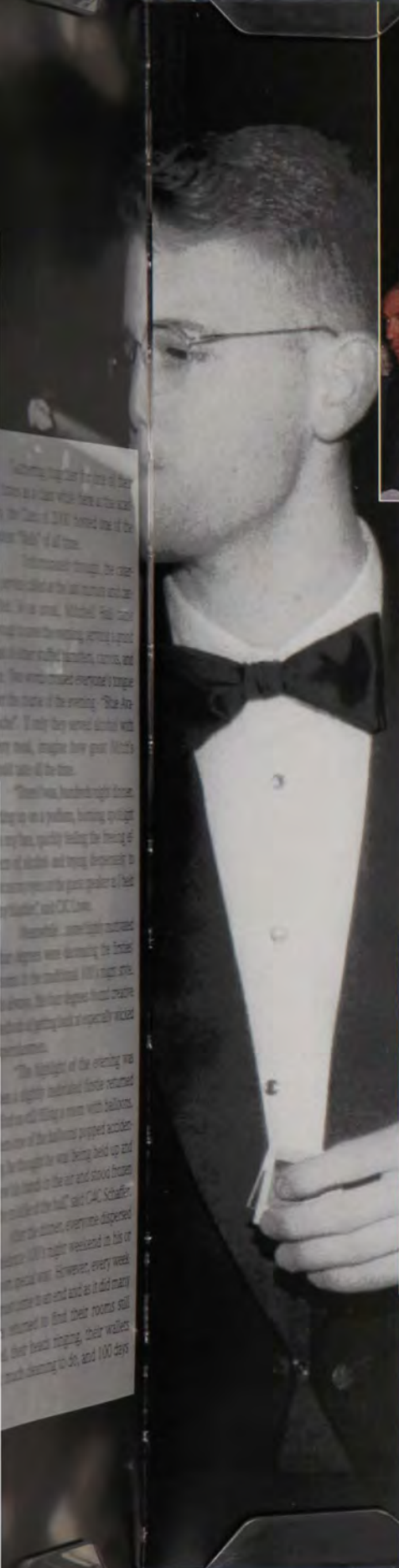
Unfortunately though, the catering service called at the last minute and cancelled. So as usual, Mitchell Hall came through to save the evening, serving a grand feast of either stuffed hamsters, carrots, and rice. Two words crossed everyone's tongue over the course of the evening - "Blue Avalanche". If only they served alcohol with every meal, imagine how great Mitch's would taste all the time.

"There I was, hundreds night dinner, sitting up on a podium, burning spotlight on my face, quickly feeling the freeing effects of alcohol and trying desperately to focus my eyes on the guest speaker as I held my bladder," said CIC Lowe.

Meanwhile...some highly motivated four degrees were decorating the firsties' rooms in the traditional 100's night style. As always, the four degrees found creative methods of getting back at especially wicked upperclassmen.

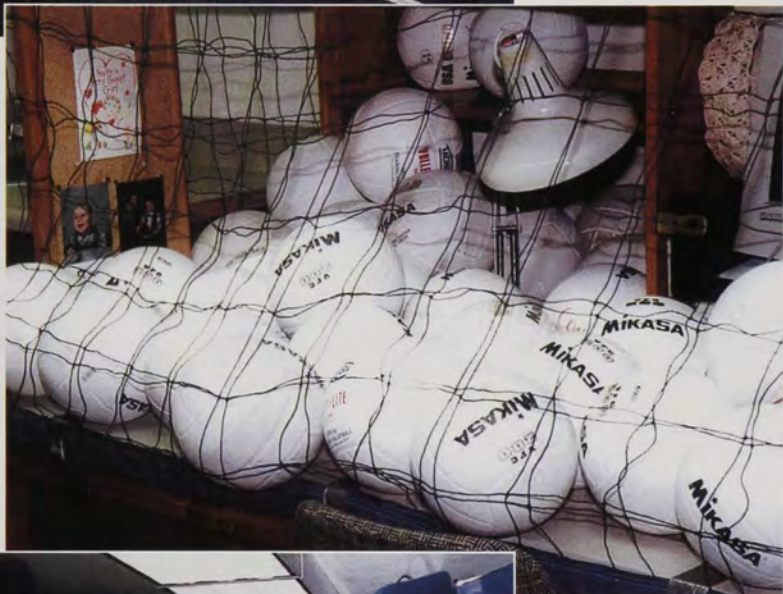
"The highlight of the evening was when a slightly inebriated firstie returned to find us still filling a room with balloons. When one of the balloons popped accidentally, he thought he was being held up and threw his hands in the air and stood frozen in the middle of the hall," said C4C Schaffer.

After the dinner, everyone dispersed to celebrate 100's night weekend in his or her own special way. However, every weekend must come to an end and as it did many firsties returned to find their rooms still trashed, their heads ringing, their wallets empty, much cleaning to do, and 100 days to go.



Sgt Kinsman-O'Brien of Squadron 4 poses with C1C Matt Graham. Everyone was excited on 100s night. Photo by J. Param

Firstie volleyball player Jennifer Engh stumbled back to her room discovering a lot of balls. Fourthclassmen were extremely creative when decorating the individual rooms. Photo by C. Seaman



The theme for this room--chairs...obviously a significant meaning. C1C Brendan Harrison and C1C Patrick Robinson are still pondering over this one. Photo by C. Seaman

C4C Pryor just isn't himself today. Cadets will go to just about any length to scare little kids into not coming to the Academy when they grow up. Photo by R. Rouse



C4C Broughton tries to relax while she is covered in fake blood. Cadets were quite ingenious in creating their costumes as well as the haunted SARs. Photo by R. Rouse

C4C Huber screams in agonizing pain and she isn't even being trained. Fourthclass cadets reveled in the chance to have some fun for a change. Photo by R. Rouse



The Grim Reaper searches for victims. Cadets went all out on Halloween to show the officer's kids a good time. Photo by R. Rouse

No matter how old people get, the memories of good times once had are still with them. Thanks in great part to coordinators CIC Charles Alonzo, 1st Group Spirit officer, and CIC Chris Todaro, 3rd Group P.A. officer, Haunted Hallways provided scores of children and adults with future fond recollections.

Advertisements appeared in the "Academy Spirit" and the Community Youth Center, letting families beyond the boundaries of the base know about a night for all Academy personnel and their children. Together with the help of CIC Bridget Blanco, CIC Kristin Bozarth and CIC Kedric Osborne, Alonzo and Todaro acquired the assistance of many four degrees to decorate the SARs of Vandenberg Tower.

The working four degrees ate pizza and received an ODL. The best decorated SAR was awarded to squadron six. Some of the SARs managed to scare many of their visitors, but the children still received the traditional dose of candy.

"I think it was a great example of upperclassmen leadership working for and with the four degrees. I am very proud of my staffers and the 03'ers who participated," said CIC Blanco.

The event was a huge success and will hopefully be a tradition for years to come.

by the Headless Horseman

Halloween

H O R O



The Grim Reaper sculpts victims. Cadets went all out Halloween to show the other kids a good time. Photo by [illegible]

Imagine being away from home in an environment where "home cooking" is your desert oasis. You can almost taste it, but is it really there? For the cadets at the US Air Force Academy, a homemade meal does not have to be a figment of their imaginations. Families in the Colorado Springs and Denver areas volunteer to sponsor cadets, offering them a home away from home.

The sponsor family program gives cadets a chance to relax in a family atmosphere away from the stress and hassles of the dorms. It also allows families to share their homes and to learn more about the Academy. Sponsor families can be made up of anyone from single adults, to childless couples, to families of seven or more.

There are different ways to become a sponsor for cadets. Some hopefuls apply to become sponsors, submitting information such as hometown, religion, and hobbies in order to find cadets with matching backgrounds or interests. Sometimes a sponsor is actual family or family friends that live in the area. Often times, sponsors will ask their graduating cadet to recommend a



C3C Huebinger and C2C Beckman pose with their sponsors. Sponsor appreciation day allowed cadets an opportunity to socialize away from their sponsor's home. Photo provided by Extracurricular Activities





The cutest members of C2C Janene Drummer's sponsor family pose by their snowman. One of the many benefits of having a sponsor family is the closeness between "siblings." Photo provided by sponsor family



lowerclassman to be their next cadet. Many families even sponsor more than one cadet.

So what can a sponsor family expect? Cadets need a place to escape to. They need somewhere that offers a completely different atmosphere than what the Academy provides. For some cadets, that atmosphere may be the peace and quiet of a basement. For others, it means five kids and a pet. Cadets especially appreciate the chance to get a homecooked meal. Many cadets enjoy cooking themselves, a luxury not offered in the dorm rooms. In return, families get a cadet who is willing to help out around the house or on the car. Hey get a role model for the kids who want to go to the Academy someday. And they get the pleasure of making a college student and future officer feel at home.

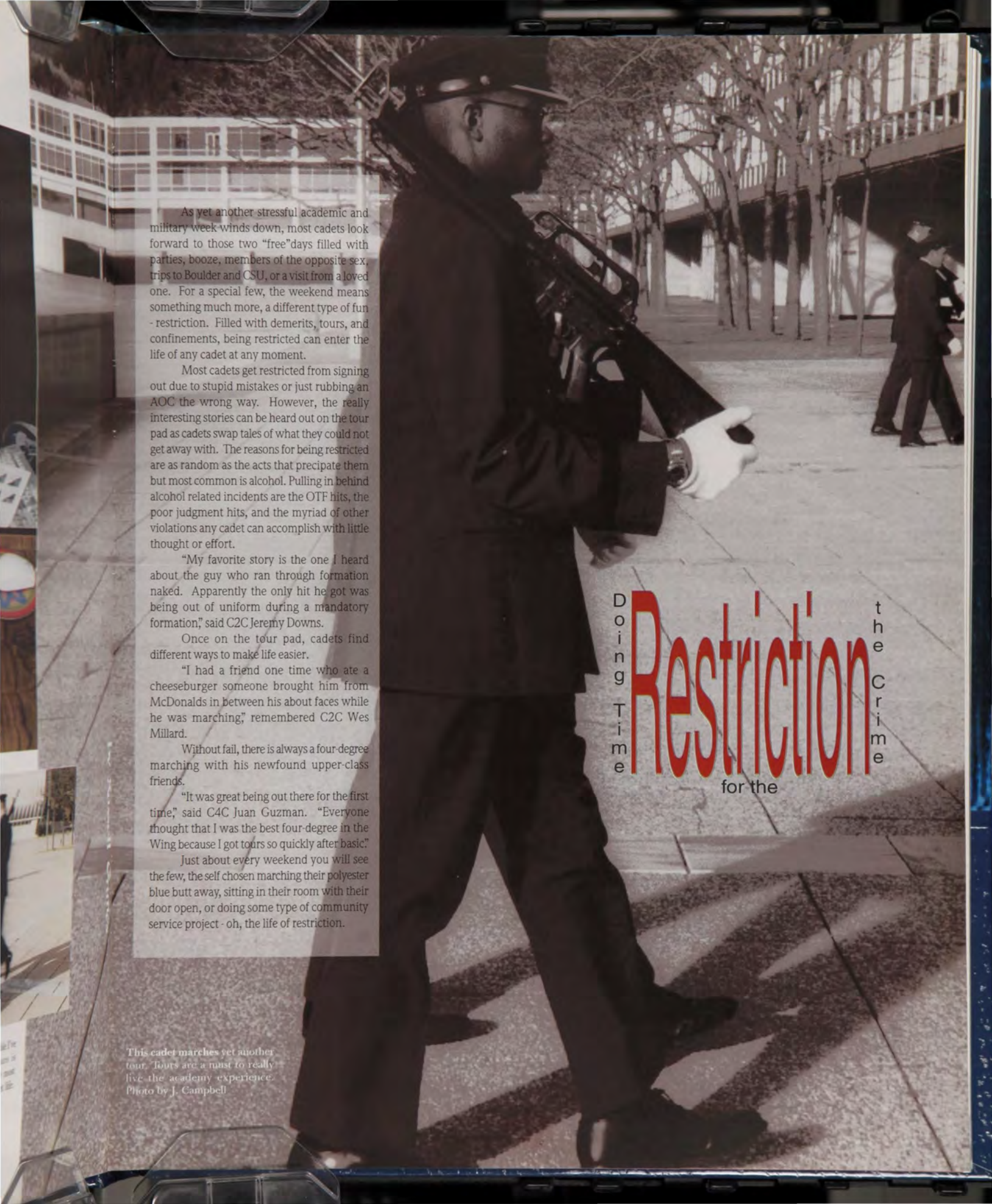




C4C Healy meticulously works on his calculus homework while serving some confinements. Confinements are always preferred over tours by cadets. Photo by J. Campbell



"Nobody knows the trouble I've seen..." Marching tours is definitely not one of the most glamorous aspects of cadet life. Photo by J. Campbell



As yet another stressful academic and military week winds down, most cadets look forward to those two "free" days filled with parties, booze, members of the opposite sex, trips to Boulder and CSU, or a visit from a loved one. For a special few, the weekend means something much more, a different type of fun - restriction. Filled with demerits, tours, and confinements, being restricted can enter the life of any cadet at any moment.

Most cadets get restricted from signing out due to stupid mistakes or just rubbing an AOC the wrong way. However, the really interesting stories can be heard out on the tour pad as cadets swap tales of what they could not get away with. The reasons for being restricted are as random as the acts that precipitate them but most common is alcohol. Pulling in behind alcohol related incidents are the OTF hits, the poor judgment hits, and the myriad of other violations any cadet can accomplish with little thought or effort.

"My favorite story is the one I heard about the guy who ran through formation naked. Apparently the only hit he got was being out of uniform during a mandatory formation," said C2C Jeremy Downs.

Once on the tour pad, cadets find different ways to make life easier.

"I had a friend one time who ate a cheeseburger someone brought him from McDonalds in between his about faces while he was marching," remembered C2C Wes Millard.

Without fail, there is always a four-degree marching with his newfound upper-class friends.

"It was great being out there for the first time," said C4C Juan Guzman. "Everyone thought that I was the best four-degree in the Wing because I got tours so quickly after basic."

Just about every weekend you will see the few, the self chosen marching their polyester blue butt away, sitting in their room with their door open, or doing some type of community service project - oh, the life of restriction.

Doing Time Restriction for the the Crime

This cadet marches yet another tour. Tours are a must to really live the academy experience.
Photo by J. Campbell



As each cadet came to the Academy, they were faced with many new challenges: Beast, recognition, CST, CQ, the 10-M, water haze, jump, and the wrath of DF and AH along the yellow brick road to graduation. It is a near guarantee that each bright, shining face did not really have time to think much of mom on their joyous bus ride from Doolittle Hall to the painted footprints at the base of the ramp. But as time wears on and the "Dark Ages" press down and suffocate the sun, thoughts of home and Mom's warm apple pie are inevitable. Or so one thinks...

No one likes doing laundry, making their bed, being sick and making top Ramen for themselves, reville... the list is endless. None of that stuff is fun. Yet at the same time, it's part of growing up.

As C1C Chilson stated, "Are you kidding me? If half the people here could cut the cord maybe they would actually grow up."

And to a degree - he has a point. Cadets, although a rare breed, are indeed "adults". There's no doubt that we still share that special bond with our mothers, after all they are our mothers. At the same time, however, due to the fact that we are essentially living on our own, that bond has changed, not in meaning or strength, but just changed. College is time to grow up and become an individual who makes their own choices and decisions.

As C1C Ash put it "food's not nearly as good, but I don't have to wash the dishes."

The overall cadet attitude can be summed up by C2C Younker.

"I have dirty laundry, dirty dishes, the boogie man won't leave me alone, and my roommate does not read me stories at night like my mom used to. At least I have someone to pick out my outfits for me or it'd be a total loss."

It's a good thing to be away from mom. Of course, she'll worry a lot as mothers often do, but we'll miss her every so often as well. Plus, living with mom can make us take their every day blessings for granted. Without someone to iron, cook and clean for us, we'll not only appreciate them much more when we are home, but we'll learn some in the process, too.

C2C Andres Duran prepares a meal for himself in his room. Since cadets no longer have their moms around, they have to become somewhat self-reliant.
Photo by M. Wong

A noodle speciality is prepared in an electric skillet. Since cadets don't have the convenience of home appliances, they must turn to alternate methods of cooking. Photo by M. Wong



This two degree catches up on some homework while waiting for his laundry. Laundry is a nuisance that is no longer done by mom. Photo by J. Param



CIC Dang Le cooks up some Chinese food. He and his Turkish roommate were notorious for preparing ethnic dishes. Photo by M. Wong



CIC Justin Mackey on vocals/
lead guitar, CIC Grant McCall
on bass guitar, CIC Dave Klein
on drums, and CIC Brion
Coleman on rythm guitar make
up 'Taste'. Cadet bands
entertained the troops at Hap's
throughout the year. Photo by
E. Bixby

Cadets put their heart and soul into everything that they
do. Singing is no exception. Photo by provided band.



Cadets rock Hap's Place.
Hap's is a popular hangout
for upperclassmen,
especially those on
probation. Photo provided
by band.

With punk and ska entering the mainstream of music, bands such as Blink182, Goldfinger, and Less Than Jake, are becoming very popular with cadets.

Cadets Jimmy Do, Troy Saechao, Jason Hrynyk, and Oscar Garcia saw the need for some cadet entertainment and formed *Scottfree*, a skacore band that combined an energetic punk style with the upbeat tone of ska. Hailing from Orange County, Virginia, and Arkansas, this motley crew got together to have some fun and play out their dreams, performing at Hap's Place and other venues.

"While others played for the music, I liked to play for the chicks," said Saechao.

In the midst of recording their first full-length CD, *Scottfree* continues to strive for excellence in the skacore medium.

BANDS

This cadet band shows their creativity for a possible CD cover. Photo provided by club.



Scottfree band members (L to R): Troy Sachao, Jimmy Do, Oscar Garcia, Jason Hrynk.

The members of *Scottfree* are not alone in their quest of entertainment – *Dragline*. *Dragline* is an emotional rock band playing a mellow jam which they called “organism” along the same vein as Pearl Jam and Creed. Original members include Morgan Hurt, Chris Papa, Justin Mackey, and Grant McCall. With Hurt and Papa graduating in ‘99, *Dragline* faced a breakup, but that was not to be.

“All in all, *Dragline* just has to rock,” said McCall.

Another cadet band, *The Flying Aces*, cater to swing lovers. Consisting of about 20 members, this jazz/funk band is fearlessly led by Nino Armendariz. With swing entering the pop culture in 1999, *The Flying Aces* were just what the Academy needed for some fun.

Bands may come and go, members will graduate and move onto better things in life, but the memories will always stay.

A life few can comprehend

When people find out you are a cadet at the Air Force Academy, they inevitably ask you, "So what do you guys do for fun?" Cadets? Know how to have fun? Unheard of! I think the public far underestimates the power of boredom and strict military discipline to motivate an individual (or two or three or maybe an entire squadron) to find some means of entertainment.

Many times, fun is limited to the academy grounds simply by regs or by impending doom from the chain of command. In these times of trial your local MWR chapter is sure to invent interesting evening events such as midget tossing, the roommate game, bad habit contests, and flight Olympics. The recent appearance of DVD players as



standard in all incoming class computers has expanded the classic 'movie night' from a firstie privilege (or underclassmen lucky enough to borrow VCRs) to just about everyone. For the underclassmen with little access to modes of transportation, movie nights and squadron MWR are often their only means of fun.

Just when you thought you could not stand another one of these fun filled 'in-house' evenings, finally that blessed day arrives when you are allowed to own a car. Suddenly Colorado Springs is opened up in full. Tinseltown, O'Malley's, Old Chicago's, Rum Bay, and a plethora of other cadet favorites become the location of your fun.

And when you thought it couldn't get any better than this, you became a firstie! The long-missing privilege of being able to go out just about any night of the week returns and you almost begin to feel like a real college student with a real life! Before you know it, Hundreds Night arrives. This interesting evening is

probably the epitome of cadet fun. Spirit missions, good-natured pranks, fellowship, and a little drinking are all thrown into one evening!

Just because other people do not understand our definition of fun doesn't mean that we don't know how to have a good time. Cadet life never has and never will cease to amaze the outsiders that we allow to peak into our world.

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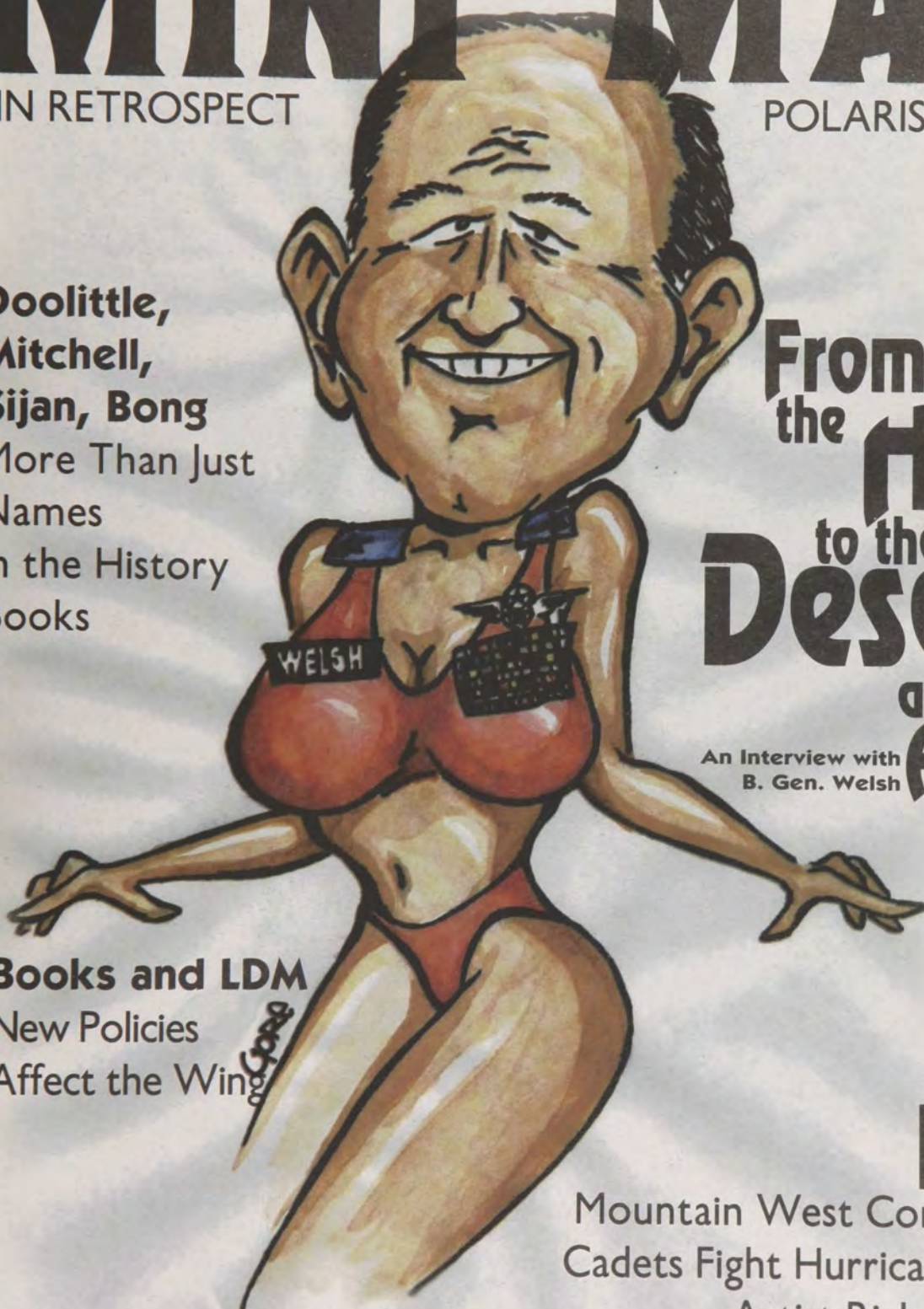
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New Book Policy Saves Cadets Money

Story By: Brook Landers

"How can I pay for this?" —unknown

The Dean had implemented a new policy on the textbook issue this year. Cadets are now to be issued \$500 dollars to purchase their books as they see fit—not necessarily at the bookstore. This is a change from the well-regulated policy last year that took the money from the cadet's magic money account and required that ALL books be purchased in the Cadet Store. The regulation also changed the rule that

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Nice shine... C1C Miguel Rivera inspects C4C Frank Golf's boots during an inspection. LDM provided a clear guideline for cadets to use when performing military duties. Photo by Polaris Staff

textbook issue was "mandatory"—leading some departments to order as many books as there were students and order cadets to go and purchase their books. Cadets are given the freedom to purchase their books at the C-Store, on-line, or anywhere they see fit—as long as they have the books for class.

This makes many cadets happy because they can purchase books from friends and other cheaper locales...and gives them a bit of extra spending money, to boot. On the other side, this policy makes some cadets upset because their book expenses may exceed the amount of money that is issued. The most obvious pitfall of this new policy became clear to me as I walked through the C-store to hear one cadet exclaim, "I spent all of my book money last weekend! How can I pay for this?" Many cadets are overwhelmed by the "vast" amount of money and eagerly spend it without realizing what the consequences may be. Overall, many cadets are happy with this new policy that allows cadets to make their own decisions regarding their textbooks.

Change came in many forms this year, but few as controversial as the Leadership Development Manual (LDM).

As the commander of CS-14, C1C Ben Brown relied heavily on the Leadership Development Manual to ensure that his squadron was run properly. Photo by C. Seaman

The Leadership Development Manual states that, "LDM is a set of guidelines for behavior that apply in working with a subordinate . . . The LDM is NOT a "cookbook"; you are not guaranteed success as a leader if you follow all of its ideas in the proper sequence."

LDM, which before meant little more to cadets than the sentence used to remember it for knowledge bowls became the newest fad to come out of TRW.



ing & Whipped Cream Leadership Development Manual

The idea is simple, five steps intended to facilitate a good supervisor-subordinate relationship. Step one: set expectations. Step two: provide skills. Step three: give feedback. Step four: apply consequences. Step five: establish growth. Even Stupid Firsties Can Graduate

The idea of using LDM to instruct cadets was first actively used during basic cadet training this year. All cadre were required to become familiar with LDM, and be certified by their chain of command.

Initially the concepts surrounding LDM were viewed as good but this quickly turned sour when the system was implemented. As the flight NCO for Hellcats B flight, C2C Gerrit Everson felt that, "Essentially, we were being certified for the sake of being certified and this had no effect on the execution of BCT." C1C Nate Oltnans, training officer for the Cobras, observed that LDM went from being, "A way to look at your leadership style," to being interpreted as, "This is how you will lead."

Story By: Stephen Wilson

Once the school year got underway, the certification process was expanded. Thirdclassmen, as well as key staff members from the squadron, were required to be certified. Again, it seemed to many cadets that the idea of LDM was being carried to an extreme. Three degrees were not allowed to interact with four degrees until they had been certified, while uncertified firsties and two degrees were made responsible for training.

"I think that certification should have applied to all classes from the beginning," stated C3C Robin Lease.

After getting off to a rough start and attracting a lot of negative attention during the first semester, emphasis on strict adherence to LDM seems to have faded. Maybe, if we're lucky, LDM will just fade back to being something four degrees memorize for knowledge bowls.



"UNITED WE STAND"



Although many of his paintings are named after him by name. His class at the Academy, adorning the walls of the academy. Since 1974, he has been painting that captures the spirit of the military in many ways.

In addition to his military art, several of Brown's paintings are for the mechanics or pilots. Soon after, he was called upon to paint the major airline.

As well as flying, Brown has been painting for flying time for the pilots of the airline. He gave up wrenches for



Art With Class

RICK BROOME

Although many cadets may recognize his work, few would know him by name. His class paintings have become a tradition at the Academy; adorning the walls of Arnold Hall and homes of many graduates. Since 1974, each graduating class has invited him to create a painting that captures their spirit on canvas. For artist Rick Broome, these paintings illustrate his love for aviation, which he has been a part of his life in many ways.

In addition to his father, who served in the Air Force during World War II, several of Broome's close relatives served in the aviation field as mechanics or pilots. At the age of 16, Broome made his first solo flight. Soon after, he was certified as an aircraft mechanic and was hired by a major airline.

As well as flying and working on aircraft, Broome painted these images from an early age. To help pay for his flying lessons, he swapped paintings for flying time. Later, as a mechanic, he would create paintings for the pilots of the aircraft he worked on. Early on during his career, he gave up wrenches for paintbrushes and became a fulltime artist. Rick's

gamble paid off. In 1988, he was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.

Rick Broome's relationship with the Academy began when the class of 1974 commissioned him to create a painting exclusively for their class. In the years that followed, the tradition grew. A few years later Broome made one of his earlier works, a painting titled "Thunderbirds," available as a print to the class 1978. The class print fully evolved in 1979 when, for the first time, Broome created an original painting to be published as a class print. The painting "Above and Beyond" has been on display at Arnold Hall for twenty years now.

The class paintings have found their place as one of USAFA's unique traditions. Knowing his background and love for aviation, it is little surprise that Rick Broome has established such a relationship with the Academy and countless cadets. As each class of cadets advances toward their firstclass year, they can only wait and wonder about what Rick Broome will create for them.

BY STEPHEN WILSON

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Providing relief in troubled times

FOLDERTH GROUP

On 16 September 1999, Hurricane Floyd made its way through much of the east coast of the United States after having ripped through the Caribbean. In its wake, Floyd left behind an estimated \$1 billion in damage along with hundreds of people homeless due to flooded houses and destroyed property. As part of the relief effort, many squadrons in the Cadet Wing collected canned goods and clothing for these victims.

In addition, some cadets from fourth group decided to volunteer their time to physically assist in areas still devastated by the flood. On 18 November 1999, 19 cadets, under the direction of C/LtCol Nathan Kartchner, fourth group's director of operations, arrived in North Carolina to help serve as disaster relief.

The cadets were fortunate enough to catch a ride with a KC135 already on a mission to Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. Members of fourth group stayed in Seymour Johnson for two days and commuted to the small nearby town of Belvoir to help victims in that area. For the duration of the stay, cadets helped people move belongings from their houses, tore down old structures, installed insulation, and performed other miscellaneous tasks. In the two days the cadets were in North Carolina, these 19 cadets from fourth group contributed an excess of 120 hours to this small community.

However, the citizens of Belvoir were not the only ones to



benefit from this service project. This project made for a memorable weekend for the cadets.

"The best part was the hospitality by both the staff at the base and the mayor of the town where we worked," said O2C Aubrey Semrau. "They went out of their way to make sure we had the tools and supplies needed. It is probably going to be one of my best memories from the Academy."

The project was a huge success all around.

"The people were very grateful and even surprised at the amount of work we did," said C1C Nathan Kartchner. "If you get a bunch of cadets together for a common purpose, a lot of good can be done and a lot of fun can be had in the experience."

It's no wonder that fourth group led the Wing in the most community service hours. Keeping service before self in mind, the cadets of fourth group have lived up to their Group motto of "Go Fourth and Conquer!"



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The many faces of General Welsh

THE commandant

He raised the morale of the Wing by restoring a sense of purpose

In an age of demoralization, he proves that integrity and humor make a man.

by Stephen Wilson

Sitting outside the door, filled with a mixture of excitement and anxiety, I began to peruse the collection of pictures on the wall. As I stared at each frame, many thoughts raced through my head. But most of all, I wondered about the impression this newest member of that collection had made on the Wing. I recalled his first address in August - where he spoke so eloquently yet powerfully about his triumphs, horrors and tribulations during the Gulf War. Those recollections left me in awe, but most of all I found myself admiring his candor and sense of humor. When asked if he was wearing anything under his flight suit, without missing a beat he began to unzip it. But he hesitated and with a smile answered, "Yeah, but you wouldn't be impressed even if I wasn't." It was at this moment that I knew: this was the man who would bring a



Photos by Joy Param

Commandant of cadets

new type of leadership to the Wing. This was the man who would bring about a change for the better in all our lives. This was the man who would continue to bring pride to that wall. This was our Commandant of Cadets—Brig Gen Mark Welsh.

It was apparent soon after the August address, when new policies began to emerge such as; the return of plants to cadet dorms, liquor to Hap's Place and an avenue for cadets to influence or change regulations, that the coming year would be a bright one. Even some of the changes that were not as welcomed by cadets—the Leadership Development Manual and the new Higher Headquarters Inspections—seemed to be accepted by the Wing.

Still there were unanswered questions looming... What made this man different in the minds of cadets than the other men on that

wall? How had his experiences as a cadet at USAFA and as fighter pilot with combat experience molded his character and prepared him for the challenges ahead? Also, how had he managed to balance his family obligations with the demands of the Air Force and his career?

As I sat down in his office, those feelings of anxiety dissipated. I found myself completely relaxed. I had many things I wanted to ask but I felt compelled to start off the conversation with a timely question. He quickly assured me that he had never streaked as a cadet, but he had created some mischief during his tenure here.

It all started one night when he and another cadet planned to add some life to the Air Gardens by introducing a garbage bag full of tropical fish to the fountains. Just as the fish were about to be

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"I stopped dead in my tracks right above the Bring Me Men ramp and went, 'my goodness, look at that.' The sun was just coming up and the clouds started about at the parade field. It looked like a white floor all the way to the far horizon. And we were above it all. It was spectacular. That's how I remember the Air Force Academy. That's the vision I have of it."

liberated, the Officer of the Day started out of Command Post, heading toward the fountain. Thinking quickly, Welsh and his accomplice submerged into the sanctuary of the fountain. Huddled in the corner, the footsteps of the OD came upon them. Then passed. Then returned. Caught!

"We were real close and we kept looking at each other and wondering 'how do they know?'" He continued, explaining to me what had led to their discovery by the OD. "We turned and looked and there, floating in the water was this huge plastic bag with fish in it"

Reflecting on his past, General Welsh commented on the comparisons between the cadets today and during his Academy experience. In addition to having better haircuts, General Welsh expressed his belief that cadets today are more mature and have a better attitude towards their role as professional military officers.

"Talented young folks in the thriving economy we currently enjoy have many more opportunities than my generation did, and yet these young men and women chose to come to USAFA," said Gen Welsh. "They decided to try something different from the norm; to accept a greater challenge with less material reward at the

end of the rainbow, and they're proud to be here."

"The measure of merit of how we do at the Air Force Academy isn't how good the lieutenants are." The commandant continued, "In my mind, it's how good you are as captains."

He also debunked the common belief, among cadets and grads, that the Wing is inherently cynical.

"Cadets aren't cynical," commented Gen Welsh. "They're a pretty smart group of people, and when you get them all together and they have questions and you don't answer them, they're certainly going to sound cynical."

Although many cadets would disagree, General Welsh feels strongly that the Academy is a part of the *real* Air Force. This concept was somewhat hard for me to grasp, since in my mind USAFA and the *real* Air Force don't mix. He explained that there are many places in the Air Force and that the Academy is just one of them.

"Every one of them is different and has its mission, and its own pluses and minuses. Whether they believe it or not," the General stated, "many cadets will one day look back on USAFA and wish they did some of the things we do here at whatever base they are currently assigned to."

General Welsh also said that he has noticed that many cadets believe that, "they are here training to be in the Air Force, or getting ready to be in the Air Force, or even trying to qualify to join the Air Force. They forget," he continued, "that they raised their right hand on their second day here and listened as the commandant swore them into the USAF."

And since the General raised his right hand that day, his life has been filled with many lessons. One of the most important for him has been integrity. Integrity, in General Welsh's mind, is much more than "We will not



Catchin' a ride... General Welsh goes crowd surfing during one of this year's home football games. Photo by Polaris Staff

General Welsh sits down and talks with C2C Stephen Wilson about his experiences as a cadet, as a fighter pilot, and as the comm. General Welsh's door is always open to cadets. Photo by J. Param



General Welsh illustrates his strength and sense of humor. Gen Welsh's sense of humor is what most cadets find refreshing. Photo by J. Param

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lie, steal or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does."

"Just as important, I found out, was being able to tell people honestly what you think of them, whether it is about their performance, what you expect of them or how they are doing," said Welsh.

People have made a lasting impression on General Welsh's life. This is most evident when he talks about his combat experience at Desert Storm. As commander of the 4th TFS during Operation Desert Storm, he flew combat missions in the F-16. He describes his first experience with combat as, "intensely personal."

"War, changes the way you think," said Welsh.

Having heard those stories for the first time, I was filled with emotion. It made me want to laugh and cry, it made my skin rise and my heart sink. Those words will continue to have a profound affect on my life as a cadet, future officer and man.

Yet again, it was the people that Gen Welsh met during those war days that have continued to develop his character. But most of all he would tell you the support of his family has gotten him through the tough times.

"I don't know how they put up with it," remarked General Welsh.

Even though being a member of the Air Force requires a lot of time away from his family, he believes wholeheartedly in his job and career.

"Hardship brought on by regular separation from family is part of the job for anyone in the military, especially Air Force pilots," commented Welsh. "Wars, remote tours and training are constantly to blame for missing birthdays, anniversaries, little league ball games and recitals."

As the interview wound to a close, General Welsh left me with a vision that will be with me always.

"You ever walked across the terrazzo and looked this way," he asked as he motioned eastward, "and seen the clouds below you?" he continued, "I'll never forget the first time I did it. I came out of second squadron down the stairwell, started the strips and I stopped dead in my tracks right above the Bring Me Men ramp and I just went, 'my goodness, look at that.' The sun was just coming up and the clouds started about the parade field. It looked like a white floor all the way to the far horizon. And we were above it all. It was spectacular. That's how I remember the Air Force Academy. That's the vision I have of it"

"Above it all," I thought to myself. That's what this man is to us at the Academy... above it all.

Class Exemplars



four names - Doolittle, Mitchell, Sijan & Bong,
given to four classes
worn with pride, distinguished by honor,
forever molded in the history
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General James H. Doolittle

As a
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Doolittle led the
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retaliatory
strike planned
in the wake of
Pearl Harbor,
did wonders for
American

Brig General William Mitchell

As a
leading member
of the Air Corps
during the
interwar years,
Mitchell pushed
for an
independent Air
Force. His
outspoken
criticism of the
use of airpower
by the US at that
time led to his
court martial, but
eventually
helped the Air Force win independence after WWII.



Sijan, a member of the class of 1965, was shot down over North Vietnam. Although injured, Sijan evaded capture for weeks. Even upon capture, Sijan showed dedication to his country



until he died as a POW. As a result of this, he became the first, and only, USAFA graduate to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Captain Lance P. Sijan

Major Richard I. Bong

While less well known than the other exemplars, Maj. Bong distinguished himself as a fighter pilot during WWII. Having, 34 air to air kills he remains America's



leading ace of all time. Bong was also a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

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During the 99-00 school year, the Class Exemplar program was fully underway. Following its introduction in 1999, now all four classes have selected an exemplar.

Gradually throughout the year, changes were implemented to reflect the new exemplars. During briefings, and in CIF's, classes were no longer identified by their class year, as traditionally in the past. Each class was to be referred to by their exemplar's name. The class of 2000 was addressed as the "Doolittle Class," and all other classes by their chosen exemplars.

In addition, all cadets received a class colored arch shaped patch embroidered with the name of their exemplar to wear on their A-Jacket, above their class year.

Originated by Lt Gen Oelstrom in '99, the class exemplar program is an opportunity for each class to recognize a historical Air Force personality as their honorary leader. This person, a recognized giant in their field, symbolizes the depth of knowledge, character, discipline, and honor that

they, as a class, strive to follow. The class exemplars provide inspiration to the entire class through the example of their lives, their character, knowledge and motivation.

Each class selected a man who embodied their class's sense of courage, service, honor, and integrity. The class of 2000 was the first class to select an exemplar. In time for their ring dance in the spring of 1999, the class of 2000 chose Jimmy Doolittle to represent them. The class of 2001 followed by selecting Billy Mitchell. Looking to choose a USAFA graduate, the class of 2002 selected Lance Sijan. Finally, the class of 2003's exemplar, Richard Bong, was unveiled at their Recognition Dinner this past March.

In short, the class exemplar program is striving to form a bond between past leaders and those rising candidates of today.

by Stephen Wilson

MOUNTAIN



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CONFERENCE

The newest conference in the nation has quickly emerged as one of the best. The Mountain West Conference, which officially commenced operation on July 1, 1999, sent three football teams to bowl games and won a national championship (women's cross country) in its first year.

BY PATRICK GODINEZ

There was an obvious problem with the Western Athletic Conference. Sixteen teams spread out from Hawaii to Colorado were in the same conference. Travel expenses soared and the league started to stagnate. Because of such a large conference none of the teams could play much of an outside schedule and therefore couldn't prove themselves against the rest of the nation in football. Something had to change and it broke the WAC apart.

In 1998, eight schools in the Western Athletic Conference decided to break away and form their own conference. On July 1, 1999 the Mountain West Conference was formed with the better part of the WAC. The new conference saw the new beginning as a necessary step of dumping dead weight from their schedule to begin acting like a national

powerhouse.

The new MWC didn't drop a lot of their WAC ties though. They took with them the Liberty Bowl, the traditional bowl to the top WAC football team. The teams in the new conference now have to play better to get there. Now with the chance to play outside teams, the programs will have to get better to compete successfully around the nation.

The best thing for the MWC to do in its first year was to finish with a single conference champion and to have at least one finish in the top 25, but this didn't happen. The top three teams of the MWC all finished with 2 conference losses, and none finished in the top 25. Now the MWC must prove themselves to the other conferences, which is always an uphill battle for a new league.

In order for this conference to play up to its potential and show the country that its inception was in fact a good idea, annual powerhouses Air Force and BYU will have to step up and meet the challenge. Eventually, most of the other MWC teams will have to follow and play tougher football. If this doesn't happen, the MWC could dissolve and the teams could leave for other conferences, especially the Falcons.

Not only the Falcon Football team was affected by the breakup of the WAC. All of the other Falcon Athletics had to adjust to the challenges of a new conference. However, among the changes comes the unique

opportunity for the Air Force Academy Falcons to start a new tradition of excellence in the Mountain West. Other Falcon sports that may have been struggling in the past now have a clean slate, and a new record, to show to the nation just how good they can be. The switch to a new conference was simply a good move for all of the Falcons.

The Mountain West Conference

Men's Sports

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Fencing
Football
Golf
Gymnastics
Hockey
Lacrosse
Rifle
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Track
Water Polo
Wrestling
Boxing

Women's Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Fencing
Gymnastics
Rifle
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Track
Volleyball





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One of the first principles taught to cadets when they enter the Academy is the importance of your classmates.

In retrospect...

your classmates enabled you to get through that Friday night "round robin" training session...

your classmate sat three hours of your CQ shift because you finally got that date you wanted...

your classmates made sure you got back safely on your twenty-first birthday...

Through trial and error, friendships formed that we will always look back on with great memories.

SQUADRONS



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In a world of change, it's nice to know that some things remain the same. If you stop to think of it, the Academy has gone through so many changes since it first opened its doors on July 11, 1955.

We moved from Denver to Colorado Springs; we went from an all male institution to admitting women in the 1970's; we grew to a Wing of 4,000 cadets; we opened doors to new squadrons only to close four in 1999.

Despite these changes, the year 2000 still bears some of the signature features that started back in '55: Mitchell Hall food, a bunch of core classes cadets still suffer through, and humor—but not just any humor, it's cadet humor.

CIC Rusty Gohn commented, "I think cadet humor is different from other humor, but that is because our society is so much different. It would be the same anywhere you go because they do things differently."

Where else would you find the busts of the Wright brothers dressed in gym clothes or a person sliding soaked in suds flinging themselves down a soapy hallway, proclaiming to practice carrier landings? Where else but at the Academy?

For the cadets, having a sense of humor is vital in tolerating some of the less-than-fun things that happen here. Someone outside of the Academy would probably find

nothing funny about the bunny dance. Those who have experienced it know that it serves to lighten up the atmosphere during

CST after hiking three days through the forest on very little food, wearing rucksacks and filthy, wet uniforms.

Humor is what gets some of us through the long days (and long nights for that matter).

As Rusty put it, "Humor is everyone's way of breaking the monotony and having fun within

the bounds of the rules. It breaks reality for a while and is like an amusement park ride. It takes our minds off the

academic and military aspects of our day-to-day lives."

With all the changes the Academy has been through, humor has managed to remain a constant. It's a thing too. Let's face it—a person would probably have a breakdown or go nuts after being hog-tied to a light post in 20-degree weather, wearing nothing but shorts and a t-shirt while a bunch of wild cadets poured ketchup, chocolate syrup, and mustard all over them. Any other place but at the Academy!



Finding the humor

Fire It Up

James A. Anderson
Steven J. Bruce
James E. Calvert
Justin L. Diehl
Angelinda D. Fedden
Jason A. Feuring
Jachin M. Finch



John D. Fowler Jr
Christopher G. Gibbs
Adrian Gonzales
Erica M. Hamblin
Adam N. Heil
Martin D. Hemmingsen
Mary E. Hrynyk



Matthew B. Hunt
Johnpaul Kilker
Stephen C. Manley
David L. McDonald
Scott A. McKay
Ryan J. McLain
Clinton P. Mintz



Eric M. Music
Sharonda L. Peake
Megan A. Poyant
Steven R. Ramirez
David L. Schneider
Matthew J. Swanson



Adrian D. Arjonilla
Jonathan B. Baize
Benjamin L. Barfield
Cody R. Burroughs
Joseph W. Carr Jr
Janae D. Cummings
Erin M. Decker



Damon G. Field
Bradley W. Fiske
Jay C. Ford
Zachary E. Fox
Johnathan J. Gilliard
Ross F. Graham
Noel P. Gunter



James M. Harrington
Nikolai S. Jankovich
Bradlee R. Kasprzak
Shawn P. Lee
Peter C. Mastro
Matthew R. McCraney
Danielle J. Miller



Stephen A. Olivares
Matthew G. Paetzhold
Luka Tomljenovic
Michael P. Zarkas





Emmanuel T. Adeniran
Ryan F. Armstrong
William J. Arnold
Paul H. Cobeaga
Eric M. Englebreton
Kimberly A. Feikens
Austin R. Frazier

Charles B. Frost
Michael P. Glass
Todd M. Green
William C. Hammelman
Marques H. Hardin
Dayleen M. Kroontje
Brian E. LaBasco

Aaron J. Lewton
Ulysses Linares
Daniel L. Magruder
Heidi M. McKinley
Christine M. Miller
Clint E. Montgomery
Marta A. Nyberg

Timothy R. Saxton
John R. Scoggins III
Robert W. Scott IV
Stephen B. Sparks
Laura A. Stepko
Jennifer L. Stoltzenberg
John D. Toepfer

Mighty Mach One

by Matt Swanson

Last year, when I told people I would be shuffling to Mighty Mach One, we all laughed. I soon came to experience the sense of mystique and tradition here.

Immediately, the squadron welcomed the new two degrees last semester. The squadron commanders C1C Jeff Beckham, and C1C Andy Martin set the tone for the year that anyone can read off the patch:

"First takes care of its own."

After we were welcomed into the squadron, so were the fourthclass cadets beginning with their first 'SAR Session' no less than 30 minutes after the acceptance parade.

The pride in Mach One starts with the fourthclass year. Even after the shuffle, cadets don't leave Mighty Mach One, they are still a part of the family. Many people feel that this is a result of the special attention training receives in the squadron.

C3C Matt Paetzhold explains that this training is what makes Mighty Mach One special.

"Other squadrons might beat their kids for a year or two to be hard, but Mach One believes that your four degree year should be harder than any other thing you will face in your career, save combat," said C3C Paetzhold.

"Life for the Firsties and two degrees is not unlike that of any other squadron, but life for the three and four degrees is different. The training atmosphere...creates a bond, which carries on to create a great working and living environment," added C2C Eric Music.

It's that same atmosphere that has helped Mighty Mach One maintain their status as one of the top squadrons in the wing. You may be able to find squadrons that excel in military, athletics, or academics...but One excels in something even more important - heritage.



AOC: Major George Fuller IV
MTL: TSgt Craig Sowder

Not Pictured:

Neils C. Barner, 02
Kevin E. White, 02
Eric J. Carlo, 03
Shane E. Swenson, 03



Squadrons 245

Fire It Up

Derek M. Argel
Joshua D. Bieler
Joshua A. Cadice
Michael C. Cumberworth
Luther E. Douglas
Jason A. Gastelum
Deborah Herceg

Andrew M. Ignash
Erik F. Jung
Lee A. Kadri
Brittney E. Killen
Charlene A. Mercado
Jonathan D. Mueller
Nannette B. Ohman

Daniel E. Olthoff
Nathan J. Pifer
Stephen G. Pippel
Neil B. Poppe
Luke R. Porisch
Nicholas J. Russo
Jeffrey A. Schneider

Lucas J. Teel
Christopher N. Wade
Jeremy E. Williams
Fernando L. Zapata
Matt J. Ziemann
Brandon A. Zuercher



Tamilyn S. Becker
Jennifer R. Berger
Mehmet A. Boz
David J. Brown Jr
Laura Y. Ceville
Justin W. Collup
James G. Erminger

James D. Freeman
Adam D. Harder
Timothy J. Lambie
Angelina R. Markle
Philip R. McClure
Matthew D. Meshanko
Timothy Jon J. Metz

Zachary M. Moore
David W. Morlock
Eamon R. Murray
Steven Norris
Justin W. Purcell
Erik V. Redl
Jonathan L. Richards

Roland A. Rosario
Chesley J. Smith
Derek J. Syswerda
Kristopher J. Szymczak
David A. Thompson
Michael R. Trujillo





Chelsea Baca-Hodroff
Brenton E. Barbeau
Robert D. Biscardi
David A. Braun
Eric G. Briscoe Jr
Michael M. Calvitti
Andrew J. Carlson

Alain P. Chachuat
Rylan M. Charlton
Joshua A. Cherkinsky
Brian M. Clarke
Michael J. DiMaria Jr
Amber L. Domenech
Joshua R. Dunn

Ramon A. Edison
Luke J. Fisher
Stephen R. Gulasey
Colin Q. Hanson
Joseph R. Howard
Kirby M. Ingram
Nathaniel E. Jackson

Christopher P. Kojak
Nicholas P. LaPlant
Nicholas J. Liegl
Daniel M. Morales
Michael W. Moseley
Jonathan D. Niebes
Keelin B. O'Keefe

Daniel J. Rees
Scott D. Schofield
Katherine L. Stapp
Richard D. Tuminello Jr
Bryan L. Wetzel
Robert M. Williams II

Delta Tau Deuce

When you ask someone to describe Deuce, you invariably get the response, "laid back." If Deuce did not remain this chill, the entire sixth floor of Vandy tower would become unstable and spin off into the sun.

In addition to performing the vital function of holding the tower in place, Deuce still finds time to take care of business.

According to spring semester squadron commander Brian Moritz, "Deuce has changed for the better. We are slipping from being total slackers to laid back and getting the job done."

When rumors circulated that Deuce would be getting a Marine for an AOC, cadets worried that the good name of Delta Haus would be forever tarnished. However, Major Szewczynski fit in well with the squadron and was described by one cadet simply as "pimpin'." He lets the cadets run the show and the result was that people felt ownership in their squadron and some even found truth behind the phrase "cadet run."

Training is an almost nonexistent phenomenon in Deuce. This is because the parents of 2003 got a microwave for the squadron for Christmas. This microwave replaced the radiation-leaking biohazard from dorm management. Yes, bribery is still effective, and no one is immune.

When asked about the most memorable part of his four-degree year, C4C Robert Biscardi looked away wistfully and sighed, "Midshipman Lusk."

What makes Deuce special for C1C Chris Ogrosky is, "having two locks on my door so I know when my roommate is coming in." Not many people can think of negative aspects to living in Deuce, and according to C3C Justin Collup, "there's nothing bad about Deuce, it's all good."

Despite the positive atmosphere that Delta Haus provides, very few firsties are willing to stay any longer than necessary. When asked what he will remember most about Deuce, C1C Ogrosky said, "leaving it."



AOC: Major Jerome Szewczynski
MTL: TSgt Chris Sandoval

Not Pictured:
Joshua M. Mower, 02



by Erik Jung

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Gabriel C. Carrejo
Luke B. Casper
Andrew B. Congdon
Daniel J. Cruz
Robert A. Edison II
Chad M. Fairchild
Daimon E. Geopfert

Jennifer M. Glomb
Gerremy L. Goldsberry
Amy M. Heskett
Marcus J. Jackson IV
Nathaniel D. Killian
Juan P. Lavarreda-Perez
Stuart I. Macdiarmid

Kurt W. Martinson
Neil E. McColgan
Kima H. Megorden
Christopher L. Moeller
Zachary T. Peaden
Jesse A. Pietz
Nelle C. Pirotte



Stephen D. Pouncey
Brian C. Rosales
Ryan S. Simms
Mark D. Skalko
Dalia J. Wenckus

Matthew J. Bradesca
Matthew R. Bruckner
Michael S. Burton
Evelyn M. Calley
Victor Deshaun T. Deal
Joseph A. Drummond
John D. Edwards

Gabriel D. Geldert
Megan K. Gray
Jeremy H. Greenawalt
Dick A. Janssen
Albert C. Kelly III
Christopher C. Lazidis
Michael J. Marren

Patrick R. McBride
Derek C. Neal
Emily B. Nelson
Gary W. Nowak Jr
Kevin M. O'Keefe
David A. Orleans
Richard C. Orzechowski

Hassan B. Rizwan
Michael K. Street
Kimberly A. Sugrue
Leonardo A. Tongko
Stephanie M. Vallarino
Stephen M. Vance
Keith A. Young



No Limits

248 Squadrons

by Neil McColgan

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Adam C. Brown
William J. Burich
Matthew P. Carducci

Justin W. Chandler
Shaun T. Cheema
Shawn P. Christensen
Mark E. Enriquez
Miguel A. Fernandez
Matthew C. Geelan
Chris W. Gesch

Gregory A. Gossner
Kelby A. Hagerla
Keith L. Hollis
Christopher O. Jones
Adam T. Keith
Christopher A. Kennedy
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Christina M. Nigro
Craig W. Oliphant
David A. Ornelas
Josh D. Phifer

Barbara A. Soucy
Patrick G. Stewart
Joseph A. VanKuiken
Rex E. Vickers
Emily L. Vinson
Robert L. Walker Jr
Elbert M. Waters Vv

Danielle N. Willard



Dogs of War

The Dogs of War is a squadron of tradition. As previous winners of the overall outstanding squadron last year, much was expected. What was delivered was an exciting new policy to raise the moral and unity between members of the squadron. As a result, doors are now open from 0620-0720.

C2C Laverrada-Perez applauds this new policy. "With a roommate like mine, I enjoy the extra ventilation." Additional benefits of the open door policy prevent absences and tardiness from class. A anonymous two-degree says, "I really do not mind the new policy, as the open doors during the week get me excited for my weekend confinements." Other cadets enjoy the opportunity to greet their friends at 0620 by opening doors for their classmates.

Yet there are the usual dissenters. C2C Pouncey, who has no roommate, believes his time could be better spent with the door closed.

"I like studying with no distractions, before I could close and lock my door, but now the whole world can view my personal habits." C2C Dan Cruz complains of the brightness in his room. "Before I could be comforted by my solid brown door, but now I am greeted by the brightness of the swirling linoleum in the morning." C2C Goldsberry and Carrejo also complain that someone might be inspecting more than their room while they are gone. "We've noticed that our magazine and video collection has been rifled through when we've return from breakfast."

Despite the detractors, the new policy does seem to work. Morale is high in the Dogs of war. Few members would rather belong to any other squad in the wing, and all appreciate the support and understanding the leaders of the squadron have for them. Even if the Dogs do not reclaim their outstanding squadron title, all will be proud that they had the opportunity to serve in the best cadet-oriented squadron of the wing.



AOC: Major Steven Grupenhagen
MTL: TSgt Todd Thomas

Not Pictured:
Mary F. Hrynyk, 01
Maja Staresina, 03



by Neil McColgan

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Michael Ahn
Christopher S. Betz
Constance R. Burbage
Alex J. Cusack
Michael J. DaCosta
Aaron D. Dailey



Scott S. Fann
Jonathan D. Fariss
Andrew John T. Fisher
Jeremey W. Gingrich
Wesley J. Glisson
Andrew J. Gray



Detrick D. Grimes
John J. Isacco
Joseph K. Maddry
Charles W. Mauze III
Christopher R. McAlear
Joseph E. Monaco



Joshua Orion T. Ney
Ryan W. Nicklin
Eva R. Sanchez
Elizabeth A. Yesue
Thomas B. Younker



Hesham H. Aly
Sean N. Blas
Jeffrey A. Bodwell
Joseph S. Browning
Robin E. Cadow
David C. Caswell
Curtis R. Cunningham



Jerome J. DeLeon-Guerreiro
Justin A. Fisher
Jodi M. Gillespie
Colin D. Henderson
Brad D. Johnson
Lawrence S. Lenahan
Matthew D. Lewis



Matthew J. Lynch
Joseph P. Markowski IV
Eric S. Marshall
Todd M. Moore
Jason C. Neumann
Morgan E. Newman
Jaime Olivares



Earon J. Parker
Justin T. Pendry
Ryan G. Smith
Jennifer J. Trapp
Stewart S. Vanden Dries
David E. Vizurraga



250 Squadrons

by Elizabeth A. Yesue

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Matthew P. Burniston
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Kelly S. Chellman

Donald M. Clark III
Staci A. Cotner
Michael J. Donaldson
Susan L. Doyle
Terri R. Eischen
Jason T. Furcron
Reid R. Gardner

Matthew L. Gettings
Lucas F. Gruenther
Brandon P. Heaney
Benjamin M. Hopkins
Darin E. Lupini
Janet L. Modell
Ruslan Y. Mokrouz

Preston W. Pulley
Adam T. Rector
Jamison S. Richart
Michael B. Rose
Jason A. Sanders
William J. Sargent
Luke A. Seymour

Mark H. Smith
Michael Solowiow
Scott R. Stengel
Dennis M. Strasser
Thomas M. Tauer
Domonique M. Torbert



AOC: Major David Blanks
MTL: TSgt Dawna Kinsman-O'Brien

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Nathaniel L. Cole, 02
Marcos L. Santiago, 03
David R. Van Yperen, 03

Fightin' Fourth

Fighting Fourth started the new year off with many news rules: HHQ Inspections, VCR and plant privileges, 27" TV screens, a more restricting liberties package for the lower three classes, and, of course, the beloved LDM certifications. One would assume that with so many policy changes within the cadet wing, that the squadron would become quite cynical; however, it was quite the opposite.

As CIC Fulk explained, "Part of being sane, is being a little bit crazy."

Thanks to an outstanding MWR staff, led by CIC Geidel and CIC Brown, the squadron was just that—enjoying tailgates at every game, a squadron auction, "spirited" dining outs, Hawaiian bowling, and weekend breakfasts. All in all, the class unity displayed by the Doolittle and Sijan classes helped make the second and fourth classes feel more at "home" and integrated by the end of the semester.

After Christmas break, the squadron welcomed back French exchange cadet CIC Unks. The main difference between semesters was pace. Perhaps it was 100s Night and Graduation, Ring Dance, car keys and the end to CQ, or the fact that Recognition was fast approaching, but no matter the class, every cadet was excited about something. The squadron, as stated by CIC Griffin, truly adapted the policy of "doing it right the first time".

Despite all the excitement, it was moving as well. The AOC Major Blanks and MTL TSgt Kinsman-O'Brien would both be taking new assignments the following year. Major Blanks and TSgt K-O were a dynamic team and an excellent example of leadership. Major Blanks' belief and exhibition in making USAFA a "leadership laboratory" was both refreshing and admirable. TSgt K-O, although she wouldn't hesitate to correct you, wouldn't hesitate to help you either—her expectations were equitable and her tone was kind.



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Kyle S. Allen
Ryan J. Anderson
Jeffrey R. Burroughs
Marisa L. Catlin
Phillip A. Cole
Douglas M. Curran



Daniel L. Dean
Danial E. Eastman
Robert G. Giovannetti
David Huinker
Siegfried B. Jucknies II
Anthony J. Koury III



Audra Luyet
Daniel J. Macsary
John P. Mintz
Jorge A. Pargas
Nathan P. Rodriguez
Erika N. Shannon



Kendall W. Spencer
Matthew D. Strohmeier
Brandon J. Tellez
Rachael L. Westergren
Michael W. Zeigler



Christopher S. Bartley
Bede A. Bolin Jr
Margaret M. Breun
Nathan D. Bump
Judith Shani E. Bush
Marco A. Cardenas
Adrian B. Cercenja



John J. Contreras
Matthew R. Dardenne
Matthew R. Dudderar
Anthony J. Ewers
Stephen E. Freedman
Hugh E. Gardenier IV
Luis G. Gonzalez



Nathan N. Harrold
Joseph P. Laclede
Andrea M. Lauer
Philip A. Mahill
Mark A. Murphy
Todd T. Patterson
Jaekyong Seo



Joshua T. Shultz
Robert D. Stimpson III
Zachary P. Tewes
Claire P. Waltman
Ryan T. Webster
Matthew S. Wilcoxon
Matthew D. Woodward



252 Squadrons

by T.J. "Mongo" Koury

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Joshua D. Dean
Douglas J. Doebring
Carl A. Friend

Adam J. Gaudinski
Anthony S. Hardman
Allan J. Henley
Alfonso S. Hernandez
Travis J. Hinkle
Aaron D. Johnson
Kimberlee D. Kachner

Randolph B. Kinsey
Brandon D. LaValley
Martin G. Lopez
Ryan P. Mansfield
Steven M. Meents
Jay M. Neese
Timothy J. Nicholls

David F. Pina
Ryan X. Riley
Ashley M. Robinson
Mark F. Rosenow
Elliot G. Sanders
Mark E. Spencer
Ashley K. Stewart

Jamie R. Turner
Andrew A. Wells
Christopher J. White
Ryan E. Wilmes
Joshua W. Zumbrun

Wolfpack On The Prowl

The mighty Wolfpack enjoyed yet another year of life here at camp USAFA, existing as a squadron less concerned with performance as it was with its people.

Life in the Pack can be surmised concisely in a quote by fall semester first-sergeant Dan Macsay: "Life was good first semester, the women (and men for all the women), drugs, and alcohol came in non-stop; then Capt Edwards became our new AOC and put all of that to rest. From the ashes of defeat came one man: the Fat Sergeant with enough bad, dirty, and cruel jokes to make the most avid Dungeon and Dragons player look cool. Next came a Mexican who somehow slipped by border patrol and ended up at the Academy and a squadron commander that used crayons to color pictures for his girlfriend. These three again brought back what was once lost: coolness..."

Yes, the individuals of the Pack gave the

squadron its flavor, a flavor that can only be described as...unique. As CIC Steadman put it, "Three-man firstie room, baby!! Yeah!!!!". (To put this quote in perspective, consider that this was the choice of the room's occupants...).

The squadron did chock up a few noteworthy accomplishments, including being first in the wing for keeping appointments, always scoring high in marching, and becoming the first-group official HHQ fire-hazard. However, despite all of the accomplishments of the squadron and the individuals within the squadron, the awarding of certificates and honorable mentions in squadron meetings paled in the eyes of the Pack next to the time-honored tradition of passing around...the flaming helmet. As a trophy of ignorance and buffoonery, its treatment during AOC time symbolized the Pack's overarching attitude towards life; no matter who accomplishes what, if everyone is laughing by the end of it all, that's what matters the most.



MTL: TSgt Ronn Frink

Not Pictured:

AOC: Captain Rich Edwards
Matthew R. Riffel, 03
Allen O. Cage III, 02



by T.J. "Mongo" Koury

Fire It Up

No Limits

2002

Merle V. Craig
David M. Czesak
Clayton M. Dayoc
Hollie N. Diesselhorst
Jeffrey B. Donahue
David R. Erpelding

Christopher D. Geisel
Thanh T. Huynh
Shawn A. Johnson
Wayne C. Kinsel
Ryan E. Lucero
Aaron C. Martin

Albert A. Medina
Ryan R. Montanez
Craig L. Morash
Douglas J. Palagi
Lindsay M. Payne
Michael J. Power

Vincent R. Sherer IV
Matthew T. Speer
Candace S. Staubitz
Charles B. Toth
Ryan M. VanVeelen
John P. Wagemann Jr

Richard C. Adams
Sarah C. Albright
Dustin W. Brown
Devon T. Christensen
Siobhan N. Couturier
Charles L. Eichner
Catherine W. Fahrner

James M. Ferris
Daniel M. George
Wilbert L. Gettys Jr
Gabriel E. Helgersson
Luke A. Hohreiter
Tracy L. Kaier
Matthew L. King

Christopher Ko
Michael A. Kump
Antoine C. McNeal
Bruce N. Phillips
David G. Romero
Nicholas F. Sammons
Daniel A. Schreurs

Daniel P. Sipps
Christopher A. Smith
Gregory M. Steenberge
Allison N. Tedesco
Peter A. Vanagas
Nicholas R. Weber



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Kimberly K. Broughton
Jeremy J. Burke
Jessica A. Camerlin
Jonathan D. Dark
Robert Eckhardt

George G. Eldridge
William D. Genda III
Charles W. Greene
Clayton E. Gruenstein
David T. Hansen
Aaron L. Jackson
Jason C. Johnstone

Sean M. Kilroy
Sabrina L. Kingston
David P. Lasagna
Jeffrey J. Ledeboer
Charles W. Mathes
Scott W. Meyer
Sarah M. Miller

Richard P. New
James E. Pike III
Anthony M. Pryor
Robert W. Rouse
Benjamin E. Sakrisson
Brian J. Taylor
Anthony J. Thompson

Andrew J. Vega
Scott D. Vines
Jamil R. Walker
Nathan E. Wallace
Joshua D. Wargo
Adam M. Wear
Scott N. Zwiers

Ragin' Bull Six

In squadron six, our standards have always been extremely high, and our goals – very lofty to say the least. Less emphasis was placed on the individual, while the primary focus was placed on team synergy. Only in rare occasions was a squadron member observed putting himself above the team. Very frequently, squadron disciplinary policy was amended in cases where this form of selfless commitment was, although with good intent, displayed in err. Each person was encouraged to set both individual and squadron goals for the semester.

Consistent with squadron policy, every individual was encouraged to use the feed-forward command line process. Only in extreme cases did this policy fail to meet its purpose. The expectations placed upon each squadron staff and flight officer reflected these points of emphasis. Nothing in the way of professional training and personal development was overlooked in the squadron training plan.

Each member of the squadron felt a sense of belonging and self-worth as a result of the high level of professionalism maintained within the unit.

"Young minds," confessed C2C Martin, "are the most important points of development our squadron can hope to influence."

On more than one occasion, squadron members were caught knowingly and willingly exceeding standards in many arenas. How a single squadron could possibly contribute so much to the moral and welfare of the cadet wing was a burning question on the minds of many. Nearly every cadet filling a squadron leadership position was sensitive to the necessary balance between self-development and community advancement. On the matter of academics, the cadets assigned to our demanding squadron were frequently mindful that it takes much more than high scholastic marks to make an affective officer. Nothing, from individual to global perspectives, was dismissed as worthy of exclusion or oversight in squadron six developments.



MTL: TSgt John Lawson

Not Pictured:
AOC: Major Julie Walker
James T. Burns, 02



by Albert Medina

Fire It Up

Cory L. Aldean
Tobin R. Allen
Craig A. Anders
Carmen M. Andrews
Caroline M. Ayo
Timothy N. Bonnes
Benjamin F. Brown

Michael R. Cline
Angela M. Feldmann
Matthew P. Hall
Christopher L. Jessop
Kyle F. Kimberlin
Michael S. Laidlaw
Barry L. Mattson

Tracy A. Nettleblad
Elizabeth C. Newcomb
James R. Novak
Dylan M. Quinn
Jenna A. Sharp
Phillip A. Smith
Charles D. Solomon



Emma Marie A. Stanley
Jeffrey M. Ulmer
Heather E. Van Oosten
Richard A. Webb
Marc S. Weinberg

Matthew C. Bayless
Nicolas P. Bellenbaum
David M. Bolin
Vaughn S. Brazil
Derek M. Britton
John T. Clegg
Nicholas J. Conklin

Benjamin W. Couchman
Fernando J. Cruz
James A. Hanes
Marshal T. Haylett
Ashley L. Lindley
Creighton A. Mullins
Tiffany B. Parsons

Josef N. Peterson
Benjamin M. Price
Christopher J. Reteneller
Andrew C. Rollins
Ryan N. Seekins
Khomani D. Shortte
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Michael T. Voxland
Garrett A. Wilson
Matthew M. Wolthoff
James M. Wright

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William B. Blew IV
John W. Brantuk II
Steven B. Brooks
Benjamin D. Bryan

Charles G. Cameron
Alexander C. DeManss
Nathan D. Fleming
Amy L. Garrison
Patrick J. Godinez
Joseph C. Gorman
John D. Holland

Stephen P. Joca
Matthew G. Karas
Darice K. Kiefer
Alexander B. Lammert
Andrew J. Lynch
Jeremy S. Malasky
Barry V. McKeown

Bryan J. Minatel
Lee R. Moreno
Nicholas R. Morris
Erika Neimane
Matthew G. Pirmann
Barry D. Postma
Steven B. Reagan

Bowman J. Spillane
Michael J. Sullivan
Anthony P. Tydingco
Kathryn M. Veseth
Justin M. West
Christopher F. Whitehead

Death From Above

by Chris Reteneller

A group of about a hundred college students, vaguely resembling cadets, met in the SAR on the first day back in the squadron. We all faced our new AOC, Captain Brian Banks. After this first encounter, we left wondering about him, however we had a feeling that this would be a good year.

We could not have been more correct. Throughout the year, Captain Banks had every class over to his house for a barbeque and entertainment. All enjoyed this time to have fun and kick back with our new AOC. Of course, there were always the barbeques for the home football games. At these, our staff provided the top grade Mitchell Hall meat and sometimes even brought steak and chicken.

What else could one see if they spent a few days in seven? Well, if they were so lucky, they may see CIC Omar Rashid playing guitar in the hallways or hear the numerous other musically inclined people joining together to play some tunes. Music would be going

throughout the halls, but never too loud. There was also a bible study going at least once a week, led by CIC Brandon Acheson and C2C Kyle Kimberline.

How was our location? One of the best because we were near the mail room, the barber shop, the cstore, and even the Polaris office.

The two best things about our squadron: we are always looking out for each other, and we all love to have fun. All of us are willing to lend a hand to help out a fellow Shadow, whether it be in homework, sitting cq, borrowing a car, or numerous other things. We are always there for each other and there are many tight bonds formed throughout the year. Our love for fun can best be described by an incident involving our four degrees during BCT.

Cadet Patrick Godinez tells how during basic, the entire tent of shadow erupted in a food fight. Even in BCT, Shadow Seven knew how to find ways to have fun, and the squadron promises to carry on this tradition for years to come.



AOC: Captain Brian Banks

Not Pictured:

MTL: TSgt Gregory Fedorenchik
Nicholas R. Nowacki, 02
Brian C. Rodgers, 02



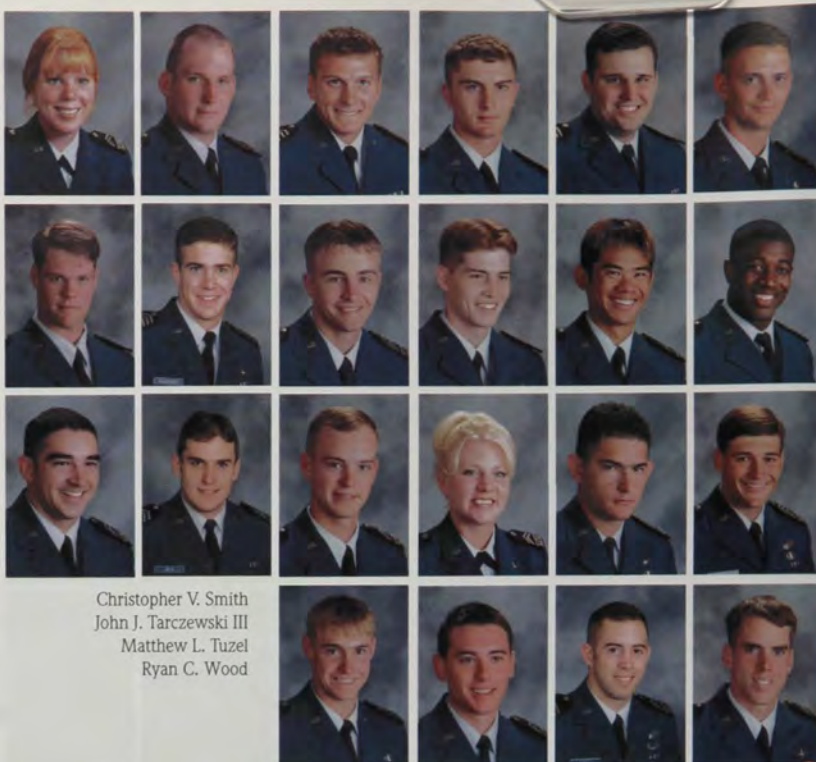
Fire It Up

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Erin E. Bjerke
Michael J. Blume
Justin P. Brumley
Timothy J. Cook
Brandon L. Donaldson
Jeremy S. Ferguson

Joshua S. Foxwell
Thomas B. Kanewske
Jonathan L. Kleve
Robert M. Krueger
Jonathan S. Ma
Carl A. Metters

Andrew J. Mitchell
Dennis A. Nita
William W. Phillips
Amy A. Ringwald
Xavier Rivera
Matthew P. Ross



Christopher V. Smith
John J. Tarczewski III
Matthew L. Tuzel
Ryan C. Wood

John D. Belt
Jacob R. Bergmann
John D. Caldwell
Michelle D. Clark
Shiraz Dalal
Jereme A. Estes
Jonathan C. Fisher

Chad D. Grandell
Jason T. Hansberger
Holly J. Hermann
Vincent W. Jenkins
Brandon G. Jones
Lee K. Ka'a'a
Lucas J. Kippert

Lauren M. Lettieri
Corey D. Perich
Damon B. Richardson
Anthony L. Romeo
Mary C. Rudy
Justin R. Rufa
Nina G. Salazar



Edward R. Steinfert
Brett C. Swiger
Aaron W. Weedman
Benjamin D. Youngquist
Christopher R. Zielinski

258 Squadrons

by Mary Rudy

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Ryan W. Argenta
Sterling R. Barnes
Christina M. Caplinger
Kyle W. Copus
Richard J. Couture
Sarah M. Davis

Lawrence A. Dietrich
Travis D. Dunn
Scott A. Ellwanger
Brianna M. Franklin
Robert G. Gatti
Joseph W. Goldsmith
Adam J. Greene

Alton J. Griffin
Jason R. Hacker
Aaron C. Hill
James E. Johnston
Matthew A. Kahley
Jonathan D. Kubacz
Joseph M. Lisanti

John D. MacRae
Ryan M. Mahoney
James P. McCroan III
Jeremy S. Mullen
Daniel E. Murphy
Robert B. Putney Jr
Jeffrey P. Roberson

Melissa R. Smith
Joseph T. Sundry
Stephanie N. Vidal
Tyler R. Williams
Jeong-Hwan Yang
Eric L. Ziegler

Great Eagle Eight

Once again Eagle Eight flourished under the leadership of a new AOC and MTL who came to Eagle Eight after the Skyraiders of 37 were shut down. We all anticipated a great year after hearing former Skyraiders sing the praises of Major Nollette and TSgt Boleware.

C2C Steph Soltis confided, "A number of us old Skyraiders gave serious consideration to sending up a collective Form 30 asking to go wherever Maj Nollette went."

The Eagles also enjoyed the charismatic leadership of squadron commanders Dave Francis and Beau Jones. CIC Jones gained the respect and affection of all by his willingness to mentor the lower classes on everything from "squad life, being a firstie, constantly being seen as a sex symbol" and any of the other mystifying aspects of successful cadet living, including the MWR favorite, "Miss Eagle Eight Pageant." Cadet Jones is sure to pass on his flame as reigning "Miss Eagle Eight" to the many lovely fourthclassmen such as C4C Eric Johnston who inspired the envy of C3C

Michelle Clark who complained that he "looked sexier in my clothes than I do."

One of the highlights of the year was the four degrees following in the footsteps of their dedicated thirdclass and winning the Wing Knowledge Bowl. Opposing squadrons never knew what hit them when the Eaglettes turned up the heat. Training Officer, Joshua Kovacic was known to strip off excess clothing after K-Bowl victories and ask, "Is it hot in here?" Because the Eagle Eight four degrees were "On Fire!" In an attempt to throw the high speed hand tossers off, wing training staff decided to throw in the non-Contrails-related question, "Who is the Godfather of Soul?" during the semifinals. The word "Godfather" was scarcely out before C4C Sterling Barnes threw out his hand and correctly answered "James Brown" because... "Sir, James Brown is the only Godfather I know!"

The Eagles survived HHQ, certification, the bumper award, and other tribulations in style. All in all, 1999 - 2000 was a great year for the Eagles, and we'll all look back on it and laugh for years to come.



AOC: Major Daniel Nollette

Not Pictured:

MTL: TSgt Gwen Boleware
Rashad E. Howard, 01
Ryan A. Sagastume, 01
Justin D. Parker, 02



by Mary Rudy

Fire It Up

No Limits

260 Squadrons

Tony L. Andrade De Torre
Kiwedon D. Cornell
William D. Daggett
Kristi R. Delcour
Makia B. Epie
John P. Gately

Benjamin M. Gensic
Peter R. Grossenbach
Ryan A. Howland
Dustin R. Ireland
Nathan T. Keethler
Christopher D. Ketterer

Richard W. Littlefield III
Jeremy C. Meartz
James E. Mixon
Andrew D. Oiland
Nathan L. Owen
Karl H. Recksiek

Reina M. Smith
Cody D. Stiverson
Kristen D. Thompson
Glendon C. Whelan
Jeremy D. Wimer
Casey Y. Woods

Shane W. Alfar
Laura J. Beckerdite
Christine L. Cleaver
Gary L. Cooper Jr
Mark W. Hanson

Christopher D. Hetrick
Adam S. Knickelbein
Andrew N. Korsmo
Sean K. Matthews
Jeremy W. McCollough
Karen F. Negran

QuocNam T. Nguyen
Rex U. Noble
Christopher C. Pace
Walter E. Perry
Jeffrey M. Provenzano
Eugene K. Rainey

Brian S. Rhoades
Aaron J. Rubi
Zachary L. Sauerman
Paul. Scheglov
Amy A. Schultz
Doncosta E. Seawell

Andrew B. Stewart
Christopher A. Thuotte
Dave P. Trollman
Nathan P. Vosters
James P. Woodall Jr
Abram M. Woody



by James Mixon

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Conor S. Hammes
Cody W. Hern
Charles M. Horn
Peter L. Hughes
James P. Labouliere
Eric R. Maddox

Shaun D. Maloney
Gregory M. Mansfield
Jeremy R. Mason
Olivia A. Mazur
Meagan A. McCowan
Casey P. Mottinger
Dustin J. Mowrey

Kurt J. Nemmer
Benjamin R. Norwood
John A. Olson
David G. Palmer
Mark R. Phariss
Matthew P. Platt
Jeff S. Pradhan

Jesus Raimundi III
Joshua J. Rasmussen
Matthew C. Rossi
Mark. Sakai
Peter J. Shore
Jason P. Ward
Trevor W. Warren

Charity E. Winters



Valhalla

Fear the ship of doom! The courageous souls of Viking Nine endured another year at USAFA under the guidance of AOC Major David Stamos and MTL TSgt Larry Dozier. Squadron Commanders CIC Andy Stremmel and CIC Dean Berck along with the hard working leadership of 2000 steered the Vikes towards the top of First Group.

When the Vikings weren't preparing for HHQ inspections or marching tours, the MWR staff entertained with Carrier Landings in the hallways, throwing random pizza parties, and tailgated football games with the best of them.

The resident Doolittle and Sijan classes helped 2001 join the ranks quickly. Many of them perfected the art of "stealthiness" and were frequently mistaken for being members of other squadrons as late as December.

C2C Karl Recksiek says, "Our location is key, we're right next to the C-Store and the mailroom."

While C2C Nathan Keethler states, "I

enjoy the short walks to the gym to get buffer than ever, thanks *Maxim!*"

The three degrees razed the ship of doom and made training for the fourthclassmen more like a Viking funeral. C3C Chris Hetrick and C3C Walter Perry led the charge first semester in the training department. C3C James Woodall says, "Its all about OJT starting as soon as possible," commenting on sitting CQ in the squadron.

The incoming Class of 2003 added more character to the ship of doom. They quickly became accustomed to the early wake-ups and more difficult academic environment than they had in high school. The general consensus was computer science and chemistry were especially difficult to do well in.

"Weekends get pretty interesting over at A-Hall when we're not restricted," commented C4C David Palmer.

Alcohol consumption king, C2C Bill Daggett sums it all up, "Viking Nine is a diverse group of people with many talents." Congrats 2000, and best of luck!



AOC: Major David Stamos
MTL: TSgt Larry Dozier



by James Mixon

Fire It Up

No Limits

262 Squadrons

Scott A. Becker
Camden J. Buell
Jordan S. Collins
Kevin M. Crofton
Abraham H. Cuddeback
Kevin J. Davis
Robb B. Fiechtner

John D. Foy IV
Joshua S. Friebe
Andrea S. Garner
Kylene L. Grove
Jason P. Houston
Richard L. Huth
Ryan J. Kohler

Matthew T. Lund
Annahita M. Marefat
Cara D. McBrayer
Douglas P. McHam
Andre Mohammed
Mckay F. Morgan
Robert E. Perry



Christopher K. Roberts
Justin C. Tolliver
Iven M. Vian
Timothy S. Wagner
Barry S. Weaver

David I. Amar
Terrance M. Barreau
Elizabeth A. Boyer
Justin D. Bridges-Crawford
Jeffrey W. Burhart
Ryan J. Deis



Daniel J. Denninghoff
Eric R. Dittman
Amy N. Eichelberger
Molly M. Erickson
Micah N. Freeman
Timothy J. Fryar



Brian C. Gornick
Carlos B. Jayme
Timothy M. Johnson
Jacob D. Leck
Daniel J. Lindley
Justin M. Long



Robyn R. Mahutga
Douglas P. Medley
Jared J. Ostroski
Benjamin T. Pierce
Matthew M. Price
Kevin W. Raney



Brandon L. Roberts
Zachary J. Saban
Philip A. Schembri III
Eric M. Sobecki
Elizabeth F. Young



by Carlos Jayme

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Mark E. Arsenault
Benjamin E. Beville II
Christopher J. Billau
Timothy J. Bronder
Michael A. Brown

Kevin M. Carlson
Adam T. Ciarella
Gerald Davitch V
Lauren E. Emerson
Melinda C. Finley
Jeffrey J. Gilmore
Justin H. Herbst

Abdullah Javed
John R. Koegel
Matias Lambert Jr
Jacob L. Lindaman
Victor E. Meyer
Daniel P. Moberly
Francis M. Nappo

Martin S. Park
Phillip O. Patrick
Matthew P. Petersen
Joshua A. Ramirez
Timothy R. Schmidt
Joseph R. Shames
John S. Sisler

Brent A. Tadych
Ryan K. Thornton
Ashley P. Watson
John V. Welsh
Matthew C. Wroten
Richard A. Zinke

Huzzah

by Carlos Jayme

By tradition, Tiger 10 has always been a challenging squadron to be in.

Timothy Bronder remarks, "Before coming to the Academy, I had plenty of contact with former graduates. All of them were excited that I would be attending this institution and wished me well. However, nearly all of them added the line 'unless, of course, you end up in Mach One or Tiger Ten...' Fortunately, this year has left me with memories that have proved much more positive than their dire predictions. It is always fun to pester upperclassmen on the strips with a nice, loud "Huzzah!" and I know that the spirited tradition of this squadron will ensure that I, too, will later be annoyed by the same greeting from some proud doolie."

The *HUZZAH* is only one of the unique traits of Tiger 10.

"Living in ten has been like living in a loudspeaker...not so much for the noise (you've heard our freshmen), but because

there is a constant hum of activity. You could say it's tiresome to listen to, but at least it's never dull," explains Erin Nagel.

Erika Siegenthaler agrees by saying "The Huzzah sums it all up. No one admits to actually liking the sound of the Tiger Ten Huzzah heard across the terrazzo, but everyone knows deep down inside that Tiger Ten has the most squadron pride."

Bob Perry also commented "Tiger Ten has developed a character different from its traditional reputation. It has struck a good balance between working hard and playing hard. My experience in Tiger Ten has been pretty good. I think the squadron is heading in the right direction."

Major Musser and Tech Sgt Ambuehl gave the upperclassmen a challenge. Daniel Denninghoff commented, "Tiger 10 is a great squadron because it is run totally by the cadet leadership. Our AOC and MTL trusted us to do a good job and we proved that cadets are responsible enough to take charge of the squadron."



AOC: Major Scott Musser

Not Pictured:

MTL: TSgt Brent Ambuehl
Sean P. Chaffe, 02
Austin C. Hine, 03
Randi R. Watts, 03



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Brian L. Beekman
Daniel S. Bradford
Samuel L. Carty
Christopher T. Drungell
Heather M. Furman
Michael E. Gallagher
Thomas E. Gonzalez



Holly E. Huston
Kevin J. Jackson
Andrew P. Judkins
Katherine M. Kernan
Jason L. Kilpatrick
Jennifer M. Levison
Jeremy D. MacLellan



Matthew J. Mihalick
Matthew B. Obenchain
Dustin E. Olson
Shane W. Owen
Alan J. Partridge
Eric J. Rivero
Geoffrey M. Steeves



Paul B. Strom
Michael A. Thompson
Nathanael B. Tolle
Lawrence D. Turner



Allison M. Bergquist
Mark J. Berthot
Carter K. Brooke
David T. Caponio
Brent S. Carpenter
Warren A. Carroll
Thomas H. Crittenden



James Z. Demchak
Eric A. Fleming
Mark J. Fogel
Terry L. Gable II
James A. Gourley
Jamie P. Gray
Matthew R. Harlow



Rebb S. Jones
Jason A. Mascetta
Andrew S. McLay
Drew B. Morgan
Shanekia T. Peebles
Maureen R. Pettibone
Andrea K. Prasse



Ramon A. Rodriguez
Bethany L. Stott
Paul M. Tapia
Matthew A. Tarantino
Edward Y. Walker V
Drew M. Walters
Christopher W. Yengo



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Peter A. Demattei
Brett J. Ellis
Garrett Z. Ericksen
Wes J. Faithful
Nolan R. Foster
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John D. Pegg
Joel P. Perlín
Sean S. Peterson
Eric B. Phelps
Timothy C. Rauch
Mark B. Reeder

Harold Joseph F. Shirley
Marvette S. Skipper
Jason R. Tesar
Nicholas O. Thomas
Keith D. Williams

Rowdy Rebels

We started the year by being ram-jammed into the far end of Vandy, but we made the best of it with the help of a new AOC and MTL. Maj Higgy and Sgt G added new light to a new year. With half the three smokes already on probation and the four de-grees hurrying to follow the example, forms 10 were flying. Dad-gum.

Maj H's 1.5 handicap and fatherly dedication to the Rebels made up for the HHQ's, LDM, and governmental invasion of our living space from 6:20 to 7:20 every stink'n morning. Sgt Glasgow had big shoes to fill after our loss of Sgt James Reginald Garrett "The Great" to second group. She did an outstanding job filling his shoes, along with the maternity uniform, as she brought the newest Rebel into the world. Her open door and kind personality keep us sane during Rivero's gay marching emails and mindless antics.

We had some good MWR this year (where the "M" stands for Terry's trick) great cookouts, hallway luges, quadball, and wet t-shirt contests with CU's cheerleaders. Well, the real reason morale is always so high, as

Tommy Critter so eloquently put it, "we just lower our standards." With the leadership of Fatty Miller and daveoch, the food was almost as good as Alabama home cookin.

LDM may have put a damper on the training scene in most squadrons, but CIC Vic "Who Cares if it's Legal!" Hernandez's harsh and tyrannical appetite for smack blood gave them something to be proud of after recognition.

The four smokes went to group k-bowl finals, C4C Williams made an appearance at Wing Toolie, and the FTC spirit banners kept the wing looking for "Waldo" all football season.

Rebel athletics shined during intramurals. The mountain biking team took first in the wing in spite of Jason "Do I Really Have to Pay Credit Cards Back?" Mascetta's faulty \$500 handlebar stem and Drew "Track Star" Morgan's two mile dash for the finish line after a broken chain. The flickerball team led by Roz- scared the competition away with their intentional disregard of the rules and boxing mentality.

All in all it's been a good year. We learned a lot about each other and turned the squadron around- going from worst to ... eleventh.



AOC: Major Harlan Higginbotham

Not Pictured:
MTL: TSgt Loretta Glasgow



by Warren Carroll & Chris Yengo

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266 Squadrons

Shaylor Billings
Scott R. Bradley
Christopher M. Callahan
Joseph A. Ditlow
Geoffrey W. Eaton
William G. Echols
Joshua R. Finch

Joseph M. Gaona
Lucia Garcia
Giuseppe E. Giadone
Bryan W. Granger
Matt R. Hepp
Timothy J. Huxel
Benjamin P. Iachini

Preston Laslie
Seward E. Matwick
Pedro V. Ovalle
Richard R. Sharpe
Michael S. Ueda
Janet K. Vreuls
Travis G. Willcox

Kevin R. Bales
Robert Bartusch III
Jason D. Bennett
John S. Bulmer
Brooke J. Carr
Joseph D. Chapman

Clark K. Clayton
John D. Cleek
Jeremy C. Downer
Damen A. Forte
Jonas W. Freel
Sean P. Hall

Robert A. Hansel
James H. Hayes III
Sara E. Kinney
Joseph T. McCoy
Shawn M. McGregor
Rena M. Mestas

Britton J. Miller
Scott D. Motley
Jeffrey W. Noble
Christian R. Paasch
Jason A. Powell
Matthew H. Rulong

Worachat Sattayalekha
Brian A. Stiles
Erik J. Svendsen
Cole R. Taylor
Adrianna M. Vorderbruggen
Shannon L. Young



by Shawn McGregor

The 1990s have seen the change. In the hopes of making four degrees. The incoming to step up to obtain the cover degrees came to be. Perhaps it was an ex-shipman. Wood the squadron boost our mo-her face and a



Alex C. Wolfard

Dirty Dozen

The 19992000 academic year will forever go down in Dozen history as a year of change. In the past two years, the Dirty Dozen has seen the coming and going of two AOCs and a MTL.

The firsties returned with the goal of earning their butter bars and staying out of trouble. The three degrees came back with hopes of making a lasting impression on the four degrees. The two new incoming classes also had some high goals set for themselves. The incoming two degrees came in wanting to step up to the standards set last year and obtain the coveted class ring. While the four degrees came in with hopes of going the distance and becoming the best cadets they could.

Perhaps, the most loved incoming cadet was an exchange cadet from Navy. Midshipman Woodmen was always welcome in the squadron because anytime we wanted to boost our moral, she always had a smile on her face and a joke on the tip of her tongue.

Major Schmidt, a West Point exchange AOC, came in and easily stepped into our previous AOCs shoes. Hitting the ground running, Major Schmidt soon set forth the standards that Dozen would strive to live up to. This was a change for most of us, but we stepped up and tried to show him what Air Force Academy cadets can really do. Sometimes, we were unable to do everything the correct way, but that just helped us live up to an anonymous firsties quote "Dozen does it dirty".

Even those of us who had to suffer through tours, confinements, weekend restrictions and the loss of close friends, managed to make light of our situation. CIC Grant Schroeder pretty much summed up the thoughts of a lot of Dozeners with a quote taken from an earlier class "You can make it harder, but you can't make it longer."

With all of the unexpected turns this year, we will forever remember this as a year that helped us strive to achieve our full potential.



AOC: Major Ronald Schmidt

Robert J. Backscheider
Grant A. Coppin
Benjamin P. Craycraft
Devin J. Cuff
Jason A. Daniels
Neal B. De Julio
Mark B. Esguerra

Charles A. Fallon
James M. Ford
David W. Frank
Kurt T. Gerlach
Jeffrey S. Gibbens Jr
Mark E. Gongol
David M. Hampton

Joshua L. Jessup
Erika R. Jorgensen
Bernadette D. Lavarreda-Perez
Nicholas S. Lofthouse
Deric L. Maruquin
Kelly J. McGann
Allen T. Mirkadyrov

Matthew J. O'Donnell
Jonathan C. O'Rear
Mary E. Perez
Justine T. Perlberg
Christian J. Pierce
Michael W. Pogvara
Brian A. Reaney

Krystal L. Shamblin
James B. Stewart IV
John D. Stock
Erik K. Todoroff
Amy A. Wallace
Patricia M. Weeks
Shawn M. Whitfield

Not Pictured:

MTL: SSgt Richard Lucio
Matthew R. Rabe, 02
Justin C. Sandifer, 02



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Jeffrey J. Burley
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Michael T. Dunn

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Jeremiah S. Guild
Christian P. Helms
William Hintz
Amanda M. Hutchison
Tammie Y. LeBlanc
Joe A. Lopez

Mason W. Mandy
Tavis J. McDevitt
William E. McKenzie
Victoria R. Miller
James R. Ord
Patrick W. Pearce-Percy
Jamie A. Rempel

Kristina R. Rustad
Cody P. Schultz
Jonathan E. Somogyi
Aran J. Stynes
Jason P. Willey
Carl J. Wolfe

Michael C. Alfaro
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Jason P. Bianchi
Lee W. Bryant
Ryan F. Caulk
Kory F. DeFore

Erik S. Dunkley
Kevin A. George Jr
Shaun M. Germain
Robert W. Hairston
Sean F. Howlett
Zachary D. Johnson
Kelly L. Kitchens

Kory R. Klismith
Eric J. Masters
Stephen S. Miracle
Adam J. Morgan
Pauline M. Nguyen
Landon K. Phillips
Matthew P. Sakowitz

Joseph J. Schmitt
Sarah J. Stauffer
Steven J. Taylor
Brooks M. Walters
Caroline E. Wellman



Salomon Alvarez III
Dylan A. Bell
Dana L. Bochte
Beau J. Brandon
Jason S. Clayton
Elizabeth L. Davis
Adam M. Duerr

Jacob J. Duff
Peter S. Euler
Thomas O. Faust II
Christian R. Fisher
Jack P. Fyall II
Andrew N. Greig
Stephen S. Haslup

Derek K. Heath
Nicholas J. Helms
Kenneth W. Horton
Adam B. Howes
Karen L. Jelke
Nathan H. Kitzke
Andrew J. Lueckenhoff

David J. Mazur
Shawn M. Mosher
Carmine A. Muscarella
David M. Padilla
Andrea L. Rix
Donald A. Seablom
Ian M. Slazinik

Nicholas D. Sloan
Justin L. Stoner
Erik F. Swenson
Jared B. Tanner
Jacob J. Walsh
Reginald J. Wendell
Robert W. Whiteside

Fighting Bulldawgs



AOC: Major Mark Dotson

by Steven Taylor

As the year began, bad news came with it. Our MTL, MSgt Gutierrez was leaving. As one of the original MTAs, MSgt G was more a Bulldawg than many of us cadets. Unfortunately, he had to move on to become "the man" keeping us down, working in the comm's shop. Amid this change, TSgt Presbrey joined the Bulldawg ranks. A traveled man spanning assignments from England to California, TSgt Presbrey fit in well as a guy who likes "just having a good time in general."

Major Doston was a fresh face in the squadron with encouraging things to say to everyone. He couldn't stop talking about how well we were doing. Having him around made "every day a holiday."

Of all the things that happened this year, MWR was the pepperoni on the pizza (which we had at least once a month). Our Naval exchange student led us in a fierce competition

of Carrier Landings, our human relations staff turned a blind cheek to a risqué episode of The Roommate Game, the Bulldawg drinking team was as active as ever, and MWR staff tailgated with a whole cow, courtesy of C2C Cody Schultz's family.

This year was definitely an experience for the Dawgs. It takes talent to march first in a parade and last for lunch in the same week. But even as our dreams of cereal faded away on those dark winter mornings, we still kept our spirits high. The discussion of C1C Josh Wood's first college girl, proper bathroom etiquette taught by C2C Tavis McDevitt, C1C Travis Burton's exclamation that "Astro is cool," and the mantra of C1C Russ Cook that "I heard this was cancelled" all helped us keep our sanity before marching wherever our destination was. If all else failed, we had the one aphorism that kept us happy: "At least we're not Dozen."

Not Pictured:
MTL: TSgt Ralph Presbrey
Toby M. Hubbard, 02



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Joshua R. Doty
Trevor N. Hall
Nathaniel D. Harris
Beatrice J. Henson

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Patrick K. McClintock
Sarah L. Metthe
James A. Mikes
Brian P. Nealon
Elliot S. Nelsen
Chalene A. Ogilvie

Ana-Maria Ortega
Ronald E. Palmer
Wilhem A. Perez
Marcus J. Peters
Darius A. Phillips
Michael L. Potts
James T. Schiess

Jonathan T. Scofield
Christopher G. Seaman
Michael C. Silok
David A. Smith
Jason G. Somers
Shane M. Terry
Stephen W. Wilson

Joshua S. Desfalvy
Dylan E. Duplechain
Eric D. Frahm

Paul S. Golando
Luis E. Gonzalez
Nicholas J. Hahn
Tara R. Heintz
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Tam M. Huynh
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David T. Kim
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Peter J. LaBarbera
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Edgar A. Lewis

Scott A. Lewis
Selwyn D. Mansell II
Robert D. Miller
Nathaniel T. Piotrowski
Maximiliano A. Rodriguez
Jon E. Salvessen
Andre T. Senay

Megan M. Smith
Scott P. Snider
Michael S. Tenakhongva
Ryan W. Van Maarth
Ryan G. Walinski
Michael S. Whiting
Charlene M. Wilson

270 Squadrons

by Karl Hungus

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David S. Burge
Christopher S. Carlson
Brett C. Castle

Jason W. Cromar
Andrew P. Dendinger
Andrea E. Ehret
Angelo T. Fernandez
Garrett M. Garcia
Walter J. Garrett
Jesse G. Hastings

Katrine B. Helleberg
William A. Hermann
Brian J. Holzer
Ryan V. Hough
Richard D. Juarez
Jason S. Kramer
Elizabeth K. Medlen

Jacquelyn E. Mukri
Gary T. Murphy
Jonathan H. Oliva
Sara J. Rybarczyk
Heather Shelby
Samuel J. Spears
Matthew T. Swanson

Adam F. Thornton
Steven C. Torres
Craig C. Van Beusekom
Lowell C. Wallace III
Tyler A. West
Ethan A. White
Leonard N. Wholey

Killer Cobras

If there is one thing CS-14 is known for ... it's excellence in marching. The Cobras took the wing by storm this year in this underemphasized portion of our military training. Under the expert leadership of CIC Kerrick Krill and CIC Ben Brown, the Cobras were destined to leave their mark on the wing.

The marching season began with the Cobras being introduced to a rookie AOC and MTL. However, Major Cheryl Edwards and TSgt Ryan Gates quickly caught marching fever. Their contributions to the squadron were immediately felt as the Cobras marched towards the top of the group the majority of the fall semester.

C2C Jonathan "Stallion" Scofield offers, "I feel that we really excelled in marching the first semester because of the element marching practices. I hope we continue the tradition next year so that I too can mold a fine group of young cadets."

The motivation displayed by Cadet Scofield is an inspiration to the rest of the wing.

The spring semester saw the Cobras slip, ever so slightly, in their marching ranking. There was one small instance of marching dead-last in the Wing for a month straight, however the reasons for this remain a mystery.

C2C Stephen Wilson, when asked why he thought we were bringing up the rear-end of the wing, revealed, "Tomcat."

Nobody knows exactly what Cadet Wilson meant, but we can all feel his pain and frustration.

C2C Nathan Harris expressed his opinion on the Cobra marching situation by exclaiming, "37!" (Obviously referring to the marching order it feels like we marched in the spring.)

The Cobras will most definitely put forth maximum effort next year in order to rectify the marching situation. (Even if they have to march on the Friday night of a Blue Weekend!)



AOC: Major Cheryl Edwards
MTL: TSgt Ryan Gates

Not Pictured:
David J. Braithwaite, 03



by Karl Hungus

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Amy A. Abraham
Isaac E. Adams
Jason S. Ang
Brad J. Bashore
Lisa M. Case
James W. Crawford

Brian J. Delvaux
Brian A. Elmerick
Shawn R. Finnicum
Daniel R. Haedge
Ryan T. Hayde
Marion M. Knapp

Timothy L. Kurutz
Dean D. Laansma
Mark M. Landez
Joshua C. Lyle
Andrew S. Malin
Anthony Mariapain

John J. Page
James M. Pasquino
Gerardo Sanchez
Rebecca A. Wyffels
Ryan K. Young

Rafael E. Alicea
Zachary P. Augustine
Kevin R. Baer
Andrew F. Bennett
Brendan M. Connelly
Andrew S. Cosentino

William W. DeWalt
Joshua W. Ehmen
Jason B. Evans
Leonardo Fajardo
Bryan R. Foley
Christopher L. Freeze

Meghan M. Fridley
Joseph A. Haynes
Marcelina B. Herner
Joseph M. Hinson IV
Richard J. Hollinger Jr
Kyle L. Ingebritson

Patrick T. Larsen
Victoria M. Leake
Robert J. McGill
Timothy P. Menges
Trey J. Olman
Magdalena T. Painter

Terry L. Parham
Stephen R. Perrotta
Jonathan P. Roberts
Tyson M. Schrecengost
Michael D. Suttler II



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Wendy A. Emminger

Jill D. Erdman
Dustine Lonce C. Fahie
Jonathan M. Frary
Daran S. Gaus
John J. Harris
Jeffrey B. Jenkins
Tess E. Labowitch

Gregory A. Maly
Charlotte A. Medina
Ryan P. Mittelstet
Nathan P. Murphy
Angelo M. Nuzzo Jr
Matthew L. Perry
Nathan J. Rogers

William D. Sanders
Christopher C. Schlagheck
Shelby C. Sommer
Jesse D. Stubbs
Michael J. Tarantino
David M. Thompson
Andre A. Toman

Jason J. Vanoverbeke
Ryan M. Wick

Mighty Wareagles

This year has been an interesting one for the War Eagles. In the first month, our squadron saw more Forms-7 than anyone had ever seen before.

It all started out innocent enough... the two degrees were given a fantastic welcome into the squadron and the four degrees, well, they were welcomed in the traditional manner. Then, the fun started.

Remember, the four degree who wrote his enlisted ex-girlfriend, along with all of his classmates, that was us. And, remember all the horror stories of squadron campouts? Once again, us... And, the latest- who can forget this, "Where's the weapon? We don't have any. Yes, you do. No, we don't. Where is the M-16! OH, it's in the shower, but it's fake." Yep, the famous RV incident was thanks to the War Eagles too.

On the bright side, not everything went wrong. In fact, this year's been terrific so far. We got an excellent on the HHQ because of our devotion to teamwork. The War Eagle Joint Operation Training Program went off without a hitch.

As Anthony Mariapain told us, "We regret to inform you that the Platoon Leader was killed by friendly fire." Thanks Sanders, you taught us all a lesson about looking before shooting. The War Eagle's also were Wing Champions in Walleyball and Wing Runner's Up in Basketball- stupid refs!

Fifteen has been a hotbed of change within the Cadet Wing. We instituted a new MPA system that the rest of the Wing will soon follow (and best of all, most people agree that this is more rational and less biased). We led the way with LDM- like it or not folks, it's here to stay. With Nate Maertens' and Aaron Franklin at the helm, we're also changing some of the old style training. Oh, the yelling and beatings will still continue, but now we've added programs such as WJOTP, small unit tactics, and common sense training.

The War Eagle's upper classes have celebrated numerous 21st birthdays ... the most notable of which occurred at On The Border. I don't think anybody had ever heard of an entire table being cut off before. And to top it all off, somebody still owes the two degrees a kegger at his house during grad week- thank goodness for no Frat, or Alcohol hits!



AOC: Captain Kyle Voigt
MTL: TSgt Todd Burrows

Not Pictured:
Alexander S. Datzman, 03
El-Len M. Serra, 03



by Isaac Adams

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274 Squadrons

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Denique G. Asion
James A. Badgett
Stacy L. Boggs
Tara J. Copas
Paul T. Davidson
Ryan J. Fleming

Micah S. Goring
Matthew J. Ihlenfeld
Derrick L. Kallman
Michael L. Mulligan
Byron D. Nicholson
Matthew E. Nussbaum

Benjamin M. Orton
Matthew E. Reynolds
Jennifer L. Roatch
Jeffrey W. Schubert
Chad L. Sherk
Steven M. Thiessen

Steven D. Wald
Darrell A. Walton
Torree M. White
Todd A. Williams
Eric J. Zarybnisky

Jeffrey P. Andersen
Robert J. Clamp
Andrew D. Clark
Andrew J. Coleman
Mary Z. Cunningham
Peter J. Cusack

Letitia H. Dawson
Darin D. Dial
Betsy L. Dombert
Daniel B. Ficklin
Robert K. Ford
Andrew B. Gilmer

Kristina C. Guerrero
Kyle J. Halseth
Mark M. Hannon
Wesley B. Hennigh
Anthony T. Lau
Ross D. LeVay

Russell J. McCray III
Scott B. McCusker
Douglas S. Meyer
Rebekah G. Montgomery
Michael E. Moss
John K. Murray

Derek S. Olson
Patrick B. Pearson
Matthew C. Ross
Christopher J. Uecker
Graham C. Williford
Christopher C. Wood



by Matthew Nussbaum

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Andrew R. Wood

Proud Chickenhawks

When it comes to having fun and broadening horizons, the Chickenhawks stand tall. Inter-service and international cooperation is standard operating procedure in 16.

Germany holds a special place in the heart of the Mighty Chickens. Marcel Matuszis from the German Air Force shared his wisdom and character while living with the squadron. "They call this place a military academy, where's the military? All you do here is march and have inspections!" Marcel undoubtedly left a mark at USAFA; one that few people could hope to live up to. We don't stop at Germany though! Bulgaria sent us a four-degree to take care of. C4C Gueorgui T. Gotchev will endure the next four years of his life at USAFA.

A Naval Midshipman, Brent Jaquith, was fortunate enough to spend a semester with us. The hawks took time out to teach him not only how to fly but how to land on a carrier. C3C Uecker was an unparalleled expert demonstrator, "It's all about the approach and a little

bit about your dive; and it never hurts having Pat Pearson right behind you all greased up."

C4C Hogan quickly learned how fast email travels, "I wrote the email, and five minutes later the whole squadron had it. Five minutes after that it was already on the Edodo." The upperclassmen are sure to take every opportunity to demonstrate certified quality leadership.

C4C Fredricksen remembers C1C Sheets as a table commandant, "Cadet Sheets decided to have "Adult Entertainment" as the theme for the meal." The days may seem like weeks, but we always end strong.

In CS-16, intramurals are huge. Infact, the squadron is so emotionally tied up with the intramural program that they refuse to return jerseys. C2C Wald had to finally lay down the law, "If I don't get those intramural jerseys back soon, then the midgets are coming out of the trunk!" When it comes down to it, The Proud Chickenhawks work hard and play hard - from reveille to taps.

Jeremiah J. Alder
Arthur A. Allen
Daniel M. Anderson
Robert E. Bailey III
Todd L. Barber
Robert O. Beckenhauer
Justin M. Brown

Orlando Carmona
Landon K. Chang
Matthew V. Chauviere
Thomas E. Clark
Owen P. Dean
Caleb A. Earnest
Mark J. Fischer

Jay W. Fredricksen
Russell H. Gheesling
Gueorgui T. Gotchev
Christopher W. Hinkes
James M. Hobgrod
Kenneth M. Hogan
Craig R. Husby

Christopher B. Jensen
Weston S. Kelsey
Andrew R. Kerschbaum
Aaron E. Lane
Sarah M. Law
Christina M. McCarty
Matthew R. Nix

Anna M. O'Farrell
Stephen K. Robinson
Steven F. Rogers
Naomi Y. Schwitters
Ryland U. Tecson
Kurt C. Wampole Jr
Wendy L. Wilce



AOC: Major Jeffrey Wohlford

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MTL: TSgt Norma Rodriguez



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Wade W. Bolinger
William B. Borron
Aaron B. Brown
Brendan M. Epps
Ryan P. Finnan



Philip E. Gause
Steven J. Hatton
Mary J. Hinton
Brent G. Hooper
Michael V. Kirkner
Scott W. Leslie
Ryan C. Meeboer



Timothy B. Murphy
Susan E. Newton
Mary K. O'Brien
Todd Williams
Alexander J. Pelbath Jr
Leslie G. Ross
Matthew R. Shrull



William R. Sosa
Chadwick M. Steipp
Samantha D. Teague
Brian J. Urban
Joshua C. Weed
Daniel L. Yousey



Nicolas S. Alcocer
Jace M. Anders
Meredith A. Beavers
Douglas R. Berndsen
David S. Chi
Michael K. Conlee
Christie L. Cowart



Mark A. Cramer
Edgar A. Cross
Eric Z. Currie
Daniel I. Doak
Lars E. Ewing
Brent A. Feldt
Jeffrey J. Flowers



Ashley K. Gee
Jeromy B. Guinther
Courtney B. Johnson
David T. Jones
Laura McDonald
Gregory M. Moulton
Jesse H. Newberry



Chad M. Richards
Luke M. Sauter
Hamilton G. Shelfer
Brian A. Strock
Robert A. Van't Land
Adam N. Waite





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Atif E. Gulab
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Francis C. Irving
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James A. Pedroza
Alissa J. Putnam
Steven F. Rajakovich
Samuel R. Sherertz

Etai Shpak
Todd A. St Aubyn
Kevin T. Thomas
Richard J. Turner

Mean Seventeen

The year was definitely a year to remember for the 110 or so cadets who lived and slept in the hallways of Stalag 17.

A new AOC and MTL made life interesting (and a little rough) in the first few months, but eventually we learned the ropes well enough to continue our little 4-year tour here at the Zoo.

One thing Stalag knew how to do well was work together. The squadron exemplified this trait to such a degree that over 30 of us, thinking independently, decided to miss the morning meal formation one crisp October morning. Wow. . .talk about great minds thinking alike.

Stalag was even blessed with the distinction to carry the Wing bumper in formation for two weeks. Marching may not have been our most impressive skill, but having fun is what Stalag does best.

How CS-17 managed to score an "excellent" on the HHQ is still a mystery to many. It shouldn't be a surprise, though, that the squadron managed to pull this off. After all,

with CIC Bakotic's uplifting and motivating, "Come on guys, we can do this" ... miracles were bound to happen.

Intramural flag football was one thing that Stalag knew how to do, and did it well. The squadron team made it all the way to the Wing championship and then took C2C Weed's rally cry of "ZONA!!!!!!!!!!!" all the way to Texas as they represented USAFA to the best of their ability.

The four-degrees never went hungry as Stalag always ate well with numerous dining outs and a stocked squadron store. . .except for the time when the squad awoke to find that all the food had been mysteriously swiped.

Perhaps the best squadron dining experience was the annual dining in, where General Welsh told the squadron to "Remember the important things."

Indeed, dedication to the important things was what kept Stalag going. Looking out for each other, helping one another stand back up when knocked down, and coming together to win as a team are what Stalag 17 is about.



AOC: Major James Zagata
MTL: TSgt Kirk Morgan



by Will Sosa

Fire It Up

2007

Dustin B. Bearden
Stephanie J. Boff
Kelii H. Chock
Rosemary A. Costello
Marcus A. Cunningham
Bryce K. Dahlin



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Evan H. Gardner
Jason H. Green
Christian L. Grimm
Zane A. Holscher
Samuel A. Kessler



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Christopher S. Percy
David A. Pugh



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Blair W. Byrem
Robert D. Cole



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Aliceson K. Hausinger
Thomas J. Heier
Matthew R. Kenkel
David M. Kirkendall



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Michael P. Kreuzer
Benjamin D. Leestma
Patrick B. Lysaght
Mac H. McGilvray
Beth A. Robinson
Matthew D. Round



Kevin Runyon
Todd J. Salzwedel
Benjamin F. Tarkowski
Andrew H. Tenenbaum
Elisabeth V. Urso
Joden A. Werlin
Jeffrey T. Zurick





by Evan Gardner



Ryan R. Ward

Wild Stallions

To say that life in CS-18 this year has been marked by changes would be an understatement. Our new AOC, Major Marselle, started working with our fall semester squadron commander, Brett Lent, and MTL, MSgt Palmer (affectionately known as "Master P"), to develop the Night Riders into a squadron we could all be proud of. The changes continued as a new MTL, TSgt Miller, arrived on the scene with his own ideas of how the squadron should function.

We also welcomed a new group of Firsties and Three Degrees from the former 4th group squadrons 37, 38, 39, and 40. Although the Sky Raiders, All Stars, Campus Rads, and Warhawks will be missed, the Night Riders benefited from their loss.

Change was in the air for newly shuffled Two Degrees who were excited to enter a squadron known throughout the wing for its commitment to MWR and taking care of its people. The class of 2001 brought along its

own ideas of how a squadron should function, and have worked hard to make this into a squadron that they will be proud to take charge of next year.

Cadets always have a unique perspective on life in their squadron. While some cadets don't warm up to change as well as others, CIC Marcus Booker kept an open mind about the adjustments when reflecting on the year. "At least we had a new Comm, new squadron rooms, a new AOC/MTL, new orange juice, and we could escape on the weekends to visit the wives and kids... unless it snowed one or more inches."

The good and the bad have come and gone for everyone, and we've made our way here as best we could. We send the class of 2000 (Balls!) out with hopes, aspirations, and the best wishes for continued success throughout their lives.

As we Night Riders graduate, scramble, or tackle life's next challenge, may we never forget the immortal words of Major Miller, "YEAH EIGHTEEN!!!!"

Jeremy J. Adams
Marc N. Anderson
Crystal S. Ballard
David K. Basham
David A. Befort Jr
Andrew J. Berg
Joel C. Bernazzani

Jeffrey D. Bliss
Erick P. Brough
David Burshtein
Ross M. Canup
Robert L. Carleton
Adam G. Chitwood
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Randall G. Gibbs
Andrew E. Gregory
Heather A. Hatlestad
Andrew M. Heidel
Jeremy C. High
Michael A. Jamieson

David M. Keatley Jr
Patrick E. Killingsworth
Erin A. Langston
Wilfred B. Medina
Daniel R. Meyer
Brian Y. Miller
Joseph S. Miranda

Pavitra P. Murthy
Phillip P. Sheridan
Scott C. Sievert
Jesse A. Smith
Barry M. Sodini
Luke N. Swanson
Natalie R. Tunnell



AOC: Major Ronald Marselle
MTL: MSgt David Palmer

Not Pictured:
Christopher C. Wood, 02



Strong & Mighty



No Limits

Charles E. Schuck Jr
David C. Shaver
Matthew G. Sikkink
Gregory Starling
Norman L. Vujevic Jr
Alan Yee



The Wolverines made notable changes as they moved from ninth place last season to third group. The squad was led by AOC, Major Robert H. McGrady, who served with the squadron with t

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Scott A. Zicarelli

John D. Antal
Ryan W. Armstrong
Robert C. Arnett
Mario P. Cabiao
Ronnie G. Charles
Tracy R. Denaro
Michael T. Fieberkorn

Kevin P. Groom
Dallas G. Hansen
Colton D. Heaps
Ryan H. Hyatt
Mark J. Jacobson
William M. Keller
Patrick J. Kennedy

Charles F. Lanks III
Krista N. Linder
Benjamin M. Lipschutz
James S. Long II
Brandon T. Losacker
Rogerio Martinez-Bloomquist
Lindsey K. Oleson

Chad M. Panier
Robert D. Phillips
Anthony M. Savoia
Grant E. Thompson
Chad R. Tucker
Andrew S. Wehrli
Clayton P. White

Wolverines

The Wolverines of 19 experienced some notable changes this year. First, due to the squadron draw down the squadron made the move from ninth in second group to first in third group. The squadron also received a new AOC, Major Robert Bohla, to overlook the squadron with the returning MTL, TSgt Michael McGrady.

Leading the squadron from the cadet side were CIC Ivan G. Normandia in the fall semester and CIC Daniel Schert in the spring semester.

Cadet Normandia says, "Wolverine 19 never seems to end up near the top in military, but we're proud to be where we are as a cadet-run squadron."

The squadron received a handful of cadets from the squadron draw down as well as a new class of two degrees from the squadron scramble that happens to every two degree class.

One two degree, Paul Graham describes leaving 23 and coming into 19 as, "Switching squadrons allows two degrees to see what a PCS in the operational AF is like."

Throughout the year, there were many highlights. With a much more ambitious MWR staff, there were class competitions of brain freeze, carrier landings in the hallways, along with tailgates before football games and dining outs. The squadron was fortunate enough to have two exchange cadets, one from the Naval Academy, Midshipman John Vardamen; and one from France, Fabrice Rond. Preparing and passing the HHQ inspection was a military highlight as well as marching to lunch.

"The only reason we made sure to purposely march 9th, is so that Mark Lowe's jokes could be heard by both groups," said CIC Normandia.

Also new to join the squadron this year were over 30 four degrees who found out what it is like being a four degree in 19. The new three degrees were glad to not be the bottom of the totem pole anymore, but realized that being a three-degree requires sitting a lot of CQ and instruction of the fourthclassmen. C3C Alan Yee says, "Give it to the four smokes."

The Wolverines had a successful and memorable year, all four classes contributed to making the squadron run smoothly.

Not Pictured:

AOC: Major Robert Bolha
MTL: TSgt Mike McGrady
Larry M. Isom, 02



by Beth Inglis

Fire It Up

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John T. Agnew
Jordan T. Bounds
Ryan D. Carville
Asa J. Christensen
Paul A. Cristina
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Andres B. Duran
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Brent A. Greer
Cherie N. Griffin
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David D. Huston



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Richard N. Law Jr
Armando J. Maldonado
Thomas S. McCaleb Jr
David A. Pouska
Stacie N. Pratt



Aaron S. Rosler
John A. Talafuse
Vip N. Tanticharoen
Lance C. Vivion
Michael J. Young



David A. Albin
James E. Ariglio
Donald A. Beaven
Eric A. Bow
Brad P. Bowyer
Derrick W. Brewer
Paul A. Cancino



Matthew A. Clugston
Scott E. Craven
Jeffrey G. Cunningham
Adrienne M. Dewitt
Raimund J. Gegner
Kristy L. Gorton
Matthew H. Joseph



Warren J. Lopez
Richard H. Lyon
Anthony J. Mione
Eli G. Mitchell
Cathleen E. Mullee
Benjamin J. Norris
Daniel W. Pupich



Erik W. Schwarz
Mitchell S. Sherman
Jeremy S. Tipton
Alison M. Tomlinson
Brennan J. Vincello
Cyrena B. Wooster
Ilkyu P. Yim





Anas M. Al-Mustafa
Bradley L. Balling
Ryan M. Bane
Joel B. Buelow
Mary E. Chalko
Peter H. Cossette
Ryan F. Covahey

Kevin T. Crog
Ryan J. Fauchaux
Jason D. Fisher
Jonathan R. Guerrero
Jonathan D. Hansen
Megan E. Himber
Ryan A. Howell

Maxwell M. Hunter
Ryan G. Kaiser
Matthew W. MacDonald
Patrick R. McGeehan
Scott E. Mears
Andrew B. Miller
Shannon K. Moran

John F. Ownby
Kenyatta H. Phillips-Ruffin
Eric R. Pittman
Matthew H. Robinson
James P. Rodgers
Michael B. Schmidt
Aaron W. Sick

Nicholas D. Sigler
Christoffer M. Simpson
Jeffrey T. Smith
Carl D. Tucker Jr
Cynthia M. Vincent
Kyle J. Warf
Jerad T. Warren

Richard P. Williams



AOC: Captain Dan Ryan
MTL: TSgt James Long

by Jason Fisher and Jerad Warren

Tough Twenty

How do you summarize the complexity of the Tough Twenty Trolls into such a short article?

Starting with the first semester, and CIC Jonathan Gratton at the stick. The Trolls rocked it into the year with a bad reputation, but soon proved everyone wrong as they clearly dominated over the other squadrons, not in marching, or decorum, or any of those other pointless and useless categories, but in aggressiveness, cockiness, closeness, and the ability to have fun and raise hell anywhere at anytime.

Have a problem with us? Fine then we will have to send some of the notorious three degrees, or daring four degrees to mess up your squad, and kop a squat on your CQ desks...any way you look at it, the Trolls know how to take chances and cut loose.

The Dover Trip/ Navy Game weekend was a time of hangovers and all night parties,

summarized by "Ring the Bell!" Cook outs at FamCamp and the Pavilion were more chances for Trolls to cut loose, some might recall it with "Charge it Up" or "I guess my tolerance isn't what it used to be" Either way, good times is the best way to think of the fall semester.

The second half of the year was no less entertaining. Realizing that the entire cadet wing thought we were scum, only led us to decide that they were all jealous.

CIC Mark Sletten took the reigns, and so the semester progressed. The dangers of late grad for the firsties and restriction during the summer made Trolls less eager to do hardcore partying, at least where prying eyes could turn them in.

There is more to say, but since no one wants hits, we'll stop there. It was a fun year and we'll all do our best to maintain the tradition of "Trolls take care of their own."



Fire It Up

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Benjamin J. Coddington
Rachel G. Coleman
David R. Dameron
Ryan M. Denton
Robert L. Diaz



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Melanie A. Ecung
Sharon A. Fitzgerald
Jaime L. Flood
Jose Flores III
Oscar A. Garcia



Patrick D. Gioia
Zachary G. Hall
Robert S. Hamilton
John D. Hendrickson
Michael J. Jensen
Mark D. Nyberg



John D. Roberts
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Matthew P. Shipstead
Jeffrey P. Strange
David M. Thawley



Mark J. Abreu Ojeda
Aaron D. Bend
Brandon S. Bennett
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Maxwell L. Christopherson
William A. Eckley
Joseph M. Franciskovich



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David A. Hajek
James A. Hamman
Joseph J. Harding
Brandan M. Hartmann
Brian P. Hoelzel
Robert C. Holt



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Edward E. Jones
Philip Hong K. Khoo
Koo H. Kim
Joseph J. Kontowicz
Tiffany S. Ley
Emily N. Marr



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Eric D. Roehrkasse
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Chad M. Hillen
Torey L. Jaeger
Ricardo Jaime

Robin J. Kamio
Justin W. Kershaw
Kathryn G. Lyons
Nathan A. Macey
David M. McAlroy
Scott E. Nelson
Terrence J. Papen

Dustin E. Pratt
Joshua J. Quinn
Jonathan K. Reese
Anna E. Rietze
Elizabeth A. Rini
John P. Rose
Raymond K. Rounds

Matthew A. Russell
Benjamin D. Sabree
Wiley W. Semrau
Paul D. Stowers
Thomas M. Taylor
William A. Thompson
Dennis A. Zabka

Double-Down

New year, new beginnings. For the Blackjacks, there was a new dorm, new AOC, new people, and a new greet for the four degrees – "Blackjacks Double-down!"

One of the more strait guys in the squadron, C2C Mark Nyberg has this philosophy: Play hard, work only when absolutely necessary.

And play hard we did. MWR staff did one hell of a job in organizing events to help relieve some stress. The gauntlet, roommate games, dining outs, and the numerous tailgates helped foster our relationships with one another, enhanced the squadron morale, and brought the squadron closer as a team. We have no lack of entertainment in the squadron, from break-dancer C4C Rounds, to C1C Armendariz's swing band, and C2C Garcia's band "Scottfree." Along with all this fun, we reached out to the Colorado Springs community and shared our joy. We continued with

the Marion House Soup Kitchen project, and also volunteered in several other community service projects.

As fall squadron commander C1C Jeremy Eggers puts it, "I think we had a great fall semester, and everybody in the squadron did a good job of keeping everything in perspective of this place. We had good times, and met all our goals. That's the way it should be. Be laid back, keep everything real, and yet achieve all our goals."

The Blackjack family is a tightly-knit unit. We help one another out, keep each other in check, and lend a listening ear when required.

"Often the times you remember the most are the times you most want to forget. It's my friends' help in these times that enabled me to endure them," said C3C Brian Hoelzel.

The Blackjack tradition will always remain strong, and we would always be a force to be reckoned with. In the words of C4C Alan Burk, "Blackjacks kick a\$\$!"



AOC: Major Ty Alexander

Not Pictured:

MTL: TSgt Scott James
Jason M. Shane, 01
Kevin Walsh, 02



Fire It Up

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Raymond M. Aguilar
Christopher B. Allen
Marie N. Aloy
Bradley J. Ames
Tanika L. Archer
Philip A. Bryant

Marc D. Ellis
Ryan A. Hart
Kristy L. Hayes
Edward F. Hwang
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Ian W. Kelly

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Jeffrey M. Kost
Dustin O. Lybeck
Diane L. Maye
Samuel L. McKinsey
Daniel E. Mendoza

Darren J. Moore
Thomas P. O'hara
Shane D. Rogers
Michael P. Rossi
Jamison W. Scheeres
John S. Sullivan



Adam D. Ackerman
Matthew P. Anastas
Michael L. Armstrong
Byron F. Batey
Richard R. Bell
Joshua C. Burns

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Kevin C. Floyd
William E. Freienmuth
Eric A. Graves
Andres Guerra

Tamer F. Hassan
Joseph A. Hext
Christopher J. Keller
Paul D. Kitko
Johan Y. Lee
David S. Little

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Chad Messinio
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James W. Pritchett

Thomas R. Purdie
Joshua S. Sullivan
Rudolph F. Taute
Janet A. Vega
Andrew T. Wall
Nathaniel D. Wilds

First Look

The squadron that is known for its ubiquitous "Huah" attitude is still at large. The noble Deuce Deuce is under new leadership with Captain Alvarado, but we retain elements of the old with our MTL, Sgt. Jones. The most notable element retained by the Raptors is that we are still the weirdest squadron in the wing. One of my classmates, Cadet Hart, felt that CS22 was "rather like playing poker with strange rules in a pitch black room with blank cards, with mute players, and a dealer who won't tell you the rules and smiles all the time." We did lose a few characters, but we gained more than enough to make up for it. You know who you are.

This year, the Raptors had several unique MWR events. Not only was the food at tailgates excellent, the variety was incredible. After that we used our discretionary weekend to go paintballing to allow for a little retribution. It was the upperclass against the fourthclass and the thirdclass. Despite numerical inferiority on the side of the upperclass, it was a merry little war that all present enjoyed. With all the money gained from MWR, the squadron decided that purchasing a ping-pong

table would be the best investment of this hard earned cash. As usual, we were correct. There is nary a night when the sound of an intense ping-pong game is being waged in our SAR. This does make talking on the phone or even walking in the hallway hazardous, as stray ping-pong balls occasionally strike down the unwary wanderer.

Our four degrees, not to be outdone, discovered early on that their training staff was amenable to the occasional romp in a snow bank, as was our first semester support NCO, after his own roommate betrayed him to the merciless hands of the fourthclass. As a matter of course, the training staff ensured that the fourthclass had more than its fair share of hard times as well. Our resident French exchange cadet, Boris surmised much when he uttered the memorable quote "eat dee y."

As expected, all of this activity has lead to an *esperit de core* that is hard to match in any other squadron. This squadron is still hardcore, as evinced by the quote of our first semester squadron commander, Larry Paige "I don't think I wrote enough forms 10 during the beginning of the semester." For all you high-speed ex22 Huah folks, some things just don't change.

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AOC: Captain Donatella Alvarado
MTL: TSgt Allen Jones
Sean H. Smiley, 02



by Tom O'Hara

Fire It Up

Vazeer D. Akbar
Brent R. Bak
Louie M. Camilli
David J. Caswell
Brent W. Curtis
Denny R. Davies
David C. Diehl



Bernadette Feliciano
Colin A. Ferguson
Michael D. Geiger
Heather A. Huot
Matthew R. Johnston
Francis R. Lyons IV
Sally C. Maddocks



James E. Martin
Jason M. Morris
Paul J. Morris
Amanda M. Myers
Anthony J. Posada
Stephanie J. Rader
Bartholomew B. Robinson



Barry R. Rudd
Daniel L. Ward
Alexander White
Chad G. Wieser



Bryan N. Boyce
Robert E. Bravo
Gregory J. Caggiano
Hassan B. Campbell
George P. Cole III
Daniel M. Collette
Timothy J. Dunagan



Laura J. Flynt
Beau O. Gaddis
Matthew N. Garchow
Robert C. Greeson
Curt A. Haase
Brian W. Hasbrouck
Wesley E. Higginbotham



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Suzanne M. Ledyard
Kevin L. Litton
Jonathan D. Mensing
Theron M. Mink
Robert E. Morgan III
Christine Palomo



Michael L. Raabe
Christopher L. Robinson
Ronen M. Segal
Ty B. Selfridge
Richard J. Simko
Thomas J. Smedile
Erika N. Vasauskas



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Barnstormin' Two-Three

"The Barnstormers had an excellent year." Dan Akbar's words best sum up the year in cadet squadron twenty-three. We had a great year and a great time. Barnstormin' TwoThree was certainly the place to be this year.

Even with the HHQ, certification, LDM and all the other new stuff that came this year, we managed to enjoy ourselves while finishing everything in style. The work hard and play hard philosophy of the squadron was apparent during the school year.

Coupling hard work and a good time was definitely not an easy task, but squadron leadership found a way to get the job done and motivate the squadron. The cadet leadership did a great job and allowed everyone in the squadron to develop better leadership and teamwork skills. This same leadership was integral in creating a great squadron environment. Although both the AOC and MTL were new to the squadron, they acted like veterans and allowed the leadership to lead.

Dane Collette sums up the attitude of the squadron towards the leadership with the state-

ment, "Especially considering that this is his first tour as an AOC, I think Captain Mertz has done an exceptional job at adapting to USAFA life and working with cadets. Both the Captain and our MTL, Sergeant Sandoval, have done an outstanding job, and I can say with assurance that I am proud to be a Barnstormer!"

The squadron also took their work hard and play hard attitude everywhere else they possibly could. Squadron 23 ranked highly in both academics and athletics. Intramurals not only were fun, but we also won quite often... especially if you played flag football. The four degrees quickly picked up the can-do attitude of the squadron, and they went on to have a very successful and rewarding year.

As the year comes to a close, there are no regrets in CS23 because the Barnstormers gave it their all. As Alex White said, "Every moment counted. We lived in the excitement of the time, no matter how much it may have cost, because in the end, it was the people in this squadron that were always worth fighting for. You can never forget the company of the people you love."



AOC: Major David Mertz

Not Pictured:
MTL: TSgt Chris Sandoval



by Jason M. Morris

Squadrons 289



Fire It Up

No Limits

Katherine A. Baerwald
James R. Bales
Elizabeth B. Benn
Ashley J. Berg
Jeffrey S. Chaperon
Kurt A. Duffy
Gregory H. Elia

Fred Gallegos
Adam E. Goodpasture
Levi B. Hall
Thomas P. Harley
David A. Hildebrand
Damion L. Holtzclaw
Ryan W. Isokane

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Matthew R. Mountcastle
Christopher P. Mulder
Malcolm B. Roberts
Lee T. Sandusky
Bradley D. Sayre

Joshua B. Stierwalt
Tomasz P. Stoklosa
Michael A. Vandermeiden
Timothy C. Wegner

Edward R. Balzer IV
Isaac T. Bell
Jared T. Broddrick
Nathaniel L. Cole
Lara J. Copping
Johnathan A. Eccles

Bret Echard
Roderick O. Faulk
Brian M. Flusche
Matthew T. Flynn
Erin R. Harms
Michael G. Igoe

Jeremy W. Jackson
Michael D. Larson
Elliott J. Leigh
Ryan M. Lippert
Jeffrey P. Malinen
Thomas I. Nix

Katherine S. Powell
James A. Rodriguez
Adam H. Rosado
Alexis B. Ross
Andrew K. Setter
Stephen C. Sistare

Bryce J. Terpstra
Andrew P. Walker
Kristin E. Wenner
Thomas D. White III
Kathryn Young
Gregory F. Zielinski

290 Squadrons

by Andrew Setter

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Grayson T. Walter
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Hard Core Two-Four

The 19992000 year has brought with it many changes for the Phantoms of CS24. New standards, new regulations, new faces in all four classes, new friends, new joys, and new hardships.

At the head of all of these, and continuing the pattern, was our new AOC, Major Marion Heard. Coming to us from Altus AFB where she flew KQ 35's, Major Heard has played an integral role in the Phantoms' assimilation of and adherence to the multitude of regulation changes characteristic of this year.

To maintain our sanity, the ever-vigilant and mindful MWR staff, headed up by Francis Bleyer, Pete Crispell, Fred Gallegos, Jeff Chaperon, Kathryn Young, and Kristen Wenner, operated and maintained the most successful squad-

ron store in the group.

For the past two semesters, the MWR staff of CS24 has consistently proven themselves the best in the wing, hosting the traditional squadron tailgates prior to the Falcons home football games, and organizing such events as the squadron auction, squadron barbecues, "Brown-eye," stall stuffing for the four degrees, and the infamous "four degree for the day."

For those of you unfamiliar with the Brown-Eye event, imagine twinkies, cupcakes, and other Hostess-style snacks launched from a water balloon catapult, hurtling down the hallway towards the backside of the hapless volunteer target.

With many activities yet to face the Phantoms, you can bet that the Phantoms of CS24 will come out on top as being remembered as the best squadron in the wing to live in.



AOC: Major Marion Heard

Not Pictured:
MTL: SSgt Paul Greene



by Andrew Setter

Fire It Up

No Limits

292 Squadrons

Sarah E. Burk
Ryan P. Corrigan
Christina M. Fox
Wade W. Grabow
Michael W. Grados
Russell E. Grimes

Jason O. Harris
Bendick K. Hoeg
Corey M. Hunt
Jason M. Janik
Benjamin S. Kallemyn
Athena L. Koller

Vincent B. Livie
Travis D. Logsdon
Christine T. Love
John S. McAfee
Grant W. McCall
Wesley W. Millard

Aarti U. Puri
Jeffrey J. Rivers
Andrew B. Robinson
Christopher J. Schulz
Tristan L. Sevdy
Steven P. Wick

Kylie C. Adams
Leah B. Bennett
Ryan R. Bonig
Joseph J. Borrell
Robert R. Burdge
Anthony L. Carson
Keegan K. Dougherty

Joseph W. Elam
Michael C. Erwin
Edwin Gutierrez
Robert B. Johnson Jr
Aleksandar Koccev
Jeffrey A. Lederhouse
Bryan D. McKay

David T. Merritt
Ted T. Northrop
Anta P. Plowden
Daniel D. Probert
Robert C. Rosebrough
David R. Siemion
James S. Simmons Jr

Ryan L. Simpson
Ryan T. Smith
Robert E. Thompson
Erich G. Weller
Stephen J. Young
Kari L. Zeller



by Vince Livie

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for our HHQ inspecto...
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C3C Dougherty



Morgan L. Bennett
Efrain Caldera
Kyle M. Clinton
Timothy J. Dowling Jr
Joshua M. Evans
Paul W. Gagliardi
Antonia R. Giraud

Richard F. Greening Jr
Stephen J. Griffin
Juan J. Guzman
Sean J. Hansen
Lindsay B. Howard
Brad N. Howell
Eric L. Hutcheson

Derck J. Kasel
Christopher R. Larsen
Nathan M. Leuthold
Thomas N. Lyon
Michael K. McKinney
Daniel R. Montes
Charles S. Nutting

Eric L. Parker
Dane A. Platt
Patrick L. Profeta
Christopher M. Rondeau
Christopher D. Russo
Brooke M. Schuler
John M. Sciuto

Jared A. Tomlin
John D. Waddell
Brian M. Welde
Matthew R. White
Brian L. Willis
Thomas J. Zaremba Jr

Rock-Hard Red Eye

It's been a year full of change for the Red Eye of CS25. Things started off with the arrival of our new AOC, Maj. Bode. With his hands on his hips, he looked up at all of us and said "Are we going to have a good year?" We all nodded, but soon realized it was one of many rhetorical questions soon to be asked. We then heard a second voice from behind the podium. We couldn't see for sure, but we all knew it was the voice of MSgt Crocodile Dondi offering his wisdom. Together the dynamic duo led the squadron by letting the cadets run the squadron - a concept that was new to many of us and produced some great results (we were recognized with having the best Squadron Commander and First Shirt in all of 3rd group for fall semester 2000).

Under this new leadership, the squadron began its academic year and all of the many activities that accompany it. Many joined intercollegiate teams, some joined club sports, and some accidentally joined the square root club. Everyone was busy though. Soon it was time for our HHQ inspection. You could feel the excitement throughout the entire squadron!

C3C Dougherty was heard saying "I'm

just glad that someone is finally holding the Cadet Wing up to standards!" A few of the SMACKS were disappointed though... C4C Guzman stated "With all of the upperclassmen cleaning so much, they hardly have time to beat us... I guess we will just have to train ourselves."

Though times were tough for the four degrees, spirit was great with the upper two classes.

C1C Chisam stated "It's times like these, folding my underwear in a perfect 4X6 inch rectangle, that I realize how lucky we are to not be going to a regular college. How can they live like that!" "UNSAT!" blurted in his roommate Jackson Whiting.

Beyond fine tuning our military prowess, the Red Eye never missed a chance to play hard/drink hard - led by their fearless leader Steve Wick, the six Shot Wonder. All in all the squadron as a whole has united to enjoy an exciting year that has left each of us with a sense of accomplishment (and an overwhelming amount of cynicism). And so I leave you with one last question... why would anyone want to go to a school where others don't understand your intense desire to have your door open at 0620 as you time hack your watch? 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... the time is now 0620...



AOC: Major John Bode II
MTL: MSgt Paul Dondi

Not Pictured:
Stephen K. Berger, 01



by Vince Livie



Fire It Up

2001

Catherine A. Adams
John M. Baker
Carlin R. Bevan
Richard A. Blakewood II
Reann R. Caldwell
Garrick T. Collins

Christopher K. Cunningham
Jeffrey R. Dennis
Gerald J. Ferdinand
Isaac P. Humphrey
Michael L. Juni
Justin P. Kuether

Robert M. Marshall
Laurel C. McDowell
Wilfred G. O'Reilly
John L. Palumbo
David Penuela
Petdet Petchuay

Michael P. Reilly
Warren D. Riner
Jonathon S. Seal
Luke C. Sustman
Matthew J. Vedder

James J. Aragon
Johnathan M. Artis
David W. Bennett Jr
Christopher S. Charles
Joshua J. Coon
Casey S. Cox

Joseph M. Epperson
Erik S. Fisher
Michael C. Granberry
Heather L. Guzik
Rachel A. Haff
Jerad M. Hand

Randall J. Heusser
Kevin A. Hill
Brad S. Huebinger
Matthew L. Kaercher
Frederick R. Kaiser
Jacob U. Leonard

Kris T. Merritt
Ryan U. Olsen
Michelle M. Poeckes
Joseph W. Pugh
James D. Server
Justin C. Styles

Ryan C. Sullivan
Aaron P. Tillman
Erica M. Vogt
Christopher N. Vojta
Jay P. Welker



294 Squadrons

by James "Old Man" Aragon

The Mighty Bar summer chilled out another year. Three ne-cluded two former All-Radical. Having been of their former squa- found the squadron a Macy changes There was the new training which took ab- to accomplish. This thirdclass in regards man. This was mos- majority as 2002 can first class of change- occasion as most train- onslaught of Recogni- applicable and motiva- has been seen in the responded well. The fourthclass that training did not affective. Always re- when graded by Gr- also came out with



Kevin J. Weaver
Daniel C. Wynn
Nicholas T. Wzientek

Christin M. Baker
Nikita S. Belikov
Cooper M. Bozarth
Nathaniel M. Church
Travis L. Degen
John W. Dougherty
John D. Frederick

Kathy V. Furao
Brenton R. Gaylord
Trent A. Gilmore
Matthew K. Greene
Courtney B. Hancock
Maxwell F. Harrell Jr
Russell J. Healy

Jonathan T. Highley
Rebekah M. Holt
David P. Kluttz
Colin J. McNamee
Jeniffer M. Nigro
Daniel L. Petro III
Matthew J. Portno

Jack W. Rhodes III
Tyler W. Robarge
Christopher C. Robinette
Adrienne L. Stahl
Cualeng Vang
Roger P. Varnadore
Timothy C. Walberg

Mighty Barons

by James "Old Man" Aragon

The Mighty Barons showed up from the summer chilled out and ready to tackle another year. Three non-regular additions included two former AllStars and Cool Campus Radical. Having been unwillingly closed out of their former squadrons, the newcomers found the squadron as cool as can be.

Many changes faced the cadets of 26. There was the new certification for smack training which took about two months too long to accomplish. This led to a demotivated thirdclass in regards to beating down freshman. This was more than welcome to the majority as 2002 can very well be seen as the first class of change. Beat-downs were a rare occasion as most training occurred before the onslaught of Recognition and involved more applicable and motivational training than what has been seen in the past. The fourthclass responded well.

The fourthclass proved without a doubt that training did not need to be brutal to be effective. Always rated high in performance when graded by Group and Wing staff, they also came out with the second best record in

the third group for K-Bowls. The fourthclass also had a knack for art as a few all-star smacks decorated a mailbox, training suggestion box, and other items as they deemed fit.

The social scene in the squadron in many ways was lacking, as the classes did not intermingle often. The year witnessed a decline in MWR events though tailgates were common during the football season and a few events such as an auction and butt-wipe contest took place. Firsties and two degrees occasionally made trips to Haps Place, while a few three degrees also made it an occasion to get a few and would always invite a select few two degrees along. Three degrees dominated the social scene with late-late-late night gatherings in the SAR to accomplish homework, watch the boob-tube or play some cards.

Under 2000 leadership, the squadron failed no inspection and generally marched towards the front of the Wing. Only a few semi-major hits were issued as the squadron maintained a low-key demeanor. Overall, the year was surely a learning experience that all benefited from.

Not Pictured:

AOC: Major Thomas Nelson
MTL: MSgt Harold Hollis
Benjamin L. Campbell, 03
Kameron M. Lawson, 03
Jack W. Rhodes III, 03
Laurence M. vanderOord, 03



Strong & Mighty

Fire It Up

Clara Aguirre
Eric C. Baugh
Chris J. Bohn
Sean R. Broderick
Randall E. Carlson
Christopher R. Catalano
Kristol Chuntraruk



Bradley D. Darling
Benjamin H. Freer
Benjamin D. Gunn
Amy M. Hultin
Nicholas J. Jabara
Christopher C. Jackson
Michael K. Ledeboer



Ryan M. Lowe
Alex D. Mignery
Pamela J. Moudry
Jason J. O'Brien
Ryan J. Pelkola
Mitchell Randolph III
Craig M. Sciantarelli



Wesley R. Sides
William G. Soto
Timothy J. Spaulding
James S. Topping



Laura L. Abt
Miranda S. Baldwin
Joshua M. Biedermann
David A. Breitenbach
Shaun P. Brown
Daniel A. Chacon
Timothy A. Chapman



Joseph A. Corpening
Jason J. Davis
Charles R. DeLongchamps III
Darcel N. El-Amin
Amanda M. Gard
James H. George III
Joshua M. Hallada



Paul B. Homan
Steve D. Koly
Jon C. Lee
Peter J. Mauro
Joel S. McKowan
David C. Morris
Eric M. Peterson



Matthew C. Roberts
Rozalyn S. Russ
Joshua K. Smith
Jesse D. Snyder
Kelly K. Sunderland
David A. Wisniewski
Jose L. Zambrano



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Kelley Bryant mistaken...
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Juan C. Amaya
Jason S. Bertino
Joseph M. Brazier
Kelsey C. Bryant
Colin G. Crosby
William A. Dabney
Daniel J. Darnell Jr

Jeffrey C. Davis
Adrian F. De La Fuentes
Alexia J. Forbes
Michael J. Hardwick
Owen J. Hill
Jordan R. Hudak
Robert J. Ice

Thomas M. Jernejcic Jr
Michael A. Kelley Jr
Artur H. Kosycarz
Aaron M. Lemke
Benjamin V. Lentz
Sylvian E. Mansfield
Robin L. Markham

Daniel D. Munson
Dustin J. Nowak
Daniel A. Pearson
Charles W. Phillips II
Nathan W. Preuss
Robert A. Rauch
Robert T. Rennell

Kevin D. Robertson
Justin M. Sime
Bryan P. Spence
James A. Stewart
Wendy M. Stillman
Krista J. Stockman
Steven P. Suppe

Matthew G. Tompkins
Eric L. Volk
Christopher L. Warner

by Darcel El-Amin

Squadron 27...ahh, what fond memories I have of my days there. We had some good times.

Many of the Thunderbirds had nicknames given to them for various reasons. There was C4C Alexia Forbes and C4C Daniel Pearson affectionately known by their classmates simply as "Killer" and "Rock." There was little C4C Tom "Sniper" Jernejcic who was so small, he would play "sniper" with his roommates from the top shelf of his closet. And then, I mustn't forget C3C Amanda "Mouse" Gard whom C4C Kelsey Bryant mistakenly greeted, "Good morning, Cadet Moose" after struggling to read the nametag on her flight suit.

C3C Jose Zambrano's shouts of joy and laughter could be heard at all hours of the night as proof of the good times in squadron 27. The sounds of C1C Rich Cullen's skateboard could be heard as he rode freely through the halls.

C1C Chris Smith strolled the halls at all hours of the morning, noon, and night offering coffee to passersby as a friendly gesture. We were entertained by a never-ending supply of cartoons drawn on the greaseboard by C3C Tim Chapman. These loving characters usually appeared around such times as the HHQ inspection or one of the infamous sign-out log closures. Numerous quadball games took place between the upperclassmen and the four degrees. When asked who won, C3C Matt Roberts, standing with his chest puffed out and his fists on his hips, invariably would boast, "Have we ever lost?" The concern for our eating habits did not stop there. C2C Pam Moudry, the support NCO first semester, showed an unusual amount of interest in whether or not we ate breakfast at Mitchell Hall, particularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays when there was no morning formation.

Yes, I must say that being a Thunderbird was tons of fun for everyone.

Not Pictured:

AOC: Major Tom Kauth
MTL: SSgt Danielle Mackey
Jeremy H. Downs, 01



Fire It Up

No Limits

Matthew B. Amig
Christopher W. Bates
Roderic S. Cockhern
John J. Damron
Peter J. Donnelly
Douglas J. Fike
Colleen A. French

Kalet M. Gibbons
Patrick N. Gigg
James M. Gingras
Matej Hajdinjak
Erica L. Harris
Zachary B. Hickman
Paul T. Killeen

Aaron D. Layman
Seung H. Lee
Dimitri C. Martini
Jonathan D. Murphy
Anthony B. Parrille
David A. Paulus
Mark D. Raetz

Aubrie D. Rooney
Brian J. Ross Jr
Malcolm S. Schongalla
E. Timothy Skaar

Christopher D. Adams
James F. Arthur III
Jay P. Baer
Dear Beloved
Stephen J. Brogan
Mark E. Carl
Lane A. Cook

Elizabeth A. Culbertson
Curtis W. Dougherty
Samuel J. Ensinger
Bradley S. Foster
Jason E. Green
Nathan N. Hillard
Matthew I. Horner

Terence D. Hunt
Christopher G. Jeffreys
Edward R. Knox
John H. Mahan
Gina N. Marino
David C. Martinez
Benjamin T. Miller

Robert W. Nichols Jr
Luke H. Porsi
Brent R. Robbins
James E. Roberts
Sarah E. Sanders
Stephanie A. Spain
Dusten R. Weathers



298 Squadrons

by Tim Skaar

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Adam Betley
Kristin K. Buchanan
Brian M. Carter
Jennifer M. Dougherty
Stephanie L. Fry
Sean L. Gibbons
Matthew A. Gidley

Paul A. Goossen
Perry D. Griffith
Ryan R. Halligan
Christopher L. Hart
Emily M. Locke
Merritt W. Mallamo
Paul J. Mayo

William E. Minor III
Joseph T. Morin
Thomas M. Murphy
Madjimbaye C. Namde
Matthew D. Olson
Daniel R. Ramirez
Matthew J. Robinson

Shaina M. Robitaille
Patrick J. Ryan
Matthew A. Sartori
Carolyn A. Schroeder
Robert H. Stelling
Tiffany R. Stewart
Ryan M. Story

Joshua A. Stults
Jay M. Talbert
Benjamin M. Tran
Dennis P. Trutwin
Matthew E. Wieringa
Frankie L. Woods Jr
Alec D. Zwiaska

Bad-Ass Blackbirds

by Tim Skaar

If there's one word that captures the essence of cadet squadron 28, that word would be "cohesiveness." We've taken this as a personal challenge from the day that some guy, who claimed to be our squadron commander, set this forth as a squadron goal. Roam the hallways of 28 and you can feel the tightness. When asked if this could stem from the top due to the example of our AOC, C2C Cockhren said "We have an AOC?"

When asked about 28's remarkable unity, C2C Paulus, caught up in the emotion of the moment, responded with, "Did I put you at rest? Why don't you get your chin in!"

Many feel that this bonding is a direct result of the tribulations that we've faced due to marching. Commenting on this controversial subject within the squadron, C4C Talbert interjected "Just because we can't 'stay in step'

or 'walk in a straight line' doesn't mean they have the right to make us march 9th every week! This is an outrage! But we will overcome, the South will rise again!"

Tragedy nearly befell the blackbirds early in the year when some officers had the nerve to try and give us a higher headquarters inspection. The struggling blackbirds attempted to clean rooms and prepare good uniforms but things did not appear to be well.

C2C Hajdinjak provides, "It was looking real dark there for a time. However, we pulled together, as we had countless times in the past and everyone pitched in a couple of bucks to get those HHQ dudes off our backs. Who knew an outstanding would be so cheap?"

So the blackbirds march on into excellence to close out another school year. Well, maybe it wasn't exactly "marching."

Not Pictured:

AOC: Major Tom Walker
MTL: TSgt Thomas Edwards
Daniel J. Alves, 01
Kenneth M. Isbill, 01
Christopher R. Stephens, 01



Fire It Up

No Limits

300 Squadrons

Todd J. Allison
Jeffrey H. Anderson
Lenetta U. Banks
Jon E. Blair
Chris E. Carden
Hector L. Collazo
Aaron W. Finke

Jeremy J. Fresques
Jahee R. Gianotti
Benjamin C. Hale
Amanda L. Hall
Amanda J. Hammers
Mark A. Hanson
Sean T. Masters

Jason J. McAfee
John A. Nichols
Raul Ochoa Jr
Tyler D. Paige
Alexis G. Scott
Joshua S. Slade
Michael J. Stucki



Luke Sullivan
Samuel E. Troge
Anthony J. Wozniak

Andrew I. Beckett
Michael B. Brophy
Aaron S. Celusta
John L. Chapman
Courtney P. Hamrick
Blaine M. Joersz

William F. Johnson II
Garrett W. Knowlan
James J. Lewis
Matthew C. Mai
Patrick M. McGarry
Samuel L. Meinrod

Molly N. Miller
Edward A. Munoz
Adam L. Noble
Edward H. Palazzolo
Kevin L. Parsons
Jared D. Paslay

Gregory W. Patterson
Michael A. Prestridge
Jessica S. Roberts
Mark J. Saar
Jeremy R. Simmons
James D. Smith

Kevin J. Sousa
Ahmad A. Swan
Charles M. Trickey
Jonathon C. Waller
Nicole L. Winters



by Chris Carden

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Craig S. Berg Jr
Karl E. Berger
Matthew R. Borawski
Brandon L. Brown
James M. Camilleri
Jarrod D. Currin
John G. Dayton

Timothy M. Dean
Maureen A. Duffey
Kevin C. Fitzgerald
David G. Frederick
Aaron J. Gast
Justin M. Gregory
Nathan T. Hewitt

Jason J. Hofstede
Tara L. Hogan
Keith D. James
Christopher D. Jefferson
Matthew T. Johnson
Jeremy J. Kahoe
Kaymarie J. Knapp

Jacob R. Lacey
Mario Martinez Jr
Ivan Matic
Byron J. Mills
Brian M. Novchich
Patrick S. Price
Jamie P. Rasmussen

Adrean B. Rodemaker
William F. Sanders IV
Shane G. Schulte
Matthew C. Williams
Timothy E. Young
Brian S. Zark

Too Fine Two Nine

by Chris Carden

The Black Panthers proved this year that having fun and getting the job done can be accomplished jointly. Ask anyone in the squadron and they will tell you that we laughed and had fun despite a lot of new changes and challenges.

Maj. Mark Thomas came to the Black Panthers this year as their new AOC. It was a great benefit to the squadron to have an officer who graduated from a civilian university, and new the importance of freedom and responsibility to cadets. Although Maj. Thomas and the crusty TSgt. Mullens could be found in the squadron at anytime they were merely figureheads behind the cadet leadership. Both the fall and spring staffs took responsibility for the tasks they were given and succeeded in making CS29 a great squadron by the numbers and by cadet opinion.

Cadets in CS29 experienced and witnessed a broad variety of personalities and leadership styles. From the "soft-spoken and gentle" leadership of CIC Courtright to the ef-

ficient command of C1C Hansen the Panthers always adjusted and did the job.

C2C Scott said, "Yeh we got the job done, but the focus was always on the people."

As far as having fun no other squadron did as much together as the Black Panthers. Hall brawls became quite a regular occurrence as the four smokes tried again and again to achieve some respect. Mostly their bodies only scuffed the carpet and their blood stained the walls, but they didn't give up (that often). Dining outs and 21st birthday celebrations were also very common throughout the year. The upperclassmen laughed and drank, while the four smokes enjoyed even the DD opportunity to drive.

Well looking back none of us will be able to remember the goofy smile on C2C Troge's face after his shots at Jose Muldoons or the graphic swearing storms that CIC Courtright could command at anytime, but we will never forget that cadet life was a little more bearable because of CS29.



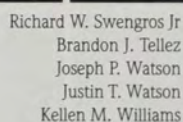
AOC: Major Mark Thomas

Not Pictured:
MTL: TSgt Leland Mullens
Daniel B. Stuart, 02



No Limits

Laura Y. Renner
Nicholas W. Sawruk
Aaron J. Skrivanek
Daniel J. Smith
Amy D. Snapp
Stephanie M. Soltis
Broc L. Starrett



Jason A. Shemchuk
Richard R. Smith II
Jarek J. Thompson
Jennifer E. Vettese
Matthew W. Werner
John J. Wonnum-Pannia Jr



302 Squadrons

by Hof Harting

The Director were...well...we were...the actual squadron, though, was as punctual as a clock and out of one quality of life that most certainly be.

Our AOC, I think, with a fist of iron. He got out the Fu Man Chu sofie though. When he was always around the office always smiling MTL's around audience, but he still had the true high firsties. No one the firsties ignored we firstly ignored they are. No matter you "cadets" still the fine and upstate Thruout and CIC Commanders, and fine goal of punishment all up by playing, little girl, but he



Daniel R. Adair Jr
Andrew J. Bogusky
Macey W. Bozarth
Robert D. Browning
Chad T. Chapman
Wade E. Dahlgren
Ryan C. Goodlin

Justin M. Hamilton
Travis S. Harlan
Kevin T. Hoy
Michael L. Jerue
Peter A. Johnston
Aaron G. Leinmiller
Sarah M. Malberg

John T. Mallory
Ernest M. Maramba
Terry R. Martin Jr
Kristi McElmurry
Michael P. Molesworth
Myzsa J. Pennell
Don E. Rolleg

Luke J. Rostowske
Evan P. Roth
Marion M. Russell
Francesco A. Scaglione
Joseph H. Stallings
Matthew B. Steenman
Ellen L. Stimmel

Steven W. Thorpe
Eric B. Trimble
David T. Welt
Jonathan F. Wentzel
Mark J. Zabierek

Dirty Thirty

The Dirty Thirty Knights were...well...we were here. We were a punctual squadron, that's for sure. Yep, no one was as punctual as we were. If I had to pick out one quality of our fine squadron, it would most certainly be punctuality.

Our AOC, Maj. Doc Holliday ruled us with a fist of iron. He was Genghis Khan without the Fu Man Chu. TSGT Turner was the softie though. Whenever we had a tough day, he was always around to let us cry on his shoulder. Man, it was crowded there. Plus Turner's office always smelled funny and the other MTL's around accused him of excessive flatulence, but he still loved us the same.

The true highlight of the squadron was the firsties. No one else mattered, or at least we firsties ignored them like the worm-dirt they are. No matter, we are 2Lt's now, so you "cadets" still in CS30 can revere us like the fine and upstanding officers we are. CIC Thweat and CIC Velez were the Squadron Commanders, and they led us Kaniggits to our fine goal of punctuality. CIC Lee summed it all up by stating, "I may look and sound like a little girl, but I just want out of here".

Another attribute of CS30 this year was love. Yes, love. It seemed at times that the entire squadron was getting engaged, and suddenly the next week there would be announcements of the rest of the squadron also getting engaged. CIC Brooks and C2C Snapp started the whole squadron domino engagement by keeping the love "in house", so I suppose we should thank them, or curse them. Time will tell. Either we were very amorous, or we had a way with love. Wait, that didn't make sense. Oh well.

And then there were the smacks. We had smacks in our squadron, I'm pretty sure of that. Yeah, I guess the pictures of the smacks in this book proves it. Now don't we look stupid. I asked a smack if he was in the squad, and he said, "Yes Sir!", so I figure that at least settles the argument. I couldn't tell you which one it is though, because we all know they look alike.

Anyway, Vini Vidi Vici. We came, we saw, we finally got paroled. It was probably a mistake, so now beware the Knights of Thirt as we patrol the "real world" in search of life, liberty, and underwear that doesn't ride up after a long day.



AOC: Major Kenneth Holliday
MTL: SSgt Dean Turner

Not Pictured:
Heather M. Gagnon, 02
Jared L. Payne, 02
Joel D. Thigpen, 02



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Mark A. Amend
Aaron B. Banks
Anthony C. Colella
Jesus M. Cosme Jr
Jonathan B. Hayes
Brian P. Healy
Bryan D. Jandorf Jr

Erich A. Kunrath
Andy C. Lee
Matthias P. Maggos
Lauren A. McGrath
Shannon M. Merlo
Jen D. Peterson
Lee M. Poage

David A. Rice
Thomas E. Sonne Jr
Ian R. Swayze
Levi C. Torkelson
Eric S. Vanley
Lauren A. Wagner
Matthew H. Weber



Raymond P. Akin IV
Travis S. Bell
Matthew W. Booth
Keith D. Boyea
Samantha N. Clifton
Christina A. Collins

Bradley G. Davis Jr
John M. Dickens
Erin M. Farrell
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Adonis C. Haynes
Denis V. Hryhorov

Douglas S. Hulse
Andrew W. Hunt
Joshua D. Hutchins
John M. Kopecky
Margaret M. Kucia
Troy D. McLaughlin

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Miguel A. Perez III
Simon A. Reisert
Justin B. Rex
Armando R. Ruiz Jr
Steven A. Schnobelen

William N. Schwartz
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Anthony M. Straw
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By Margaret Kucia

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Jonathan M. Flowers
Sarah C. Hardin
Jaclyn M. Harris
Sarah A. Kotte
Tyrone C. Manegdeg
Marc A. Matthews
Travis R. Moore

William S. Morrison
Joseph R. Myhra
Stefan C. Nagy
Kelli A. O'Bryant
Leotis Palmer Jr
Jennifer A. Pfost
Victor M. Portillo III

Kristopher W. Rorberg
Zachary T. Schaffer
Daniel J. Seger
Zachary J. Sheppard
Brett A. Shilling
Christopher T. Smith
Matthew T. Spidell

Shawn T. Strabley
Brian Suh
Jonathan G. Sumner
Peter J. Usher
Scott T. Whitlock

Fear The Reaper

Life in the dungeon known as CS31 can sometimes be rather depressing.

"There's not much sunlight down here and the funky stench from C3C John Dickens' room lingers because there's little cross-ventilation," gripes C3C Travis Bell.

Luckily, the tightly knit squadron of Grim Reapers overcame their gloomy locale to become one of the most involved, exciting and enthusiastic squadrons in the wing.

"We took full advantage of our prime nuking location—right by the muddiest part of the quad," said C4C Stephen Brown.

The USAFA Smoking Club, started by Reaper C3C John Kopecky, met just outside the squadron and drew nearly 30 cigar aficionados to the LZ each Wednesday night.

Drag queen C4C Shawn Strabley reminisced that, "first semester, our Thursday night MWR activities were the highlight of my week!"

But life in Reaperland is not just about carefree midget tossing and grease board butt-wipes. Many Reapers enjoyed using free time for community service. Whether through

Buddy Brigade, Big Brothers / Big Sisters, volunteering at veterans' nursing homes, or painting houses for the elderly in Colorado Springs, the Grim Reapers somehow found weekends and free periods to donate to help others. Service trips brought the squadron together and were a productive way to relax from the everyday stresses and strains of cadet life.

Intramurals were another great way for the Grim Reapers to relieve stress and also stay in shape.

"We had one of the best flickerball teams in the wing, but sometimes we played squadrons that thought they could win against us. Then we just beat them up," said C2C Lee Poage, alluding to the many times when fistfights broke out.

Taken together, the Grim Reapers, like most squadrons, are a cross-section of the cadet wing with our fair share of jocks, geeks, slackers, and tools. But unlike other squadrons, the Grim Reapers seem to share one exceptional talent in taking anything the wing can dish out, from LDM and Cert to HHQ Inspections, and twisting it into an amusing adventure and an excuse to have fun.



AOC: Major William Demaso

Not Pictured:
MTL: TSgt Scott Wallick



by Margaret Kucia

Squadrons 305



Fire It Up

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306 Squadrons

John R. Almeida
Justin R. Binder
Patrick W. Currie
Jennifer L. DiCarlo
Erik J. Dries
Janene L. Drummer

Gerrit A. Everson
Brian M. Green
Stephen S. Jenkins
Kory S. Kiefer
Forgiveness S. Kochanowski
Richard C. Linton Jr

Julia S. Luttrell
Jeremy M. McDaniel
Erick Pacheco
Brent E. Reimer
Robert V. Reinebach
Bradley A. Rueter

Aubrey A. Semrau
Jacob W. Smith
James E. Thompson
Douglas R. Villard
Travis M. Winslow
Nathan R. Wright

Scott F. Beusch
Brian N. Carpenter
Christopher B. Castaneda
Erin-Leanore S. Dacumos
Mustafa Uma A. Danquah
Daniel O. Dorrance
Javier M. Figueroa II

Joshua A. Fogle
Eric D. Gardner
Lanourra L. Gillmaster
Thomas W. Haas
Jared Craig C. Hill
Sarah S. Hoffmeier
Jason R. Hornrig

Christopher L. Hoppin
George B. Houghton
Stephen G. Jones
Ryan M. Kaldahl
Kenneth M. Kirkpatrick
Frederic W. Lathrop
Lauren A. May

Paul M. Nistler
Erik P. Rathke
Nathan-Ryan Salas
Glory B. Smith
Alexander P. Thomas
Angela M. Wheatley



by Janene Drummer

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Jocelyn M. Dooley
William A. Dunn
Martin G. Erskine
Christopher D. Gruner
James A. Jackson III
Garrett R. Kautz

Richard L. Kice
Matthew M. Leonard
Jason A. Libman
Matthew M. Marchesseault
Melissa L. Morlock
Jess Pavlansky
Michael A. Penland

Michael P. Purcell II
Renee J. Quadri
Jose G. Ramirez
Jason D. Roth
Jared J. Smith
Daniel P. Spengler
Shaun C. Tarkington

Nathaniel S. Walker
Roderick J. Williams Jr
Adam C. Wolfe
Andrew W. Wood
Brent D. Ziarnick

Catch Us If You Can

by Janene Drummer

This year, cadet squadron 32 had a vision of "a family of well-rounded officer candidates with the capability to adjust and succeed in an ever-changing complex environment." That vision led to achievements beyond the Roadrunners' expectations.

As a family, we overcame tough new rules to earn an outstanding in the new HHQ inspection. Marching first was a common occurrence. We adapted to an unexpected change in command, welcoming our new AOC. We excelled academically and athletically as well. But most importantly, the Roadrunners knew how to have fun.

All of our hard work earned us free passes and other privileges we took advantage of in order to play hard. Playing hard included keggers at Fam Camp, breakfast "etiquette training" for squadron discretionary time, and

fun-filled MWR events to keep the rumor mill going.

What helped make our squadron such a military superpower?

First semester, it had to be C1C Adam Rogge's RPhubed, a masterplan for conquering the HHQ beast.

Second semester Stan/Eval officer C1C Travis Meidinger continued to push the squadron to new levels of achievement with his own spin-off, the SEPF32.

But back to the good stuff, Roadies never let the pressures of this institution allow them to forget the importance of having fun together. Roadrunners proved this year that it's possible to have fun at this place without losing our sense of purpose for being here. In later years, it's these times of enjoyment we'll remember most.



AOC: Major Patrick Allen
MTL: TSgt William Sticklen

Not Pictured:
Michael M. Kawan, 01
Troy C. Monson, 02



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308 Squadrons

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Jeremy D. Brown
John D. Carter
Daniel Diaz Jr
Garrett C. Fisher
Eric M. Hendrickson
Faith M. Hitchcock

Cheryl N. Johnston
Kyle J. Johnston
Eric J. Jouret
Andrew J. Kenney
Kristy L. Kuhlman
Zachary M. Laird

Justin A. Longmire
Aaron L. McEwen
John J. Pantages
Scott A. Percival
Michael S. Pontius
Venus C. Rivera

Scott J. Schroeder
Stuart A. Stanton
Donte' T. Tanner
Markyves J. Valentin
Billy R. Wilson II
Christopher G. Wilson

Krissa E. Arn
Melanie S. Barnes
Carlos J. Caceres
Anthony P. Campbell
Michael J. Culhane
Sean G. Demeter
India W. Donald

Mikal L. Elder
Scott S. Frohardt
Chad D. Fuller
Thomas P. Gabriele Jr
Michael D. Garrott
Daric B. Gray
Shawn C. Hatch

Daniel J. Hilferty
Regina A. Hohman
Charles P. Kubik II
Christopher R. Martin
Jesse T. McLaughlin
David J. Morales
Bradley P. Nelson Jr

Nathaniel S. Osborne
Jason S. Rodgers
Allan C. Smith
Seth W. Spanier
Ryan R. Spodar
David R. Swaney



by Melanie Barnes

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Katherine A. Eckert

Nicolas C. Ferrington
Philip M. Hafdahl
Brian E. Hans
Kenneth J. Hoekman
Jonathan F. Hough
Russell A. Iseminger
Kari M. James

Jahrod S. Matlock
Noah J. Merica-Jones
Brady J. Merrill
Daniel T. Modrow
Michael A. Moore
Eric B. Palmer
Michael W. Rebarchak

Sean D. Recame
Christopher D. Ross
Anthony J. Shockley
Kathryn W. Sprotte
Daniel P. Stoker
Michael A. Talley
Matthew J. Vallero

Ratz



MTL: TSgt Trisha Stone

by Melanie Barnes

This year was an eventful year for cadet squadron 33. They saw the promotions of both their AOC and MTL, brought back the "ratitude" of old, worked their way to military excellence, and kept those MWR guys busy. Together, they survived the dreaded HHQ inspections, went on ski trips, had girls' nights out, had hall brawls to wake the dead, mud wrestled, and auctioned off their talents, possessions and themselves as dates to support MWR.

C2C Jay Pantages said "my favorite MWR event was brown-eye. They really got those babies going!"

The four degrees distinguished themselves fall semester by being first in fourth group and competing in the Wing Semi-Finals knowledge bowl. They are well prepared to continue the tradition of excellence in CS33. The three degrees declared themselves "2002-The Best of the Brew" and mastered the art of laid-back striving. Beneath the cool surface of

their chevron and shined shoes lay parties at sponsors houses, a 1000th night celebration, and numerous bonding moments about the troubles of the opposite sex. The two degrees jumped right in and fired it up for training, dinings out, and other squadron activities, making sure there was always something going on. Their unity spread throughout the squadron. And the firsties led the squadron with pride and skill despite their adventures at The Upside Down Bar. They kept everyone in line—but not too much in line!

What defines squadron 33? It could be the donkey that replaced LTC Bianchi's desk and filing cabinets during Army Week, or the vicious Rat that follows the squadron around to knowledge bowls, but most prominently it is the work hard, play hard approach that everyone embodies. "It's all about Ratitude," said Squadron Commander C1C Tracy Tinianow and Operations Officer C1C Brian O'Grady. However, when asked what he thought about being a Cellar Rat, C4C Bucholz said "It's cheesy."

Not Pictured:

AOC: Lt Col John Bianchi
Jason D. Kneuer, 01
Marc C. Trevetten, 02
Aaron K. Brister, 03
Calvin F. Jenkins Jr., 03
Jacob M. Lechlitter, 03
Thomas M. Ryan Jr., 03



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David W. Adams
Pierre-Paul Alvarado
Michael A. Berruti
Leah J. Buckley
Michael V. Chiaramonte
Kenneth L. Cobb



Christine M. Compton
Frank N. Conn
Mikel S. Daniel
Garrett D. Dawson
Jacqueline J. De Grood
James R. Farrow



Michael R. Gosma
Daniel J. Knerl
Chauncy V. Krol
Gregory T. Mccann
Brandon W. Propper
Kevin S. Rothe



Jeffrey P. Shames
Chad M. Simendinger
Michael R. Tufte
Lisa J. Vice
Derrick S. Vincent
Jason C. Zumwalt



Merrill R. Anderson
Matthew T. Armstrong
Eric A. Ballew
John B. Cortney
George M. Denehy
Mark L. H. Dithmer
Rodney E. Ellison Jr



Yesenia Escobar
Kenneth N. Go
Warren M. Halle
Michael M. Helgeson
Patrick J. Howard
Katharine R. Hurley
Nathan D. Koss



Karley L. Kroschel
Angela C. Luciano
Keegan P. K. Maple
Michael P. Mariotti
Joshua R. Neate
Jennifer N. Pulliam
Robert D. Sickorez



Britt L. Stephens
Ryan R. Vaughn
Robert C. Vincent
Kevin R. Watry
Matthew L. Young



310 Squadrons

by Connor Tregarden & Daniel Werner

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Stuart G. Fraser
Timothy W. Grady
John T. Greenaway
Jeanne M. Jackson
Max C. Johnson

Justin W. Jones
John G. Kim
Justinian B. Koenings
Christian R. Kolden
Jaimie L. Koller
Robert T. Lawrence
Brendan J. Leonard

Brian L. Mueller
Ryan P. Olish
Luis F. Palacios
Justin M. Riestler
Simon A. Ritchie
Joshua C. Sauls
Joshua A. Shipley

David J. Smith
Lee A. Staab II
Brian J. Staniszewski
Conor M. Teegarden
Daniel C. Werner
Justin T. Whitaker
Richard G. Whiting Jr

Justin T. Wong

Loose Hawks

Let it be known throughout the wing: Loose Hawks know how to have a good time. This year's Hawks were better than ever in every aspect.

The Loose Hawks started off this year awesome. Everyone new and all the returning Hawks felt right at home.

"Sijan Tower is pretty sweet. This squadron has some awesome people and is a great place to be," said C2C Pepe.

Everyone came in ready to work hard, especially with all the changes in the cadet wing. Through a little perseverance and hard work, the Loose Hawks overcame all the challenges of the cadet wing and proved that 34 is the best squadron.

Some of the highlights of the year included C3C John Courtney's attempt at increasing marching skills. "Come on guys, we can do this," he said as he and several other cadets performed perfect marching switches. A difficult maneuver but always perfected by

the Hawks.

And who could forget the Alaskan Assassin. Yes, in case you forgot, C4C Christian Kolden is the love fool and is a proud member of the Loose Hawks. Cadet Kolden enjoyed the attention of the whole ordeal, including meeting Chief of Staff General Michael E. Ryan.

While the Hawks had a good time this year, they did perform outstanding in the wing. Thirty-four seemed to consistently improve on marching every week and parade standings were always high for the squadron. HHQ inspections presented no challenge and the squadron passed these with flying colors. Dealing with several new changes in the squadron and in the wing, the Hawks overcame all obstacles to prove that you can still have fun and do an awesome job.

As C3C Aaron Ferguson put it, "Thirty-four is definitely an awesome place to be. I'm really gonna miss this squadron next year. I only hope I can take a little Loose Hawk spirit with me to my new squadron."

Not Pictured:

AOC: Captain Brian Hoy
MTL: TSgt Trisha Stone
Aaron M. Ferguson, 02
Troy B. Stubbs, 02



by Conor Teegarden & Daniel Werner

Squadrons 311



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Tarek J. Awada
Gregory R. Ball
Qualario E. Brown
Kurt M. Bruggeman
Eyyup Celik
Ernest Csoma

Ryan E. Earnest
Drew M. Eisenhower
Richard F. Ganske
David B. Garcia
Lisa H. Jorgensen
Joshua L. Kubacz

Michael S. Masuda
Kevin T. McGlone
Benjamin A. Milarch
Leonard A. Miller
Laura C. Nealon
Joel Rivera

Matthew J. Roles
Jennifer H. Schoeck
Dallas K. Thompson
Andrew R. Vrabec
Elizabeth R. Weber
Paul R. Whitsel II

Kimberly K. Arsenault
Frank A. Biancardi II
Sarah R. Buegel
Kevin F. Burns
Paul J. Calhoun
Christopher M. Carson
Mathew J. Cicero

Eric S. Groover
Edmund K. Harrington
Armin P. Hoes Jr
Nathan K. Hogan
Robert G. Jackson
Ryan P. Jones
Sven G. Lundberg

David E. Mather
Ryan M. McGuire
Keagan L. McLeese
Alec J. Menoni
Alicia C. Nathaniel
James M. Ortiz Jr
James B. Post

Erin S. Reynolds
George A. Rothhaupt
Nicholas G. Rowe
Richard D. Sawyer
Benjamin C. Staats
Adam R. Wickes
Kristopher S. Wolfman



by Joy Parham

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Dawn L. Hildebrand
Neil J. Hoy

Jasen W. Hunter
Steve W. Jensen
Christopher R. Kary
Anthony M. Lopiccoco
Andrew J. Maus
Jason B. McClure
Joseph P. Plank

Jason G. Pruitt
Billie K. Rothwell
David J. Spellman
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Huuuge Wild Weasels

by Joy Param

Almost every squadron is known for something. When a person mentions Mighty Mach One, he or she normally equates that with being the hardest training squadron in the Wing. But when one mentions the Huge Wild Weasels of CS35, people often think, "Isn't that one of those squadrons that closed down last year?" When you think about it, nothing is ever said about the Weasels. Aside from that obnoxiously loud greet that four degrees bellow from one end of the terrazzo to the other, no one is really aware we exist.

Nestled in the southwest corner in the tower of Sijan, the Weasels pretty much keep to themselves. We have had a few claims to fame in that one of our cadets caught the eye of the Alaskan Assassin (as well as the Pentagon, overseas bases, and BBC). Other than that, we can't really boast too much about ourselves. After all, "we're the most chilled squadron in the Wing," summarized C2C David Garcia.

So what has been going on in our part

of Sijan? I guess you can say we've had our hands in all sorts of cookie jars. Many of our fall intramural teams have made a name for themselves on the courts and fields, placing us within a grasp of the Malanaphy Trophy. In addition, the awesome MWR staff also keeps the Wild Weasels "huge" with plenty of tailgates and other random cookouts. We're also proud of the relationship we share with our sponsor base, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. Although it's not located at one of the country's top 10 garden spots, we maintain close ties with them and exchange visits during the semester.

But sports and having fun is not the only thing on which we focus. After all, we did coin the phrase, "If the minimums weren't good enough, they wouldn't be the minimums." Don't get us wrong - we're not complete slackers. C1C Jason Pfaffly best summarizes our squadron when he says, "we realize we tend to disappear from the spotlight, and we are happy about this. We've crafted it."



AOC: Captain Derek Abeyta
MTL: TSgt Michael Taylor



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Holly L. Adams
Christopher T. Bodley
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Daniel W. Daehler
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Vidal S. Garza
Daniel H. Heil
Daniel S. Hoak
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Kevin C. Mandrik
Keegan S. Mcconaughey
Paul G. Mikula
James A. Muir

Paul B. Murphy
Corey D. Nelson
Taylor I. PetrasYang
Alexander R. Price
Andrew W. Royle

Lucas D. Ball
Brian A. Brown
Dal N. Cho
Andrew G. Clemmensen
Michael C. De Winne
Mickey A. Friedrich

Joel D. Fritts
Neil R. Halonen
Robert W. Hamilton
David R. Lehosit Jr
Margaret E. Leupold
Adam D. Libby

Jessica A. Lotridge
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Andrew D. Rule
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Shaun T. Southall

Benjamin A. Stout
Virginia C. Stutes
Andrew J. Vail
Ryan B. Wartman
Terrence M. Welliver
Lamoni P. Yazzie





Mannie A. Baisa II
Jarett J. Biggers
Brandon J. Brown
Corbin O. Brown
James C. Burke
Hallie Virginia A. Day
Eric D. Florschuetz

James L. Gage
Kevin E. Graham
Benjamin R. Grantham
Steven R. Green Jr
Nicole C. Hamilton-Brown
Matthew C. Hodges
Todd M. Hudson

Vernard V. Jenkins II
Scott C. Johnson
Julia N. Markowski
Allen C. Mauer
Sean W. McCurdy
Brian J. McLaughlin
Peter L. Ostrow

Nelson J. Prouty
Christopher R. Pustka
Jessica L. Regni
William C. Rodriguez IV
Miguel J. Romero
Jamie M. Serrecchia
Justin P. Troyer

Brian J. Turk
Jeremy A. Vanderhal
Richard J. Ward
Andrew S. Wiesehan
Michael L. Williams
Aaron A. Zeligs



AOC: Major Walt Schwerin

Proud Pink Panthers

by Holly Adams

The Proud Pink Panthers of CS36 have but one claim to fame (besides the outstanding we received on our HHQ inspection): we have survived the wretched Major Galante!

This year held fun and frolic for every Pink Panther, from naked pictures of our frosh in the air garden fountains to some good ole fashioned cross-dressing in our Miss Pink Panther Contest for MWR (CIC Nate Drewry has some nice cotton heart panties).

"Sure I liked the inspections and the edge dressing, but the real fun stuff was the daily credit checks," commented C2C Marty Laye.

Life is good in CS36.

Our squadron harbors at least half of the women's lacrosse team as well as many other intercollegiate and club athletes, all striv-

ing to achieve military excellence in their spare time (CIC John Spolsky especially).

On any given Friday night you can walk into a four degree room and see the beautiful sight of smacks in parade dress edge-dressing their shower clogs and illegally listening to their bootleg CDs of Terrazzo Tunes through issued headphones... It's a wonderful life.

"We can't help being pretty in pink," stated C4C Vernard Jenkins, as he was skipping down the hall (the right side, of course).

As it was so eloquently put by C2C Dan Daehler, "The squadron is just fruity fun to live in. I mean, it's all fun and games until C2C Holly Adams and I gave each other the rug burns during MWR. Some people would call it 'out of control' or 'hideously inappropriate', but we just have that kind of fun in this squadron! Schwack!!"



Firsties from CS-34 pose in bed with Brig. General and Mrs. Welsh. Each squadron tried to make their firstie photo as unique as possible. Photo provided by squadron



This year saw the Class of 2000 take their place as the leaders of the Cadet Wing, and the memories were made from the start.

In retrospect...

the lessons learned while serving as the squadron commanders and element leaders were priceless...

the nights spent at Haps Place, with your best friends, truly were the greatest times...

It is hard to imagine the four years coming to an end, but the graduating class will always have ... "Balls!"

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In Retrospect...

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When the Class of 2000 graduated from the Air Force Academy, it was their final escape from the Academy. Who knew how fast time would fly by for the Class of 2000, as they prepared for Air Force careers flying fighters or guarding missiles in silos. Waiting four years didn't seem that long to cadets who enjoyed their Academy experience but seemed like an eternity for those who had difficulty handling the stress. Entering USAFA with a vision of achievement, cadets may lose sight of their goals, if they don't keep focused, amidst the droning daily routine. Despite the hardships, years at the Zoo, firsties realize that some things fortunately stay. Occasionally, firsties

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Despite the hardships and challenges they face their first three years at the Zoo, firsties of all graduating years look upon the past and realize that some aspects of their status change and other things fortunately stay the same.

Occasionally, firsties vaguely remember what it was like

when they were doolies and how good the firsties had it "back in the day." During the transition into firstie year, second-class cadets achieve god-like status when they reach their final year. Overnight, they amass privileges that the underclass could only dream of having (such as unlimited passes). Change is good, some people say, but there are a few changes that have decreased the god-like status of the firstie.

Over the years, top-off has been phased out, second-class cadets were allowed to have cars, and as a result firstie status was no longer distinguished from the second-class.

Memories of these old days will remain, as will memories of what firstie life used to be like. The biggest memory will always be the moment they threw their caps

at graduation – it was then that all the firsties made the transition from cadets a god-like status, to officers

with

who were willing to accept the duties and responsibilities that come with wearing bars.



*"Showed up for BCT, yada yada, yada...
hat in the air"--blurb from CIC
Travis Higgs*





Mighty Mach One

Squadron 01



Danna Megan Alberts
Danna Banana
Algonquin, IL
Human Behavior - Psychology



"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." But you know what? It doesn't matter because I'm done!! Thank you Mom, Dad and Will for your love and support. I would've never made it without you. What a roller coaster ride, Marta, I blame it all on summer camp. Ashley, don't let the club die. Finally, thanks to God... Philipplans 4:13 helped me hold my head above water.



Jeffrey Randolph Beckham
Jeff, Jefe, Gringo
San José, Costa Rica
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)



"Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established." - Proverbs 16:3. Thanks: To my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for being faithful to this promise. To my family and friends for the inspiration, motivation, and support that have helped me to make it this far. To the Class of 2000, old Roadrunners, and Mach 1; for the great memories. A todos, mucha suerte y Pura Vida!



Charles Reuben Alonzo
Chuck / Chuckles
Colorado Springs, CO
Behavioral Science - Psychology



Lessons learned: Always love, smile (at least in the inside), never do a flaming shot, always be yourself, never hold back, no day but Today! Thanks to everyone who has helped me along the way, especially my family. I love you more than words can say. To The LORD! Without You, I'd be nothing. Remember: Life is a Flowchart. God gives the beginning and the end, but we decide what we do in-between.



Bridget O. Blanco
Bob, Birgit
Chicago, IL
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)



Thank you!! God, Mary, Ma and Dad. Bubba y Bzarth. Leslie. Sixers: you go, we go. Neopolitan Rocks! Softball: "3 up!" groupers! Preppies! My Favorites. Everyone who is my amigo, you know who you are. I can't complain...more good than bad. One thought: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness" - Confucious 1 Cor 24:27 Yes, Ai, I am alive.



Christopher Jason Boileau
Baloo, "B", Topher
South Hadley, MA
Behavioral Science



For all the family, friends, and acquaintances who've influenced me along the way, words cannot express the thanks I owe to you. You've made me who I am and I carry a piece of you with me every day. Long live the "Heroes" of the Catholic Chorus. Never forget those who've gone before us, or those we've lost along the way. "The Road goes ever on and on..." - J.R.R. Tolkien

Andrew Douglass Carr
AC
Omaha, NE
Social Science



To all the fellas I never would have made it without you... wait, I almost got kicked out from all the stuff we pulled, you guys don't go getting soft on me. Well better thank the folks, I definitely couldn't have done it without them. Finally for some words of wisdom the time here goes alot faster when you don't remember the weekends. Does anybody know the whereabouts of C2C...

William John Dorsey
Hawk, Darse the Horse
Everywhere
History - War Studies



I made it through USAFA because of 1) God's Word and 2) hard work. Yet, I learned that one must learn to relax on occasion, to recuperate from intense moments of effort. I don't condone laziness, but I do suggest taking time off. Schedule a time to work and a time to play. Some squadrons have a saying, "Work Hard, Play Hard." I certainly believe it.

Rico Carlo Dy
Freako-Rico, Thrilla
Riverside, California
Management



HEAVENLY FATHER, for my blessings, the lessons, the tears and joys...my deepest thanks. Three women are responsible for making me the Man I am today - Mom, Mamma, Tita Sandra - Mahal Kita. To the rest of my family - thanks for your love, guidance and support. True friends - Much Love. Night and Day - only time will tell. Though I have finished this race, I'm still looking for that checkered flag...



Stephen Christopher Graham
Steve
Tulsa, OK
Biology



To my Mom and Dad for all the knowledge, joys, and gifts you have bestowed upon me. Your love and kindness has molded me into the man I am. I will always make you proud. Alison and Melissa, you're awesome sisters. Thanks for always being there for me. To my Spin/Acro 2000 brothers, I will never forget you. Eyes right to the TUFF shed... As for my Oklahoma boys, Bryan and Bryon, save some girls for me. Scott, I'll see you in heaven bud. Psalm 23

Heather Sharon Johnson
Hojo
Niceville, FL
Basic Sciences



To the importance of my parents prayers and the necessity of a good friend's laughter - you have carried me through four long years. Dad and Mom - you've made me realize how much I love and need my family. Rachel - from Atlanta(96) to Wymoiing(2000), we have come a long way together. Dalia - to many laughs, margaritas, cigs, and bathtub talks, I will miss you dearly. Lara/Jaime - Hang in there, the end is near. AF Distance Rules - AHHHYEAH, BooYA!

Kevin Walter Justice
KJ
Daytona Beach, FL
Social Science



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Chad David Kohout
Temecula, CA
Management



Mom, Larry, April, Ned and Gel, thanks for helping me through this fine institution. Without your love, support, and laughter, I would have left long ago. It's been a long four years, but it was definitely worth it... I hope. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"... but all of them were memorable and I wouldn't trade them for anything in the world.

Nadine Colette Lynn
DB
Sierra Vista, AZ
Management (German)



"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right!" What was once thought to be a never ending journey is finally coming to an end. Thank you Dad, Mom, and Natalie for your endless love, support, and encouragement during the tough times, and being there to watch me shine during my triumphs. To all my friends, though the time together at USAFA has come to an end, the memories will last forever!!



Steve Anthony Ramsey II
Sario
Frankfort, KY
Astronautical Engineering / Mathematics



Thank you for the opportunity and memories. For the most part, we don't realize what we have or have achieved until it's gone. For those who didn't make it this far, you will always be a member of the Class of 2000. Class of 2000, I wish I could go with you, but I will meet up with you later. Shoot for the stars, land on the moon — Ad Astra

Andrew Allen Martin
Andy
Hallsville, MO
Astronautical Engineering
(Math)



Who would have thought? Four years came and went and we lived to tell about it. The times were good but the friends were better. To Russ, my Mach Oners and all the Acro kids, it's been real. I'll miss you. Thanks to my family for their undying support, and most of all, thanks to the Lord for helping me through this place — Only by the grace of God...



David Ross Rogers
Wolfeboro, NH
Basic Sciences



To the Schultz family... thank you.

Isaiah 2:3

Marco Antonio Martinez
The Pretty Boy
Houston, TX
Mechanical Engineering (Math)



I could never have finished without all my brothers, parents, and the fellas (you know who you are). Thank you for all the support and encouragement. Just one final thought for all those left behind. You'll always have a good time when you are with good company... salud. Keep your heads up and never let anybody knock you down.



Kenneth Charles Seiver
Ken
Mt. Airy, MD
Aeronautical Engineering (Spanish/Math)



Thank you God for allowing me to come here and thank you even more for allowing me to leave. Thanks to my family and friends.

Genesis 1:1 — Revelation 22:21

Brooke Esther Page
Brooklyn
North Hollywood, CA
Humanities



What a wild adventure — E-team, PV'ers, 689, Distance AT's, Mighty Machers — the coolest big brothers I never had. Mommy — I love you dearly, thanks for the encouragement in "Astronautical" Engineering! Fighter jocks: see you on the Flight line — when my C130 runs you over and my call sign is "Beefcake".... "I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music" — J.S. Bach
Timothy II, 1:7



Jonathan David Wierenga Shaffer
Jon
San Jose, CA
Behavioral Science
Human Factors Engineering



I want to praise God first and foremost. He is my Lord and Savior; I could not have made it without Him. Romans 8:3839. Thank you Mom, Dad, Luke, Grandma & Grandpa for your incredible love and encouragement. This place is great if you have the right attitude. For my friends, Jeff, Paul, Brian, Joe, Sarah, & Dan you are the best! IVCF — Spread the fire!

Platon Alexander Shaulsky
Commie
Ukraine
Aeronautical Engineering



It was the best Muppet Show I have ever seen... Fuzzy The Bear (G-Lo) did an excellent job of "entertaining" me here for all four years. Thank God I've met JackBo, James, Philly, BG, Nutz, Wookie, Ken, BWA LOW. I wouldn't make it through without them. Faith and Friends are the most important things in life. "My greatest weakness is God's greatest strength."

Larissa Suzanne Shipunoff
Seattle, WA
Humanities



Thank you to everyone who made this place fun. USAFA literally broke my back, but it was worth it in the end. I've learned that everything happens for a reason and I've been really lucky to have had such great experiences. Ang, have fun next year, I'll miss you. Don't work too hard, and always remember that if you wait until the last minute, it only takes a minute.

Timothy John Strobel
Tim, Strobes
Wichita, KS
Management



I know something good is going to come out of this place, I just don't know what it is yet. Mom, Dad, and family, thank you for always believing in me. Grandma, thank you for always keeping my mailbox full. Nichole, I never would have made it through here without your love and support. Fellas, what else can I say: PARTY ON!

Robert Maxwell Taylor
Mission Viejo, CA
Operations Research
(Spanish/Math)



Thank God... I once read a fortune from a cookie and it said, "Your happiness is intertwined with your outlook on life." I for one believe it. So be joyful at all times, try harder, trust God, and always ask yourself "Why Not?" because you just never know, now do you? "So where does the power come from to see the race to its end? From within."



Christopher Jeffrey Weaton
Padre, Miniweats, Wheatie
Cedar Falls, IA
Political Science



Two Grand - United We Stand! We made it! Mom, Dad, Tony, and Shmo, thanks for all your love and support - you're awesome! The many experiences and friends from the Academy won't be forgotten. They and a few thoughts have kept me going. Remember... (1) God's gift to you is your potential... your gift to God is what you do with it! (2) Isaiah 40:31, (3) Hebrews 12:11, and what I've used most for the past 4 years... "Vaya con Dios!"



Matthew Richard Weinschenker
Shanker
Wexford, PA
Computer Science



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David Russell Wright
Diamond
Sudbury, MA
Social Science



Cheers to all my friends who made the bad times good and the good times better. Thanks to all the fellas on the lax team for staying old school. Thanks to all the fellas on the rugby team for being too busy drinking to put anybody down. And all my love to my family.

"I'm feelin' my third wind comin' on here boys, time to go get some Aerosmith tuck ets."





Delta Tau Deuce



Squadron 02

David Conrad Bills
Dollar
Uniontown, OH
Foreign Area Studies (French)



Finally, life moves on. I loved my time here; I always wondered what it would be like to be a robot. My dearest regards go out to my Mom, Dad, family, Deuce Buddies, Amber, and all the Mormon Mission geeks. I wouldn't have made it without any one of you. Never stop creating memories. Remember "Be true to yourself and you will NEVER FALL!!!" - The Beastie Boys. Alma 37:6



Eric Robert Brinkman
Brink
Oregon, OH
Environmental Engineering



I would like to thank my parents for all their encouragement and loving support. Thanks sis for all the motivation, stories, and trips. Together we have grown older but not up. Thanks grandma and grandpa for all the cookies and chilelets, advice, and inspiration. Thanks ZRFG, I've realized that with God, everything is possible, to never stop dreaming, and that "If weren't all crazy, we would go insane."



David Michael Brown
Debo
Raleigh, NC



You know it's a cold day in hell cause I just graduated. First and foremost, I want to thank God - Through Him all things are accomplished - Mom & Dad - couldn't do it with out you Shelly and Nana thanx for the love. Lastiy, all the boyz, Those that made it and those that didn't, y'all know who you are...What did I learn for 300,000...Don't ever let college get in the way of your education.



Joshua Newman Caldon
Crash, Mookie
Plattsburgh, NY
Foreign Area Studies (W. Europe)



Oscar Levant:
"Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember." Thanks for the memories guys...



Victoria Pyle Citrowske
Tori, CITRO
Apple Valley, MN
Human Behavior



Despite the blood, sweat, and tears of Compound USARA, it was still worth it. The experiences I've survived, the incredible friends I've found (Adrianna, Tiff, Morgan, Mary, and Joe), and the amazing support of my family have made hell endurable. "I will study, get ready, and maybe my chance will come" - Abraham Lincoln. The time has finally come, but I will never forget beginning the journey with Judd.



Tiffany Lynn Fisher
Spencer, IA
Political Science



"These are the days to remember!" Bone and Garcia, my big brothers! Mae-Li and April, love you guys! The sexual insight of 6B9. Ab, the laughter. Kristen, my first truly insane friend here! Colleen, we'll drink as long as we can find our rooms—None of Your Business! Tori, I wouldn't sleep with anyone else. Be the MASTAH of...your dreams. Family, thanks for understanding when you couldn't possibly understand.

Amon Dorjan Shamir Dothard
Juice
Freehold, NJ
Basic Sciences



Yeah, I don't have much to say except thank you to Miss Monty for always being there for me and Ray-Dog, you were there too.



Jonathan Steven Gallego
Papa Jon
Walnut, CA
Management



Thanks mom, dad, and sis. Without your support I don't know if I would have ever made it this far.

Love your son, Jonathan

Laura Marie Durham
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(Spanish/Math)



"Two roads diverged in a wood, And I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." This is so true for me, I need to thank my family, my friends, and God for helping me get through this place. I couldn't have made it without you, and for helping me realize what a great difference coming here has made in my life.



Jacob John Gensic
Jake
Fort Wayne, IN
Management



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Stewart Anthony Eyer
Stew
Charleston, SC
Astronautical Engineering
(French, Math)



The road to discover oneself is difficult to find, and once found, difficult to travel. Those that travel its length stand above the rest, and hopefully lead the way. It is there that my classmates and I stand. NONE OF IT would have been possible without loved ones' constant guidance - the lights shown when the road grew dark. Jess, Mom, Dad: I love you. You made me who I am.



Ryan Brandon Kay
Ryno
Beaumont, CA
Operations Research (Math)



Mom and Dad, I want to thank you for the constant love and support that you have given me. "About the mountains it is useless to argue, you have either been up or you haven't. The view from halfway is nobody's view. The best flowers are on top, under a ledge, nourished by the wind." Emerson

Michael Stephen Landers
Ned Flanders
Reseda, CA
Meteorology



Tango Uniform! My life as a cadet is over. To mom and dad... thank you for your love and guidance that has made me the success you always knew I would be. Amanda, as my older sister you encouraged me to always work harder to try to be better than you. Finally, to my friends, former bulls, soaring IPs, group staffers, and the Delta House... drinks are on me!



Christopher Aric Nielsen
Chris
Colorado Springs, CO
Operations Research



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Christopher Nash Lehto
Leprechaun
Houston, TX
Materials Science



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James David Norman
San Angelo, TX
Physics



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Daniel Adam McConnell
Dan
Valdosta, GA
American History



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Andrew John Nutz
Nutz, Andyman, NGOTZ!!
Derby, KS
Management



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Brian Carl Moritz
Morisy, B
Peoria, IL
Management



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Christian John Ogrosky
Ogre
Reston, VA
Math - Physics (German)



Mom, Dad, & Sarah - thank you for helping me persevere through the four hardest years of my life. Thanks to all my friends: we sweated, cried, and laughed together and you have made me a better person. To the 29 Crew and Deucers, stay in touch! What happens now?

Bernard James O'Neill
B.J.
Philadelphia, PA
Engineering Sciences (Math)

Live for today, fight for tomorrow!



Paul Phillip Townsend
Peachtree City, GA
Environmental Engineering



I would like to thank my family for their love and support. To my brothers on the team, thanks for making football the best part of my last four years. Finally, I would like to thank God for blessing me with the perseverance to make it. The cause endures, the dream shall never die, brothers forever!

Charles LeVar Richmond
Tylertown / Columbus, MS
Astronautical Engineering



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"The loser whines about doing his best while the winner goes home and..."
- The Rock



Zachary Raymond Turcotte
Turcotti, Big Z
Roseville, MN
History/Political Science



To everyone that has helped me come so far in this lifetime; my graduation truly is your achievement. Your faith, love, and continual support for me is the greatest gift I could ever receive. Mom, dad, and sis; having you in my life makes failure an impossibility. I love you. "We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts we make the world."

April Lynn Scott
Grundy, VA
Space Operations (Math)



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Joseph Randolph White
Scooter
Schertz, TX
MDOS



"We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure so that we despaired even of life...but this happened that we might not rely on ourselves, but on God." 2 Corinthians 1:8-9. Thanks for getting me through the tough times and for all the great times.





Cereberus

Squadron 03



Gregory Paul Bailey II
Greg, Gringo Greg
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Foreign Area Studies - Latin America



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Eric Daniel Birch
Oddball
Dallas, OR
Management



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Benjamin Frank Bennett
Ben
Green Springs, Ohio
Operations Research (Math)



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Eric Ryan Bixby
Mountain Home, ID
Management

It looks like I am actually going to graduate and I'm sure I'm not the only one surprised about that. I guess that even I have to admit that there have been some good time... It's just a shame I had to march tours for so many of them. And remember, there's no "I" in team, but there are two in Margarita. Everyone back to my room! It could be worse...

Jay Michael Boeing II
Mick, Stump
Cincinnati, Ohio
Foreign Area Studies - Russian



Mom, Dad, and Jeremy, thank you for being there through the worst of it. '99 PTWOBs and Sky Monkees, thanks for everything. Five years is a long time, but it was all worth it. Blue Skies...PTWOB 122.



Brant Alexander Dixon
A1, Mason
San Antonio, TX
Computer Science



Well, I actually made it, I guess it goes to show that hard work actually does pay off. This would have never been possible without God's guidance and the support of my friends and family. Now I know that I can do anything, and be ready to move on from here to even more challenging things. If there is one thing this place has taught me it would be that it is the people that make the difference, I just thank God for being surrounded by great people.

Thomas Richard Bowman
Tom
Gulf Breeze, FL
Management



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Robert August Faustmann, Jr.
Foss, Fastruits, Rob the Rhino, Robster the Lobster
Aiken, SC
Management



To my family, thanks for your love, support, and laughter. I would have never made it without you. I love you all. To all my buds, and you know who you are (BBH)- thanks for helping me realize that there's only one secret for survival here: friends. I'll miss you all. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7. I'm already in a daydream... FJB

Joel Nathan Brown
Augusta, MO
Operations Research



Rev 7:12 "Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Thank you my love Jennifer, you are the apple of my eye. Dad and mom, thanks for your endless prayers and encouragement. Ann-Renee and Eric, Aaron and Beck, you are a gift from God; let's continue to enjoy his rich blessings together.



Kasey Le Ann Fry
Jo Jo Fry
Papillion, NE
Biology



Who would've thought (210)? If you're reading this, I guess that means I got away with the last laugh. I have God, Mom, Dad, Kyle, Matt, and friends to thank for helping me through this place. Special Thanks to the Ungers and Lentines for all their love. I know now what makes a great friend because I have been blessed to have so many. 9 of hearts I love you all. Ocha Lay Lay...

Derrick Darnell Connor
DDC
Greensboro, NC
General Engineering



"Try to keep this place in one piece after we leave. I might want to come back and visit someday. Thanks to all of you who helped me out."



Rick Manuel Hall
Burbank, CA
Behavioral Science



"He answered nothing." (Mark 15:3 kjv)

Jason Paul Hrynyk
Typo, Henike, Hayake,
Consonant Man, Mama Luke
 Cabot, Arkansas
 Foreign Area Studies - Asia (Japanese)



I came here for the home style meals. Thank you God, my Dad who is in Heaven, my Mother, my family, my friends back home, my friends here, my prep school buds especially Shannon P. Biela, the Back Fab Five, my lunch table friends (snootchie to the MF bootchie), my band SCOTTEREE, and the SF groupies. If you sleep 12 hours a day, you're only here for 2 years.



Kevin Carl Peterson
Norm
 Nashua, NH
 Biology



Hey guys! Gold bars huh.....? Well see ya later! I want to thank my parents who raised me to work hard and supported me, Matt who is like a brother to me, Fitz and Justin my other serrogate brothers!!! My fiancée and now bride, Melissa, who was always there to support me through the bad times, my boys in the Dogs of War, and the fellas on AFA LAX. Go Blue!

Jon-Michael Anthony Kerestes
Jahny, Roastbeef
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Human Factors Engineering



"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." 1 John 3:16. Mom and Dad, I love you. Thank you for all the prayers and for making me what I am. To my whole family. I thank you for your continuous love, I hold that most dear. Toons, it's over, Joel, thank you for challenging me. Jeremy, thanks a lot. Bryce and Steve, thanks for taking me in.



Cory Charles Raeth
Qone, ccr
 Kalispell, MT
 Mechanical Engineering



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Clark Caldwell Mabry
Fatty Mabs, Slim
 Air Force Town, USA
 Human Factors Engineering



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Matthew Robert Schmitz
Cyrus the Virus
 Arvada, Colorado
 Biology



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Katherine Elizabeth Mitchell
Katie
 Fort Benning, GA
 Management



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Patrick Herbert Smiley
Herb
 Stevens Point, WI
 Economics



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Sara Ann Stigler
Stigs
Caldwell, TX
History



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Nathan Alan Thompson
Nate, Sloth, Thermonate, Fatty
Seabrook, TX
History



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Erin Dawn Tams
Yuma, AZ
Social Sciences



Psalms 136:1
Thanks, GOD, for doing it. Thanks, FAMILY, for making it easier. Thanks, FRIENDS, for making it endurable. Thanks, UGLIES, for making it worth it. CHUNG Loves SLOTH! (Thanks, BEAUTIFUL) Rugger's Always! 80 minutes, 15 positions, and I only care about 1 way to score...

"Isn't it the most... to say the least?
... THE VERY LEAST"



Michael Joseph Yanovitch
Yano-Class
Salem, NH
Management



I really do appreciate the fact your sittin here your voice sounds so wonderful but your face don't look to clear. So barmaid bring a pitcher another round of brew. I would like to thank God and my mom and dad. You were always there when I needed you and I owe everything to you. To the Skipper and Popper, Web's, and to the Sidewinders. I love my friends.

Megan Lynn Thiedeman
Rain
Westside, IA
Behavioral Science - Psychology



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Fightin' Fourth

Squadron 04



Stephen Patrick Anderson
Stefie, Steve-o
 Altus, OK
 Management



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Jason Emerson Blevins
JBlev
 George West, TX



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Timothy McGregor Ash
Tim
 Worden, MT
 Foreign Area Studies - Asia



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Kristin Michelle Bozarth
Bzarth
 Scottsdale, AZ
 Management



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Fourth

Jeffrey Richard Brown
Jeff
Kansas City, MO
Human Factors



Amber Marie Geidel
"FamCamp Queen"
Boulder, CO
Biochemistry



Sha na na na...sha na na na...hey, hey, hey...goodbye. Yep, bye bye orange roughly, 5B37, pocket periodic tables, the airfield, and famcamp (way back when). Thanks fam, I love ya! Look out trailer, here I come - I can't wait.

Douglas Keith Chilson II
Chil
Seattle, WA
Management



Matthew William Graham
Matt, Matty, Grammy
Midwest City, OK
Computer Science



First and foremost, I would like to thank God, through whom all things are possible. Secondly, I would like to thank my family for their never-faltering support. Good luck to all of the guys and gals I've met. It's been a blast... Well, it's been a good... Well it's been... We're done anyway. I'll see ya round the military.
"Mind what you have learned. Save you it can." — Yoda

Joshua Ryan Close
Josh
Omaha, NE
Military History



Wendell Gil Griffin II
Griff, Griffy, Griff-Dawg Big "D"
Dallas, TX
Foreign Area Studies - Asia (Japanese)



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Gregory A. Fulk
Chester
Annandale, VA
Chemistry



Colleen Erin Hall
Fontana, WI
Social Sciences



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Brian Lee Knaut
BK
Manitowoc, WI
Mechanical Engineering

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Phillip Rose
Phi, Philly, Phyllygo
Huntsville, AL
Operations Research (Math)

Thanks Mom, Jackie, Dad and Aika for your support and love. To all the boyz it was a blast.

Jacob Robert Lanford
Big Jake
Tulsa, OK
Management

"He who joyfully marches to music in rank and file has already earned my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake, since for him the spinal cord would suffice." - Einstein Infinite thanks to Mom, Big Dad, Dad, Susan, and the family - finally made it. Much love to Jeff, Maitty, Karna, Matt, Josh, the Fighters and all my friends. To Anna - All love and attention is now yours.



Jeffrey John Scott
Stayton, OR
Biology

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Kristopher Michael Malloy
Kris, Sourpuss, Marsh
Muskogee, OK/Beleville, IL
History / European - Russian History

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Kais Ibn Khelil, Rafika Sghaier
Tunisian Tornado
Sousse, Tunisia
Mechanical Engineering (French)

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Matthew Lee Manning
Fair Oaks, CA
Human Factors

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Jason Michael Sharpe
Sharpey
Johnstown, CO
Humanities (Spanish)

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Donna Elizabeth Silva
Huntington Beach, CA
Human Behavior

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Ashley Brooke Watson
White Trashley
Knoxville, Tennessee
Biology

That was voluntary?! All I can say is thanks to my family for the unconditional support, Sarah for not giving up on our friendship, Amber for always understanding, and the Lord for the new joy that came every morning. Amber G., thanks for putting up with this bumpkin. Crusaders, before and behind, you were my rock. Jess, no words can describe. I mean hey, at least we understand men now...



Andrew Raymond Smith
Andy
Oscoda, MI
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Casey Michael Wood
Fresno, CA
Social Science

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Bryan Thomas Unks
B, Skunks, Funks
Colorado Springs, CO
Engineering Mechanics

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Cor 4:16-18





Wolfpack Five



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José Luis Castañeda
Cuervo
Tucson, AZ
Electrical Engineering (Math, French)



Well, we made it. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Juan for always being there to catch me and put me back up on my feet. Drippy, Tom, Adam, real friends are few and far between. Greg, EE would have sucked with out you, and Chimmy, you kept me sane. PTWOB's, thanks for the three best years of my life, and don't forget, "we can always jump. . ." Blue Skies, PTWOB #155



Steven Edward Cruz
Cruzin', Cruzes food
Chula Vista, CA
Human Factors



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Ryan Patrick Chmielewski
Chimmy
Cincinnati, OH
Astronautical Engineering (Math)



Optima Dies Prima Fugit. I've had such a DECENT time; I could've loved all of you. The songs we sang, I meant every word. Friends are those with whom one toasts, brothers are those who carried me home. Thanks fellas! Mom, Frank, Kevin, Dad thanks for always being there. Patricia, "to lead you to an overwhelming question. . ." Disturb the universe, smile, give freely. Ad astra tuebor. Dominus vobiscum.



Aaron Edgar Dripps
Drippy
Palmyra, PA
Computer Science



Here's to Mom and Dad, I love you. All my bros, The brews, The power of Cheese, The Picasters, USNE, 38 Charlie, and Jose's Talks. Here's to: Pumping, Lemma, Glitch, PHS, Re-Re, Tom Cruise, and Mitches. Here's to good eyes, tough times, shared lives, and future wives. Here's a Toast...



Robert Frank Ehasz
HOG, BOOBER
Brevard, NC
Business Management



Here's a heartfelt thank you to my family and dear friends who made it all possible: I love you. A special thanks to the mud turtle, because of you I am an eagle. All is possible through loyalty, trust and respect: to those who follow, Stand Strong. "Brothers, Forever, United", what else can I say? Grandpa Bill, here's the homerun you've always watched for! Here's a toast...



Ebony Sunala Johnson
Woodbridge, VA
Legal Studies



I thank the Lord with all my heart for giving me strength to discover who I am and what's important in life. Ma and Daddy: thank you for the packages and cards that made life a little easier. I love you. Lonzo: you were always my strength when I needed it. Kelly: stay positive! Ness: it's been real! The 2000 family: you know who you are. Keep it real!

John Anthony Enis
Head-Down, Sweet-P
Oklahoma City, OK
Legal Studies



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Thomas Cory Kisio
DAWG
Vero Beach, FL
Management



The Countdown is over! Mom: you were alongside me in spirit everyday and that helped me through. Dad: you kept the faith and pride - Semper Fi. Tom: your attitude and words gave me confidence. To Granddaddy: I remembered "Illegitimus Non Carborundum." To my friends: Thanks for the great memories! Finally, I dedicate my success to all of my Family members who have "Gone First Class."

Gregory Sidney Hoffman
Greg, Hoffdaddy
Milwaukee, WI
Electrical Engineering



We are only as courageous as we are convinced. Dad, Mom, Hank: Thanks for all of your support! Dt 31:9.



Michael Joe Maddox
Miko, Shaker
Hokes Bluff, AL
Management



To God: Thanks for giving me the strength and guidance to succeed. To My Family: Thanks for all the support and encouragement over the years. To My Friends: Remember all the good times and some of the bad. We did it together. To the Richards Family: I couldn't have made it without you. To Everyone: Follow your heart. It won't ever lead you astray. Here's a toast...

Thomas Aquilla Hutton IV
Tom
Stillwater, OK
Military, Doctrine, Operations,
and Strategy



Anything is possible. I made it through this place and so will you. Thanks Mom, Dad, Brad, James, and Leslie. I would never have made it without you. To all the Skyriders out there, never forget CS37.



Mark McGill
Irvine, CA
Operations Research (Math)



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Lindsey Francis McRoberts
Bowling Green, OH
Human Factors



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Saejung Park
Sage
Edison, NJ
Humanities



"It's funny that pirates were always going around searching for treasure, and they never realized that the real treasure was the fond memories they were creating." —Jack Handey. My time at the "smallest liberal arts college this side of the Rockies" involved the support and love from God, my family, and friends—you know who you are! Patrick, you've been the kiss to build a dream on—I can't wait.

Travis Healey Monson
Trav
Naperville, IL
Environmental Engineering (Spanish)



Wow—I can't believe the six-year plan is over! "It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit" 98ers, I love you guys! Thanks to you Mom and Dad, because I KNOW I couldn't have done it without you—I love you tons. LDS Choir—CARRY ON! And most of all, Heavenly Father. Thank you SO MUCH. I love you and hope my actions reflect that. Ether 12:27.



Natalie Karen Pope
Fairy Natty
Bainbridge, GA
Biology



The Academy has taught me a great deal of truth over the past four years. I would like to thank Mom, Mya, and the Freeman's for helping me to see the good in all of it. To my friends and Wolfpack: your friendship, support and loyalty were what this place is all about. Here's a Toast.

Ryan Patrick O'Hara
Pitsy, SLOW-Hara, NO-Hara,
Moo-Cow
Hacienda Heights, CA
Mechanical Engineering



It's been real and its been fun... Babe, I will love you always. Dad and Christina, thanks for putting up with me all this time. Together we make quite a family. P'Schoolers, we're done, finally. Matt, don't drink so much. Sponsors, you've all been so dear. Your love and support has kept me doing all these years. FLEATRINER!!!



Bryan Franklin Raridon
Raridon
Bells, TX
Political Science



In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in thy righteousness... For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Thank you Lord, family, friends, and brothers. Words simply cannot express. Psalm 31: 1&3

Adam Louis Oliver
Flagstaff, AZ
Biochemistry



To the mountains, backcountry, blue skies and lovely blue itself. Via focused—impulsive anguish I leave behind passiveness, indecisiveness, and timidness. To Mom. To Dad, Noah, Bron, Faith and the best education money can't buy: comes an eternal desire and hope. To those who reveled reality, friendship, love, and gratefulness to a closed mind and heart, I find words inadequate. I know what I must do now. "Here's a toast..."



Matthew Cole Russell
Tigger
Jupiter, FL
Social Sciences



This is to my Family that never let me Quit, To my Friends who showed me how to live, and to my God who never let me down. To My Fellas—MattyC, Loyd, Steve, Mackey, Zed, Jimbo, Mac, Petey, Reggie, yeah Wes and Howie, a few others too. Thanks for the times fellas. Viva La Us! "If you want to kiss the sky you gotta learn how to kneel..."



Donald Howard Schmidt III
Howie
Rochester, NY
Management



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Julie Marie Weiss
Julie
Clarksville, MD
Political Science



Dreams are our pathway to happiness in life, so follow them. To my family, thank you...you are so important to me and my life, I love you. Erin and Julie, I cannot begin to express to you how priceless you are. To the rest of my close friends and my team, you have brought me many smiles and laughs, and thank you for the enduring memories and all the love.



Matthew Allen Scott
Salt Shaker
Austin, TX
Operations Research (Russian, Math)



At times I couldn't see the end and my Mother, Father, and God would direct me back to the path. For that I Thank You. To the memories and friendships of the days of living in A squad, Ratz, and Wolfpack I give you John 15:13. With the right attitude and no expectations victory will not be denied you. As for tomorrow...I shall finish the game. LC



Brandon Gene Williams
Briggs
Fayetteville, GA
Mechanical Engineering



I owe my success, thanks, and love to God and my family for supporting me and always being there. To the fellas, you know who you are, you're the ones that made it worthwhile. Besides the friends, it was all pretty much a silly game that I couldn't wait to finish. If I've learned anything from here, it's to never give in and trust no one except your closest friends...



Andrew Charles Steadman
Hey Steadman!
Atlanta, GA
Political Science (Military Doctrine Operations and Strategy)



I am nothing without God! Mom, Dad, Ryan, Judy...sorry for all the collect calls. I shudder to think where I'd be without you. My strength and my hope. Bryan, thanks for being the spotless window (April 8, 1999). Adam, thanks for keeping me level-headed. Dan and the guys, thanks for the memories and close air support in the future. GSP, Jr....I'm right behind you, sir. Here's a toast...





Bull Six



Squadron 06

Jeremy Wade Anderson
STX
Stix, Georgia
Political Science (Spanish)

Philippians 1:21 "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."



Dustin Ray Benker
Dusy
Phoenix, AZ
Management

I'd first like to thank God for giving me the strength to finish what I started. A special thanks to Mom, Dad, and Donna you guys were always there for me and I'll never forget that. And thanks to all the guys that made this a better place, especially Mike and Ace, you guys have been there through it all. Philippians 4:13.



Andre Barrera
Andy
Laredo, TX
Psychology

I just want to thank both of my families for their support and understanding... it's been a long time and now I get to leave. Kris, I always dream of you.



Michael Jason Blair
Lake Placid, NY
Biology

When I was 5 years old you let me strap on a pair of ski jumping skis so that I could try to fly. Thank you Mom, Dad, Steve, and Chris for being there for me from day one. To all the friends I have made here, I hope we all stay in touch and get together to hit the slopes. "You can trespass anywhere." - Dude of Life



Cale Walter Bonds
Englewood, CO
Biochemistry

"Whatever you do work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Colossians 3:23



Raymond Lamar Daniel
Big Worm, Rizzniggity
San Antonio, TX
Human Factors Engineering

"There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." - Einstein. USAFA has made me believe the latter. To everyone back home, thanks for giving me a reason to succeed, I love you. To my teammates, I have enough watches, you know what I need to get now. Stay hard and remember what comes first...



Matthew Leigh Busch



Nathan Philip Diller
Hereford, TX
Physics / Humanities
(Philosophy, Math)

My deepest gratitude to all, especially my loving family. I could not have done it without your prayers. "Lord Jesus Christ, take all of my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and cherish you have given to me. I surrender it all to be guided by Your will. Your grace and Your love are wealth enough for me. Grant me these Lord Jesus, and I ask of nothing more. Amen." - St. Ignatius of Loyola



Richard James Bush Jr.
Dickey B
Eustis, FL
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

Thanks first to God for his guidance and protection. Mom, Dad, and Kim— Thanks for all the love and support that carried me through. I couldn't have made it without you. To HG '00, I'll never forget! To my friends, thanks for all the memories, it was truly an experience. Finally, "Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you."



Robyn Christine Duncan
Coppell, TX
Management

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Dad, Grandpa J, Grandma D, Nolan, Neal, thanks for your unending love and support. Team- I'll cherish the memories. Brooke- thanks for being my sunny. Mom- thanks for showing me Angels really do exist and for being mine. I miss you more everyday. To my friends- I thank God for you. Dad... thanks for teaching me that "You can never be too military"



Elizabeth Anne Cherney
Beth, Bethers
Towson, MD
Management (Spanish)

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Robyn Wesley Ellis
Smellie, White Shadow, Rob
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Military History

I've made some friends, some enemies, good decisions, and bad ones. Some rules I followed, some I didn't. I'm still graduating. I couldn't have made it without the love of God and my family. To my friends: thanks for the laughs. Here's my advice on making it through this place; it's like working in a fish market, except you don't have to clean and gut fish all day.



Michael James Gilmore
HAP
Lakeland, FL
Management



The Academy experience has been many things, but not fun or easy. The term that does capture the essence of the Academy best is an "Experience." Bad, great, scary, exciting, cynical and proud all describe my experience. I know I would not be here but for my family, sponsors, coaches, friends and loved ones who sacrificed indescribably for me. I am forever indebted to you all. Thanks for making this a reality.



Eric Joseph Lewantowicz
Lewan
Beavercreek, OH
Electrical Engineering (Math)



To my family, friends, and the Hamsters – thank you.

Abigail Irene Kent
Abby, Ab
Columbia, MO
Aeronautical Engineering



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John Anthony Mikal II
Tony, Coordinated
San Diego, CA
Mechanical Engineering (German)



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John Calvin Kirkwood
Syracuse, NY
Management



First I'd like to thank God for giving me the strength to get through here. Thank you to my friends and family for all your prayers and support. I've learned many things the past four years: integrity, honor, teamwork, faith, and perseverance to name a few. To all my buds that I've ever had the distinct pleasure of cruising or racing with, I'm ready any time so LET'S GO.



Stephen Joel Nava
LC Love
Las Cruces, NM
Civil Engineering



Gotta say I haven't been to sure of my plans lately, but I thank God for guiding me through the confusion (Jeremiah 29:11-13). B, I love you for being both my mother and my friend. Shouts to the fam and my boys in the pack. Pimp ninjas – supersize that meal! Cause we be smoking toaches in the vestibule, in the next millennium I'll still be old school.

Matthew Richard Kucia
Koash
Bay Village, OH
Aeronautical Engineering (Russian, Math)



Mom, Dad, I should have listened to you more. You were right about so much. For example, "Why would you want to go the that place?" Thank you for always being there for me. You mean more to me than I could ever say. Margaret, you're the coolest sister. I love you guys. USAFA is the 11th plague, but it was worth it. Thanks to my boys – we made it.



James Ryan Wells Nelson



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Patrick Benjamin Parsons
Master P, Patty, Peanut Butter
Middletown, DE
Military History

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Robert Walter Reed II
The DR,
Orlando, FL
Computer Science

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Eric Stephen Patton
General
Lee's Summit, MO
History

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Ciriaco Michael Villarreal
Ciri, Iaco, Iac, Snuffaluffagus
Beeville, TX
Physics (Math)

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Edith Claire Pope
Edie
Winnsboro, SC

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Benjamin Bradley Wolf
Wolf
San Antonio, TX
Engineering Sciences - Space Systems
Design (Math)

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Shadow Seven



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J Brandon Acheson
Brandon
Billings, MT
Management



Thus says the Lord:
"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but
let him who glories glory in this, That he
understands and knows Me, that I am the
Lord, exercising loving kindness, judgment,
and righteousness in the earth. For in these
I delight," says the Lord. ~ Jeremiah 9:23-24



Samuel David Deaton
Sam
Birmingham, AL
Management

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Hans Eric Anker
Tonawanda, NY
Civil Engineering



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really lived," Thoreau



Brian Angelo Denaro
JELLO, PTWOB #144
Long Grove, IL
Electrical Engineering



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Team, don't forget, "we can always jump"
...freelying, of course. "The best of friends
we'll always be..." Despite a murderous
roommate, broken leg, and many close calls,
the adventure continues. Huzzah! Sheep-
sh! Blue skies!

Seven

Miguel Angel de Vargas
DAS BOOT!
 Merida, Spain
 Humanities (Spanish)



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Lee Denton Hages
 Huntsville, AL
 Political Science



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Matthew Ryan Downs
 Boston, KY
 Behavioral Science



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Travis John Higgs
 Newton, KS
 Aeronautical Engineering
 (Math)



Showed up for BCT, yadda, yadda, yadda... Hat in the air.

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Timothy James Fitzpatrick, Jr.
Tim, Fitz
 Sanford, ME
 Mechanical Engineering (Math)



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Daniel Jared Hingley
Hoss, Hero
 Oregon City, OR
 Economics



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Brian Dan Griffin
Griff
 Bountiful, UT
 Electrical Engineering (Math)



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Erik Walter Johnson
 Des Moines, IA
 Math



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James Robert Jones
Skippy
 Abilene, TX
 Biology



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Omar T. Rashid
 Chandler, AZ
 Electrical Engineering



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Christopher Philip Klier
Comere, Knees
 Manitowoc, WI
 Computer Science



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Christopher Scott Ringrose
Chris
 Fort Wayne, IN
 Physics



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Todd Allen Koehler
Todd
 Naperville, IL
 Management



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Jennifer Ann Shelby
 San Diego, CA
 Human Factors (Tennis)



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Dylan Douglas Pope
D Pope
 Riverside, CA
 Management



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"The world is wide, the time goes by. The tour is over, I've survived. I can't wait 'til I get home, to pass the time, in my room alone."

Mark Hoppus



Dan James Shinohara
Shino, Rita, Daddy
 Deddo, GU
 Basic Sciences (Japanese)



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Jennifer Lee Stehwen
Jenny
 Monte Vista, CO
 Human Factors Engineering



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Christopher R. Tomlinson

Kelly Christina Strom
Kel
 Paris, Texas
 English



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Theresa Stephanie Vick
 Woodbridge, VA
 Geographical Sciences



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Donnavan Willoughby Swaby
Swabes, Chris Rock, Li'l Penny
 Palm Bay, FL
 Biology / Philosophy



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Daniel Joseph Visosky
Noonan
 Covina, CA
 Management

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Jason Isaac Thompson
T-Hump
 Chandler, AZ
 Civil Engineering



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Eagle Eight

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David Lee Anderson
Dave, Little Andy
Carlisle, PA
Foreign Area Studies - Latin America



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Jessica Froome Buchta
Jess, Buchata, Buchs etc.
Medford, OR
Biology



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John Frederic Benson
Buddha, Sport
Greensboro, NC
Economics



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James Harbin Cooke III
Jimmy, Cookie
Greensboro, NC
Civil Engineering



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Anthony Nolan Cooper
Coop
Mission Viejo, CA
Social Sciences



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Jeremiah Shi Gentry
Jer
Fort Smith, AR
Management



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Shelly Erin Elarton
Erin
Lamar, CO
Management



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Russell Dean Gohn
Rusty, Gohn
York, PA
Management



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Cabell David Francis
Stanford, KY
Mechanical Engineering

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Karl Edward Hagarty
Crazy Karl, Carlito's Way
Hillsborough, NJ
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)



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Paul Joseph Gabriel
P PJ, PG, Sweet Pea
Detroit, MI
Legal Studies (Japanese)



Philippians 4:13 I finally made it! Little Man Paul! They said you couldn't do it! And they were right. I couldn't do it alone...I had so much help! I thank God...the author and finisher of my faith. I thank my family, my instructors, my woman, and my friends who were always there. Much love to all my brothers and sisters! Keep it real! For those that are coming up...don't forget your brother beside you...carry him along the way because He Ain't Heavy!



William John Jones, Jr.
Beau, Jonesy, Fatty
Montgomery, AL
Economics (Arabic)



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Brian Raymond Jusseume
Julce
Westport, MA
Computer Science



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Justin David Mackey
Mack
Dracut, MA
Legal Studies



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Terrance Christopher Keithley
Chuck
Denver, CO
Aeronautical Engineering



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Anthony Phillip Massett
Hatcher
Evergreen Park, IL
Aeronautical Engineering



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Joshua David Kovacic
Josh, Spoons
Urbana, IL
Civil Engineering



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Jeremiah James McClendon
none of your business
Southlake, TX
Aero



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Hector Alejandro Lopez
Hagar, Hec, H, Crazy Mexican,
DM, Warrior, Golden Bee King
Rowland Heights, CA
Latin America (Spanish)



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Jennifer Kristin Olsen
Gold Beach, OR
Legal Studies (Arabic)



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Amy Magan Rivera
Peaches
Colorado Springs, CO
Legal Studies



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O. W. Holmes



Trevor Keith Smith
TK, Tigger Taco, Butter
Brandon, FL
Legal Studies



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Brendan Marc Shannon
Del
Tyler, TX
Mechanical Engineering



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Nicholas John Sweeney
Nick
Bellevue, WA
Electrical Engineering



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Jeffrey David Smith
Smitty
Gainesville, GA
Human Factors



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Blue Skies
Romans 8:28



Ethan Michael Waitte
E, E-Town
Windham, CT
Human Factors



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Viking Nine



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Dean Eric Berck
Brick, Dino
Florissant, MO
Biochemistry



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Andrew James Cass
Andy
Beloit, WI
Military Doctrine, Operations & Strategy



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Jonathan D Bowen
Jon
Idaho Falls, ID
Computer Science



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Matthew Duncan Corrigan
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San Diego, CA
Humanities



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Margaret Louise Edmonds
Deland, FL
Behavioral Science -
Psychology



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Robert Kristoffer Hardy
Kris
Albuquerque, NM
Biochemistry



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Kelsey Kathryn Ellingson
Sweetpea
Baker City, OR
Foreign Area Studies (Arabic)



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Cory Michael Heitz
Ole Polecat, Polish Sausage
Lexington, KY
Social Sciences



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Brian Christopher Flis
Rabbit
Kingwood, TX
Mechanical Engineering (Math)



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George Warren Hernandez
Jorge, Hor-Hey, Hern
Carlsbad, NM
Latin American Studies (Spanish)



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Edward Michael Francis
Eddie
Niceville, FL
Operations Research (Math)



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Jennifer Marie Jochum
Chipper
Salina, KS
Legal Studies

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Stephen Henry LePrell
Steve
Jacksonville, FL
Computer Science



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Brian Daniel Peterson
Peternutz
Rochester, MN
Aeronautical Engineering

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Jake Lee Miller
"P... P"
Civil Engineering, French Minor
Hardy, NE



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Jeffrey Thomas Phillips
Richard
Lexington, KY
Computer Science

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Daniel Gregory Mortensen
Morty
Cameron, WI
Environmental Engineering



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Kimberly Marie Ruth Pruett
Kimmy
Albuquerque, NM
Behavioral Science - Psychology

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Joseph Edward Okasinski
Joe
Milan, OH
Operations Research (Math)



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Henry Bruce Schantz
Fatty, Chunks, Hank
Annandale, NJ
Management

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Kenneth Andrew Stremmel
Andy
 Johnstown, PA
 Operations Research (Math)



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John Ralph Trumm
Trummy
 Potosi, WI
 Civil Engineering



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Tremayne Nathaniel Teasley
Trey
 Petersburg, VA
 Behavioral Science



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Wendell Jeremy Yeager
Chuck, Chunk
 Arlington, TX
 U.S. History



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Shawn Anthony Thomas
Big Shawn, Stumbles
 Milledgeville, GA
 Political Science



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"Delight thyself in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart"
 Psalms 37: 4





Tiger Ten



squadron 10

Eric William Adcock
Little Rock, AR
Mechanical Engineering [Math]



Thanks Mom, Dad, Nick, Shannen, and Kristen for helping me through the past 4 years. Nick, next time I'll follow your example. Shannen, don't follow my example. Allstars thanks for a great year. Pinoy "you know we need this money," but don't work too hard in the real A. Oh, wait you never work hard. Z3, take care of each other and stay out of trouble.



Patrick Bryant

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Joseph Alan Bemis
Crazy
Bovey, MN
Aeronautical Engineering



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Daniel Joseph Ellerbrook
Brock, Nuts, Big Red
Evansville, IN
Aeronautical Engineering



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Marc Edward Greene
Dumfries, VA
Operations Research (Math)



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Philip Stephen Johnston

Laura Elizabeth Hill
Bloomsburg, PA
Behavioral Science



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Dara Lynn Kjarum
Waterloo, Iowa
Management



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Mame Retr Hutchinson
Mamledoll
Kingwood, TX
Management



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Alex Edward Krause
Ripley, NY
Military History



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Joshua Jay Imme
Josh
Siren, WI
Civil Engineering (math)



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Christopher Michael Methvin
Meth
Joshua Tree, CA
Human Factors Engineering



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Marc Kenneth Milligan
Chilligan, Milli, Mope
Juka, MS/Florence, AL
Human Factors & System Design



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Erin Christine Nagel
Bages
East Hartford, CT
Management



"Then Crouch down as Low as you Can, the Voice said, "and Jump as High as you Can...Do not be Afraid...Hang on to the Wind and Trust!" Jumping Mouse did. He Closed his Eyes and Hung on to the Wind and it Carried him Higher and Higher. Jumping Mouse Opened his Eyes and they were Clear, and the Higher he Went the Clearer they Became. "You have a New Name." Called the Frog. "You are Eagle!" Thank you to all...you know who you are.



Andrew Charles Parker
Bighead
Yermo, CA
Basic Sciences



Someone else always says it better, so

"If you're a good loser, you keep on losing."
— Paul Richards

"Ain't no sense in worrying about things you got control over, 'cause if you got control over them, ain't no sense worrying. And there ain't no sense worrying about things you got no control over, 'cause if you got no control over them, ain't no sense worrying!" — Mickey Rivers



Javin Carl Peterson
Jarv
Oak Park, IL
Human Factors



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Thomas Lee Philley Jr.
Lee
Galena Park, TX
Astronautical Engineering



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Jeffrey Ward Scohy
Sco-Dogg
Mt. Gilead, OH
Management



Peace out...



Erika Lidia Siegenthaler
Sieg, Shorty
Cornelius, NC
Mechanical Engineering (German)



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Jonathan Randall Smith
JR, Red
Spanaway, WA
Aeronautical Engineering



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William Kenneth Swan Jr
Chill Will
Edmond Ok.
Social Sciences



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Scott Michael Taylor
Newberg, OR
Engineering Mechanics



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Tyler Cutter Tollman
Ty, Mad Dog
Glennallen, Alaska
War Studies



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Justin David White
Whitey
Grand Island, NE
Aeronautical Engineering



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Derek Kenneth Williams
Alexandria, VA
Engineering Sciences



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Lawrence Nahno Yazzie
Tuba City, AZ (Navajo Nation)



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Rebel Eleven



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Michael Dominick Belardo
Mike
Herndon, VA
Human Factors Engineering



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Aaron Joseph Bert
Orlando, FL
Management



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Robert Ell Bremer
Monument, CO
Economics



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Jonathan Richard Burd
JonnyB
York, PA
Military History



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Eleven



Joshua Alfred Ellis
Jellis
Port Orchard, WA
Civil Engineering



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John Mitchell Hale
Johnny Hale
Chicopee, MA
Political Science



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Carl Eric Frohman
Froh, Abe, The sausage king of Chicago, Krazy Carl, Dr. Carl Penang Malaysia/Safer MN Foreign Area Studies (Chinese)



If you ever feel blue about your prospects, realize that having the health and brains to get in here means we're more fortunate than most of humanity. To the old cobras, here's a toast to Dave and Burt Williams. To the Ski Team and Mt. Bike Team, thanks for all the fun, khrash! Dad, Mom, Bruce, Mike, and Andrea thanks for your love and support. 2 Cor 1: 8-11.



David Allen Heinitz
Nutz
Erin, WI
Physics (Math)



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Philip Hobbs Gagnon
Gago
Bow, NH
Mechanical Engineering



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Victor Hernandez
San Antonio, TX
Materials Science



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Chris Daniel Gentile
Colorado Springs, CO
Astronautical Engineering



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Brian Daneil Lane
B-Lane, Nightrain, Red
Ridgefield, CT
Social Sciences



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Joshua Knox-Miller
Josh, Fatry
Milledgeville, GA
Management

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Aileen Shizue Okazaki
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Manhattan Beach, CA
Social Sciences

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Bryan Jay Murdock
San Diego, CA
General Engineering

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Matthew Thomas Phillips
Matt, Muddy, PTWOB #154
Colorado Spring, CO
Engineering Sciences

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Beau Miles Nicewanner
Ween
Eldridge, Iowa
Management

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Laura Lani Powell
Elizabeth City, NC
Foreign Area Studies (Russian)

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David Michael Och
Dave
Pittsburgh, PA
Management

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Nathan Patrick Rowan
Nate
Aurora, CO
Latin America, Spanish minor

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Monty Muliaga Salanoa
Rialto, CA
Biology



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Nishawn Singh Smagh



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Matthew Richard Schnell
Schnell O, Pork Chop, Rebel
Oswego, IL
Behavioral Sciences - Human Factors



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Heather Elizabeth Smith
Smitty
Erie, PA
Legal Studies



"My mother used to tell me...in this world you must be oh-so-smart or oh-so-pleasant. For years, I was smart. I'd recommend pleasant." Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey*

Paul Timothy Schwennessen
RSchwennt
Doublecheck Ranch, AZ
History
Basic Sciences

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Frank Anthony Taravella
Wintersville, OH
Human Factors



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Brett Gordon Shackelford
Shack, Dirty Mexican
Houston, TX
Electrical Engineering



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Don Edward Walpole
Donny
Macungie, PA
Computer Science



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Lindsay Lauren Winter
"Lins"
Roswell, GA
Mechanical Engineering



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Dirty Dozen



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Paul David Anderson
Duncanville, TX
Management



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- Julius Caesar



Nicholas Mathew Dipoma
Horse
San Antonio, TX
Political Science



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Paul Giurlani Batish
Big D
Winnemucca, NV
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)



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Mathew William Elleby
Mat El, e, LBoogie
Renton, WA
Management



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zen

Cory Christopher Benton
Mingo Junction, OH
Meteorology



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James Bartram Fleming
James, Flem
Spokane, WA
Management



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David Scott Chow
"Enigma"
Alea, HI
Basic Sciences



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- Doc Linster



Jennifer Lynn Gagné
Jen
Sanford, ME
Legal Studies



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Justin Thomas Grieve
J.T.
Bedford, TX
Management



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Robert Charles LePome II
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Astronautical Engineering/Math



Dana-Lynne Hansen
Skully, Mmm Bop
Lakewood, WA
Social Sciences



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Jacob Lawrence Lukens
Joe Lao
Riverside, CA
Aeronautical Engineering



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Benjamin Eric Hettinga
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Salem, OH
Military Doctrine, Operations,
and Strategy



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James Joseph Martello

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"what's my age again?"
-blink 182

Peter Erik Kasarskis
PK, Pete, Pee-tah
Lexington KY
Human Factors (Español)



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Hobart Arthur McIntosh
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Thermopolis, WY
Psychology



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Christopher Burton Meeker
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Jason William Schenk

Matthew Joseph Rillos
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G-Town, Co
Mechanical Engineering



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Benjamin James Schill
Environmental Engineering



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Justin Paul Robinson
Justin, JP, J, Juppy
Mobile, AL
Physics



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Danielle R Schmidt
San Diego, CA
Biology



"Everything has been figured out, except how to live."
Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980)

Bradley Adam Salmi
Sal, Salmi, Yooper
Rapid River, MI
Legal Studies (Philosophy minor)



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Grant T. Schroeder
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Bossier City, LA
Operations Research



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Sydney Christine Smith
 Syd
 Houston, TX
 Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)



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Bulldawgs



squadro 13

Erik Martin Axt
Kingwood, TX
English (Spanish)



"The permanent temptation of life is to confuse dreams with reality. The permanent defeat of life comes when dreams are surrendered to reality."

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Russell Paul Cook
Propaganda Machine
Baton, Rouge, LA
Aeronautical Engineering



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Abram Gamba Baker
Houston, TX
Math



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Samantha Laurelin Drew
Sam
Oak Hill, Virginia
Biology (German)



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Travis Alan Burton
Hood River, OR
Astronautical Engineering (Math)



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Raymond William Gamero
Ray
Sandy, Utah
Electrical Engineering

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David Scott Chadsey
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Major: Aeronautical Engineering



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Joseph Richard Gavigan

Kevin Scott Griswold
Gris
Garden Grove, CA
Management



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Harry Kenner
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Port Charlotte, Florida
Civil Engineering



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Uran Guma
Guma
Kavaje, Albania
Foreign Area Studies



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David John Klein Jr
Colorado Springs, CO
Environmental Engineering



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Shelly Lynne Hooten
Shell Bell
Sioux Falls, SD
Biology



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Joe Eric Leeper
Jojo
Albuquerque, NM
Management



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Zachery Bryan Jiron
Zach
Colorado Springs, CO
Environmental Engineering



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Daryl Ryan Maas
Mount Vernon, WA
American & Military History



Life is God, family, and friends, nothing else. To my friends: Remember everything. Call me and I'll be there. God is waiting for each of you. Search your hearts, I beg you. Father, who showed me strength and courage, you are my rock. Mother, who taught me all things good and right, God bless you. Kevin, let us be brothers and we'll never part. Valerie, my beautiful little sister, I love you so much.

Lauren Ann Maher
Lo Lo
Salem, CT
Biology



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John Jacob Rodriguez
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Lockhart, Texas
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Susan Frances Murphy
Susie, Smurph
Richardson, TX
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Jeremy Marvin Roth
J-love
Colorado Springs, CO
Political Science

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Gregory Preisser
Greg
Apopka, FL
Legal Studies



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Brent Allan Stark
Starky
Nisswa, MN
Management

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Heather Dawn Qualey
Silverton, OR
Psychology



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Warren Blair Watkinson II
Blair
Louisville, TN
Computer Science (Mathematics)

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Shaun Michael Willhite
San Antonio, TX
Mathematics /
Operations Research



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Joshua Thomas Wood
Woodrow
Tallahassee, FL
Aeronautical Engineering



"I may be ugly, but at least I ain't got no money!"

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Jeremiah 29:11



Cobras



squadron 14

Alfred James Ascol
Buster
Mauriceville, Texas
Management



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Benjamin Paul Brown
Browner
Austin, Texas
Business Management



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Jadee Ann Bell
Jadee
Westside, Iowa
Environmental Engineering



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Parkin Cole Bryson
Gage
Durango, Colorado
Biology



"Take it easy..."

Jimmie Dale Bowyer, II
J.D.
Henryville, IN
Space Operations (Math minor)



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Justin Edward Bright
JB
Bainbridge Island, WA
Eng. Sci -Astro



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Jessica Ludlow Dowd
Queen of the Universe
Kittery Point, ME
Biology



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"I spent four years prostrate to the higher minds, got my paper and I was" Out -Indigo girls

Melinda Dumas
Wayside, GA

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Paula Aileen Kelly
Summersville, WV
Foreign Area Studies

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Samuel Courtland Goodwin
Court
Clermont, FL
Legal Studies

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Michael Patrick Keough
Ann Arbor, MI
Management

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Andre Jeffrey Hall
DREDA, GATOR
Lansing, MI
Electrical Engineering

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Edward Kim
Eddie
Upper Darby, PA
Political Science

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Allison Marie Hartmann
All, AL, Sunshine
Troy, OH
Foreign Area Studies (Russian)

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Kerrick Deacon Krill
Kerr
Gainesville, FL
Operations Research

Thanks God.

Dan Kristian Kunkel
Knuckle
Mapleton, MN
Civil Engineering



Ride like it's your last run on an incredible powder day, but never forget to look up and see all of the blessings God has given you. Keep everything in His perspective and you'll be fine. To all my friends left at this place Remember: You're always busy, but it's not always winter... Go snowboarding! Ride FASTER! hasta la secret sierra sauce. dkk



Ellen Monroe LeVaughn
El West Memphis, AR
Humanities (Spanish)



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Benjamin Earl Matthews
Big Ben, Cip
Haslett, MI
Civil Engineering



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Brian Edward McKay
St. Louis, MO
Engineering Sciences (Math)



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John Edward Motley
Big Country
Geneva, AL
Legal Studies (MDOS, Philosophy)



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Nathan Andrew Oltmans
Nate, NatO
Cary, NC
English (French)



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Jeffrey Jacob Schrum
Schrumdiggy
San Antonio, TX
Foreign Area Studies (German)



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Operations Research (Math)



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Bashar Sakher Smelt
Bashar
Fuheis, Jordan
Electrical Engineering



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Emilio J. Ureña
El
Passaic, NJ
Aeronautical Engineering



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Jesse Lee Smith
Hermantown, MN
Aeronautical Engineering



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David Edward Zeytoonjian
Toons, Eddie
Boston, MA
Social Sciences

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Wareagles



squadron 15

Joshua Kale Andrews
Redneck
Cullman, AL
Astronautical Engineering



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Loyd Glen Childs Jr.
The General
Sinton, TX
Social Science



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Matthew Robert Baker
Anchorage Alaska
Legal Studies



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Bruce Troy Clark
Billings, MT
Political Science (Arabic)



"...whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Him, for Whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ... not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Him..."

Jordan Alexander Bettio
Jersey
Toms River, NJ
Social Sciences



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Anthony James DeGregoria
Panama City, FL
Mechanical Engineering
(Math Minor)



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Michael Brandon Campbell
Mikey
Baltimore, MD
Social Sciences



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Darshan Dohle
Turtleneck
Philadelphia, PA
Basic Sciences



Remember the time: Merk spent the night in the Mexican prison. Smartello drank the handle of Skol vodka. Jim got jumped by those kids on bicycles. Hole, Jim and I drove to Texas to see Mad Dog. Jeff bought that RV. Doug and I spent 5 hours looking for our hotel in Cancun. Brion had the Greasy. Jordan and the rest of us were doing donuts on the Terrazzo. Torc took a leak in Mike's rum and coke. Remember the many times we can't remember...

David Alan Ericson
Dave
Fairfax, VA
Mechanical Engineering (Math)



Brothers Eternal,
When you come to the edge of all the light
you know, and are about to step off into
the darkness of the unknown, faith is know-
ing one of two things will happen: There
will be something solid to stand on, or you
will be taught how to fly. BJW
"Everything is possible for you...Yet not what
I will, but what you will." Mk14:36



Reginald Jennings
Reggie, Big Reg
Oklahoma City, OK
Social Sciences



Mom, Dad, & Gina; you're my inspiration,
now and always; 5 year program: H
School ASquad!!!, CS28 "ain't no party like
a Blackbird party!", Wareagle 15... what-
ever; to Da Boyz always pimpin' (long live
The Spot) and the Circle with all those crazy
times; Remember: "You've only lied,
cheated, or stole when you're CAUGHT!
Double Centurion!!

Aaron James Franklin
Dirty Frank
St. Louis, MO
History - War Studies (French)



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Mom, Dad, Cor, Jojo, Mikey, Nater and all
the rest. They didn't kick me out after all -
must have lost the paperwork I suppose.
It's been real - time to move on and make
the most out of the rest of my life. Remem-
ber to do something every day to make the
next worth living. Cuelle le jour!



Nathan A. Jensen
Nate
Computer Science



It's been a long crazy journey, hasn't it? I
guess they haven't kicked me out yet, and
the faint hope of graduation is now a real-
ity. To all my friends, you guys are the great-
est. You make this place bearable when
there seems little reason to persevere. To
my family, thanks for all the lessons and
strength you have given me, I admire you
more than you will ever know. Camille, we
have nothing but the future, let's see what
we can make of it.

Natalie Ann Grove
Nat
Lancaster, Ohio
Social Science



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last four years. To all the old Hawks: You
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start our life together. "Rest if you must,
but just don't quit"



Nathan Blair Maertens
Meertins
Puyallup, WA
Biochem



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Anthony McKinney Gurrieri
Tony, Guido, GS
Charleston, SC
Aeronautical Engineering



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care of America's Finest. Take it easy and
Fly Safe!



Jared Michael Mandella
"Mech" "Jerry" "Mandingus"
Flippin, Arkansas

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everything. Phil, you're money, thanks for
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all the balls in 27. I love you all.

Martin Alan Mentch
Marty
Colver, PA
Computer Science

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Ryan Thong Vinh Pham
Big Daddy, Peas and Ham
Garland, TX
Electrical Engineering (Math)

I'm finally out of here!!! First, I'd like to thank my family for all of their love and support. To all my buddies out there, thanks for the memories, especially the MMF'ers who helped me start this journey and to the War Eagles who helped me finish it. See ya'll out in the real world. God speed.



Dare' Anne Rapanotti
Celebration, FL
Psychology

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Joshua Hamann Ritzmann
Ritz
Clifton, TX
Management

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Meghan Marie Szwarc
Megs
Bradford Woods, PA
Operations Research (Math)

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Julie Kay Turner
Jules
Greenwood, IN
Management

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David Michael Ware
Spring City, TN
Political Science (Spanish)

"Some values should always be pursued. They are: Courage; physical and moral. Integrity; a man's word is his bond. Intelligence; knowledge of things and people. Ambition; striving mightily to attain our ends, determination to progress - but not at the expense of others. Patriotism; putting country above self. Humanity; love of people. Living by the Golden Rule. Spirituality; realization that a universe this orderly must be ruled by God."

—Jimmy Doolittle





Chickenhawks

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Randall David Deppensmith
Titusville, FL
Electrical Engineering



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Heather Anne Fox
Foxxy/Graham
Nepean, Ontario
Basic Sciences/Math



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Christopher Westbrook England
Chris, Chrisgo, Englewood,
Englenutz, Poland
Hilton Head Island, SC
Management



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Eric Edward Garcia
Schertz, TX
Management



"They will soar on wings like eagles" - Isaiah 40:31. I thank God for making all things possible and giving me the strength to endure. To my father, mother, and brother who have been such an important part of my life—I will always love you. To all of my friends... thanks for being there for me.



Paul Michael Graves
Gravy
Redlands, CA
Math (German)



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Herbert Townsend Green
"Lil' Hub"
Lanham, MD
Management



"Thank you Eternal Father for your blessings. Here I've learned to work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like no one's watching. Thank you to the 'teachers' of this lesson, it is one I will take with me always. My brothers, the only thing I can leave you is what you've given me and that is true love. In His Name...Brothers Forever



Kerri Lynn Greene
Vacaville, CA
Economics



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Christopher James Hall
Chris Hall, Cadet Hall
Cypress, CA
Management (English)



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Matthew Raymond Hummel
Hum, Humnutz
Syracuse, NY
Humanities



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Benjamin Michael Johnston
Ben
Tucson, AZ
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

"No wasted time, we're alive today. Churnin' up the past, there's no easier way. Time's been between us, a means to an end. God it's good to be here walkin' together my friend." SRV Thanks to my family and the friends that I've made here. Weasels, Chickenhawks, and Volleyball, I'll miss all you guys. It's been a kick in the face with a steel toed Kodiak grip work boot, but I made it.



Summer Anne Koons
Woodland, WA
Operations Research (Math)



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Michael Bradley Lewis
Mike, Sweet Lew, Fat Lew
Cary, NC
Operations Research



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Carlos Constantine Mararac
Rac
Orange Park, FL
Biology



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David Aaron Merritt
Dave, D, D-Merritt
Wibraham, MA
Aeronautical Engineering



"Leaders must have a strong sense of the great responsibility of their office; the resources they will expend in war are human lives." - FMFM-1. Teamwork gets you through here. Dad, Nate, PJ, the Old 29, Sabre Drill, I couldn't have done it without you. Aero guys, sleep deprivation is your friend. "Born to fight, trained to kill, ready to die, but never will!" Remember Shannon - SD2K! Semper Fi.



Olivia Suzanne Mitchell
Penny
Colorado Springs, CO
Astronautical Engineering



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Jason Pereira Moraes
JP, More Haze
Clark, NJ
Human Factors



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Timothy Martin Paschke
Stork
Park Ridge, IL
Physics



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Jamie Rand
JRRand
Standish, MA
Biology



Friends: After the trials and tribulations, the time has finally come. Mom, Dad: Thanks for your love and support in spite of your reservations. Den: I didn't want to hear it, but you were right. Pen, Miss Emily: You ladies keep me sane. Remember, friendship forged in adversity never fades. PTWOBS: No matter what, we can always jump. Thanks for the memories. You mean the world to me. Blue Skies.



Paul Everett Sheets
Dicky, Dirty, Train
Mount Sidney, VA



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Brandon Heath Sokora
Soko
Staton, TX
Civil Engineering



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Emily Van Degrift
"Mother Earth"
Potomac, MD
Biology/ Japanese



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Jaime Jo Webb
Flaine Jo
Farmington, NM
English



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"One risk is worth a thousand dreams."



John Gabriel Velazquez
Cheech
Clermont, FL
Political Science



I sometimes don't remember why I came here, but I'm glad I did. I thank this place for the skills it helped me develop and the opportunities it afforded me, but don't plan on seeing around anytime soon. Free at last, free at least, thank God almighty, I'm free at last. Seriously, you can do anything a day at a time, but never forget to take care of your people.



Micah Lawrence West
Tallahassee, FL
Environmental Engineering



It's what you make it.

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Gregory Steven Voelkel
Greg, Gump
Lafayette, LA
Management



6:20, Burger, morning formations, edge dressing, this is what made the Academy experience, but that's not what I'll remember. I'll remember mountain adventures, ski trips, patience, DAS, Seinfeld, smoothies, hermit crabs, and turkey gobbles. Most of all I'll remember the people I've met here, it's been a blast. Thanks to the Deavers for making me family. It's been a great ride. But at last I get off, "See ya, goodbye"





Stalag



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Evelyn Marie Andersen
Xena: Warrior Princess
Crowley, TX
Physics (Minor Math)



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Kristen Diane Bakotic
Spazz, Psychotic Bakotic
Orland Park, Illinois
Environmental Engineering



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David Ian Bennett
Dave
Wilmington, MA
Political Science



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Douglas Allen Charters
Doug
Hinsdale, IL
Operations Research (Math)



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Brian James Finnerty
Fins
Columbus, OH



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Edwin Germosen
Token
Panama City, FL
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)



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James Stuart Fleming
Marietta, GA
Legal Studies



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Steve Uri Greenspan
Devo
Corona, CA
Computer Science



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Bud FujiiTakamoto
Kealahou, HI
Electrical Engineering



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Steven John Leutner
Falls Church, VA
Computer Science



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Benjamin Edward George
Rochester Hills, MI
Engineering Sciences (French)



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Scott McEwan
Ques
Paducah, KY
Electrical Engineering



I am not qualified to write this blurb. I don't have the GPA, MPA, PEA, or OPA. Through the stinky pile though, I can't say that it wasn't worth it. My brothers, Socrates has said it all, and he really meant it. Life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and drink some beers every now and then, you could miss it. Dude, wake-up it's time to grauf8, alright then.



Megahn Elizabeth McNiff
Mick
Fairfax, VA
Biology

I wish I could say I learned to have fun with out getting caught—but we can say we learned how to enjoy our lives no matter what. You know who you are, whatever we did, we did it together, and that's what counts. Your friends will always be your friends. ECCLESIASTES 4:10. Dad, thanks for filling out my application. The entire encouraging McNiff clan, I love you.



Ryan Bradley Roach
Roach
Oak Lawn, IL
Materials Science

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Alexander James Miller
Alex
Carlsbad, CA
Management

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Charles Wesley Robertson
Wesley
Sayre, OK
Aeronautical Engineering

Cameron Philip Nordin
Cam
Phoenix, AZ
Economics

The only thing I'm going to miss from the Academy is all of the great friends I've made. Also, I couldn't have graduated from this prison without the support (and care packages) my family gave me. Even though USAFA stole the best years of my life, they couldn't steal my dream of flying.



Ross Aron Schumer

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John Wesley Raber
Johnny, Rabes, John, Holmes
McNeal, AZ
Behavioral Science-Human Factors

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James David Silva
Jimbo, Pops, Old Man
Swansea, MA
Basic Sciences

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Rachel Lianne Smith
Niceville, FL
Basic Science



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Lonzo Eugene Wallace
"ZO"
Burleson, TX



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KayLynn Trammell
Oklahoma City, OK
Environmental Engineering



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Nightriders



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Scott William Ahrens
Eagle River, AK
Economics



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Michael Anderson
Mike
Logan, Utah
Management



Abigail Graham Albert
Abby, PTWOB #150
Aeronautical Engineering



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Sascha Will Archie
Arch
Huntsville, Alabama
Foreign Area Studies (German Minor)



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Steven Jay Ayre
Fatty
Finley, WA
Mechanical Engineering (Math)



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Thomas Eugene Bierly
Tommy
Stafford, VA
Human Factors



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Marcus John Booker
Pittsburgh, PA
Humanities/Basic Sciences (Math, Philosophy, Spanish)



SUMMATION OF WORLD HISTORY (last 2000 years and ongoing), "what is the kingdom of heaven like?...a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it...It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

Jacob John Carr
Jake
Calais, Maine
Econ/Pol Sci



"I do not recognize anyone's right to one minute of my life. Nor to any part of my energy. Not to any achievement of mine. No matter who makes the claim, how large their number or how great their need...The world is perishing from an orgy of self-sacrificing."

—Ayn Rand

Wendy Chao
Dallas, TX
Biology



I finally see the end of the coaster ride...but as with all rides, you never think it will end that quickly. To my family, thanks for your love and constancy. To my friends, thanks for the times we laughed "What the...!!!" whenever that ride made unexpected turns. Though happy to get off, knowing you'll never do it again, I've loved every minute, even when we sometimes loved hating it so.

Kristin K. Haley
Haley Monster
Reston, Va
Human Factors Engineering



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Joshua Albert Hartman
Rolla, KS
Biology



Help me believe in what I could be, and all that I am.
Show me the Stairway I have to climb, Lord,
For my sake, teach me to take
One Day At A Time.

Christian Thomas Hauck
Shocker
Hays, KS
Mechanical Engineering (Math)



Mexico, Vegas, Hawaii, B.C., Niosa, Tampa, Sunny-D, Hays...Those are the experiences I will remember for the rest of my life. Thanks to Ken, Johnnie, Birdog, Token, and Sweet Dick for being such awesome friends. Mom and Dad...No way could I have made it without you. Thank you God for showering me with your blessings and teaching me so much. Maureen, you are wonderful and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. "Charge it up!"

Jeffrey Glen Holland
Jeff
Charlottesville, VA
English



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James Lloyd Long
Jay
Cary, NC
Aeronautical Engineering



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Matthew Steven Husemann
Huse
Kettering, OH
Civil Engineering



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Kevin Matthew Lord
KLO
Santa Maria, CA
Foreign Area Studies (Japanese)



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Felix Isupov
Izzy
Philly
Foreign Area Studies

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James Michael Marion
Jim, Bo
Human Factors



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Brett Marshall Lent
Moreno Valley, CA
American History



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Erik Nathaniel Martin
Marty/Moose
Rathdrum, Idaho
Management



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Jordan Stephen McCatherin
Littleton, MA
Foreign Area Studies (French)

"I don't know where I'm going but I'll get there, sometimes I'm wondering where will it be." this is not an end or a beginning, it is just another step. It has been good, I mean nothings perfect, but I can't complain. some great friends, especially roommates, and I wish them the best. I have nothing against anyone, but to those I am close to, just keep cool, it will all be good.



Ryan J Rasmussen
Kid Ras
Sandy, UT
Military History

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Julie Catherine Moore
Indialantic, FL
Human Factors Engineering

Wow.



Daniel Carter Wilkinson
Wilk
Lancaster, CA
Economics

"all nature, from the smallest thing to the biggest, from grains of sand to suns, from protista to man, has its existence in eternal coming into being and going out of being, in ceaseless flux, in unresisting motion and change." Frederick Engels

Brian Michael Nicosia
Algonquin, IL
Mechanical Engineering

"Thank you" to my family and friends; you've made me who I am today. Those who have stuck with me through the tough times really know the true meaning of friendship. Couldn't have done it without Tom, Kris, and Jim. Forks Forever! Blind Cowboy Wetfoot. "May the virtues of life be blessed upon your journey through it." It's been fun, take care, and I'll see you down the road.



Wade Weston Williams
Wizzad
Little Rock, AR
World History

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Wolverines

Squadron 19



Michael Andrew Bepza Jr.
Mike
Tamaqua, PA
Civil Engineering



The academy played the biggest irony in my life; I couldn't wait to get in here now I just can't wait to leave. There are many things I would like to change, but the one thing I wouldn't were the people. To all my friends from sixteen, boxing, and elsewhere good luck and farewell.



Aaron Joseph Burke
Al, Shamus
China Grove, NC
Civil Engineering



Nobody's perfect, it's just "in the way that you use it, don't abuse it, don't let it go." I've learned most of it here, through dreams and nightmares. To my family, friends, and Phil, the nightmare that I learned most from...thanks. "I could've stayed in the past, could've even been king. But in my own way, I am king. Hail to the King baby!"

Lindsay Rebecca Brocklesby
Manhattan Beach, CA
Legal Studies



To my friends, it's been hard but we finally made it. You were there for me through the good times and the bad. I'll never forget it. We did it together! To my family, your support made everything possible. You never gave up on me. Thanks for listening to all my phone calls, and for being there when I really needed someone. To the Academy, it's been fun. I'm out.



Michael Eugene Deaver
Deavs, Dirty, Checkpoints
Littleton, CO
Electrical Engineering (German/Math)



YUI! Go go go... NO wait wait wait! Gobble Gobble. Mwawwaaaaaagh! Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap... smoothies, pasta, Seinfeld, sponsors, Cable Guy, patience, Little Bear is doable, expeditions, marathons, ski camping, USNA Zoomies, The Secret Underwear, 360s, complicated splendor, checkpoints, Tre Nine, Dingos. Thanks to Dad, Mom, Deb, Mike, Grandma, Greg, Adrienne. I'll never forget the Friends I made here. It was purely what you made it and I loved it.

Michael James Dorrell

Mike

Jackson, NJ
Military Doctrine, Operations,
and Strategy



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Anthony Chris Driessen

Tony

Huntington Beach, CA
Management



The Academy truly is a trial by fire that is often perceived as four years of hell. However, when I look back at my experience at the Academy I think of how much fun I've had, how much I've learned, and how much I've matured. I would like to thank my family and all of my friends for making this experience a great one.

Ryan Taylor Hayes

Ft. Hood, TX

Mechanical Engineering



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Jeremy Curtis Heimgartner

Gramps

Louisville, KY
Economics



The road was long, with many stops along the way. I finally made it with help from my friends and family. On my journey, I found many treasures such as: great friends, my fiancée, and Jesus. I want to wish everyone luck and see if anyone has change for a dollar.

"I press on toward the goal for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" Philippians 3:14



Thomas Bartholomew Hunt

Tom

Cleveland, OH
Biology



"You only have one life to live; make it interesting."



Kent Ralph Jensen

Inkom, ID

Engineering Sciences
Control Systems



"When duty requires I am happy in going from home and I am happy in returning, for it is my greatest joy and comfort to do what the Lord requires of me and what I know to be my duty, no matter what it is if the Lord requires it of me. This course gives joy and peace." Brigham Young. There is a way to be happy anywhere, even at Camp USAFA.



Scott Gossick Johnson

Scot, Big Ugly

Chelmsford, VA
Astronautical Engineering (Math)



And now these three remain: faith, love and hope. Thank you God for giving me these and the strength to learn and grow in the past four years. To my family, thanks for all the support, love and laughter you have given me. I can't imagine better friends: to those who kept me here, you're awesome. My prayers are with you. Let the journey begin....



Marc Ian Lowe

The Weirdo

Olympia, WA
Material Science



"Well I remember it as though it were a meal ago..." Thank you God for giving me so much. Thank you Ma, Pa, Karak, Lins, and Zach for being such a great family. Thanks Rober, A-dam, Byron, Jeff Brown, Lehto and all the other amazing Dickboys I've met here. I truly love you like brothers. Never take anything too seriously, (cept grandparents dying and spinal meningitis). There is peace in laughter.

Albert Francis Lowe
Allen Charles
Pasadena, MD
Mechanical Engineering



I've learned that life is too short to be bitter about the hardships we endure. I may have taken the roughest road sometimes and gotten burned along the way, but I don't regret a single thing I've done here. Thanks to those who pulled me up when I was down and the few who toed the line with me, you know who you are. I'll never forget you.



Adrienne Meredith Ondrusek
Ade
Aurora
Humanities

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Kevin Kyle McCaskey
Twitch
Discovery Bay CA
Management



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Erika Ann Paulo
E
Wolcott, CT
Legal Studies

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Keith Lawson McDaniel
McNutz
Lewisville, TX
Social Science



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Matthew Scott Puckett
Matt, Puck, Kirby
Florence, CO
Management

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Ivan Gabriel Normandia
Norm
Chicago, IL
Aeronautical Engineering



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Justin Lee Ramey
Junior
Oviedo, FL
Aeronautical Engineering/Economics

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Jay, and Mort. You helped me to survive. Thanks to all my friends who made me laugh. You helped me to keep my sanity. "The longer I live the more I see that I am never wrong about anything, and that all the pains that I have so humbly taken to verify my notions have only wasted my time." See you on the other side.



Evan Joseph Reece
Ev-Dog, The REECEinator
 Hickory, NC
 Humanities (Philosophy)



To The Fellas:
 Here's to stealing, cheating, fighting, and drinking. If you cheat, may you cheat death. If you steal, may you steal a woman's heart. If you fight, may you fight for a brother. And if you drink, may you drink with me.
 - CCM CMC To The RATZ: "Whatever it takes!" To The Y'ALL STARS: "Legends Never Die." To The WOLVERINES: "March Well!"
 We walk in a dream, but dream no more...



Christopher William Rohe
Rohe, Richard-Boy
 Wykoff, MN
 Management



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Daniel Edward Scherdt
Dan
 Edmond, OK
 Engineering Sciences/Math



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George Andrew Smith
Fan Bobby
 Niceville, FL
 Political Science



Since everyone else is gonna bash this place, I'm gonna defend it... No, ... no I'm not. Mom, Dad, Allan-I love you and thank you. OKS- Kick ass and swim fast, then booze, Neighbors?!? To my brothers on bikes- "Here's to you, here's to me, best of friends, we'll always be, ..." Remember to salute the Captain when ya see him. Was this place worth it? Well, ...



Tara Rae Storch
 Delta, CO
 Astronautical Engineering
 (Russian)



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Katrine Marissa Waterman
Kat, Treeny
 Albuquerque, NM
 Human Factors



Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift. -Eleanor Roosevelt
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Edgar S. Williams
E, E-Dub
 Memphis, TN
 General Engineering



But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles... Isaiah 40: 31
 I thank GOD for all that he's given me. Thanks Mom, Dad, and family for all the prayers. To all my Brothas and extended family, thanks for everything. HG 2000, Team Comes First!
 For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother - Henry V





Trolls



Squadron 20

Christopher Truly Allred
Fatty
Summit, MS
Military History



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John Sonje Berg
Sonj
La Habra Hts., CA
Political Science (Spanish)



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Jason M. Colborn
Pimp Daddy, Mom
Martinez, GA
Political Science



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James Flores Davis
Jim, Gymbough

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Dena Ann DeBacco
Annie
Lake Grove, NY
Psychology



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Dawn Denise Golding
Twilight, Twi, D.D.
Crestline, CA
Meteorology



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Malia Quon Dolfinger
Lakewood, CO
Human Factors Engineering



Mom and Dad, WE made it! You gave me roots, wings, and what it took to be the best Rudy I could be. Friends, Zoomie Ruggers, Trolls—I love you. Thank God I conserved enough oxygen for times when I barely kept my head above water. To those who didn't think I'd make it, HERE I AM! Maybe I'll make General someday... geekies aren't the only ones who "succeed"!



Jonathan Scott Gration Jr
Birddog
Springfield, VA
Engineering Mechanics



Most importantly, I want to thank my Lord and Saviour, my family, and my friends for love and strength!—Phil 4:13
Fellas, Here's to the Captain: Flying upside down-Spin/Acro 2000, "Dancing with Bessie" at Tobey's, \$30 tabs at Haps-let's go to Guthries or Leon's, To the Trolls—"Charge it up," Hays, Kansas- enough said-same goes for Denali (Ken), "Eyes Right" to the Tuff Shed, 5 to 7 at the Holtze-I love Denver, "Craps" in Vegas, Hey Erik, how much tuna is left?

Michael Andrew Edmonston
Eddie
Virginia Beach, VA
Astronautical Engineering



Praise be first to God, whose blessings never cease, and who made me see where the focus of my life should be (Romans 12:2). Thanks to my family for unending encouragement and support. I'll need lots more. To the Navy boys, the best bunch of zoomies on Earth. To the weasels, who taught me common sense, and the trolls, who helped me use it. On to bigger challenges...



Christopher George Humphrey
Hump
Omaha, NE
Management



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Andrew Justin Ellis
Red Monkey
Cambria, NY
Human Factors



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Erik Scott Johnson
Fat Erik
Oregon City, OR
Mechanical Engineering



Mom, Dad and Evan Thank you for all the support. Note to self: "Yes it was!" To all the Fellas remember this: "Praise not the day until the evening has come; a woman until she is burnt; a sword until it is tried; a maiden until she is married; ice until it has been crossed; beer until it has been drunk."—Viking Proverb

Adam Donovan Larson
Ace
Fargo, ND
Human Factors Engineering



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Lance Aaron Merkley
Old Man Merk
Princeton, IL
Biology



It's like I always said, "You can drink an ugly chick cute, but you can't drink a fat chick skinny". Don't make this place something it's not. Just handle USAFA like you would a fat chick... drink all you can and keep laughing. To my Family and Tasha—Thanks for your love and support. Jimmy, Marty, Rory, Tommy, & Barney—Thanks for the peer pressure. See you on the other side!



Nora Jean Nelson
El Paso, TX
Human Factors



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James Charles O'Brien III
San Antonio, TX
Management



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Julio Eduardo Rodriguez
Heber City, UT
Environmental Engineering



"Shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward... and on, on to the victory!" D&C 128:22. 6 years, incredible friends, heartaches, laughs, an 18 month engagement! It is finished. Thanks go to my Mom, Dad, family, friends from '98 and '00, and my Heavenly Father for everything. Most importantly, thanks go to Emily patiently waiting for the next chapter of life together!



Matthew Wells Sanders
Matty
La Crosse, WI
Computer Science



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Mark Andrew Sletten
Stetdog
Irene, SD
Management



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Christopher John Todaro
T, Schminaro, Toad, Richardboy
Pittsburgh, PA
Management



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Marc Richard Wong
Wiz, Wizong, Wonger
Wongales, Mexican
Heidelberg, Germany
Human Factors(German)

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Brian Vincent Wood
Woody, HB
Zephyrhills, FL
Human Factors Engineering

Well this grand experiment called the Academy is finally over for me. Thank God I made it in one piece. I'm a better person for it. Hey, if it doesn't break you, it can only make you stronger. Mom, Dad, Rick, Mike, Donna... can you believe it's already over? Colomblino, Woodrow, Drew... you fellas made this place for me. Where's our machines? Let's ride! Shelly (HP)... I'm all yours now... Let's begin our life.



Kirk Zachary Zerkel
Zerk
Anchorage, AK
Civil Engineering

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Blackjack

Squadron 21



Marcelino Armendariz
Nino
Albuquerque, NM
Electrical Engineering (Math)

Thanks to all my family and friends in helping me get through this place. There is no way I would have made it without you all! I have learned so much these past four years. Probably the most important thing I learned is to strive for excellence while still maintaining a humble character. "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13)



Matthew August Astroth
Stroh
Shelby, NC
Electrical Engineering

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Matthew James Berube
Matt
Meriden, CT
Human Factors / System Design

I know I got a lot out of here, because I know I put a lot into here. Thank you to Mom and Dad and everyone else for the support and help to make it through.



Joel Andrew Bolina
Funky, Beh-Beh
San Diego, CA
Civil Engineering

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference." -Robert Frost
Despite the hardships through this long journey, I have made it through and have not regretted a day. But I know I would not have made it without my Lord, my family, and my friends. So to you all, I have nothing to offer but my undying gratitude and my promise to make a difference in this world... Carpe Diem.



Abdullah Ali-Akbar Brodie
Dulah
New Orleans, LA
Social Sciences



Robert Edwin Eklund
Rob
Ketchikan, AK
Legal Studies



Into this great future we can't forget our past

Sierra C. Burgess
Burg
Orland, CA
Engineering Science



Clifford Wayne Flowers
Cliff
West Point, NY
Behavioral Science



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Erin Marie Crean
Inska
Lompoc, CA
Political Science (Spanish)



Scott Kristopher Gleason
Glea, Red
South Lake Tahoe, CA
Economics (Mathematics)



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Jeremy Louis Eggers



Kathleen Maretia Hasson
Kay
TC, AK
Legal Studies



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Brenetta Sheterica Hunter
Terri
Houston, TX
Management



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Gregory Scott LeCrone
Greg
Helen, OK
Political Science (Philosophy)



Mom, Dad, you know I couldn't have done this without you. I love you and I can never repay you for the inspiration you have been to me. To my friends, both leaving and staying, remember that life is all about what you make it. Permit yourself to look back on every day of your life and say, "yeah, I'd do it all again." Here's a toast...

Darcianne Marie Hutchins
Darci
Albuquerque, NM
Engineering Sciences Space Systems Design (Math)



In everything you do, you can only get out what you put into it. This place pushes that philosophy to the limit; there are limits to what you can do. Sometimes you push those limits further; other times you just step back and decide it's not worth it. Regardless, you learn what is really important to you. Thank you to those who love me: Mom, Dad, Darren, and Benjamin. DFWU.



Joseph Ryan Michaelson
Sota, Sloppy
Champlin, MN
Management



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David Edward Jenkins
Lincoln, NE
Physics (Math)



A memory a day... Pack, Jacks, JFs, and Physics kids, thanks for them all! Thanks also to the fam back home- Mom, Dad, Mom and Darren- I wouldn't have made it without you! "Chase your dreams in full afterburner." "Your focus determines your reality." Let's go fly. We're gonna have a good time.



James Michael Murphy
Murph
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Management



To all the Pullers, I couldn't have done it without you. For the young'ns, you'll soon see the wool at the end of the tunnel. I won't forget the guys I did time with here and I hope you all don't forget the fun times we all had because those are the only things I plan on remembering from here.

Scott Daniel Lanker
Scotty
Ocala, FL
Civil Engineering



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Kedric Joseph Osborne
Ozzie
Louisville, KY
Management



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Brian Alan Palermo
East Machias, ME
Environmental Engineering

I want to thank my family and truly close friends for helping me make it through here. I don't think I could have done it without you. And just because this is over doesn't mean I won't need you again. I'll be here for all of you if you need me.



Adam Frederick Schlag
Goldschläger
Moreno Valley, CA
Computer Science

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Razvan Nick Radoescu
Nick
Louisville, KY
Electrical Engineering

"You must do the thing you cannot do." Eleanor Roosevelt. This pretty much sums it up, because we've all done it! I can't believe it's OVER!!! Thanks mom, dad, and sis... I could have never done it without your help! And thanks to all my friends (you know who you are, because I made sure of that). To all the past and future Blackjacks: YOU can be MY wingmen any day!



Luke James Schneider
Rochester, NY
Behavioral Sciences/Human Factors

Thanks to everyone back home (especially Mom, Pops and Jen) and thanks to the gang out here. The Pack and the Jacks will live on forever. Time to move on—hopefully with limited amounts of fruit punch and visits by George-Hot Damn! We're gonna have a good time since life's too short to be pissed off all the time.

Joseph William Roe
Joe
Boston, MA
Astronautical Engineering

To Mom, Dad and the rest of my family: Thanks for your love and support all these years, I couldn't have made it this far without you. Now it's time to go a little further. To my all my friends: I won't forget you. Hopefully I'll see you on the other side. Best of luck.



Jason Edmund Smith
Crazy J
Trumbull, CT
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to all who have supported me. "There are two roads by which men can travel and reach wealth and honor: one is the way of letters, the other the way of arms... My ornaments are arms, My pastime is in war" — Don Quixote

Jason William San Souci
DeBary, FL
Space Operations (Math)

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Walter Joseph Sorensen
Joe
Woodbridge, VA
Foreign Area Studies (German)

A great man once said "What you from your fathers have inherited, Earn it, in order to possess it." We have come so far already that it only gets better from here, and I hope that we may all attain that goal soon enough. And my thanks go to my family and friends who have stuck by me through it all when I needed them the most.

Anne Stanek
French Cadet Exchange Program

I am so glad that I took part in this exchange. I had such a great time here, and learnt so much from everybody! There is just something that I really want everybody to understand: I was not kicked out of my first flickerball game because I was too violent! I swear, I just did not know all the rules! Thanks to all of you!



Matthew John Zitzlperger
Zitz
Wayzata, MN
Operations Research

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Raptors



squadron 22



Jason R. Anderson
J
Greeley, CO
Ops Research



It is my dream to keep in touch with all of you. So to try and do this if there is ever a time you want to go smack a ball around, fish, camp or have a cold brew let me know! Love to the fam, Deuce Deuce, and nip nip kill!



Xavier Van Nicholas Bruce
Zay, X-Man, Lenny, Cuda
Lake Village, AR
Biology

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Mitchell Jay Cok
Moe
Grand Haven, MI
Environmental Engineering



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William Michael Dains II
Cheek Weasel, Pinky
Oregon, OH
Management



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Amy Marie Fischer
Amy'rie, Chpr
San Francisco, CA
Meteorology (French)



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Larry Wayne Gabe
Cadet X
Pinetop, AZ
Management



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David Atilio Garay
Magellan, Dances With Flames
Milwaukee, WI
Electrical Engineering (Math)



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Jason Robert Goldberg
Tons
Bethesda, MD
Engineering Sciences- Astro



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Jacob Lee Hammons

Jake
Spring, TX
Basic Sciences

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Daniel Stuart Jordan

DANGER, Dan The Man
Montpelier, FRANCE
Military Doctrine, Operations, and Strategy

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"Il se découvrait solidement assis dans le ciel. Il effleura du doigt un longeron d'acier, et sentit dans le métal ruisseler la vie" Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.
Yankin' and Bankin' all the way.



Jason Robert Hoffman

Haffman, Uno
Lyndenville, NY
Political Science (Philosophy)

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Daniel Lawrence

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Logan, UT
Foreign Area Studies Asia (Japanese)

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Jennings Bowling Marshall

J.B.
Vestavia Hills, AL
Major Civil Engineering

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Charlie David Jackson Jr.

Charlie D.
Montezuma, GA
Management

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William Henry McKibbin

Hank
Riverside, CA
Operations Research

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"Through my search for allies, I've found myself." —Earth Crisis



Brandon Kyle Nickel
Houston, TX
Mechanical Engineering



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Amanda Lea Rivera
Sparkplug
Colorado Springs, CO
Legal Studies



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Larry L. Paige Jr.

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18 more years left



Miguel Fernando Rivera
Fudge
New York City, NY
Management



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James Hughes Peoples
Jimmy
Burleson, TX
Human Factors

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Kathryn Nina Roman
Kathy
Whitehall, PA
Middle Eastern Studies (Arabic)



This place wasn't so bad, was it? Yeah, it REALLY was. I wonder, do prisoners, once they are released, go back to their prisons for reunions or perhaps to become prison guards?

Matthew Richard Reilman
Realman
Highland Heights, KY
Political Science (Spanish)



Thanks to my family and Katie for their continuing support. To the Wareagles, PTWOBs and Deuce-Deuce, thanks for the memories. The boys - you made it all worthwhile. To sum up my cadet experience, the wise Homer S. once said, "Alright brain, you don't like me and I don't like you, so let's get this over with and I'll get back to killing you with beer." Blue Skies...



Patrick Joseph Schuldt
Hampshire, IL
Management



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David Thomas Still Jr.
Tstyle
Kent, WA
Civil Engineering



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Samuel Mark Todd
Sammy
Billings, MT
Management



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Craig Alan Thorstenson
Schaumburg, IL
Behavioral Science



Michael Matthew Walsh
Matt, Ugly, Wandering Thoughts
Racine, WI
Electrical Engineering



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Barnstormin'

Squadron 23



Christine Michelle Ano
Chrissy
Hurlburt Field, FL
Humanities



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Christopher William Breffitt
Colombino
Denver, CO
Military History



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Marta Anna Blizniak
Blizzo, Martz
Mundelein, IL
Material Science (Spanish)



"Two roads diverged in the wood, and I
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."
-Robert Frost

Thanks to God; I will forever sing your praises. Mom, Dad, Alex, thank you for the support. I love you. Dearest friends, I will miss YOU tremendously. I feel very lucky to be moving on...



Brian Downey Clark
Coal Valley, IL
Political Science



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Seth Michael Cunningham
Seth
Billings, MT
English (Spanish)



It's been interesting, and I don't regret it. But, I'm ready to move on. To my friends and family, I love you all for I would not have made it without you. I hope I was able to help you as much as you helped me. Best wishes to everyone, and remember to relax, take your daily dose of sanity, and fight the forces of illogic. Joshua 1:9.



Eric Charles Hansen
Bel
Bel Air, MD
Environmental Engineering



Hey there, thanks for reading. Mom and Dad, your love has meant more to me than you will ever know—I'm very lucky to be your son. Kel, you've been like a sister... wait... you know I love ya. Liz, my Sunshine, you've been my true source of hope and encouragement from day one. And to my friends and brethren, thanks for all the insanity. Live well.

Benedict Charles Doyle
Ben
Norman, OK
Operations Research



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Anthony Lenard Jones
Tony
Columbia, SC
Social Science



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Michael Anthony Fugett
Cleetas
Hayward, CA
Civil Engineering



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Kevin Scott Kuciapinski
Kuch
Cherry Creek, NY

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Matthew Lawrence Hannon
Matty
Buffalo, MN
Human Factors



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Jeffrey Ryan Liang
Flossmoor, IL
Biology



"...In the face of utter loss, many never regain the spark of life. However, a few brave souls emerge from life's greatest trauma almost unscathed... Of these few, a handful transcend their tragedy to become a stronger, wiser, and better human being... they are the Grandmasters of Life!" —Shao-lin Grandmaster Sin Kwan The'. Become a Grandmaster in your own way. Thanks mom and dad for all of your love and support.

Elaine Melendez
Laney
Orlando, FL
Aeronautical Engineering

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance.

—1 Corinthians 13:7

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August Lee Pfluger II
Aug-Dog
San Angelo, TX
Political Science

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Jared Reynolds Miller
Yorba Linda, CA
Civil Engineering

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Jeremy Loring Renken
Renkenstein
Lancaster, PA
Foreign Area Studies - Middle East
Arabic

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Thomas Aubrey Nelson
Nellie
St Paul, MN
Political Science

Have you figured it out yet???



Michael Garrett Roberts Jr.
Mike, The Rocket
Crockett, TX
Environmental Engineering

"It's been a long road, and through it all I've learned three things. Stay true to your faith, stay true to your roots, and stay true to your brothers. To all my family, my support group (you know who you are), and my brothers, I love y'all and never would have made it without you. Now it's time to head on down that dusty trail. Sieger."

Mollie Marie Peters
Mo
LeMars, IA
Management

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Amanda Marie Saunders
Mandee
Garnaville, IA
Environmental Engineering

"I liked it here. A lot. I especially liked the part when I got to wear a soldier costume to school on Fridays. I was a good soldier. Too bad they never let me dress up in a princess costume. I always wanted to be a princess. Thanks Mom, Dad and Sis. I love you."

Theodore John Shultz
Ballgame
Sacramento, CA
Civil Engineering



I'll take the girl, the friends, the AFSC, and the ring. Mom, you can have the rest. Mackenzie, couldn't have kept a smile with out you, I love you to pieces. You're my heart of gold. Mom, Dad, Sam, Tim. Thanks for the e-mails signed with unconditional love. USAFA- Thanks for the fight, but you lost. Frank and Harry- I'll take water in the ear for you guys any day (1380). Like Ty Cobb, you make your own breaks. Community, Identity, Stability, Consistency.



Aaron O'dell Torczynski
Wichita, KS
Operations Research(Math)



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Thomas Christopher Ward
Chris
Granbury, TX
Mechanical Engineering



"We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:25. I would like to thank my parents, sisters, Mary, Jenny, friends, and especially God for helping me make it through here.



Jason Edward Williams
Willy
Celebration, FL
Political Science



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Phantoms



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Timothy Allen Kipp
Tim
Quakertown, PA
Materials Science



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Brian John Marbach
Stafford, VA
Astronautical Engineering



Try to remember to remember two quotes: look towards the sun... and if all works out in the end.

Jason Matthew Lawrence



Sean Hudson McCarthy

Kimberly Elizabeth Lee
Kimmy, the pirate wench
Elizabethtown, KY
Psychology (Philosophy)



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Charles Brock Miller
B. Miller, B. Rocky Degree
Lakewood, CO
Biochemistry



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Peter Manuel Lington
Pete
Highlands, TX
Social Sciences



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Stephanie Lynn Oldham
Louisville, KY
Humanities (Math & German)



"Wherever we go there seems to be only one business at hand - that of finding workable compromises between the sublimity of our ideals and the absurdity of the fact of us."

—Annie Dillard
We never stop learning and growing and changing. I've done it through faith. I've done it through friends.
Keep on rockin'!



Gabriel Gene Repucci
Pooch, La Nooch
 Culmerville, PA
 General Engineering

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Perry Leigh Tanner
 Computer Science

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Albert Williams Rieben
Will
 Bay Minette, AL
 Human Factors Engineering

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Lucas Smith Tickner
Luke
 Moorestown, NJ
 Foreign Area Studies (Latin America)

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Jaron Hakim Roux
J-Roux
 Rialto, CA
 Social Science

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Mark Franklin van Weezendonk
Donk, Nookie
 Hamilton, NJ
 Social Sciences

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Konstanze Eva Snyder
Konnie
 Lakewood, CO
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Edward Ralph Wagner
Wags
 Stow, OH
 Management

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Kristopher Washington
K-wah, Wah, K
Augusta, GA
Human Factors



"It has to start sometime
It has to start sometime
What better place than here
What better time than now" (RATM)
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Redeye



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Nicholas Andrew Anderson
Nick, Niok, Pickle
 Granbury, TX
 Management



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Heather Leslie D'Annunzio
 Niskayuna, NY
 Human Factors



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Michael Allen Boos
Booser
 Oxford, NC
 Management



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Dorothy Louise De Luz
 Banning, CA
 Mathematics



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Matthew Scott Chisam
Chiz
 Lewisville, TX
 Mechanical Engineering [Math]



In the words of that famous philosopher, dyMerkle, "It's a dog eat dog world, and I'm wearing MilkBone underwear."



Nathaniel Jeremiah Douglas
Nate Doug
 Huntsville
 Human Factors Engineering



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Matthew Paul Crockett
Fat Ass, Matty
 Dover NH
 Chemistry



riendships are the true value of this place, or core values. Friends will back you up... tell the truth... push you to the limits. Enemies will turn you in... lie to your face... watch you fail as they move ahead. Core values are cliché words justifying the hypocrisy. Words can't embody the meaning of friendships. So thanks for the friends (Greg, Chris, Ken, Mark), not the rhetoric.



Cory Patrick Duffy
Duff
 Middletown, MD
 Management



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Brooke Frances Effland
Brooke
Thornton, CO
Behavioral Science (Spanish)



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Mark Paul Graziano
Wantagh, NY
Aeronautical Engineering

"I have nothing nice to say."

Ashley Lauren Elliott
Ash
Anaheim Hills, CA
Electrical Engineering



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Justin Lloyd Hohn
"Hohner"
Bismarck, ND
Political Science

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Christopher T. Finan
Chris, Fine-man, Finance
Matamoras, PA
Political Science (Arabic)



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James T. Horne, III
Jimbo, PW, Phat Horne
Spartanburg, SC
Management

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Miguel Garcia
Migs
Orlando, FL
Management



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Gregory Paul Huhmann
Hugeman
Tipton, MO
Biology

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Laura Susan Maher
Virginia Beach, VA
World History



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Nicholas Gouverneur Rutgers IV
Nick
Kamuela, HI
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)



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Steven Adam Marshall
Steve
Bellville, OH
History (Philosophy)



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Christopher John Splees
Sleeze
Oxford, NC
Civil Engineering



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Mary Katherine Merkle



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available



Bryan Edward Trinkle
trink, ray
Hebron, KY
Human Factors Engineering



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Lamont Cornel Morrow
Money, Monty, Money Mont
Dallas, TX
Management



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Troy Ryan Voorhees
Luckey, OH
Military History



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Jackson Whiting
Columbia, SC
Mechanical Engineering

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Barons



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Lance Brenneke
ICEMAN
Hortonville, WI
Civil Engineering (Russian)



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Jon Rodney Friedman
Freedy, 2 Bags
Sioux Falls, SD
Middle Eastern Studies



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Brian Joseph Budde
Buddy, Bud, Budah,
Deathrow, etc.
Brush, CO
Biology



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Matthew Edward Granger
Matt
Burbank, WA
Biology



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James Matthew Byrne
byrno
Louisville, KY
Operations Research



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Nicholas Hunter Hamilton
Nick
Reno, NV
Astronautical Engineering (math minor)



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Robert Shawn Dunegan
Rob/RSD
Mt. Pleasant, TX
Astronautical Engineering



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William Mills Hardie III
Bill
Beavercreek, OH
Human Factors



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Joy Marie Harwood
Joyful
Cleveland, OH
History (French)



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Ryan Mossman
R Moss
Alton, IL
Engineering Sciences



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Champaign, IL
Economics/Operations Research



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Lindsay Erin Nelson
Linds, DH, Turbo
Napa, CA
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)



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Jeremiah B. Laster
Weaverville, NC
Social Sciences



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Shannon Lianne Nielsen
Vacaville, CA
General Engineering



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Ernest Greene Mayfield III
Ernie, E-bone
Beaumont, TX
Management



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Aaron Christopher Pifer
Columbus, OH
History



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Diane Mendoza Santos
Corpus Christi, TX
Biology



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William Albert Sullivan
Billy, Sully, Wild Bill
Valparaiso, IN
Management (Spanish)



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Aaron David Walenga
The Dude
Baltimore, MD
Human Factors



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Joshua Adam Westby
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Fraser, MI
General Engineering



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Douglas Webster White
Doug
Islandia, NY
Space Operations



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Laura Jean Williams
LJ
Alta Loma, CA
Management



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Wesley Andrew Williams
Highland Village
Management



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Randolph Bonds Witt
Randy
Miami, FL
Operations Research (Math)



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Daniel Andrew Wright
Dan
 Colorado Springs, CO
 Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." [2Cor4:17-18] I am in awe of you Lord, thank you. Thank you Mom, Dad and all the rest of my family and friends.



Thunderbirds



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Sean Micheal Allen
Atlanta, GA
Political Science



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Kenneth Steven DeGon
Fullerton, CA
Engineering Mechanics



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KB, Brack
Littleton, CO
Social Science



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Nicole Lucienne Drevet
Nic
Tewksbury, MA
Astronautical Engineering



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Daniel James Brown
"Dirty," "Jerome," "Doodoo"
Raleigh, NC
Military History



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Ryan Edward Durham
Churchville, VA
Political Science



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Richard Peter Cullen
Rich, Dick
Spokane, WA
Economics



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Frank Barton Felton III
Trey, Fluff
Thorndale, TX
Management



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Johnnie Christopher Green
Football, Oddjob, Johnny King
Seattle, WA
Environmental Engineering (Spanish)



It's been one hell of a ride, and yet it's just the beginning. I thank god for all the times he has been there. Thank you Mom, Dad, Jennie, you helped me through week to week. To my true friends, thanks for keeping me sane. To the north hallway T-Birds, ZRFC (who are our friends?), and all others, thanks for being a part of my life. I'll see ya when I see ya.



Jeffery Robert LaFleur
Pe'pe
Easthampton, MA
Operations Research (Math)



To my family, the deepest thanks for their unyielding support. Without you it would not have been possible. To the team and friends, you made it all worth it, and will be whom I miss. Danielle, you will always have a piece of my heart. 2 Timothy 4:5-7. It was the best of times, it's not the end of times, but treat every day as if it were.

Alexander Allen Ham
Alex, Eyore, Matt
Woodbridge, VA
History



I guess if you're reading this, it means I graduated...who would've thought that would happen? To those who believed in me, especially "Goldschlagger", "Yooper", "Devo", Nick, and Maggie, thanks. For those who doubted me...I have nothing more to say to you. To "Pappy", here's a toast...



David ChackTin Lin
Dave
San Jose, CA
Civil Engineering



Thank you to my family, friends, the boys and my sponsors. I would've never made it through here without you, Sean, see you at our next base.

William Bowen Hartman
Will
Irvine, CA
Geography



"Success flourishes only in perseverance — ceaseless, restless perseverance." — Baron Manfred von Richthofen. Thanks to every one I know, especially my family. RATS, keep that attitude. T-Birds, thanks for the support. CCMCMC, you know who you are, always come back with a story, salad. There are lots of memories here, remember them, but it's time to make new ones.



Sarah Elizabeth McGuane
Crazy, Mary Jane
Golden, CO
Humanities (Spanish)



So happy I stayed. Friends made this worthwhile. Thank you Lord, Mama, Papa, Richard for so much, my love always. Thanks to friends for perspective, memories, laughter, "headaches", moot points. Matthew, I love you, our wonderful life together. Paul, Brian, Jon, I cherish our time. Laura, Katie, views are SO worth it atop "mountains" we've climbed together, love ya! Hebrews 5:14-16. "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education." Twain.

William David Humphrey II
Billy, Hump, Billy-ho, H-Bomb, B Hump
Plainfield, IN
Management



First of all I would like to thank God for all the opportunities that he has given me. Thanks to my parents Bill & Sue, my brother Bryan, and my grandmother for always being there and supporting me through everything. To all the ballers, keep it going! To the six-pack in CS27, Bond is invincible. Dyl, Nate, Migs, and Yaz you guys are the best! And I'm out!



Matthew Robert Medley

Michael Donn Parker
Mike D.
Simpson, IL
Mechanical Engineering



I gotta say, we did learn to have a good time. Such a simple recipe, usually a combination of some friends (the Pack and company), a vehicle (Big Brown, the limo, a working Jeep), a destination (mountains, CST, local dive, Carolyn's), some stuff (skis & boards, buff dogs, snowshoes, pallets, coolers) and a mission. You all made it worth while. More good times to come! To Carolyn: Here's a Toast...



Jason Walter Simmons
"JW"
Sumner, MI
Space Operations



From two stripes to one gold bar ... I will never forget. Thank you Lord for listening. I cannot say thanks enough to my friends, my buds, the horses, and the choice hops. To my family and my second family, the Rocks, you have carried me at times ... and I love you all so much. Thanks for always believing in me. GB was always right, "Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers!"

Michael Eugene Pettibone
Bone
Cupertino, CA
General Engineering



To my brothers, Justin Ameer and Jon: Thanks for making this year the best. Warhawks, it was great...Rusty, I won't forget what you left in my pillowcase. Eric, I'll see you at La Casita; bring the Fish Dog! Here's a quote to remember me by: Some say the pen is mightier than the sword. It seems obvious to me that the sword is mightier than the pen is.



Christopher Daniel Smith
LORD ZOD
Beaumont, TX
Basic Science (Physics)



I just want to thank all the little people I had to crush to get where I am today, the voices in my head for always telling me the right thing to do, and all my loyal followers from over the years.. never forget that one day I'm going to rule the world.

Brooke Alison Rinehart
Del Mar, CA
Management



"Here's to the crazy ones. The rebels. The trouble-makers. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules, and they have no respect for the status quo. While some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do." GO BIRDS! Mom and Dad Thank you.



Rory Michael Stein
Menomonie, Wisconsin
Human Factors Engineering



I would like to thank my Mom, Dad, the rest of my family, and my friends.

Paul Anthony Shamy
Pablo
Odessa, TX
General Engineering



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Amity Lea Tipton
Calamity, Ace-Dog, Topsy
Fort Walton Beach, FL
Operations Research (Math)



"Goodbye, and hello, as always" -Roger Zelazny Thanks Mom and Dad for your faith, love, and support. I wouldn't have made it this far without you. Jer- I'm proud of you! To the Lady Weasels, Thunderbirds, and my friends-thanks for the memories. Mary-I truly admire your strength-I love you woman! "Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on." -Mary Schimich

Ryan Eric Wood
Jenison, MI
Political Science



I learned a lot here, I learned how to fold underwear and stand up at a moment's notice. But I never did figure out where Flight Issue fits into my chain of command. My deepest gratitude to Mr. Joe Lentz and the crew at Flight Issue who continually went out of their way to make my experience just that much more memorable. Thanks, Joe! You made me feel like #1.



Blackbirds



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Mary Kathryn Albin
New Oxford, PA
Foreign Area Studies

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Russel Bastian
Russ
Spokane, WA
Operations Research

I'm thankful to God, my family and all my friends for helping me through this place. There have been good times and bad times but I guess I wouldn't trade it. Also a special thanks to my fiance Val for making my life a lot more enjoyable. "Life's a dance you learn as you go" so let's get going and get outta here!



Todd David Bender
Ebensburg, PA
Basic Sciences

Persevere 50th! To my friends, thanks for the adventures and laughter, never forget the ones who didn't make it. To Mom, Mame, Gram and Pap, thank you for all your support. I can only hope I made you proud. Recalled to life... "Well boys, it would be hard to call what we've been through fun, but I'm sure glad we went through it together." Sherman Potter, MASH



Micaela Rae Bentson
KLA
Fargo, ND
Humanities

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13 All glory goes to the Lord and thank you to the many others who helped me along the way. You are all truly my inspiration! Momma, Daddy-O, Jules, Nana, G&G, all the fam, my Bronco and fam, all the girls, all my bro's, and my homes away from home (Wiggys and Wllsons).



Joseph Michael Bonner
Fat, Fátness, FattyJoe
Spokane, WA
Biology

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Cory Alan Cooper
Coop
Randleman, NC
Mechanical Engineering/ Math

Thank the Lord for doing this, I know that I couldn't have. He sure had a sense of humor and let me keep mine. Mom and Dad: Thank you for being with me; you always were. Christy, Cameron, and Chad: Sara: free pizza! I'm the lucky one. Ben, Ada, Kandy, and Rob: tailgates, blue body paint, crew, and "rockets" you guys are awesome. Isaiah 40:31



Michael Stephen Cornelius

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Chesley Lynn Dycus
Ches
Waverly, TN
Environmental Engineering

Mom and Dad, thank you for your love and support over the years — I couldn't ask for better parents. Hump, Murph, Jones, Del, Sonj, and Flem...you guys will never know how proud I am to call you my friends. Thanks for all the good times. To everyone else who helped make this experience more enjoyable, I thank you as well. Fellas, it almost happy hour...WELL HOLLER ATCHA.



Jennifer Engh
Jen
Laurel, MT
Human Factors Engineering



Blurb: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13
That's what this place is all about! Mom and Dad, you are the world to me, thanks for all your love. Friends, vball dawgs, HF buds (peetahs) good luck and take care of YOUR MOMS!!! Kev, your smile is my inspiration-143. More than anything, thank you Lord for your guidance and blessings...Peace.



Nathan Dale Hagerman
Crispy
Powell, WY
Electrical Engineering



Thanks dad for the guts to get me here and make it through, you're always with me. Mom and the rest of my family, thank you for the support you've always given me. Missa: just three words... People behind the curtain, watch the cleaners and no more pyro. Beth, find somebody that loves back. Rob, more than 24 hours notice please. Don, drink! Lizard, get a bigger box. 73's



Javier Esparza
Jav, Javi, Mexi
Schertz, TX
Geosciences



Yaes!!! At last...this feeling is overwhelming! To all the Ratz and Blackbirds, I am still sane because of ya'll. John, Leah, Jobug, Katie, and Mom, I am eternally grateful that you guys are in my corner. To my friends, it was an honor to have met you...I can only hope I was as a good a friend, as ya'll were to me...I love you all.



Brendan Patrick Harrison
Pooh
Snohomish, WA
Economics



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Bobby Anthony Esposo
Spo
Norfolk, VA
Management



"There's going to be some stuff you're going to see that's gonna make it hard to smile in the future, but through whatever you see, through all the rain and the pain you've got to keep your sense of humor; you've got to be able to smile through all this bull. Remember that." 2pac

Thanks to those who have stood by and helped me. You know who you are.



Joseph Alan Ingram
Horse
Sarasota, FL
Management



Mom and Dad, God, couldn't have made it here without you. Procrastination is the way, and a little talk with the CO can make you good for DJ every time. Thanks to all the fellas, the mighty mach crew included, I'll never forget you all. Kaycee, I love you to death, you're my best friend, and I can't wait to spend forever with you. Isaiah 40:31 & Job 5:22.



Jeffrey Terrell Felton
J-Felt
Perry, GA
Social Sciences



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Alan Charles Kerkman
Big Al
Menominee, MI
Operations Research/Economics



"My name is Ash, and I am a slave. Close as I can figure it the year is 1300 A.D. and I am being dragged to my death" (AOD) To all the fellas who made the regular trips to Heads Bar, Meeks, Clifford, Deter, Adam, Pappy, Kersch, JoJo, I have to say it was always an experience. And to anybody else, if you ever see me around, don't talk to me.



Jason Liska
Crystal Lake, IL
Operations Research



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Russell Scott Magaziner
Randolph, NJ
Mechanical Engineering (German/Math)



"Take courage my friends. The way is often hard, the path is never clear, and the stakes are very high. Take courage. For deep down, there is another truth: you are not alone." — Wayne B. Arnason —
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Adrienne Nicole Owens
A
Matthews, NC
General Engineering/Math Minor



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Kevin Michael Anthony Pulliam
Pud PTWOB #146
Bloomfield Hills, MI
Mechanical Engineering (Math)



Psalm 27: 13. Mom, Dad, Matt, Rob, NG: your support is the backbone of my successes, and you constantly prove love knows no distance. Fish, Big Jiggy - best friends forever. Warren's: I could never wash enough dishes to thank you - my family away from home. Roomies - ALL you guys getting married? Bad Asses/Dawgs - the greatest! HPV: fillet! PTWOBs - Jello, Freely, Demo, best times of my life. Blue skies...



Ryan John Rensberger
Rensy
Boulder, CO
Mechanical Engineering



"Never put off 'till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow just as well."
Mark Twain

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Patrick McDermott Robinson
Rick
Millville, NJ
Management



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James Mark Ryan IV
Jim
Newport News, VA
Astronautical Engineering



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Michael Richard Ryan
Bubba
Clarksburg, MD
Civil Engineering



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Jared Michael Santos
Huntsville, AL
Management(Computer Science)



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Carolyn Jean Waikotte
North Pole, AK
Astronautical Engineering



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Aaron Hayes St Clair
Saint
Circinnati, OH
Management



"Balancing living your life for today, and making investments in the future is difficult." I came here for what it would give me later. But sometimes you have to go ahead and live. I know from here on out I will. Thanks to all the brothers that helped me make it through. Thanks to my family, for their support and love. I couldn't of made it without you."



Mark Lee Yarian
Mark
Clearwater, FL
Operations Research



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Black Panthers



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Ryan Barrett
Gilroy, CA
Computer Science

Thank you Mom, Pop, Martin, Brian, Matt S, Tom P, Tom B, Justin, Nate, Dave, Carlos, Mike C, Frank, Jerry, Philip, Zeus. To all:

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rains fall soft upon your fields
Until we meet again my friend
May God hold you in the palm of His hand
rich Blessing

Rebecca L. Burdick
Grand Prairie, TX
Electrical Engineering / Math minor

Thanks to everyone that helped me through this place.

Kenneth James Chandler
Kenny, Chirny
North Highlands, CA
Space Operations

I'd like to thank God for the gift, my family for their support, and my brothers for their commitment. Football brought me here, football kept me here, and each Saturday meant more to me than you will ever know. '88 Falcons - No Limit. '99 Falcons - Better than they'll ever know. Korissa, I'll give you the heart and soul that this place tried and failed to take away from me!

Joshua Adrian Cinq-Mars
Josh
Fresno, CA
General Engineering (French)

I made it! Thank you Mom, Dad, and Jas. Couldn't have done it without you. The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running.



Sarah Colleen Courtney
Wever, IA
Basic Sciences - Chemistry
(German)

In all honesty this place has brought many adventures my way that I'll never forget and always cherish. I can't say I'll miss this place all that much, but I will miss the trouble that finds me here. Thanks to my family and friends for helping me through and making the great memories. Always remember, as Mark Twain once said, "wrinkles should merely indicate where the smiles have been."



Daniel R. Courtright
Pittsburgh, PA
History, War Studies (German)

Thanks to my friends and family for everything, the fun in the good times and your support when it was tough. Here's a toast...



Charles Brent Dishman
Dish
Branson, MO
Political Science

Brian and Heff, thanks for the memories. It wouldn't have been nearly as much fun without you guys. Thanks to my parents, the rest of my family, and all my dirty friends who helped me get through this place. You know who you are. Don't forget: You can hate the game, but don't hate the player.



Patrick J. Doyle
Pat
Bricktown, NJ
Aeronautical Engineering

I will look back at the Academy and say to myself that I persevered through something that was not always enjoyable, but very rewarding and worthwhile. I will always keep the friendships I've made here... particularly the wild stallions, the PTWOBS, and the other members of the Promotion '98 who spent a semester at the Ecole de l'Air with me. Lastly, I thank my family for their love and support.

Joseph P. Geaney, III
Jay, Champ, Genie
Marblehead, MA
Foreign Area Studies (French)



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Hoss and Cleetas- Smile!
Je me casse.



Brent Christopher Krueel
Randolph, NJ
Management



I learned a lot, but moreover I learned to forget. So, I want to take this opportunity to remember those who have made a difference. I want to thank my family, and the Rowans. Mike and Shellee: I could not have done it without your support. Nathane: "friends forever we shall be." Danielle and Kat: I could not ask for better sister.

Jennifer Loreen Haney
Jenni
Durham, NH
Behavioral Science/ Open Option



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"Work like you don't need money, Love like you've never been hurt, And dance like no one's watching."



Lincoln Scott McLeod
Salem, OR
Political Science



Leaving USAFA is bittersweet. We're on to much bigger and better things, but I'm sorry to leave some of the good experiences and good people behind. Thanks to all my good friends from here, Whitman, and home who helped me through. I especially thank my family for all their love and support; Mom, Dad, Syb, and extended family - you're the best.

"Celebrate we will,
Cause life is short but sweet for certain."

Eric Roger Hansen
Baker, MN
Human Factors Engineering



So that's it? I leave here knowing that I took much more than this was ever able to take from me. I managed to make it through here without many people even knowing who I was, but the ones who did are the ones that matter. You all know who you are. Natalie, ready or not, here I come! "What a long, strange journey it has been."



Keith Craig Newton
K.C.
Santa Barbara, CA
Management



To all my friends: you are the best thing this place has to offer. To the fam: Your still there. To Colorado: More sausage please. To the institution: You think I am who you want me to be? I'm the molded fruit of your own making? Made from the seed of your poisonous tree! Ha, Ha, Ha.

Travis John Hazeltine
travdog
Troy, ID
American History



I am proof that a belief in a higher power is not needed, most likely God makes it a point to abandon cadets so just believe in your self and that what you see is what you get. To all the friends I have made, hopefully we will keep in touch. If I have learned anything from this place it is to enjoy the good times because they are what will get you through. "Do as I say, not as I do." Natural selection sucks so do your best to avoid it. WWDD (two bucks will get you a bracelet)



Kirk Michael Olson
Crazy Kirk
Watertown, SD
Physics (Math)



Thank you to: Scott for having the pride of a brother. Mom and Dad for never holding me back. Bryan for the spoon and great times. The Winslow's for raising an officer and future aviator. Mike, Kevin, and John: I look up to you everyday of my life. All family and friends: a piece of each goes with me. Mistakes were made, lessons learned - it was 100% worthwhile.

Mark Porcella
Porky
Phoenix AZ
Mechanical Engineering



"If you are reading this I did in fact graduate and right now I'm probably crashing planes somewhere. I didn't make it through this place alone though, and I want to thank my family for their support. You guys were always around whether I was fighting 240lb beasts or fighting to pass my classes. I would never have made it without you."



Daniel Joseph Santoro
Danny Wop
Leesburg, VA
Human Factors Engineering



Mom, Dad and I in, no doubt your support and weekend beer money helped me make it. You mean the world to me. Seel, monkey, sloth, old-man, china-girl...I'm throwing my hat up for you'all too. Marty and Peterhead...can't even begin to talk about the stuff we should've gotten thrown out for. They were great times and I couldn't have made it with out you. "Above all else, life should be fun!"



Eric William Schmidt
Schmitt
Colorado Springs, CO
Mechanical Engineering



To all my friends and family, I can't thank you enough—it is for you that I wing the lonely spaces. I guess we'll never know when America will call on us to "give the lion's roar," but should the time come, you'll all be in my heart. Let freedom ring eternally—and let us always stand united against those who would oppose it. United We Stand!!!



Billy Shaw
Rocky Mount, NC
Management



To share often and much,
...To leave the world a little better,
...To know even one life has breathed easier
...because you have lived.
...That is to have succeeded.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson
I have been blessed since birth, whether it was the loving comfort of my Mother, laughing with my sister, sharing memories with my best friends here, or beginning a new journey with my angel....I remain humble forever



Derek Leonard Showers
Tan Superman!
Denver, CO
Psychology



Yeah! I am finally finished! Thank you Mom, Dad, and Angela for your unconditional love and support for me while I was at the Academy. If there is one thing I have learned while I was there, it is that I most certainly could not have made it without you. I love you! Remember, "If they can teach it, I can learn it!"



Casey Laine Tinianow
Tracy or T
Billings, MT
Biology Premed



29, Dozen, Mt. Home (It Rocked), the woods, freefall, F-15's, the 3rd verse, swingin', fencing (BOSWA), BAB. Mom, thanks for being my best friend. Dad, I'll gladly follow you into the AF. Ams, Darcie, Wolf, Ill miss you all! Schmitt, thanks for flying with me. TK, another adventure completed, onward. It was the best of times....



Luke Michael Urish
Fish
Lander, WY
Legal Studies



"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Thank you Lord for your grace in leading me. You alone are worthy of praise and glory! Mom & Dad—I love you! Your discipline prepared me and your advice guided me. Thanks Grandparents & Warrens- for your love, kindness, and generosity. Pud & Bigl - Thanks for the great times we had... and WILL have! Romans 8:28 - CARPE DIEM!



David Bruce Wangen
Dave
DeWitt, MI
Aeronautical Engineering



"The race goes not always to the swift, but to those who keep running." Thanks Mom, Dad and Scott for your support. For the guys in the club, SMD. Keep fighting the good fight.

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Lindsey Snow White
Snow, Lins
Clarksville, TN
Humanities/Electrical Engineering



Been a long time comin', But I've never
been alone, Comfort came from a loving
family back home. Wasn't always easy, Sure
as hell not fun, Thank the Lord above the
stars, I did my time and now I'm done.
Mom, Marshall, Justin, and all my special
friends
Your steady prayers got me through, So,
thanks! Cuz' I did this much for me, And I
did because of you.



Paul Bradley Wurster
PB, Rooster Poch
Wichita Falls, TX
Human Factors



It's not where you are; it's who you're with.
Without my friends, I would probably be a
better person, but where is the fun in that?
When all is said and done, I took more from
this place than it took from me. To my
Warhawks and Panthers — thank you for
best times of my life. Pat, I will never for-
get you. Brad, they can't erase you from
memory.



Knights of Chit



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A portrait of a young man with short, light brown hair, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a dark blue military uniform with a high collar and a white sash running diagonally across his chest. The background is a mottled, greyish-blue studio backdrop.

I thank God, my parents, family and friends for helping me build the foundations. Amy, you have added to my dream and my foundations. I love you. To Ed Brooks, thank you for encouraging me. I know you're always watching.

A portrait of a young man with dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark blue military uniform with a white sash. The background is a mottled blue and grey.



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A portrait of a young woman with short brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue military uniform with a white sash and epaulettes. The background is a mottled grey.

To my family, thanks for all the love and support. I never would have made it though without my friends and Jeffrey. Thank you for all the memories. Friends are special treasures of the heart.

A color portrait photograph of a young man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue military uniform with a white sash and epaulettes. The background is a mottled blue and grey.



All the praise and glory be to Jesus Christ, my Lord. I offer my utmost love and thanks to my family. Pooh, ClarkO, Dan, Richie, Byrno, Randawg, Hank, Eddie, Chris, Bisso, and Jared; I'll never, ever forget you. When all is said and done, I will remember two lessons I've learned here: you cannot achieve the victory without fighting the fight, and, when in doubt, always go BBH.

Alister Fox Dopp
Big Al
Park City, UT
Mechanical Engineering



To understand cadets, look at the word itself: "Cadet." Basically, it's made up of two separate words "bend" and "over." Hard to believe I graduated!! I will never forget basic, recognition, the woods, jump, Marti-Gras, Las Vegas, Ops Air Force, the F-16 ride, Soaring, Formula SAE, Jupiter Moons, and so much more. Thanks to mom, dad, the Walshes, my family, and all of the friends who supported me along the way... I really couldn't have done it without you!!



Matthew S. Earley
Matt
Lexington, SC
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)



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Jared David Faison
JD
Port Saint Lucie, FL
Behavioral Science



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Matthew Harold Harting
Matt, Hef
Derby, KS
Chemistry



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Hazel Ann Hatley
Ann
Gilmer, TX
Legal Studies (Philosophy)



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Jennifer Ada Stuart Holland
Ada
Alexandria, VA
Geosciences (Math)



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Brandon Eric Johnson
Midvale, UT
Geography



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Jeffrey Ward Johnston
Jeff, Broken
Fort Atkinson, WI
Foreign Area Studies (French)



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Kevin Ross Lee
Squeaky
Canyon Lake, TX
Astronautical Engineering



"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." - RWE "Yea, verily, verily I say unto you, if all men had been, and were, and ever would be like unto Moroni, behold, the very powers of hell would have been shaken forever." - Alma 48:17 Gracias a todos por su ayuda y amor - viva la Argentina!



Kelly Marie Marshall
Kel, Smelly
Meadows Place, TX
Legal Studies (Spanish)



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Amber Leigh McKnight
Pittsburgh, PA
Chemistry



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Matthew J. Miller
Mackie
Madison, WI
Political Science



"The long road has come to an end, well so some think. This place, like anywhere was just another path, and what lies ahead is your choice. But, when the day meets its end ask yourself, 'did I do all that I could do? Did I do my best? When the bell sounded to end the night did I come out of my corner?' Most importantly where you true to yourself? Thanks family and friends I couldn't have done it without you.



Carissa Marie Niemi
Sweet Home, OR
Behavioral Science: Psychology



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Jason Joseph O'Brien
Dover, DE
Basic Science



Everything in life is a choice. The choices you make have consequences associated with them but in the end it is still a choice. I just want to say thank you to my entire family who have always supported me. "The only people who make mistakes are the people who try. Never let anyone tell you that you can't reach your dreams, the only one stopping you is YOU!"



Arthur L. Patek III
Bid
Chicago, IL
Management



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Patrick Joseph Seipel
PJ
El Paso, TX
Computer Science



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Patrick James Shanahan
Shunny
Akron, OH
Environmental Engineering



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John Christopher Velez
Chris
Tomball, TX
Operations Research



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Logan Blaine Sisson
NOSSIS
Vacaville, CA
Humanities (Philosophy)



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David Witt
Lake Bluff, IL
Mechanical Engineering (Philosophy)

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Robert Manning Thweatt
Rob, Thweatt-ness-er
Memphis, TN
Latin American Studies (Spanish)



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Grim Reapers



Squadron 31

Lindsey Gayle Adami
Hanover, MA
Economics (Math)



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Vanessa Celeste Bartley
V, Victor Bravo, Nessa
Lowndesboro, AL
Biology (German)



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Gregory Micheal Barnes
Brocktown, MA
Astronautical Engineering



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Jason Robert Case
Goat, Head, and Farmer
Ontario, WI
Mechanical Engineering



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Casey Andrew Cortese
Cheese
Pueblo, CO
Management



Put a fork in me...I'm done.



Jessica Rae Guynn
Jess
Taneytown, MD
English



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Scott Santford Davis
Scooter
Tallahassee, FL
Political Science



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Daniel Simon Hoadley
Dan, Cholos
H Meade, MD
Military History (French)



"... If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." Henry David Thoreau
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Joshua Frakes
Josh, Frakentien
Virginia Beach, VA
Basic Sciences



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Scott Anderson Hodges
Dirty, Nob
Bellevue, WA
Legal Studies



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Fitz Alan Glasgow VIII
Lemon Head
Killeen, TX
Chemistry/Basic Sciences



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Justin Johnson
Big Johnson
Round Mountain, NV
Operations Research (Math Minor)



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Jessy Rynn Jones
Junk
West Valley City, UT
Engineering Sciences

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Nathan Kartchner
UT
Civil Engineering (Chinese)

And Enos Lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: - And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years; and he died. - And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel: - And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters: - And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.
Genesis 5:9-14



Nathan Charles Koran
Lil' Tender
Dillon, CO
Management

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Brandon Joseph Lingle
Bl, Beej, Lingus
Lompoc, CA
History

Who is the happier man, he who has braved the storm of life and lived, or he who has stayed securely on shore and merely existed?
—Hunter S. Thompson
Thanks Mom & Dad, L&P got me through! To the righteous BENDAS and other bros - you guys are the best - thanks for the fun and keep it real (LOAF)! To all the doubters - what now?? RIGHT ON!



Andrew Charles Meudt
Fat Andy, Mutt
DeForest, WI
Mechanical Engineering

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Diane Lynne Jean Moerer
Helena, MT
Human Factors

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Dave Noegel
Noegs
Renton, WA
Management

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Jason K. Perez
English, Philosophy (minor)

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I know you will complete your goals as I complete a minute one of mine.
I will always be your elder brother.
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Adam Grant Ressler
Ressler
Colorado Springs, CO
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)



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Adam Christopher Schmidt
Schmidt
Broken Arrow, OK
Management



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Richard Judd Robins
Judd
Salt Lake City, UT
Biology (Chinese)



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Brent John Toth
Toth
Joliet, IL
American History



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Ryan Dee Romano
schmoot
Riverton, UT
Human Factors Engineering



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Gloria Alicia Urcina
Fontana
San Pedro Sula, Honduras
Biology



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Troy Rodel Saechao
Triggly, Troy, Triznoobs
Fairfax, VA
Behavioral Science/Psychology



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"...I'll ride the wave where it takes me..." -pj



Reed Waldon Wangerud
Littleton, CO
Humanities (French)



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"Be not afraid of greatness; some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them."

—Malvolio, TWELFTH NIGHT



Robert Christopher Schmitt
Lieutenant
Astronautical Engineering

Robert, I am so proud of you for all the accomplishments that you have achieved. You have been a great role model for me, and I hope you will continue to be. I love you and miss you very much. I hope you are happy and healthy. I will always be with you in spirit. Love, Mom and Dad.



Robert John Tish
Lieutenant
Astronautical Engineering

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Glenn Alicia Uchida
Lieutenant
Astronautical Engineering

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Robert Walter Wiegand
Lieutenant
Astronautical Engineering

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Hyoun-Seoung Yang
Yanger
Astronautical Engineering

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Carrick Owen Yaws
Fort Lupton, CO
Humanities



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Road Runners



squadron 32

Matthew Patrick Acer
Matt, Ace
Rochester, NY
Mechanical Engineering (Math)



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Timothy J. Barnes
Stu
Cincinnati, OH
Social Sciences



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Vanessa Melissa Anderson
Nessita, Van-Van, Fresh Ness
Brooklyn, NY — Tampa, FL
Behavioral Science- Human Factors



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Mindaugas Butkus
Kaunas, Lithuania
Economics (Russian)



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John Anthony Camino
Cuban
Silver Spring, MD
Civil Engineering



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Michael A. Contardo
Tardo
Cheshire, CT
Civil Engineering



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Ricardo Cordova
Rick
Chicago, IL
Mechanical Engineering



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Michael Decz
Nova
Buffalo, NY
Management



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James Joon Woo Do
the "krazy" korean
Anaheim, CA
Psychology



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Christine Patricia Ellering
Chris
St. Cloud, MN
Mechanical Engineering



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Scott Edward Foreman
Upper St. Clair, PA
Mechanical Engineering



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Douglas Eugene Foster
Fos
Deforest, WI
Legal Studies



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Nels Henry Grafstrom

Nelsy
Warroad, MN
Management

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Aaron Carl Lapp
Loop
Colorado Springs CO
Management

As Emerson says "what lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." No matter what happens in the future, I will continue to love life. Remember hope inspired by faith is the key to happiness. A positive attitude and the PTWOB's are what got me through this place. I am thankful for the wonderful support of my family whom I love.



Philip Krohn Gulick

Phil
San Diego, CA
Humanities

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Frank Lusher
Lush
Oak Grove, KY
Foreign Area Studies, German

I want to thank my Mom and my Dad because without them I would have never made it through this place. To all the old Sixers, you guys are family, I'll never forget you. Jeff never forget "zugig" it was a blast. To my buds in 32, always keep in touch. Yarn I couldn't have done it without you. Now I can actually say I love this place...well not really! Well, to all the memories...



Aaron Hart

Red
Akron, OH
General Engineering

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Travis James Meidinger
Dinger
Trinidad, CO
Civil Engineering

I'd like to thank my family and friends for getting me through this place. Without you I would have left long ago. To my brothers you mean everything. Geeks will never understand, never play in front of 70,000 people, and never understand loyalty.



John Joseph Kelly IV

Jolo
Wayne, PA
Social Sciences

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Richard Moores
Casey
Evergreen, CO
Aeronautical Engineering

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Alissa Maria Ochoa
Ocho
Johnstown, PA
Social Sciences



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Alicia C. Shilkitus
Leash, Al, Ali
Warminster, PA
Human Factors Engineering (German)



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Peter John Raber
PalaMaS
Spokane, WA
Basic Sciences



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Jennifer Ann Treviño
Jen, Stinky, Cola
Del Rio, TX
Mathematics



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Brian Dennis Randolph
BigStick
Kimball, NE
Legal Studies



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Robert Allan Volesky
Rob
Newhall, IA
Electrical Engineering (Math)



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Adam Emerson Rogge
Togaine, Hot Dog, Big Sexy
Jeffersonville, IN
Management



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Rats

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Ameer Abbas
Paki / The Nightmare
Islamabad, Pakistan
Electrical Engineering

"Into the wild blue yonder ... FINALLY!!!"



Jeffrey Gerard Belisle
Jeff, Jerry
Yarmouth, ME
Mechanical Engineering

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Lindsey Ryan Bowers
Ryan
Missoula, MT
Humanities

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much. Thanks mom, dad, and Jonathan for everything you have done for me. You have always been and will continue to be my heroes. I love you with all my heart!"

— Bessie Anderson Stanley



Thomas Richard Bozung
Tom
Niles, MI
Civil Engineering

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450 Firsties



Monica Marie Campos
San Juan, PR
Foreign Area Studies
Latin America (Spanish)



Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. - II Cor. 3:45. Gracias, Padre Santo, por TODO. Gracias Papi, Mami, Iva, Ivan, Abuelita, y Abuela por todo su amor y apoyo. Los adoro. To my dear friends, you mean more to me than I can say. I will miss you all.



Jude Ian Gamel
Gams, Hamster, Mango,
Science Experiment, Cliff, "Hey
Jude", Camel
Taylor Mill, KY
English (Spanish)



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Scott Matthew Charlton
Scooter
Saginaw, MI
Civil Engineering



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Scott Gribben
Pueblo, CO
Management



Christopher George Clark
Clarko
Snohomish, WA
Electrical Engineering



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Jason Andrew Holbrook
Hole
Albion, IN
Management



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Justin Ryan Dean
Fulton, MD
Astronautical Engineering



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Jerome Robert Hudepohl
Jay, Hudy, Waste of Life, Y2Hudy
Cincinnati, OH
Human Factors



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Kip E Johnson
Grants Pass, OR
Aeronautical Engineering



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Carmelyn Herrera Mamari
Karm, Karma....
Sacramento, CA
Electrical Engineering (Math)



All the knowledge I possess everyone else can acquire, but my heart is all my own. - Goethe. I've learned lots: That "trust me" & "I promise" are words we say to make each other feel better, hugs and kisses can be as empty as a beggar's cup in Manila, and a smile often is used to hide an injured soul. Mi familia: salamat for the patience and love. Lexi: mahal Kita - but since it must be so... "please" close the door/ gently as you go. "Tate... Look, Nan, we made it!"



James Walter Knapp
Knappy, Ug, Dragon, Jungle Jim
Shoreham
Long Island, NY
Social Sciences / Management



"I am a simple boy myself, raised up on Long Island." I have to thank the Lord, Mom and Dad, C4CK, Grandma, Grandpa & the light that kept my bairring. Preppies, Clarko, Boyz on LI, T-Ballers, the Super Six, I thank you all, I hope I added to yours because you made mine. T Bone, Tommy-D, Buddy Lee, Dino & Joshie-C, Life as we see it will be. "I do believe in Miracles." "Passing On."



Jason Paul Newham
J.
South Houston, TX
Management



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Benjamin Jacobus Laubscher
Ben
Charlestown, IN
Management



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Linda Robin Newton
Fig
Dillon, SC
Environmental Engineering



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Gregory Todd MacDonald
MacD
Seal Beach
Human Factors Engineering



For those who believed in me.



Brian James O'Grady
Sno-Cone
Grand Blanc, MI
Humanities



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Robert Patrick Rayner
Pat, PDogg-Nite, Big Earl
Laurel, MS
Foreign Area Studies (French)



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Phil. 3:13



William John Shnowske
B/J
Phoenix, AZ
Management



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Jeremy Reeve
Piedmont SD
Social Sciences



The winds of change have always blown. Some have hid behind walls, while others have harnessed the power of these winds. The walls will wear and crumble, leaving those behind them exposed. Those who brave the winds and harness their power will shape the future of our world. How will you harness the power, what will you change?



Brian Todd Stahl
Bronze
St. Peter's MO
Human Factors Engineering



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Derek Rhinesmith
Big D
LaGrange, IN
Civil Engineering



"Then the prophet Hanneiah took the yoke off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah and broke it."
-Jeremiah 28:10



Tracy Kate Tinianow
Casey
Billings, MT
Biology



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Michael Ross Schroer
Columbia, MO
Biology



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Calen Neal Wherry
Santa Monica, CA
Basic Sciences



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Loose Flaws



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Jayne Marie Baker
JB
Troy, IL
Psychology

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Casey Jon Bartholomew
Bar
Grand Forks, ND
Civil Engineering



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Christian Miles Bergholdt
Berg, Bergie, Miles, "Ceiling is Falling Boy"
 Novato, CA
 Human Factors



"I can picture in my mind a world without war, and a world without hate. And I can picture us attacking that world, because they'd never expect it!"
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Tracey Daniel Beverly
Bev
 Fort Myers, FL
 Humanities (African Studies)



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Shelby Dawn Bowen
Snoop, Sparky.
 Salem, OH
 Social Sciences.



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Ryan Clark
 Savannah GA
 Humanities



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Thomas Michael Cooke
Tommy C, Cookie, Gramps
 Winchester, VA
 Political Science (Chinese)



Ni hao pengyou! Well if anything is to be said of this adventure it is most important to say that yes, dummies are people too. There are little tidbits of advice I would like to leave behind. First, always use the bathroom before climbing into an F-15. Those little baggies don't hold much. Second, never leave your door unlocked when the phantom dookster is running wildly around. Third, remember who you are. Thank you to all that believed in me. I'm just as surprised as you are, Zaijian!



Patrick DuBe'
Doobie
 Arvada, CO
 Management



What can you say? I think nothing sums up our four years here as well as a Calvin and Hobbes cartoon and the caption of "Weeee!" It has definitely been something, but I wouldn't necessarily say it was fun. I have become so well rounded that I am pointless. Ponder that one! As my parents wrote to me during first basic training, "Non illegitimi te carborandum est." I did it!



Gregory Richard Ebert
Ebes, Siskel
 San Diego, CA
 Human Factors



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Megan Edmonds
 DeLand, FL
 Psychology



It was not fun, but I'm glad I did it. The friends I made and the lessons I learned are invaluable. Thank you Margaret, all my friends, and my parents, without you I would not have made it.



Matt Farmer
Pella, IA
Social Sciences



"Consider the postage stamp: Its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there." Josh Billings
Thanks to everyone who has been there for me...listened to me when I needed an ear, kicked me in the butt when I felt sorry for myself, and laughed with me when things felt unbearable. I love you all!!
"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith!!"
2 Timothy 4:7



James Casey Hall
Casey
Las Vegas, NV
Human Factors



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Kent Andrew Harris
Kentholt
Seattle, WA
Foreign Area Studies (Japanese)



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Christopher Mark Israel
Chris
Florence, MS
Computer Science



"To Him who is able to finish this good work started in my life... who has given me a dream and allowed me to fulfill it... Thank You. To Katrina... who loves me without question... who exceeds every expectation I had of love... you have my love always. To my parents, friends, and family... thank you for believing in me, and supporting me. With God, I did it! Good luck to those who follow!"



Kevin Michael Jamieson
KJ
Carrollton, TX
Operations Research



To my mom: Thank you for all of your love and support. I never could have made it to graduation with out you. Stalag: Well we made it. Hanging out with you guys was like going to "real college." Spin/Acro: There is nothing like flying up side down. Guard: I'll never forget the times we had. Overall: This place is all about the friends you make.



Steven Christopher Jones
Jones
Hastings, NE
Engineering Mechanics



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Aldas Kerutis
Corinle
Kaunas, Lithuania
Operations Research, Math minor

Thanks all of you, you know who you are...



James Douglas Kreinbrink
Jim
Findlay, OH
Political Science (Arabic)



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Chad Richard Lichty
Waterloo, IA
Operations Research



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Andrew Paul Stockman
Stock
Monroeville, AL
Astronautical Engineering



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Anthony Madland
Mad Dog
Cottage Grove, MN
Biochemistry



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Dustin Thompson

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Christopher Robert Ott
Otter
Windber, PA
Human Factors Engineering



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David Thomas Wright
Dave, DT
Puyallup, WA
Biochemistry



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Phillip Michael Sowada
Sow, Rice Boy
Buda, TX
Management



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Wild Weasels



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Russell Paul Allison
Rusty
Broken Arrow, OK
Legal Studies



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Charles K. Best Jr
Chuck
San Antonio, TX
Computer Science



Eric Armentrout
Trout, Trout, Trizeout
Olympia, WA
Ops Research, Math minor



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Brian Matthew Bonelli
Bone
Kettering, OH
Social Sciences



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Jonathan Real Comtois
Tois
Derby, VT
Computer Science (Philosophy)



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Ronald Villarreal Garcia
Ronnie
Houston, TX
Political Science/Legal Studies



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Guillermo Dekat
G
San Antonio, TX
Biology



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Joy Lynn Goddard
Houston, TX
English



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Stephen Taylor Fekete
East Lyme, CT
Chemistry



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Gunnar James Hankins
Guns
Anchorage, AK
Space Operations



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Steven Joseph Gadoury
Gads, Horse, Shakma
Coventry, RI
Civil Engineering



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Houston Buck Hodgkinson

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Jonathan Robert Houghon
Jon, Nutz
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Aeronautical Engineering (Math minor)



Hey I graduated. Great. The one lesson I've learned from here is when they said aero would be a lot of work, they meant it. I'm just glad it's finally done. I want to sleep, I want to watch football, but if you catch me going back to school, please shoot me. To my family... thanks for being there. I promise I'll call. And to the dinks, have fun marching.



Eric James Janski
sk/
Waconia, MN
Civil Engineering



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Matthew K Johnson
Matt, Harry, Francois
Cortez, CO
Mechanical Engineering



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Dang The Le
Dangle
Santa Ana, CA
General Engineering



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Parker Lee Marshall
Park
Bowdoin, NH
Social Science



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John Pappas
John
Pueblo West, CO
Computer Science



Time. That precious commodity has expired for me here. Too often spent on the wrong things. Too little with her, too little with your family, too much wasted. Looking back, easy to see, living, hard to fix. (37) Time to move to other things; fortunately in many respects, unfortunately in few others. Nees & Mike, thank. Mom & Dad, thank you. Everyone else, Thanks for the parts that you played.



Joyceline Yuson Param
Joy-Joy
Goose Creek, SC
Foreign Area Studies (Chinese)



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Daniel Jan Patak
Santa Cruz, CA
Aeronautical Engineering



I came here to fly, that is all; now its time for me to go. Thanks mom.



Michael Wayne Pennington II
Penny
Richmond, VA
Political Science (German)



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Marty Thomas Smith
Smitty
Albert Lea, MN
Legal Studies



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Jason Joseph Pfaffly
Pfaff
CO
Aeronautical Eng/Mechanical Eng



The most powerful thing this place has shown me is that those who are inhibited by illogical societal rules will always loose. We have been granted a tool with infinite potential, human intellect. The application of clear, logical thought can provide a person with a certain leverage capable of making that person unstoppable. The only thing standing in the way is this ridiculous human need to feel like there is higher purpose in our existence.



Tim Souhrada
Saint Louis, MO
Management



"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."
Franklin Roosevelt

Paolo Angel Rivera
El Diablo(r)
Lima, Peru
Economics



I guess it is over. I don't think I am happy nor sad, but then, who cares. I would like to thank my dad, mom and sis for their support. Thanks to all the fellas for the great memories. I did almost everything there is to be done around here and I did it fairly well, now it is time to go somewhere else and to start again. Salud! ccmcmc



Christopher Lee Spangenberg
Spanky
Farmington, UT
Operations Research



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Greg Senkel
Garland, TX
Legal Studies

"I would like to thank my family and friends for their support and encouragement."



Laura Catherine Terry
Willits, CA
Biology (Math minor)



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Kristen Mae Thomas
Kris
Alta Loma, CA
Psychology



"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort." — Herp Albright... I just wanted to thank everyone for their support no matter how small, especially my Mom and Dad without them who knows where I would be today... never let them take away your smile and sense of humor, sometimes that's all you will have... Andy, thanks, dream of me...



Damelsa D. White
Dee/D-Nice
San Diego, CA
Social Sciences



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Pink Panthers



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squad 36

David R. Adamson
Dave
Anchorage, AK
Psychology



Thanks to everyone who helped me get into this place and especially to those who helped me make it through. Special thanks to my parents and my girlfriend Susie. Everyone makes it through life with the help of their friends, family and peers. I hope I can help others achieve their goals and dreams as much as I have been helped in my life.
United We Stand



Nathan Oaks Drewry

Ryan William Forrest Braman
Ann Arbor, MI
Political Science (Japanese)



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Aaron Lawrence Edwards
Spring Hope, NC
Human Factors



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Ryan Lee Bunge
Bunge, Bun
Cedar Rapids, IA
Basic Sciences



There are uncontrollable forces in life that shape and change us. For some we're thankful, for others we're resentful. This place has given me great friendships and has taken some away. Because of this place I've found what I've always sought; because of this place I'll lose it. I'll take with me the memories and friendships. I've been shaped and changed; for better and worse, I'm thankful and resentful.



Elizabeth Gail Fontenot
Bessie
Ville Platte, LA
Biology



"Count that day lost whose low descending sun, views from thy hand no worthy action done" That is the perfect ending to these four years. Dad, Mom, Leone, Johnny, and Tommy, love yall... Mom, I wanted to end with the ending that you always but in your messages because it was the best advice ever given to me. PPP and Track & Field buddies, good luck and thanks for the fun times.

Kristen Eileen DiScala
Springfield, IL
Human Factors



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Thomas Owen Gifford
Tom
Harrisburg, NE
Biology



"Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Thanks to all who have helped me to find and travel that less traveled path that has proven to be filled with opportunities and experiences for a lifetime! Thank you Stephanie for supporting me, our life together is just beginning!

David Joseph Karlene
Dave
Kane, PA
Management



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John Daniel McMillen
Junior, Quantanamera, 11
Phoenix, AZ
Meteorology



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Joann N. Kenneally
Jo...fo/a...
Humble, TX
Foreign Area Studies, Latin America



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"All is yours young passer-by."



Zensaku Michel Munn
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Misawa AFB, Japan
Foreign Area Studies (Japanese)



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Leopold Henry Lemelson IV
Leo
Sierra Vista, AZ
Management



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Michael Patrick Murphy
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Tony Lee Marshall
Orlando, FL
Human Factors Engineering



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Brian Channing Phillips
B, BP, Phil, Big Phil, Bri, Big
Funk Nasty
Wyoming, OH
Humanities



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—Minna Anirina

Tom Pina

Well, it looks like my five year journey has come to an end (C Squad!). I'd like to thank my parents, my grandparents and the Morales family for all of their support. Without them, I would probably be a manager at Taco Bell. A lot of people say, "Man, I bet when you look back, your Academy years flew by, huh?" Gee, let me think...NO! I remember every second waiting on the parade field, marching aimlessly on the Tzo, and sleeping in class...okay class went quick. Anyways, I was so excited to get in the Academy and now I'm just as excited to get out. Good luck to everyone and God bless.



Benton W. Shrewsbury
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Management

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Nathan Alan Schauerermann
Nate, SchauerMonkey
Astoria, OR
American History

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Iwan T. Spolsky
John
Novi, MI
Legal Studies

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Peter John Schnobrich
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Civil Engineering

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Shayne Michael Sullivan
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Aeronautical Engineering

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John P. Verbanick
Verbs
Greencastle, PA
History

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Gen. George S. Patton

Bartley James Ward
Bar
 Owosso, MI
 Basic Sciences



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Tracy Lynn Wilkerson
Chip
 Greenwood Village, CO
 Social Sciences (Japanese)



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Kristina Anne Welde
'Stina
 Apple Valley, MN
 Military Doctrine Operations and Strategy



"A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done." For all of you who have helped make me who I am today, thank you. SMILE! 'Stina



Tyron Maurice LaGrand Wright
Ty
 West Columbia, SC
 Human Factors Engineering



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**USAF ACADEMY
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2000**

2nd Lt Alfred "Buster" Ascol hugs two classmates following the hat toss. Many hugs were exchanged as these new officers said goodbye. Photo by Polaris Staff



It is hard to believe that four years of blood, sweat, and tears are finally coming to an end. You can't help but think about your time here while walking across the stage to receive your diploma.

In retrospect...

inprocessing day seems like ages ago...

the pride that comes from wearing the ring can not be described...

you know that you will never lose contact with those people who touched you...

The events that unfold during the course of June Week serve to wrap up the "cadet experience." One last parade, one last ceremony, one last memory...



Oath



Ring Dance



Grad Parade

JUNE WEEK

a symbol of unity



This ring is being christened in champagne before a cadet can place it on their finger. The donning of your ring is the most anticipated evening during the second class year. Photo by P. Rose



C2C Denny Davies checks out the White Zinfandel provided for the evening. The Ring Dining Out is one of the only official functions at Mitchell Hall where alcohol is allowed to be served. Photo by P. Rose

It's about time.....

For perhaps the first time in their cadet careers, the members of the Class of 2001 were all smiles and no complaints while attending a mandatory dinner in Mitchell Hall. The annual Ring Dining Out gave the members of the Mitchell class a chance to think - about the previous three years, about the future, and to receive perhaps one of the most recognizable college symbols - an Academy ring.

No matter whether someone's date was a good friend, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, a family member, or a parent, this night was very special for each and every cadet. As three and four degrees walked to Mitchell Hall for their dinner on Friday, May 26th, they made their way through couples talking pictures, viewing the monuments, and avoiding the rain showers lingering overhead. With a little luck, the showers held off.

"I remember hearing my friend's date talking about how the rain would kill her hair and ruin her dress," said C2C John Carter. "I would have felt terrible if her night been screwed up because it took a lot of dollars to fly her across the country."

Once the ceremonies began, though, the only worry on cadets' minds was whether their ring was going to look right and when they were going to get it. To some, the wait during dinner seemed almost as long as the previous three years.

"I was sitting there listening to everything and all I could think about was putting the ring on my finger. Time went so slowly for me. When it finally was time, my date opened my ring box and there was a plastic ring from a vending machine sitting there. I looked at the other two guys at my table and they had the same thing in their boxes. When my heart skipped a beat, I saw my AOC sitting next to me laughing quietly and smirking in his evil AOCtype way," said C2C Wesley Millard.

Getting used to the big chunk of metal on their finger, the member of the Class of 2001 made their way over to Arnold Hall for a night of dancing, picture taking, and traveling to their weekend getaway spots.

After a successful night and feeling a lot of pride in three years worth of accomplishment, most cadets probably agreed with C2C Cory Aldean.

"It's about time..." said Aldean.

by Russ Grimes

C2C Dennis Nita and his date dance to the music at Ring Dance. The Ring Dance is held in the Arnold Hall ballroom. Photo by J. Campbell



These are the decorations that greeted the guests as they arrived for the 2001 Ring Dining Out. The program and the champagne flute are mementos of the evening. Photo by T. Becker



C2C Jennifer Peterson and C2C Mikal Elder toast to the dignitaries of the nations recognized at the dinner. Toasting is one of the strong traditions of the Ring Dining out. Photo by P. Rose



These cadets display their rings for each other to admire. The class ring signifies a cadet's accomplishments and commitment to the Air Force. Photo by R. Joyce

The Cadet Wing is ushered onto the parade ramp for the Graduation Parade. This is the last parade of the year. Photo by S. Wilson.



CIC John Friedman leads the Cadet Wing onto the parade field for the last time. Photo by T. Becker.



Air Force Band of the Rockies tuba reflects the start of the Grad Parade. The Band of the Rockies plays the cadence songs for the parades. Photo by B. Scharon.



The Class of 2000 faces the Cadet Wing during the pass and review. The Class of 2000 is part of the reviewing party as the 2001 commanders lead the Wing off the parade field. Photo by T. Becker.

a grand finale

Leaving a Wing behind to join a new journey....

At the US Air Force Academy, marching is the rule for cadets. Starting with the first day at the Academy, the first thing they teach us to do is march. We marched up the Bring Me Men ramp, we marched to Jacks and back and throughout our four years we marched to breakfast, we marched to lunch and we marched in many parades.

Through the whole experience, of marching that is, most of us at the end wanted nothing more than to march out of the north gate and never come back. It may have been patriotism, pride, a desire to fly, or just plain ignorance that brought us here, but three out of four of us stayed to endure the rigors of the Academy. Now, 928 of us would march in our last parade – the graduation parade.

During the grad parade, the firsties march out of their squadron and across the parade field in the flying wedge, opposite of the inverted wedge done at the acceptance parade four long years ago.

This flying wedge symbolizes leaving the cadet squadrons forever. This parade is also a change of command ceremony. The class of 2001 now has command of the Cadet Wing and must perform their first duty – pass in review.

But none of this pomp and circumstance matters to the Class of 2000. They are ready. They've been ready since arriving at the Air Force Academy four years ago. For months, the class has been saying their good-byes, apartment hunting, making wedding plans, travel plans, and getting ready to finally be adults.

"I was ready to graduate and this parade was in my way to that final ceremony - graduation," said CIC James Do.

The graduation parade is the first real symbolic step to becoming a second lieutenant. No more marching. No more bugle calls at 0600 in the morning. No more folding our underwear into 4x4 inch squares. No more parades. Yet until we become second lieutenants, the question remains.... Was it worth the march?

by Eric Bixby



This banner exclaims the sentiments of the Class of 2001 as they lead the Cadet Wing off of the parade field. Photo by S. Wilson



The Class of 2000 marches away from the Cadet Wing in the 'flying wedge'. The 'flying wedge' is significant because each class is accepted into the Wing after Basic training using the inverted wedge. Photo by T. Becker

The oath of office is administered again at the graduation ceremony as a public display of the new officers commitment. The commandant of cadets leads the newly appointed second lieutenants in this oath. Photo by T. Becker



C1C Charlie Jackson signs his commissioning form. Nothing is official until all of the paperwork is completed. Photo by J. Campbell



by Phillip Rose

Raise your right hand and repeat after me...

Commissioning is one of the last hurdles before entering into the "real Air Force." Four years in the making (or more for those who attended the prep school) but well worth the wait. Upon completion of the oath and each "John Hancock" has been given, cadets are 2nd Lieutenants in the Air Force.

This hallowed event is quite emotional and can take place anywhere from 0001 hrs up until the actual graduation ceremony. Some could not hold back the tears, while others were all smiles. For all, the ceremony marks the beginning as well as the end.

"The light at the end of the tunnel is now on my shoulder," said 2nd Lt Javin Peterson.

For parents, friends and lifelong fraternity brothers/sisters, the ceremony is quite breath taking. Whether at the chapel or at the Briarhurst Manor, squad-

rons make the dawn special for graduates. Many have a respected officer administer the oath, some have a relative and others have their AOC, whoever administers the oath will be forever part of you.

After commissioning, new Lt's make their way to the stadium eventually to receive their diploma and throw the hat. As this happens tradition dictates whomever is the first NCO to be saluted gets a silver dollar. Outside their respective locations, some have a respected enlisted person waiting outside to receive this salute, while others simply pass on their coin at random.

What happens after graduation is irrelevant at this time, for time is at a stand still for us. The last day of a cadet career is the shortest of long days at the Academy. Graduation is upon us and on this most special occasion, commissioning—a pledge to your country and yourself—is your day...So help me God.

Once a cadet, now a second lieutenant beginning a career....

an oath of commitment



CIC Pat Schuldt receives his Lt boards from his mom and dad. Commissioning is an exciting and proud moment even for family and friends. Photo by J. Campbell



CIC Larry Page swears to support and defend the Constitution. The promotion to 2nd Lt is not official until after the flyover of the Thunderbirds at graduation. Photo by J. Campbell



The oath of office is being read at graduation. These new Lts are ready to begin their Air Force careers. Photo by E. Holzherr



CIC Miguel "Fudge" Rivera raises his right hand and takes the oath of office. Everytime an officer is promoted they will reaffirm this oath. Photo by J. Campbell

This is the last time these firsties had to wear a cadet uniform and march in a formation. The firstie year is measured by the last time you must do each task. Photo by J. Campbell



The graduation ceremony proved to be long enough to catch a quick nap as demonstrated by C1C Doug Foster. As well fellow classmate Phil Gulek manages to barely stay awake for the ceremony. Photo by E. Holzher



The Class of 2000 eagerly emerges from the stadium tunnel for their graduation ceremony amidst wild cheers from their proud parents. Many of the firsties believed this day would never come. Photo by S. Ritchie



Secretary of the Air Force, F. Whitten Peters, delivered a stirring speech to the captive audience during the graduation ceremony. Every year the Academy has a distinguished speaker at graduation. Photo by J. Campbell



by Matt Harting

It was the culmination of four years of intense training resulting in a successfully accomplished mission. The Class of 2000's march on for graduation was the epitome of military discipline and professionalism.

"All of those marching practices during MS paid off big-time when my girlfriend saw the display from the stands. I am just proud to be a part of the Doolittle Class for this historic event," said C1C Robert Thweatt, Wing Stan Eval Officer.

The march on began the days before graduation, when the entire class of 2000 (Ballst) fell-in at Falcon Stadium for hours upon hours of intense training for the festivities. This included: finding your chairs, sitting down, standing up, walking, and stacking chairs.

Graduation morning, the second lieutenants to be braved temperatures estimated around 95°F, yet they all knew their training and hydration techniques would carry the day.

"Yeah, I hydrated last night. This is too big of an event to come in ill prepared," said C1C Aaron Hart.

The actual marching was the stuff of legends, heroes, and champions. The firsties knew the initial phase in the Talbot Portal would be difficult and tricky, but after the drums began, all doubts and fear simply gave way to instinct and training.

"The Doolittle Class certainly set an almost unreachable standard for graduation march on, that we can only hope to challenge after another year of practice," beamed C2C Erik Holzherr.

Ballads will be sung about the actual marching that took place. Sacrifice was evident everywhere, as cadets battled adversity in the form of tight shoes, nasty hangovers, and parade pants tailored from their four degree year.

The time had finally come, that grand finale of the last march on - to a new world.

Through the tunnel,
onto the field, into a
new world....

"You better get out of my way!" These firsties are determined to take their seats for their graduation.
Photo by J. Campbell



C1C William Hardie salutes as the National Anthem is played during the 2000 graduation ceremony.
Photo by J. Campbell

a lasting
formation

a moment in time



It is hard for the new Lieutenants to hold back their joy at graduation. These two celebrate in an exuberant fashion after getting their diplomas. Photo by T. Becker



The family of C1C Maria Blizniak shouts with glee when Maria crosses the stage at the 2000 graduation ceremony. Family and friends are an important part of the USAFA graduation tradition. Photo by T. Becker

A walk across the stage, diploma in hand...

The graduation ceremony for the class of 2000 finally began with the order to, "take seats". Like the march on, the "take seats" command was executed in a precise and orderly manner by the best marchers the Air Force Academy has ever produced - the Doolittle Class.

First on the distinguished list of speakers was Lt Gen Tad Olestrom. He spoke of duty, and the cadets were moved. Next up, F. Whitten Peters delivered an eloquent speech filled with congratulations, praise, and hope for the future. And again, the cadets were moved. Well...some moved; the others slept without moving.

Although it was around 125°F for the entire ceremony, the Class of 2000 survived the proceedings without so much as one reported casualty. It was a close call, but adrenaline kept the cadets on the edge of sanity the entire time. In fact, more than a few cadets decided to show off to parents and family the skills they cultivated over four arduous years at the Academy by quietly taking a quick nap.

"It was my turn to really show Mom and Dad how it's done," said 2nd Lt Jimmy Do. "I hit that chair, and within thirty-two seconds I was out. And no

one could tell but the two kids sitting next to me."

After the speakers finished inspiring the Doolittle Class, two by two from each side of the stage they walked, received their diplomas and commissions, and saluted their classmates as an officer for the first time. This was normally followed by a mini-celebration, including even that of the celebrations following touchdowns in Pro Football games.

"I wanted to do a break-dance and then spike my diploma, but I twisted my ankle on the way to the stand so I decided to just hug the guy standing in front of me," boasted 2nd Lt Andrew Nutz.

The ceremony was filled with emotion built up over four years of hard time. The pride wasn't only limited to the actual Class of 2000. For the entire time, the Doolittle Class walked across the stage, cheers, airhorns, and applause filled the air from the proud family and friends of the graduating cadets. Once the last graduate had crossed that stage, and everyone had again found his or her seats, the oath of office was administered one more time by the Commandant.

The answer to his reading of the oath was a thunderous "I DO!" Finally, the Doolittle Class was dismissed, and the celebration began.

Graduates are all smiles when they make it to the stage at the ceremony. This grad smartly salutes the Secretary of the Air Force, F. Whitten Peters. Photo by E. Holzher



The first look at the diploma is a cherished moment for the USAFA graduates. Four years of hard work pass right in front of your eyes. Photo by E. Holzher



The top cadet in order of merit for the class of 2000 was C1C Tracy Tinianow. This earned her the privilege of being the first graduate to shake the hand of Secretary of the Air Force, F. Whitten Peters. Photo by E. Holzher



2nd Lt Monica Campos proudly displays her hard-earned USAFA diploma. This moment in time usually brings a smile to the face of the grad. Photo by T. Becker

Getting a grads hat is always a challenge for the young kids. This little one managed to snag a hat and now wonders where mom is. Photo by J. Campbell



2nd Lt Daniel McConnell puffs on a celebratory stogie after graduation. Many grads pull out cigars when the ceremony concludes. Photo by J. Campbell



The ball toss and the Thunderbolt are an exciting tradition at the USNATA graduation. At the 1999 graduation the timing and location were close near perfect. Photo by S. Ritchie



Hugs and Cigars are two important parts of the post-graduation celebration. 2nd Lt Alfred "Buster" Ascol holds his cigar to the side while giving a congratulatory hug. Photo by T. Becker

a celebration of achievement

A toss of the hat, embarking on a new journey....

After four long years, I am finally here - standing in line in my parade dress waiting for my diploma. The yellow sash around my waist represents the culmination of military discipline and training. With each step towards the platform, I remember the significant events that happened during my cadet career. As I take those final steps toward the secretary of the Air Force, I realize that I am graduating. As I turn to give my first salute, it suddenly hits me that I am not at the end, but that I am about to embark on a new beginning.

Now is the time for that moment, the moment I have waited for four long years. The commandant of cadets gets up and says: "Will the graduates of the class of 2000 please rise"

As I stand up, I begin to think about all the people who helped me get here. I think about my parents who supported me through the best and the worst of times. I think of my friends who were always there for me and became my family away from home. I think of all the instructors, mentors, and others who

worked to ensure that I would represent the Air Force well in the years to come. I think about how I will lead and how I will react to the needs of the Air Force as a new 2nd Lt. Finally, I realize how much I have changed and matured as a person in such a short time.

Finally, I hear those magical words; "Class of 2000, YOU ARE DISMISSED!" I reach for my hat and throw it in the air as long and as hard as I can. To me, the throwing of my hat represented a major stepping-stone in my life. It proved that I could do whatever I decide to accomplish. No matter what happens from this point on nothing can ever take away the Academy experience. Nothing can ever take away the blood, sweat, and tears that my classmates and myself spent to accomplish this hefty challenge. Now as I step off into the Air Force as a future leader and officer, I will be apart of a brotherhood that will always be there for me, for America and its ideals. I pray that I am able to step in, do my part, and represent the academy well.

by Miguel "Fudge" Rivera



2nd Lt Allister Dopp lets this youngest pin on one of his butter bars. Sharing at a time like this makes the moment more special. Photo by S. Ritchie



There are hugs galore when the graduation ceremony ends. 2nd Lt Eric Brinckman shares a big one with another grad. Photo by E. Holzherr

A glimpse into an Airman's intensely personal experience during combat

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Not long ago I was asked to give a presentation on personal lessons learned from my experiences in combat during Operation DESERT



STORM. So, I sat down and spent about an hour and a half just thinking and thinking and thinking ... what can I put on this list—what great lessons have I learned and want to pass onto future generations? When I finished, I only had about 15

items, and I realized that none of them were lessons learned, not one of them. Every one of them was a person, or an event, or just a feeling I had. But I've never forgotten them and never will. And those are the things I want to talk to you about today.

It's important, before I start, for you to remember that every kind of combat is different. Aerial combat happens at about a thousand miles an hour of closure. It's hot fire and cold steel; it's

instant death and big destruction; it happens instantly and it's over. Ground combat's not that way, as you can imagine. Those of you who've heard infantry soldiers talk about it know it's kinda endless time, and soaking fear, and big noises and darkness. It's a different game. And you need different training to do it, and different types of people to handle it well and to provide leadership in that environment. But it doesn't matter how many people you have standing beside you in the trenches, or how many people you have flying beside you in formation—combat, especially your first combat, is an intensely personal experience. I'll tell you some of the things I remember.

One week before the DESERT STORM air campaign actually started, we were flying missions to northern Saudi Arabia to practice dropping simulated bombs at night on targets in the desert, so those of us who didn't routinely fly night missions would be ready if the war started.

On this particular night, after we'd "destroyed" our target, we hit a post-strike tanker and headed back to our base almost 400 miles away. We climbed up to about 42,000 feet, put the auto-pilot on and I leaned back in that 30° tilt-back seat and just kinda stared at nature. It was a gorgeous night. The moon was big and full and directly overhead, and I remember thinking, "I can't believe how bright the

desert moon is." And out around the horizon, something I'd never seen before and haven't seen again to this day, was a halo. A beautiful, huge white halo that went all the way around the moon, completely unbroken. I talked to my wingman later, and he said he did the same thing I did—we just stared at that thing all the way home, thinking, "I can't believe how beautiful this is." It's one of those moments you have flying airplanes. I'll never forget that halo....

I also won't forget that when I landed that night my assistant operations officer met me at the bottom of the ladder and said, "Boss, we lost an airplane."

The name on the canopy rail belongs to a young captain named Mike, who'd joined us in the desert only two weeks earlier because he'd stayed back in Utah to get married. He and his wife had been married for two weeks when he told her that he had to go to war and join the boys. He'd just finished his three-ride local checkout and was on his second night ride. We think that somehow he got a light on the ground confused with his flight lead's rotating beacon and tried to rejoin on it as he headed for the tanker. Mike hit the ground going over 600 miles an hour, 60° nose-low, inverted and in full afterburner. He died relaxed. You know, I don't think "dying relaxed" was good news to his wife when I called and spoke to her after we'd confirmed he was in that smoking hole, or to his Mom and Dad when I called them. I won't forget those phone calls or that great young American who, like so many before him, died in the company of warriors, in a place where warriors were called, at a time when warriors were needed most. I'll never forget Mike....

And I'll never forget sitting at his memorial service two days later, looking at this airplane with his name on the canopy rail, the helmet with his name on the visor cover, his spare G-suit hanging under the wing, and his crew chief saluting the jet, while bagpipes played "Amazing Grace" in the background. Every fighter pilot on base was wearing these big stupid sunglasses so nobody would know they were bawlin'

their eyes out. I won't forget staring at that airplane thinking, "How many more of these are we going to have when the war starts?"

The night before the war actually did start, our wing commander told the squadron commanders that we were "kicking it off tomorrow morning." So, we gathered our squadrons together at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and gave most of them the first briefing they'd seen on our previously classified Day 1 mission.

Then I did what I thought was a real "commanderly" thing. I told them all to go back to their rooms and write a letter to their family. And I told them that before I gave them their aircraft tail number in the morning, they had to hand me their letter, so I could ensure it was delivered if they didn't come back. In that letter, I wanted them to shed all of the emotional baggage you take with you into combat—I didn't tell my wife this; I didn't do that; I didn't hug my daughter; I didn't tell my son I loved him; I didn't call my parents.... I told them they didn't fly until I got that letter. Which shut 'em all up for the first time since I'd known them! They headed out the door, and I was feeling pretty proud of myself and patting myself on the back when my ops officer came up to me and said, "What a great idea!" I nodded knowingly, and he added, "By the way, you can give me your letter before I give you **your tail number** in the morning." Now, if you haven't had the pleasure of sitting down and thinking about your family the night before you think you may die; if you haven't tried to tell your children that you're sorry you won't be there to see their next ballet recital or watch them play little league baseball, or high school football, or graduate from college, or meet their future spouse, or get to know your grandkids; or if you haven't had the pleasure of telling your parents and brothers and sisters what they mean to you; or tried to tell your wife how the sun rises and sets in her eyes; and tried to do it all on a piece of paper, at midnight, 9,000 miles away from home, then you haven't lived. I'd recommend it. I won't forget writing that letter....

The base we were stationed at is about two miles long and about a mile wide. There is a main runway, a parallel taxiway, and on the left side a road that ran the whole length of the base. In the upper left is where the tents and hooches were for the officers, and about halfway down the field is where the tent city was.

That next morning we got up about 1:30 a.m., because we had a 2:15 briefing, all my guys met in the chow hall and we had breakfast, then we jumped in cars to drive to our mass briefing, which was down in the lower left-hand corner of this photo.

As we drove down that parallel road, two things happened. The first was that the night fighters from the 421st Fighter Squadron lit their afterburners as part of the first launch of the Gulf War. And at 20-second intervals as we traveled down that road, they lifted off going the other way, one at a time. They each accelerated to about 400 miles an hour, pulled the nose straight up and climbed to avoid possible SAMs at the end of the runway; pulled the engine out of afterburner, and disappeared. And I suddenly realized that this was the first time I'd ever seen airplanes take off with no lights on—they were "blacked out" for combat. It was pretty sobering.

And then halfway down this road, one of the guys in the car with me says, "Boss, look at this," and he points out the right side of the car. And on the right side of that road were thousands of people. The entire population of our tent city had come out of their tents when that first afterburner lit, and they were standing along this road. They were in uniforms, they had just gotten off work; they were wearing jeans; they were wearing cutoffs; they were wearing underwear, pajamas—everything. Not one of them was talking. They were just watching those airplanes take off; they knew what was going on.

The other thing that I noticed immediately was that all of them were somehow in contact with the person next to them ... every single one of them. They were holding hands, or holding an arm, or had their arm around someone's shoulders or their hand on

someone's back, or they were just leaning on each other. These were people who didn't even know each other. But they were all Americans; they were all warriors; and they were all part of the cause. I will never, ever forget their faces coming into those headlights, then fading out. They're burned into my memory.

Later that morning, after our mission briefing, we went to the life support trailer where my squadron kept all our flying gear. All 24 airplanes were flying, so 24 of my guys were going, and I was lucky enough to be the mission commander for this first one. Now, anybody who's been in a fighter squadron, or any kind of flying squadron, knows that Life Support, as you're getting ready to go, is a pretty raucous place. You're giving people grief; you're arguing about who's better at whatever—something's going on all the time. It's fun.

This morning, there wasn't a sound. I got dressed listening to nothing but the whisper of zippers as people pulled on flight gear. I walked out of the trailer and left the door open so the light from inside shined out in a little pool around the trailer steps. The rest of the base was blacked out, and we were under camouflaged netting and couldn't see anything outside this trailer. As my guys came down the steps I shook each one of their hands and just nodded at 'em; nobody said anything. I watched as, one by one, they turned and disappeared into the black. And as each one left, I wondered if he'd be coming back that afternoon ... we didn't really know what to expect from this war. When the last one had gone, Master Sergeant Ray Uris, who ran my life support shop and had been standing in the doorway watching this act, walked to the bottom of the steps, shook my hand, and watched me disappear. I'll never forget watching their backs disappear in the dark....

One of those backs belonged to an incredibly talented young weapons officer named Scott, probably the best fighter pilot in our wing at the time. About the second week of the war, we flew a mission against

the nuclear power plant south of Baghdad. Scott was one of the flight leads that day. It was easily the toughest mission my squadron flew during the war because the Iraqis defended the area south of Baghdad, and they **really** defended the nuclear power plant. From about 25 miles to the target, till we got to the power plant, the pilots on that mission will tell you they saw 50 to 100 SAMs in the air. I remember screaming and cussing to myself all the way to the target, until it came time to roll in—at which point your training takes over and you kinda go quiet—until you drop your bombs, and you start screaming and cussing again. This was scary.

Scott's wingman got hit as we came off target. An SA3 exploded underneath his airplane and blew off his fuel tanks. It put about 100 holes in the airplane—70 of them through the engine and engine compartment, which isn't good in a single engine F-16. For the next 2½ hours Scott escorted him to several different emergency bases because the weather had rolled in and closed some of them and they couldn't get him on the ground. While his wingman struggled with the crippled jet, Scott worked emergency tanker divers to get them gas; coordinated with AWACS for clearance to the next divert field; arranged safe passage through air base defenses; and kept assuring his wingman that he was gonna make it. He was phenomenal; he helped save this guy's life.

So, he landed about two hours after the rest of us did. When I heard he was on the ground, I left my debrief to see how things had gone with his wingman. It was dark by this time. And as I walked out to the life support trailer, I came around a corner under that darkened out camouflage netting and ran into something. And then realized it was Scott. He was leaning against a bunch of sandbags, just holding onto them with both hands, and shaking like a leaf. He couldn't walk, he couldn't talk, he couldn't do anything. All he could do was stand there and shake. The guy had nothing left. All his adrenaline was gone. He'd given everything he had to give that day. As I'm trying to

figure out what the heck to do with Scott, the door to the life support trailer opened and a young, 19-year-old life support technician named Shawn walked out, looked at what was going on, and said, "Boss, I know you've got stuff to do. I'll take care of him." And I said, "Well, let me help you get him inside." And he said, "Boss, you've got stuff to do. I'll take care of him." So I left. I saw Shawn helping Scott up the steps to the life support trailer as I went around the corner. About 5 hours later, I left the next day's mission planning cell and went to see how Scott was doing. When I came around the corner of his tent there was Shawn, sitting in the sand in front of the tent shakin' like a leaf, 'cause he's still wearing just the BDU pants and T-shirt he had on in life support. This was January in the desert, folks; it was **cold** outside! I said, "Shawn, what are you doing here?" and he said, "Sir, the major finally got to sleep. I was afraid that he might wake up, and if he does, I wanna make sure I let him know everything's okay." You'll meet lots of Shawns in the Air Force; I'll never forget this one....

Father John was our squadron chaplain. The first day of DESERT STORM, I got to my jet and standing right in front of the nose of the jet was Father John. At first, I thought he was a crew chief until I got close enough to see who he was. Now, Father John was popular with us because he was the first guy to buy you a whiskey; the first guy to light up a cigar; the first guy to start a party, and the last guy to leave. He also would've been the first one to wade into Hell in his BVDs to pull you out, if he had to. We knew Father John real well; he fit in great with a fighter squadron.

Anyway, as I got to the airplane, Father John just said, "Hey, I thought you might like a blessing before you go." I immediately hated myself, because I consider myself fairly comfortable in my religion, and I'd never thought of that—too many other, wrong priorities on my mind at the time. So, I knelt down on the cement right there in front of the jet, and Father John gave me a blessing. And then I finished the preflight on my airplane. As I'm getting ready to climb up the ladder I noticed all these guys running

toward me out of the darkness. They were all my other pilots who had seen this and were coming over to get Father John to bless them. So he did. And when everybody came back safe from the first sortie we kinda decided "That's it, Father John has to bless everybody ... can't change that." It didn't matter if you were Jewish or Baptist or Islamic—it just didn't matter. Father John gave the blessing for the 4th Fighter Squadron. The amazing thing was that it didn't matter whether you flew at two in the afternoon or two in the morning—Father John was there.

Later on, talking to Colonel Tom Rackley, the commander of the 421st Fighter Squadron, I found out that Father John did the same for his guys. I don't know how he did it, but he did. Every time I landed from a combat sortie—every single time—my canopy would open, I'd shake hands with my hero and crew chief, Technical Sergeant Manny Villa, then I'd climb down the ladder; and at the bottom of the ladder was Father John, to bless me and welcome me home.

When I came back from DESERT STORM I ended up alone—different story—but I ended up as a single ship returning to Hill AFB. And when I pulled into the parking spot there, folks were waiting for me.

Now, my squadron had been home for three days before I got there. There lined up in front of the plane was my wife Betty, my kids and their friends and at the end was Father John. I'd written Betty and told her about Father John and his blessings. You want to know how cool she is? When the airplane stopped and the canopy came up, Manny Villa climbed the ladder and shook my hand, and I climbed down to the bottom of the ladder, and Betty told Father John, "You first." Father John walked over and blessed me and welcomed me home ... then Betty and I did some serious groping!

A year and a half later, Father John dropped dead of a massive heart attack. Too much whiskey, too many cigars, too many parties, I guess.

By the week after he died, 16 of the 28 pilots who flew in my squadron during DESERT STORM had contacted his family in Stockton, California. They called from Korea; they called from Europe; they called from Australia; they called from all over the United States—to tell his family about Father John, and to bless him, and ask God to welcome him home. I'll never forget Father John....

There were these ammunition storage bunkers in northwestern Iraq. They're not real significant, except there's a guy I want to tell you about who had something to do with the holes in them. His name's Ed. Ed left for the desert with his wife Jill pregnant with their first child. This was a story repeated throughout DESERT STORM in all the services and throughout history in the military. Obviously, he couldn't go home for the birth. Late one night, my exec woke me up in my hooch and told me I had a phone call in the command post. So I got dressed and sprinted over there. It was my wife, and she said, "Mark, I'm at the hospital with Jill. She's in labor and is having problems. Is there any way we can get Ed on the phone with her?"

So, we went and roused Ed and brought him down to the command center. My wife had worked out an arrangement with the hospital so that when Ed walked in and sat down, I handed him the phone and he was talking to Jill, who's in the middle of a really bad labor. As he held the phone with one hand and talked to his wife, I sat in a chair in front of him and held his other hand (which is something neither of us has ever admitted publicly before). I could see the happiness in his eyes every time she spoke to him. And I could see the worry and pain in his eyes every time another contraction started and he heard her gasp. And I felt him squeeze my hand

every time he could hear her scream. And ... I saw him smile when he heard his son Nate cry for the first time, from 9,000 miles away. I'll never forget that smile....

Twelve hours after Ed hung up that phone, he was part of an F-16 strike package that hit those ammunition storage bunkers. It was the best battle damage assessment we had in our squadron during the war. They hit every target, and a lot of them, as you saw on that photo, dang near dead center. Ed went from caring, concerned, loving father and husband, to intense, indomitable warrior in just 12 hours. Only in combat folks. I'll never forget watching the transformation....

One of the most important things about combat is sound. Anybody who's been there will tell you that things you hear are the things you remember the longest. I want to tell you about two things I heard that I'll never forget. The first one was during one of our missions up north in the Baghdad area. An F-16 from another unit was hit by a surface-to-air missile. We listened to him and his flight lead talk about his airplane falling apart as he tried to make it to the border so rescue forces could get to him. He'd come on the radio every now and then and talk about the oil pressure dropping, and vibrations increasing ... and his flight lead would encourage him to stick with it, "We can get there, we can get there." This went on for about 12-14 minutes. Until finally he said, "Oil pressure just went to zero," and then, "My engine quit," then, "That's all I got—I'm outta here." Now, we couldn't see him. I'm not exactly sure where they were. But I am sure there wasn't another sound on that radio ... and the silence was deafening. I'll never forget those 14 minutes....

The other unforgettable thing I heard came after the ground war had started. An F-16 was shot down in the middle of the retreating Republican Guard, and I mean right in the middle of them. A call went out from AWACS for any aircraft with ordnance remaining and the fuel to get to where the pilot was down, in case they needed 'em for SARCAP. A lot of people responded, but the first one I really paid attention to was an Army Chinook helicopter pilot, who came on the radio and said, "Look, I've got this much gas, here's my location, I can be there in that many minutes, give me his coordinates—I can pick him up." Now, everybody knew where the Republican Guard was, and everybody knew the downed pilot was right in the middle of them. You gotta remember a Chinook is about the size of a double-decker London bus with props on it. And it doesn't have guns! We kid around a lot about interservice rivalries, but I guarantee you I would follow **that** Army helicopter pilot into combat ... and I'll never forget her voice....

The Highway of Death - you have seen pictures of it before. The road leads north out of Basra; it was the main retreat route for the Republican Guard and they got cut off, right about where the black smoke from the oil well fires went over the Euphrates River Valley. I'll tell you what's significant about the highway of death. I killed people here. **Me.** This combat is an intensely personal thing, folks; I think I mentioned that. I'm sure I'd killed people before during the war, but this time I saw 'em. I saw the vehicles moving before the bombs hit. I saw soldiers firing up at me, then running as I dropped my bombs to make sure they wouldn't get away. War is a horrible, horrible, horrible thing. There is nothing good about it. But it is sometimes necessary.

And so **somebody** better be good at it. I am. You better be. I won't forget the Highway of Death

On my trip home from the Gulf, I flew with the 421st Squadron on the way to the east coast of the United States. The first U.S. air traffic control site that we talked to was Boston Center. Tom Rackley's check-in with them was something along the lines of, "Boston Center, Widow Flight, 24 F-16s comin' home." And the air traffic controller responded, "Welcome home, Widow." And then at regular intervals for the next 5 or 6 minutes, every airliner on that frequency checked in and said something. "Welcome back." "Good job." "Great to have you home." "God bless you, Widow."

About 10 minutes after that, I got my first glimpse of the U.S. coastline—it was the coast of Massachusetts. And I sat in my cockpit and I sang "America the Beautiful" to myself. I'll never forget how bad it sounded ...or how proud I was when it was over....

Take a look at your flag, folks. Those white stripes represent the integrity that you cherish here at the Air Force Academy and that you better carry with you into our Air Force. Those stars carry the courage of all the people who have gone before you; they belong to you now. And that red is for Mike, and for Father John, and for the millions more like 'em who died serving this great country. In the not too distant future, one of you is going to be standing up here talking about your experiences in combat to the Classes of 2015, or '16, or '17. And you're going to be talking about the USAFA Classes of 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. This is who you are. And this is what you face in the United States Air Force. If you're not ready for it, let me know and I'll help you find another line of work. You are damn good ... you need to get better. All these people I just talked about are counting on it.



In Retrospect...

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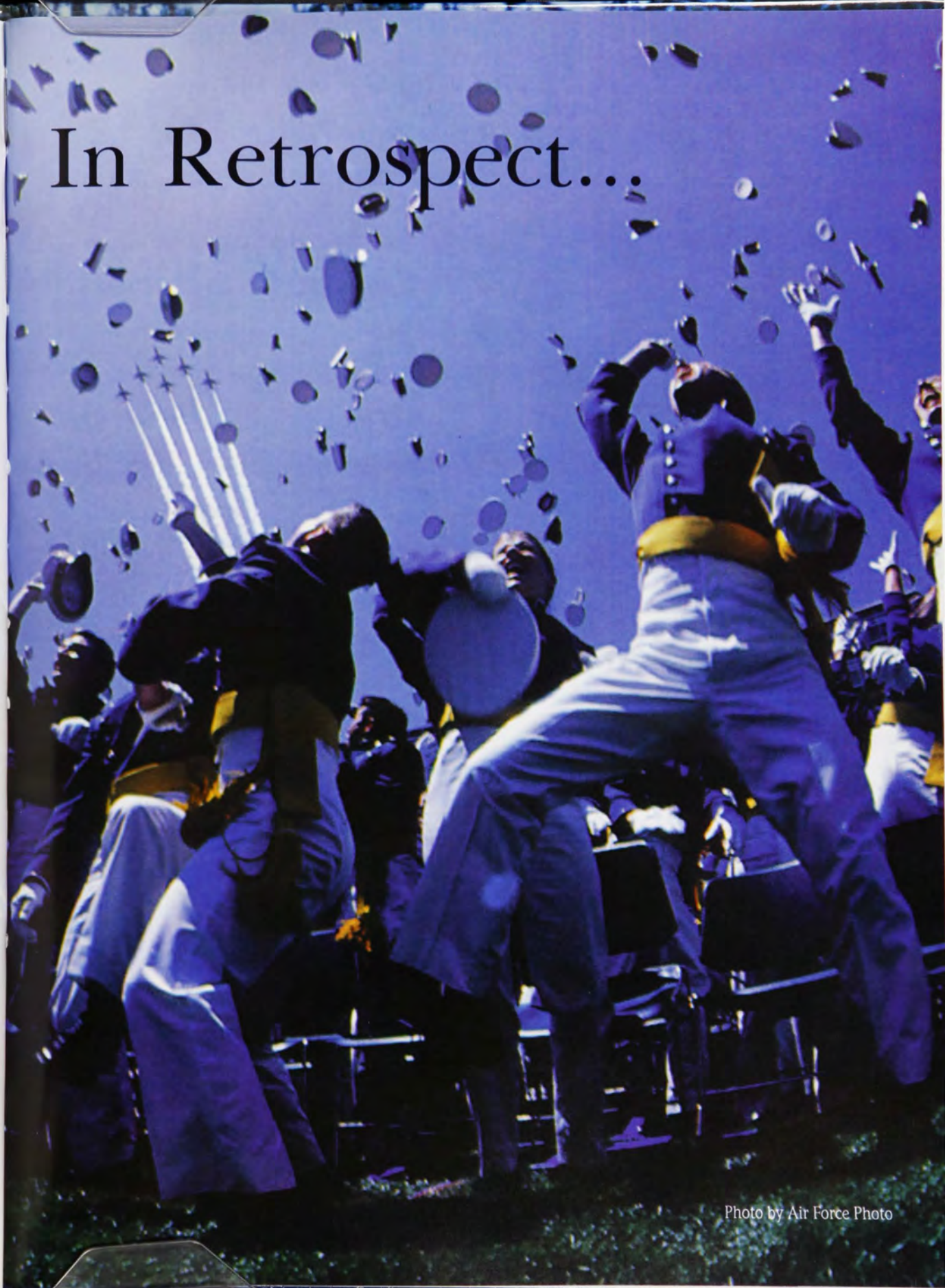


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As we bid farewell to the Class of 2000, it's impossible to resist the temptation to reminisce over the past year. Each of us had the opportunity to shape our time at the Academy, and it is that time spent here that we will always cherish most.

In Retrospect...



The fourthclass year proved that you could make it through anything. The stress of the Beast, training sessions, and introduction to core classes all pale in comparison to the pride of earning your Prop and Wings.

The thirdclass year demonstrated your determination to make it through the Academy. Tackling what many consider to be the toughest academic year, you excelled as trainers and prepare to take your place as the NCO's of the Wing.



In Retrospect...

The secondclass year fueled your desire of the ultimate goal. The more leadership positions that were filled brought you one step closer to the ring, and the night of 26 May proved that it was worth the wait.



The firstclass year allowed you to develop into Air Force Officers. The lessons learned while leading the Cadet Wing will be with you forever, and they inevitably shaped your leadership style for the rest of your life.

The Thunderbirds fly overhead, and the hats go up in the air; another year has passed at the Academy. **In retrospect ...**
it was just another year on the hill.

Families, Friends and Supporters of cadets send a special message...

Through the years, the Polaris staff has 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.



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Eric Adcock We're proud! FLY! Love, Mom, Dad, Shannen, Nick, Kristen

DANNA CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT GODS SPEED ON THE JOURNEY

Mary Kathryn We are proud of you! Love Mom Dad Shel Miss Jim John

SCHNAPPITY SCHNAP SCHNAP! U DID IT BRO! GET UP HERE & HELP ME SCOUT! JH

ANGELS KEEP YOU SAFE 2000 & BEYOND. . .FOREVER PROUD. . .Love, Home

CHARLES ALONZO'00 - WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! LOVE MOM DAD & SISTERS

Marie You are awesome! Love you forever! Dad, Mom, Rachel

TO MY SON, DANIEL J. ALVES: LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH THE APPLE OF MY EYEXO

John Anacker Proud of you. Study and achieve a great future- Mom + Fans

We Are So Proud of You Jeramy! We Love You Mama Daddy & Stephen

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL! WE LOVE U & WISH U THE BEST! MOM GREG NATALIE

DOUBLE GRIZZ! LOVE THE ARNETT'S

We are proud of you Chris! We love you-CONGRATS MOM, DAD, MARK & LISA

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We are very proud of you Laura! Love Mom, Dad, and Patrick

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU MATT! LOVE YOU! MOM, DAD, JOSIE, BECKY, JEN, & BEN

CONGRATULATIONS GREG, Fantastic Job! We're proud of you. Love Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS ISHAM THE SKY IS YOUR LIMIT GOOD LUCK LOVE DAD & ROBIN

Ryan, God Bless you and keep you safe. Peace and blessings Fr. Brian

Ryan We're so proud of you-God keep you safe as you soar. Love Mom & Pop

RYAN, The hardest part is over. The best is yet to come! The Stuker's

Jeff the view is worth the climb. We are so proud of you. Eph 3:20 M&D

BRI-ONE YEAR TO GO! WE ARE PROUD!! LOVE AND HUGS, MOM & KATY

Thanks for being the Best Kid a Parent could ask for! Love, Mom & Dad

BERRUTI GOD bless you and keep you in the shadow of his wing MomDadDeb

AARON, you did it! We are so very proud of you. LOVE MOM AND DAD BNA

MATT, Keep Aiming high Love Mom Dad Dennis Mamere & Papere

ROBERT ANOTHER YEAR DONE AND WE ARE PROUDER THAN EVER LOVE MOM&DAD

Erin-Liz, YOU WILL BE A FIRSTIE! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! LOVE, M,D,E, D



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Congratulates the Class of 2000

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Tara R. Storch

Bryan T. Unks

Reed W. Wangerud

Tracy L. Wilkerson

Daniel A. Wright

Carrick O. Yaws



Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence In All We Do

We're predicting a brilliant future
for You, Martusia! Alex, Mom &
Dad

HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAM
MATT. WE ARE SO PROUD.
Love, Mom, Dad,& Chris

John V2.0, Each day we grow
prouder of you. Love, Gayle and
Dad

Justin, now the sky isn't even
the limit! Your proud
family: Mom Dad Leah & Meghan

ERIC BRINKMAN WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU LOVE & GOD
BLESS YOU MOM
DAWN & FAMILY

We're so proud of your
exceptional achievements Love
Mom Kris and Steph

To Whom Much is given, much
is expected. Serve with
Honor To: ALB AGAPE

DREW, HANG TIGHT TRUST
GOD TO LEAD AND
STRENGTHEN YOU. LOVE
YOU! GRAMMY

Brandon, Great Job! Be Proud!
We are! We love you! Mom, Dad,
Bren & Sarah

DAN CONGRATS FROM
MOM, DAD, TOD, JULIE, DILLON,
SCOTT, CHRISTINE! Go for it!

Keep up the great work Shaun!
We are very proud of you and
miss you Dad

JOE, ANOTHER LEAF IN THE
WIND GOES BY YOUR
WINDOW WE LOVE YOU,
MOM & DAD

Grasshopper-Halfway-Great
Job!! We're Proud of You & We
Love You, Mom & Dad

***Well Done Jessica!
Prayers, God's Blessings Love
Mom, Dad, Benj, BG **

The best is yet to come! We are
so proud of you! Love Mom Dad
& Aubrey

JEREMY. You are soaring to new
heights. We are so proud! Love
Dad, Mom, TJ

ROB WE ARE SO VERY PROUD
OF YOU; CONGRATULATIONS!
LOVE MOM DAD & ERINE

Mike We love you and are very
proud of you! Love
Dad, Mom, Dave, & Danny

Travis You have the Right
Stuff We couldn't be prouder! Love
M & D, B, Meg

Rich Bush You did a Great Job
May God Be With You Always
Mom, Dad & Kim

BLAIR Keep climbing the POWER
is with you! Luv you Mom Dad
Val Brad

C

Luigi One Down and three to go!
LOVE DAD, MOM, Magno &
Marco

ROBIN '02 WE'RE SO PROUD
OF YOU! OUTSTANDING
YEAR! KEEP IT UP! LOVE MD

You made it through recognition!
Congratulations! Mom, Doug &
Katie

3 down, Hassan, 2 to go we are
ALL very Proud of You! I Love
You Son. MOM

We are so very proud of
you, Michael Campbell! Love
Mom & Dad

Big Dave! YOU ARE HALF WAY
THERE! WE SUPPORT YOU
ALWAYS! LOVE, MOM, DAD & ASH



**With great pride,
The New Jersey Parents' Association
Extends congratulations to our**

**New Second Lieutenants
The Class of 2000**



Jordan Alexander Bettio

Michael James Dorrell

Amon Dorjan Dothard

Patrick Joseph Doyle

Laura Marie Durham

Karl Edward Hagarty

Russell Scott Magaziner

James Michael Marion

Jason Pereira Moraes

Bernard James O'Neill

Saejung Park

Patrick McDermott Robinson

Henry Bruce Schantz

Nishawn Singh Smagh

Lucas Smith Tickner

Emilio Jose Urena

Mark Franklin Van Weezendonk

ANDREW We are so proud of you. You did it. Love, Dad, Mom, Ben & Casey

GOOD LUCK RANDY! AIM HIGH AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES LOVE MOM & DAD

Casey We are so proud of you. Follow your dreams. Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulation Lisa ! Let the Countdown Begin All of our Love Mom & Dad

LANDON, Congratulations, Ha'aheo makou ia'oe! Love Mom & Melissa

Shawnito, Bendiciones, Exitos y Mucho Amor Te Desea Abuela Josefa

Shawn Shawn Keep Believing In Yourself And Reaching For The Stars Love Dad Mom Derek

CONGRATULATIONS MAT! ONE YEAR CLOSER TO YOUR DREAMS! Love, Mom (Cicero)

JOSH YOU'RE FINALLY FINISHED! NOW THE FUN BEGINS! LOVE YA, JASON

We are so PROUD of you Josh! GO Butter Bars!! Love, Mom and Dad

CONGRATS BRIAN YOU DID IT! WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU! LOVE MOM DAD & MICHELLE

DONALD M CLARK III A Chip on your shoulder and a heart in your hand!

AWESOME MICHELLE! HALFWAY DONE AND HAVING FUN!! LOVE MOM DAD & BRIAN

Paul, what an awesome year! We're so proud- LOVE YA- Mom, Dad & Shelly

ANDY WHAT A YEAR YOU'VE HAD & WHAT A FUTURE LIES AHEAD! LOVE MOM & DAD

Jonathan We are so very Proud of you You did it! LOVE DAD and MOM 62578

Kyle, You did it! One day at a time! Love Dad, Mom, Spark & Allison

KYLE, we are proud of you! 3 years to go! Love, Mom Kelly Kori Kasey

NICK KEEP UP THE HARD WORK WE ARE ALL SO PROUD LOVE, MOM, DAD, TONY & ALLIE

"HEY BUDDY!" WHEN U GET YOUR HOG I WANT A RIDE. I'M PROUD OF YOU! JOSH

CONGRATULATIONS RYAN! WE'RE PROUD OF YOU. LOVE MOM, DAD & CARI

REMEMBER CADRE, THOU ART BUT A MORTAL BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS AS A 2 DEG

Hurrah Seth Michael strong and of good courage! With love -Your Family

CONGRATULATIONS, RICH YOU DID IT WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!

PROUD PARENTS OF DAVID CZESAK '01 THREE DOWN ONE TO GO! WE LOVE YOU!

D WE ARE PROUD ! GO OOOAH Love MOM POPS CHARLA

12 months and counting Love Mom & Dad Go Bill! Your Siblings-

Closer to your dreams each day! Reach for the stars! Love, Mom and Dad

Dan WE LOVE YOU AND WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU! MOM DAD JACKIE TREY

Denny Great son & bro, Awesome Drum Major, Super Cadet! Love, Mom, Dad, & Brad

TIM, I'LL SMOKE A FAT ONE FOR YOU... AWESOME JOB, TOM. ...ERR TIM! JOSH H

Hurrah LT. MED, ONE DREAM LIVED, ANOTHER WAITS, WE'LL BE THERE DAD/DEB

Brian, congrats on a superb & very full 4 years. Mom, Dad, Tracy, Andy

Tracy, what a great 1st 1/4! You will be a winner. Mom, Dad, Brian, Andy

RANDALL DEP THE ELEPHANT HAS BEEN CONSUMED ONE-BITE-AT-A-TIME M&D

CONGRATULATIONS G! YOU DID IT! GOD BLESS. LOVE MOM, DAD, DANIEL, C & M

KING TUT- WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU. LOVE YOU- DAD, MOM AND KATRINA

NATE, you are so beautiful to us! To God be all Glory. Love, Mom & Dad

Peach, the sky is not the limit. Go for it! Love, Dad, Mom, Jeff, Craig

Way to go, Doug! We're so proud of you. Love, Dad, Mom, BB and V

Malia, Root & Wings: Now use those Wings! All our love, Mom and Dad

BRETTE, CONGRATS ON ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS! COME SEE US! JOSH H.

Jen your first year is Complete. Great Job! Love Mom and Dad

The Nebraska Parents' Association Congratulates the USAFA Class of 2000

Andy Carr
Josh Close
David Jenkins

Steven Jones
Jake Miller
Justin White

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2000

• CLIFFORD FLOWERS



From The Greater New York Parents Club

KEEGAN2DOWN&2 TOGO
GOD'S YOUR PILOTTRUST
HIM!PSALMS61,62&63-
ALLOURLOVE

KURT, ONE MORE TO GO YOU
FIRSTIE! LOVE, MOM AND
DAD

E

We are so proud of you Caleb!
Love Dad, Mom, & Nina

Margaret-
Left,right,north,south,whatever.Giant
cow!Love,Mommy & Daddy!

Megan-For sell;78
Lt,lowmiles,AT,AC,USAF.\$1200
obo.Love,Mommy&Daddy!

Michael:Faith, talent,
determination-your trademarks.
BRAVO ZULU. MD&K

B-Here's to God's plan. I love
you. With a desire for your
happinessS

Rem'ber the moments I've spent
w/ you Rem'ber the things we
used to do

CONGRATS Josh(Ediggity)!
You're the Man! 2down2to
go!Love,Mom,Dad&Jar

REACHFORTHETARSFOLLOWYOUR
DREAMSMAINTAININTEGRITY&
STRENGTHDAD&GRANDMA

BRIAN E. 3 YEARS DOWN 1 TO
GO! LOVE, DAD, MOM, CHRIS,
JEFF, SCOTT&DAVE

JENNY, WE THINK YOU'RE
TERRIFIC!!
LOVE,MOM,DAD,ALLISON &
MIKE

ANOTHER FREAT YEAR DREW!
YOU'RE ALWAYS IN OUR
HEARTS-LOVE DAD MOM ERIN

F

Robbie! Forever grateful to God
for a son like you. Love, Mom
and Dad

MIKE ONLY THE STRONG
SURVIVE AND YOU DID IT!
CONGRATS Mom, Dad & Selena

NIC, May you increase in
wisdom, stature and in favor
with God and Man

S+S=S We're so proud to say
that's our Christopher! Love
Mom,Dad &Kara

WeFollowYourJourneyWithSoMuch
PrideMayYourLastYearFLASHByLove
MumDadPG&D

JayDFisher 1 Down 3 to go-knew
you could do it Love/miss you
Mom&Dad

Justin, you did it!
Congratulations!Love, Mom and
John

KEVIN—SO PROUD OF ALL
YOU DO, MORE PROUD OF
WHO YOU ARE! MOM-DAD-
KATE

SAF-Proud of you & your
academic & leadership
accomplishments Love M&D

ERIC - SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE.
YOUR DREAM IS COMING
TRUE.MOM DAD MIKE TIF

Nathan, you have made us so
proud! You did it! Love Mom,
David, &Riss

KNOCK SNOT

LT SCOTT FOREMAN YOU
WENT FROM A BOY TO A
MAN. WE ARE PROUD. MOM,
DAD

We are so proud of you DOUG!
Aim high & follow your dream.
Love, Mom & Dad

HAF:OFF TO JEDI SCHOOL AT
SHEPPARD.USE THE
FORCE.M&DBRYPIBRANORTINYJO

DAVE(DWF) YOU MAKE US SO
PROUD!FLY HIGH FALCON LAX!
LOVE YOU,MOM,DAD,CHRIS

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE!
YOU'RE HALF WAY THERE
LOVE MOM,DAD, AND ADAM

YOU GO,BOY! YOU'RE THE
BEST! LOVE, MOM,DAD,MEG
& THE PETS

MEGHAN E1/2 WAY THERE!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.
LOVE, MOM, DAD, & NESSA

CONGRATULATIONS BUD
WE'RE VERY PROUD GREAT
JOB LOVE MOM & DAD
TAKAMOTO

GREGORYYOU'VE AIMED
HIGH. YOU'RE THE
BESTESTWE LOVE YOU!
MDRA.TGtL!!

TO"OUR SWEETHEART
KID"CongratsWereSoProudOfYou
GoodLuckG-MA&POPPOP

G

We Are So Very Proud Of You
Ronnie! Congrats Love you
Mom,Dad,Veronica

Miss Mouse,Keep on painting the
sky with stars.Love
Dad,Mom,Em

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU
ANTHONY G. LUV DAD MOM
NOT LONG TO GO!
We are so very proud of you,
Adam! Love always
Mom,Dad,Chris&Jen

Philip Gause We are proud of
you.MomDad Adrian Sarah
Melissa and Randy

N94569 YOU BROUGHT IT
STRONG FAB5 WE ARE PROUD
OF YOU LOVE—
MOM,DAD,AMY

BEN-AWESOME-FIRST CLASS
ALL THE WAY LOVE DAD
MOM JAKE SAM PAUL MATT

JAKE CONGRATS-O THE
PLACES YOU'LL GO DAD MOM
ABBIE BEN SAM PAUL MATT

CONGRATULATIONS, SHAUN!
2 DOWN - 2 TO GO! LOVE,
MOM, DAD, BRETT & RYAN

JIM GINGRAS SOAR WITH
WINGS AS EAGLES WE LOVE
YOU MOM AND DAD

Grace-AmazingThe-next-stepThe
wild blue yonder-
Love,Mom,Dad+Family

TIM, congrats on your 1st
year!You are AWESOME! LOVE
MOM,DAD,PAUL,MATT

CONGRATS KEVIN YOU MADE
IT THRU YEAR 1 THE REST IS
EASY LOVE UR FAMILY

ROSS, WE APPLAUD YOU!
LOVE, DAD, MOM AND
HUDSON

Jamie, we are proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jana, & Biskit

Congrats Steven on your 4 year-
now YOU can turn up the heat!
The Fam

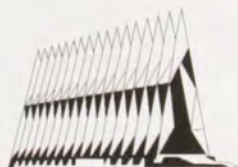
Kerri, our miracle from God has
made us so very proud! LOVE,
Mom & Dad

H

Congratulations 2Lt. Karl! We are
soProud of you.
LOVE,MOM,DAD & DEAN

KELBY, Congratulations! Now
Onward & Upward. Love Mom,
Dad, & Devon

THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



PROUDLY WISHES TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEWEST
SECOND LIEUTENANTS IN THE CLASS OF 2000!

Alfred J. Ascol

Christopher N. Lehto

Sean H. McCarthy

Erik M. Axt

Peter M. Lington

Erin Nagel

Abram G. Baker

Kelly M. Marshall

Jason P. Newham

Monica M. Campos

Marco A. Martinez

Brandon K. Nickel

Brian C. Flis

Ernest G. Mayfield, III

Thomas L. Philley, Jr.

Ronald V. Garcia

Michael G. Roberts, Jr.

Joy Goddard

Brett G. Shackelford

Jacob L. Hammons

Christopher D. Smith

Brenetta S. Hunter

Sydney C. Smith

Mame R. Hutchinson

Nathan A. Thompson

Joann N. Kenneally

John C. Uelez



SARAH WHAT A GIFT FROM
GOD AND BLESSING YOU ARE
TO US! LOVE NANA & PAPA

Sasa = Courage, Beauty, A
Friend! You're the Best! Love
Mom, Dad, Josh

Sarah, Beautiful, Determined,
Faithful! Love YOU! G'Ma &
G'Pa Halberg

SO CAN I SAY WHATEVER I
WANT IN HERE? UH, HOO-HA
FOR WEEBLES! LV, JOSH

NWP Cds & Sqd 11 THANKS
FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT.
U D'BEST! J. HALBERG

YOUR GOAL ACHIEVED, THE
MOON AND STARS ARE
YOURS. LOVE
DAD, MOM, ANNIE

Casey be proud of what you've
done we are! Love Mom Dad &
Leslie

Red You are half way there! We
are very proud of you! Love,
Mom & Dad

CONGRATS DANA WE KNEW
YOU WOULD SOAR MOM
DAD CINDY ALAN HEATHER
& GANG

WAY TO GO ERIC! WE
SALUTE YOU!!! LOVE... POP,
MIMI, DAD, MOM, KELLY &
LIZ

CONGRATULATIONS, SARAH.
ONE DOWN AND THREE TO
GO! LOVE, MOM, DAD &
LAURA

Bill, we are so very proud of
you. Congratulations! Love, the
family.

JOHN, CONGRATS ON
COMPLETING YOUR 1ST
YEAR. I'M SO PROUD OF
YOU. DAD

We are so proud of you
Marques! Love
Mom, Granny, Vetta, Carl, Ted, Dad &
Tim

We are very proud of you
Matthew! Love
Dad, Mom, Janel, & Toto

We are so proud of you Josh!
Love
Mom, Dad, Brandi, Zach & Caleb

Congratulations Lt Allison
Hartmann! Outstanding 4 years.
Love Mom & Dad

We are so proud of you
Heather! Shine on. Love
Mom, Dad, Tina & Julie

Colton you did it!
Congratulations! Love, your
family

Lil Dave AGE 9 A DREAM/21
REALITY BELIEVE IN THE
POWER OF DREAMS LUV
M&D

CHRIS The 1ST year is now a
memory. GREAT JOB! Love,
Mom Dad & Brandon

SCOTT YOU MAKE US PROUD!
WE LOVE YA. MOM, DAD AND
YOUR SIS MONIQUE

We Are Very Proud Of You
George LOVE DAD TONY
FRANCES DESTINY

Randy Wings of Green to Wings
of Blue! What an exceptional 3
Deg. Yr. M+D

CONGRATULATIONS MARK
HICKIE WHAT A GREAT
YOUNG MAN YOU ARE!

JT YOUR 1ST YEAR
ACHIEVEMENTS WE'RE SO
PROUD. WE U MOM DAD
SISTERS

DAWN LYNN WE ARE SO

The Eastern Michigan Parents Club extends its congratulations to our New Second Lieutenants of the Class of 2000



Ryan Braman * Laura Durham * Paul Gabriel
Benjamin George * Michael Keough * Benjamin Matthews
Brian O'Grady * Kevin Pulliam * Andrew Smith
Iwan (John) Spolsky * Bartley Ward * Joshua Westby
Charles Zanolli

WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT
KEN! LOVE & PRAYERS FROM
GRANDPA & GRANDMA H&T

C2C ALREADY! So proud of
you, Luke! LOVE & PRAYERS,
MOM DAD LISE & GABE

Ryan, Recognized! Congratulations! Keep
Going! Love Mom, Dad, Pat & Oreo

JAY WE ARE ALL SO PROUD!
LOVE, MOM DAD DON PAM
SHARI TIM DANNY SCOTT

Todd one step closer! We are so
PROUD of you! Love, your family

Hey, Brian, great job making it
thru this tough year! Love,
Mom, Dad, Ash

MATT WE'RE SO PROUD OF
YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS! LOVE
MOM, DAD, RICK & COURTNEY

First rate job your 4th class year,
Craig! Congrats & Love, Mom &
Dad H

MAME CONGRATS YOU'RE
AMAZING! TONS OF LOVE
FROM
MOM, JACK, BROOK, DALLAS

I

Rob, 1 down, 3 to go! We
couldn't be any prouder! Love,
Mom, Dad, & Amy

J

AARON- GOD'S LOVE SHINES
THROUGH YOU! 1 DOWN 3
TO GO! LOVE MOM & GARY

CONGRATS ON YOUR IP
WINGS! WE ARE SO PROUD OF
YOU! LOVE MOM & DAD

We are SO proud of you! You did
it! Love & CONGRATS Mom,
Dad & Jacob

Cortney you live every day to the
fullest we're so proud! Love
Mom & Dad

HOLD FAST TO YOUR DREAMS
AND LISTEN TO THE RIVER
SING SWEET SONGS. MOM

Kip: SO PROUD OF OUR 2nd LT!
BCT TO GRADUATION-
AWESOME! LOVE
DAD, MOM, MEL

Scooter, we couldn't be prouder!!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Leigh & cats

RYRY SOAR HIGH ! KEEP UP
THE GOOD WORK WE LOVE
YOU MOM DAD MANDY

BEAU We are so proud of the
man you are! Love Forever DAD
& MOM

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27 LOVE,
MOM & DAD

Kev Soar on wings like eagles,
following His path. We are
proud. Mom Dad

K

CONGRATS JEREMY! one step
closer to a fit cockpit.
LOVE, Mom, Dad, & MKTJD

Paula, continue to Knock 'em
down & put 'em in a sack! Love,
Mom & Dad

THE PROUDEST PARENTS IN
PGH. GO FOR THE GOLD
CHRIS. LOVE U. MOM AND
DAD

SEAN, WE NEVER DOUBTED
YOU WOULD MAKE IT MOM
DAD AND MEGHAN

JR. BIRDMAN: Conrats Firstie!
We are so proud of YOU! Luv
Momma & Dude

CONGRATS LT TIMOTHY KIPP!
HERES TO LOVE, LUCK &
LAUGHTER! THE SCHROERS

DJK Jr MAY THE LORD GUARD
AND GUIDE YOU! "KISS THE
SKY"! LOVE, MDK&K

Josh, We are so proud of you. God
bless you! Love
Mom, Dad, Jason, Krista

Jordan, 1 yr completed! Bursting
with pride! Love, Mom, Dad,
Chayne & Zayn

JOHNNY, WE ARE SO PROUD
OF YOU! YOU HAVE
SURVIVED! LOVE, MOM & BEN

J.B. Congratulations! We are very
proud of you! Love, Mom and
Dad

CONGRATS! May God be with
you on your Journey. LOVE
MOM/DAD KREINBRINK

CONGRATULATIONS ON
YOUR GREAT ACHIEVEMENT
TODD! LOVE MOM, DAD, &
EMILY

Dayleen, NEVER forget the
power of expectations! Much
love, Dad & Mom

CHUCK WE BELIEVE YOU CAN
FLY... TOUCH THE SKY. LOVE,
MOM DAD KEVIN & CHRIS

Pumpkin, Your spirit IS as valiant
as your heritage. Love, The
'Rents

L

YOU'RE SIMPLY THE BEST!
GOOD LUCK + GOD BLESS
THE LAFLEUR FAMILY

Matias Keep up the good work.
Congratulations! Mom, Tommy,
Tommy A.

GRADUATION IS NOT THE
END ; IT IS THE END OF THE
BEGINNING ! PYH

BIG JAKE! YOU'VE MADE US
ALL SO PROUD NEVER FORGET
HOW MUCH YOU'RE LOVED

You did it Ace! We are so proud!
Love Mom, Dad, Heidi, Molly &
Melissa

Preston, You've got what it takes!
We love you, Dad, Mom, &
Charles

J.B.L. LOVE AND PRIDE IS
WHAT YOUR FAMILY FEELS
FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!

BRANDON, THE WORST IS
OVER. WE'RE SO PROUD!
LOVE DAD, KRISTIE & SEAN

DANG, Congrats! Let's aim
higher. God bless you. Love fr
Mom Dad & Lu.

Suzy May all your skies be blue &
your LS1 full of gas XO & SPIT
MOM & H

Joe, CONGRATS on a job well
done. We are very proud. Love
Mom and Dad

We are very proud of you
NATHAN! LOVE MOM DAD
AMY & CARMON GOOD JOB

Krista, one down, three to go!
Congrats! Love, Mom & Tom

LT A BOY RETRND A MAN
ALWAYS R BABY CONGRATS &
GOD BLES! LUV MOM & DAD

Wells, we are SO PROUD of
YOU!! Love Mom, Dad, Sas &
Scout

Justin, God keep you always safe,
dear Heart. Love you,
Mom & Jim & Courtenay

Be proud of your
accomplishments, Tony! All of RS
is pulling for you!

Al, Congratulations on a job well
done. Love, Dad & Karen

Club extends its
and Lieutenants of



Paul Gabriel
Benjamin Matthews
Andrew Smith
Joshua Westby

JP McCroan-CarpeDiem!
Pride,Joy,Love-
Mom,Dad,Jonathan,Matthew+Emily

WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF
YOU LAURA, LOVE FROM
YOUR FAMILY & GRANDAD

HEY KRISTI! YO! YOU DA
BOMB! LOVE YOU!! MOM
DAD RYAN AND KIMI

PROUD OF YOU AARON! ONE
MORE YEAR TO GO. KEEP THE
FAITH! LOVE MOM+DAD

Doug, Enjoy the last year! We are
happy + proud of you. Love
Mom + Dad

BART, CONGRATULATIONS
ON GRADUATIONYOU'RE
AWESOME! LOVE, MOM DAD
BILL

BUDLEY! WELL DONEWE'RE
PROUD HAVE FUN FLY SAFE!
LOVE, DAD, MOM & KATE

N

ERIN: WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS
OUR PRIDE IN YOU! LOVE DAD
& ROCHELLE & PUPS

FRANCIS CONGRATULATIONS
KEEP REACHING FOR THE SKY
LOVE MOM DAD & TISHY

CONGRATS KURT ON A 1ST
CLASS 4TH CLASS YEAR LOVE
YOUR PROUD FAMILY

TIM, CONGRATS 3RD DEGREE.
WOLFPACK RULES. LOVE DAD
MUM & THE "SPOOFS"

YOUR FAMILY STANDS
PROUDLY WITH YOU, IN
CHRIST, IN ALL YOUR
ENDEAVORS

ALL THIS FOR A VETTE!? WELL
DON CAMERON!!! LOVE
MOM,DAD,COREY&NICOLE

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU
JAMES,JR.! LOVE
MOM,DAD,SCOTT + LARRY

Hey Nov,one in the bag!We are
soproud.Love,Mama,Papa,
Matthew,Dempsey

Dustin-NO MIRACLES JUST
HARD WORK!

We're so proud of you Cha! Lots
of love, Mom, Dad & AJ

O

David Och,Great Job! So proud of
you.The sky's the limit!
Mom,Steve,EZ

Raulwe're so proud of
you.Remember Phil. 4:13We
love you,Mom & Dad

CJ-CONGRATS 2LT! Fly high &
fast. Land Gently! Mom, Dad,
Sarah

YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE
ME. I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
MOM PHIL. 4:13

TOO COOL JOE O! WAY TO
GO!LOVE MOM DAD AMI
MIKE JEN LISA & AMY

GREAT JOB GERMAN! WE ARE
ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU.
LOVE MOM DAD SISTERS

Craig, CONGRATS on your 1st
year. SO PROUD OF YOU! Love,
Mom & Dad

JK 2000, You met the challenge
and excelled, now enjoy! Dad,
Mom+John

JOHN-DON'T LET ANYONE
PUT THE KIBOSH ON YOUR
DREAMS! CONGRATS - LOVE
DMSJ

We always knew you could do it!
Grandma, Grandpa and all the
Nelson's!

Way to go Nate! We are so proud!
Love,Dad,Mom,Aaron,Matt,Adam
+ Luke

Ade, you are God's gift to the
whole family, and a smashing
success! XO

Kedric Osborne '00
Cngratulations! God bless, All our
love, Mom + Dad

CHRIS OTT 00 WITH MUCH
LOVE&PRIDE I
CONGRATULATE YOU!JOB
WELL DONE MOM

Determination-Desire You have it
ALL! Go For Your Dreams Love
Mom&Dado

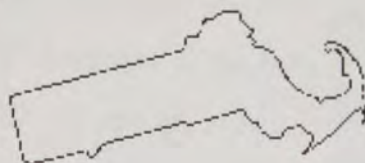
Nate you have given us 2000
reasons to be proud. Love
Mom,Dad & Tracy.

CONGRATULATIONS



to the Class of 2000

Lindsey G Adami
David I Bennett
Steven M DeMoulpied
Nicole L Drevet
Heather A Fox
Joseph P Geaney III
Justin D Mackey
Jordan S McCatherin
Joseph W Roe
David E Zeytoonjian



The Eastern Massachusetts
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Andrew Cass
David Garay
David Heinitz
Joshua Imme
Brian Knauf
Daniel Lawrence
Mathew Miller
Bradley Salmi
Patrick Smiley
John Trumm

Jason Case
Douglas Foster
Colleen Hall
Gregory Hoffman
Jeffrey Johnston
Christopher Knier
Andrew Meudt
Daniel Mortensen
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Rory Stein
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P

CHRIS, TWO DOWN TWO TO GO. HANG TOUGH! LOVE MOM, DAD & DANNY

LANA TWO DOWN TWO TO GO! GO GIRL! LOVE GRAM + PAP

LANA,FOR A WOMAN RAISED BY WOLVES YOU'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS LUV MOM

JUST, 1 down 3 to go! 1 Step at

a time stay steady & then some w/ LOVE MDJ

JOHN PAPPAS: No regrets?! We love you asleep or awake!
MOM,DAD,BEN

JORGE, YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH! IT'S ALL DOWN HILL NOW! THE GANG

Great year Anthony! One more year to go! Enjoy! Love, 2001 MOM & DAD

Great year Anthony!One more year to go!Enjoy!Love,2001 Mom&Dad

ART CONGRATULATIONS WERE ALL PROUD OF YOU LOVE
MOM,DAD,MARY,BRIGID,MATT

D,what aman!character,integrity+ wisdom.We're proud!Love,mom, Dad+James

Press toward the mark. You did great Congrats Is.59:14 Love Pav Family

JAMES, YOU ARE AMAZING! WE LOVE YOU. MOM, DAD, BRIAN, AND CHRISTINE

PERICH WAY TO GO! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU. LOVE, MOM,DAD,MATT AND CHRIS

CONGRATULATIONS,BRIAN!YOU DID IT! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!LOVE MOM,DAD&DEAN

JAVIN,YOUR FAITH IN GOD WORKS.CONGRATS.LOVE GREAT MOM PAYTON

GOD IS FAITHFUL
CONGRATULATIONS JAVIN
WE'RE PROUD OF YOU LOVE MOM& DAD

LEE, the stars are getting closer.
Love ya,
Mom,Dad,Jacob,Adam&Coleman

A son who has honored his God, parents, and country!
3John4 Love, MOM & DAD

MICHAEL, We're so proud of you! ISA40:31 love, Dad Mom & Ben

WearesoveryproudforyouNatalie congrats&GoodLuck,Love,MOM,Mya Alex,David &Erick

We're very proud of you Neil
Love Dad Mom Jay&Gina

Watch out world-here she comes!
We love you all the time, Laura.
FRTAJ

Q

Dylan, WE WISH THE BEST TO YOU ALWAYS.LOVE
MOM,MICHAEL,BRENT &MOOSIE

R

JESUS congrats! Dios Te Bendiga.CHU'S ON HIS WAY!
WE LOVE YOU,Mom+Gary

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU KYLE! YOU ARE HALF WAY THERE LOVE MOM MARCI LAUREN

Rene, you reached for the stars-you're almost there! Just 1 more year!

STEVE, WHY DID YOU BREAK MY RECORD?! CONGRATS AND HAVE FUN IN CA! JOSH

Jamie, we are so proud of you for accomplishing so much. Love, Mom&Dad

One more down Kevin.So proud of you!Love,Mom,Dad,Grandma and Grandpa

A TRIBUTE TO DARE'WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! LOVE MOM,DAD +FRED

KERMIT "SEMPER RE" RAUCH: We are proud of you and know next 3 will fly by!

STEVE, HAWK,BEAST+ WHATEVER ELSE! With pride+love, Mom, Dad, + Girls

SEAN-Our favorite "RAT" from squadron33-way to go!
Love,Mom,Dad&Andrew

GreatJob!Simononcompletingyour secondaryr.DeansListAndAll!ImsoProudof U.LvMA

YOU HAVE BROUGHT MUCH HONOR TO GOD & FAMILY, JEREMY. WE ALL LOVE YOU!

ANNIE FLYING FIRST CLASS

2nd. Lt. Chris, we salute you! Keep reaching for the stars! Love, MDB&T

You did it One Day at a Time Pops! Love, Mom, Dad, Teresa & Christine

YOU DID IT SIMON! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU LOVE MOM JOHN AND ANDREW

CONGRATULATIONS RYAN! WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU! LOVE, MOM,DAD,JON

Jenn 3 down Twas a heavy Load 1 left afore hittin the road Luv Ma & Pa

"JOEY" SPACE HAS NO LIMITS.
YOU DID IT. CONGRATS. LOVE
MOM DAD + MIKE.

DON, hard work & perseverance
have paid off! Love & Pride, Mom
& Dad

TANK ROMERO-MOM'S WITH
YOU! 2 DOWN 2 LEFT.
GOOD,BETTER,BEST. LOVE,
DAD

Jeremy "Be strong + of good
courage for God is with you"
Love M, D + D

We know how hard you've
worked and are very proud of
you Love Mom&Dad

PSST! 1 down 3 to go to FLY
HIGH! LUV RAMBO MOM &
PAUL, DAVID, G&G YOST.

MICHELLE KEEP YOU EYES ON
THE PRIZE WE LOVE YOU
DAD,GAYNA,JUSTIN,JACOB

BRAD, 3 DOWN 1 TO GO!
WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE MOM DAD & LINDSEY

Mattew Cole, We are proud of
your success and graduation! Pops
& Family

Matt R, You definitely have the
"right stuff"! Class of 2000 Love
MOM

Nick 3 down + 1 to go. Keep up
the good work. We love you.
Mom + Joe

You achieved what we all
believed in you, you are so
special & deserving!

S

Lt. BRAD SALMI- SOUNDS
GREAT! BLUE SKIES!!MUCH
LOVE- & DAD& SIBLINGS

Jared, we are so proud of you!
You're an inspiration!
Congratulations!

GREAT JOB AND WELL DONE
BRAD ! LOVE MOM KEVIN
AND THE DADE CITY BUNCH

HENRY-CONGRATSYOU-DID-
IT!-GOD-BLESSLOVE MOM
DAD HEIDI JEFF-JOSHUA 1:9

Philip-TO FLY-TO FLY-TO
FLY-TO FLY-TO FLY-love
Mom + Dad

Howie, Love God, cherish
family, honor country, value
truth. Love KJS

LEADERSHIP IS A SACRED
TRUST. YOU'RE READY! THE
BEST IS YET TO COME.

PETER YOU DID GREATWE
ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE, DAD, MOM, RIN +
MIKE

Congratulations Michael, I'm so
proud of you! Love Always, Cora
Beth

CONGRATS LT MICHAEL
SCHROER! HERES TO LOVE,
LUCK & LAUGHTER! MOM &
DAD

JEFF THIS IS A GREAT
ACCOMPLISHMENT
CONGRATULATIONS WE
LOVE YA MOM+DAD

GO CODY - 3 DOWN 1 TO GO!
LOVE YA! MOM, CLINT,
CHERI, HUEY & DEWEY

Super D - You're still the best
cadet we've ever had! L&P,
Mom, KJS, MA, NM

CASEY YOU ARE AN
INSPIRATION & A MIRACLE!
LOVE & ADMIRATION, MOM
& DAD

Andrew S, Half way Through!
Proud of you! Mom, Dad, Owen,
Abbie + All!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU
MY SON BILLY LOVE
MOM,KELLY;GOD BLESS
YOU!!!!!!

1st YEARS OVER IN SHELBY
STYLE THINKING OF YOU
MAKES US ALL SMILE

JENNIFER 2nd LT 1st BIG
SISTER LUCKY FOR
GERMANY BUT WE'LL ALL
MISS YA!

JASON TWO DOWN & TWO
TO GO! PLAY HARD IN
FLORIDA DON'T BE GATOR
BAIT!

Etaiyou did it!BCT,Recognition,
all behind you.Aim
high!Love,Shpaks

Ben,may your morals be your
guideposts. OUR
LOVE,MOM,DAD,MIMI &
POPOO

NOW YOU ARE A FIRSTIEWE
ARE SO PROUD OF
YOU!DAD,HOLLY,JAROD+
SAMI

CONGRATULATIONS Erika,
we are very proud of you! Love
Mommy & Daddy

JIMWE COULDN'T BE
PROUDER OF YOU - MOM,
POPS, MICHELLE,
MELANIE,BRIAN

Justin S. The first year is behind
you. Congrats! Family + Friends

RYAN,TWO EXCELLENT
YEARS-HALFWAY-HUGE
APPLAUSE! LOVE
MOM,DAD,RON

A JEDI SOON YOU WILL BE
LOVE,MOM,FRED,JEN,MARK,TIM,
LISA,NOAH AND DAD

BRIGHT - AWESOME JOB
ACCOMPLISHING SO MUCH
YOUR C3C YEAR. LOVE
MOM & DAD

SCARS ARE SEXY, BRIGHT.
KEEP ON MOUNTAIN BIKING!
LOVE JUSTINE

DEAR TOM, TWO DOWNTWO
TO GO! CONGRATS! LOVE
MOM,DAD,JACK & CASSIE

Jess, may you soar on wings like
eagles! With pride + love,Mom +
Holly

JASON WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU! TO THE FUTURE! LOVE
MOM DAD STEVE + GANG!

JEFE YOU DID IT! MUCH TO BE
PROUD OF AND CELEBRATE!
CONGRATS-MOM & DAD

MISSY, WRISTS ARE TASTY &
MEANT TO BE CHEWED,
ESPECIALLY W/MUSTARD-
JOSH

Thank you For Being our
son!GOD LOVES you T.K. AND
SO DO WE!MOM & DAD

3 DOWN 1 TO GO! WE LOVE
YA! MOM DAD

Seth, If you have but one shot at
an opportunity, make it count. M
& D

BASIC TO BIMINIYOU'VE
DONE IT;NEXT GLIDERS TO
JETS! LYTM DAD&SABRA

ROB WE ARE SO PROUD OF
YOU! KEEP UP THE GOOD
WORK LOVE MOM AND DAD

CADET TOM STILL CS22 WE
ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU
MOM + DAD

Wendy-congratulations,nice job
Love, your family

JDS - 40+2=ENDLESS
POSSIBILITIES - GRACE -
TRUTH - COURAGE -
SINCERITY - PERFECTION

JDS - IF ONLY US AT HOME
COULD WALK IN YOUR SHOES
WE'D EXPERIENCE GLORY!!

DS2 - YOU ACED YOUR FIRST
YEAR - YOU'VE MADE IT LOOK
EASY - GOOD LUCK @ 3

MORE
Justin-A mile is easiest run one
step at a time-Love Mom Dad +
enelle

ANDY AD ASTRA PER
ASPERA—WAY TO GO WE'RE
ALL SO PROUD OF YOU "THE
FAM"

CAC Tim Strouse-we're so proud!
Enjoy the memories-Love
Mom,Dad,Bry&EM

SHANE RULES! YOU HAVE IT
TOGETHER SULLY. ANGELS
ON YOUR WING- LOVE US

dear funkmaster, you're the
easiest trumpeter ever! Love,
mom dad + jp

Steven we're so proud of you,
with admiration and love, Mom,
Dad & Stacey

Matt, WOW! Congrats-excellent
2nd class yr + your 1FR ticket!
Luv mapa

STARKINGTON,CONGRATS,1
DOWN & 3 TO GO!YOU'RE
THE MAN!KEEP IT UP,LOV
DAD

TOMMY,GREAT JOB OF
"RUNNING THE PLACE" LOVE
MOM,DAD,CHARLEY,& FRED
XO

We are so proud of you
Tremayne A dream come true
Love Dad and Sister

JUST ONE YEAR TO GO LUKE
WE ARE SO PROUD LOVE
MOM,DAD,RON,DANI&RONNIE

Andy you are halfway done.
Good going! Love mom dad
DOUG & Gerry

BRYCE,FLY WITH
CONFIDENCE-DAD IS THE
WIND UNDER YOUR
WINGS.LOVE DAD&MOM

Congrats on a great first year
AdamWe are very proud of you-
MOM & ROB

RKT you made it! One down
only three to go! We're so proud,
Dad Mom & Kyle

RKT YOU MADE it! ONE Down
ONLY three to Go! WE'RE SO
Proud,DadMom&Kyle

Kris-It took Strength-Courage-
determination,you're
Awesome!Luv Mom&Dad

Chris, We are so proud of you!
God Bless Love you so much!
Mom & Dad

Erik, way to soar thru your first
year at the Zoo! Love, Mom Dad
Megan

YOU DID YOUR MOTHER AND
GRANDFATHER PROUD. SOAR
ON WITH THE EAGLES.DAD

HEY JAMES, YOU'RE CLOSE
TO THE GOAL!WE'RE WITH
YOU IN SPIRIT! MOM&DREW

DOMONIQUE One down three
to go - CONGRATULATIONS -
LUV MOM DAD & ASHTON
DAD

TRINK SAYS IT'LL BE OK
CONGRATULATIONS BRYAN
WE ARE PROUD MOM AND
DAD

We're so proud of you,Son! God
Bless You! Love From
Potosi,MOM&DAD

NATALIE, WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU! THE BEST IS YET TO BE!
LOVE, MOM & DAD

We love you Ric!
LOVE,MOM,DAD&JILL

TYLERWHAT A
ROLLERCOASTER RIDE IT'S
BEEN! HANG ONTHERE'S
MORE! XO MDL

V

John un Recuerdo de tu
Familia,Con Amor
Martha,Rudy,Victor Y Javier

GREAT JOB ERIKA,WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU LITTLE
ONE,LOVE,MOM,AUD,KIRSTIN

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF
YOU,2ND Lt. GREG'OO! LOVE,
MOM, DAD AND LAUREN

Robert Volesky you have made us
so proud! Love Mom,Dad &
family

Troy, now you can Fly High!We
are very proud of you! Mom,Dad
& David

W

YANCEY YOU ARE MORE
THAN AWESOME CONGRATS
ON BEING HALFWAY THERE
M,D,C

You did it Matt. We couldn't be
moreProud! Love, Mom, Dad,and
M.M.M.

Reed/Hold fast your dreams/Step
out with spirit, faith, joy/Love,
KW Fam.

RYAN AWESOME YEAR! WE
ARE SO PROUD OF YOU LOVE
DAD MOM & JENNA

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU
CHRIS! LOVE. MOM, DAD,
AMY, ANGIE, LORI & ZACK

We are so very proud of
you,DAVID!
Love,Dad,Mom,Dawn,Michael,and
Mark

KyleYou can do ALL things thru
Him who strengthens you-Love
Mom & Dad

Katrine- We're so proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom, & Rani

Blair, you dared to dream; dreams
do come true!
CONGRATULATIONS MDN&N

KEVIN-BE WHAT YOU ARE, AND
BECOME WHAT YOU ARE
CAPABLE OF BECOMING M&D

There goes sweetpea...off into the
wild blue webster. Love, MOM &
DAD

There goes sweetpea...off into the
wild blue Webster.Love, Mom &
Dad

Cadet Welker you worked hard.
Congrat! We love you, Mom, Jer,
+ Chris

What an outstanding year, Jon.
We're very proud of you! Love
Mom & Bob

CONGRATULATIONS West Mich
grads-live honorably! West Mich
Parents Club

Congratulations, Justin! You earned
it! We're so proud! Love,
Mom&Dad

Chris, 2003 will be here soon!
The sky is the limit! Love, Mom,
Dad & Megan

Clayton, you have survived your
Doolie year! Hooray! Love, Mom
and Dad

BOONER - Seek first His
kingdom. We are proud of you.
You da man!

JasonThree down one to goWe
love u We are so proud MDKG PS
25:4,5

JASON CONGRATS ON YOUR
GRAD. WE LOVE YOU-GOOD
LUCK,DAD,MOM,KATIE N&P

Z

KEITH "THERE WAS NEVER
ANY DOUBT" YOU MADE US
PROUD VHS WRESTLING TEAM
KEITH;"WITH PERISTENCE
DREAMS DO COME TRUE" I
LOVE YOU,SUZANNE

KEITH, YOU DID IT! I'M PROUD
THAT YOU ARE A PART OF MY
LIFE COREY

KEITH I'm proud you have the
discipline to reach the goals you
set ALUN

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU KEITH!
LOVE YOU-GRANDMA AND
GRANDPAP

Keep up the good work Love Dad

SWW You wear the RING!
Congratulations!
Dad,Lauren&David,Meghan

RANDOLPH, THIS IS A PROUD
DAY FOR YOU AND THE
ENTIRE FAMILY
CONGRATS.DAD

Paul you still have your B-day and
a diploma, too. Fantastic! Mom &
Dad

Y

EA REMEMBER, THEY AIN'T
SEEN NOTHING LIKE YOU YET!
LOVE DAD AND MOM

STEVE, GREAT JOB! WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU!
2DOWN2TOGO LOVE, MOM

FERNANDO YOU Did it We Are
so Proud of YOU!
CONGRATULATIONS!MOM,&RICKY

KIRK LAUGH LAST LAUGH
BEST VERY PROUD AND LOVE
YOU LOTS AKZ LUKE 12:31

WAAZZUPMATTYOU'RE
MONEY! KEEP GOD CLOSE-
LOVE, YOUR WHOLE FAM
DAM.

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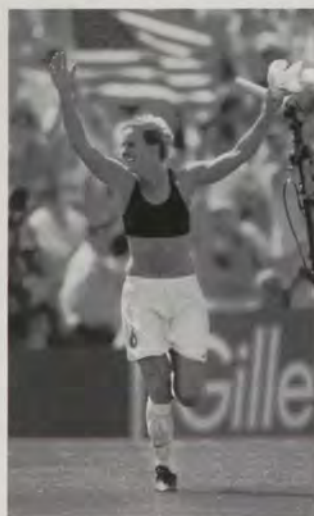
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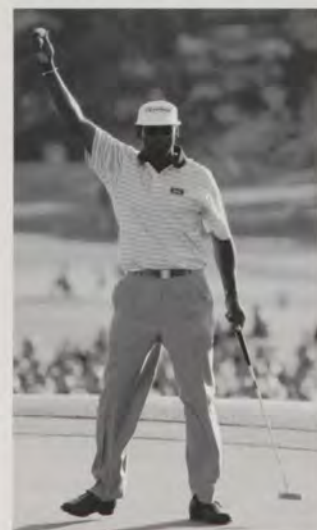
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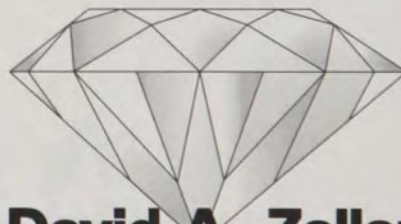
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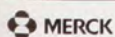


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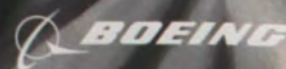
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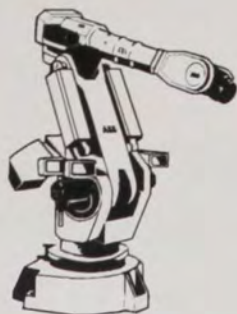
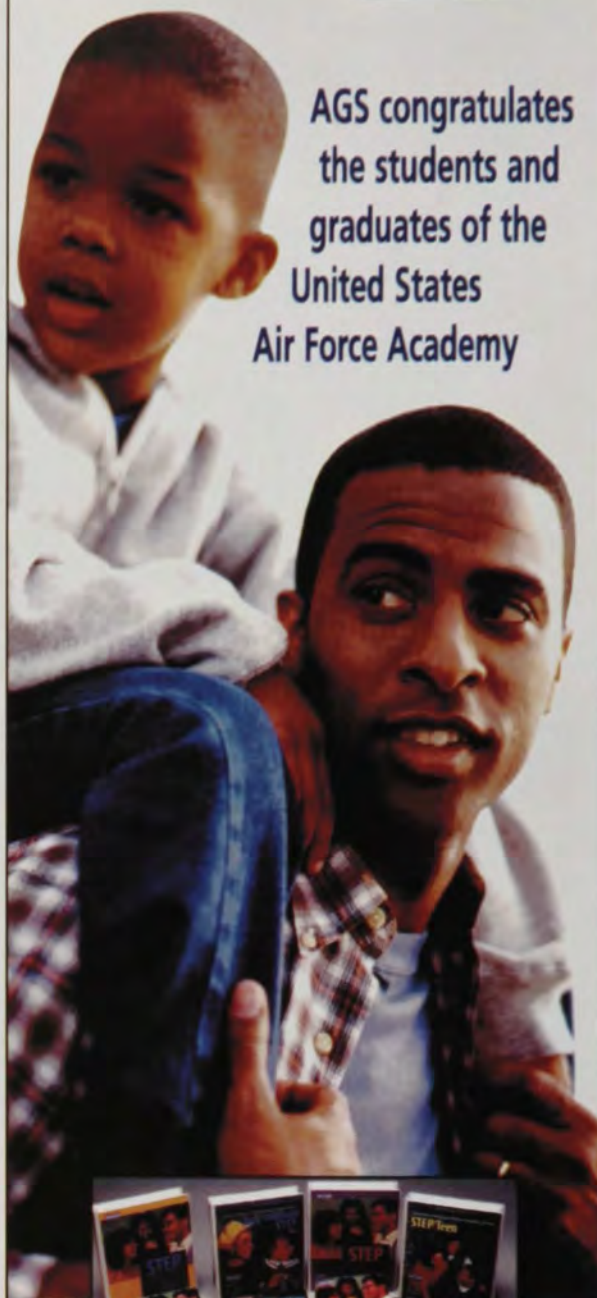


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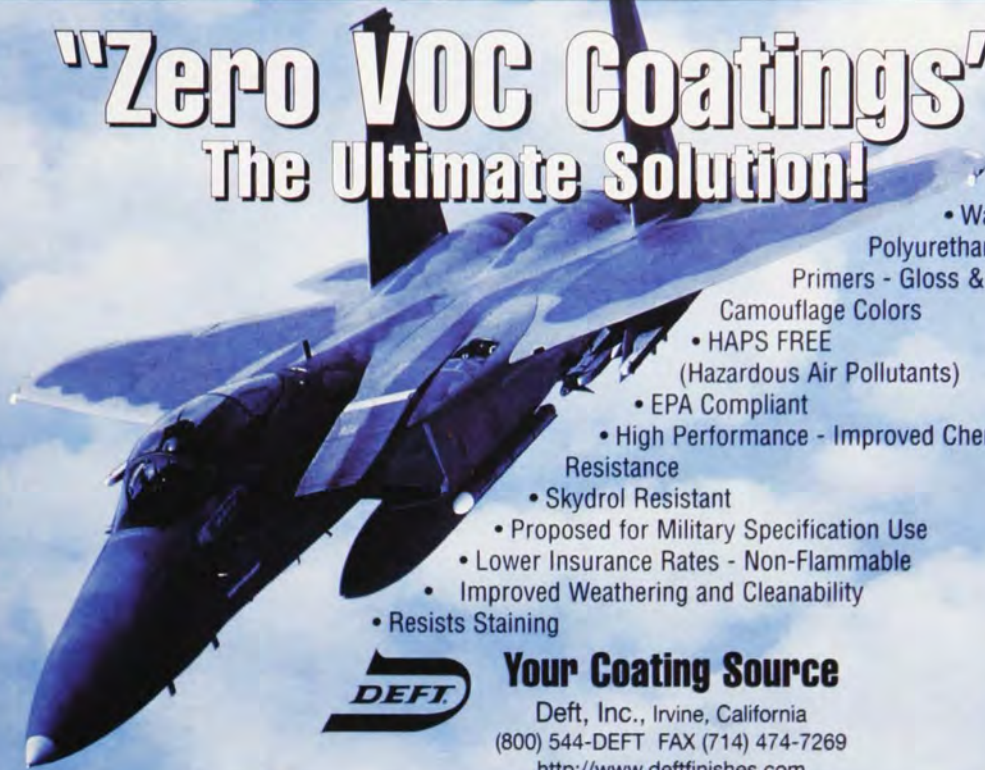
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The Last Will and Testament of the EDITOR

I, Christopher Beaman, being of sound mind and Polaris-lovin' body do hereby submit the following to the members of the USAF Academy Yearbook Staff:

WIS - I want to thank you for all of the work you did helping out with the book. Although you were primarily a "sports" guy, the help you offered while the book was completed was priceless! Thanks for everything...to you I'm gonna leave some real "Southern Mannerisms." (Cause even though you say you're from Memphis...we all know you're a yankee!) RET - To say the least it was an interesting year working with Sports. Although the book was presented with more than its own share of obstacles acquiring sports pictures...I think your section turned out great! It's not everybody that can take the largest section of the book as a 3-degree and succeed. For that I leave you with an unlimited supply of Cigars to smoke everytime you feel the need to sit back and relax. (Or for those great trips to CMA Conventions...) LG - It's a good thing you were on staff this year to keep me in my place...otherwise who knows how full of myself I could have become. I always had to be extra careful when you were in the room 'cause I knew you would be the first person to give me some grief. But I also knew that you were one of the hardest workers and would always get the job done. The Clubs section had a revamped look (a lot better than last year's) and although I was a little pessimistic at first it turned out superb. Since you've done so well to this point...I'm afraid that I can't leave you with anything. (I wouldn't want YOU to get too full of yourself young lady.) BIG DILL - You were definitely a life saver on more than one occasion this year! I can't express how much we all appreciated you taking so much of your time to ensure that the book got the photos it needed. It's a testament that you're not only a great photographer but also a great guy. I'm going to leave you with at least 6 months worth of Polaris-free time. (I reserve the right to call you up after that and request a photo assignment here TDY.) JEN - Well you've managed to juggle Soaring, School, and Polaris just fine. I still don't know how you do it, but I'm glad you found the time. The Military section looks awesome and you've really managed to make the "top dogg" pages look good. (Probably a first for the Polaris.) I would like to leave you with a healthy dose of No-Doz pills because I know that you must use them! (After all...I think I remember you saying you were double-majoring in something too...English and Philosophy right?) JANENE - Thanks. Thanks for always being someone I could just go out and talk to about anything. Thanks for taking the section that was probably the most difficult to attract interest towards and thanks for doing a fine job. But most importantly...thanks for making sure I went to the famous "Capt. Billups MAS GR 1 Study Session." I leave you with something a little more serious...all the happiness you could ever desire. I admire how you have your future mapped out in front of you and I hope that there's nothing that will ever stop you from attaining it. (Just promise to always remember your meager Polaris brethren, 'cause we'll be thinking of you.) Erik - I was a little worried that your design for Cadet Life would fall through, but I must admit that you did a great job! Plus you gained all of that great experience working in Adobe Illustrator! You're definitely the coolest yankee I've met...but Steve and I know that you're merely denying your hidden Southern heritage. I'm leaving you with the knowledge needed to run a successful yearbook staff and fully appreciate ODB's Words of Wisdom. (After all...If a brick didn't know how to sit on walls no more...what would you ax it?) TAILWIND - There is absolutely no denying your power here in the Polaris Room! Steve...I'm not gonna lie to you and deny that I suckered you into being Mini-Mag editor. However, despite being a newcomer and having (in my opinion) the toughest section you really did an outstanding job! You brought the magazine style back into the section, and if there was a "most improved" award it would go to the Mini-Mag. Whether or not you recognize it...you're a great section editor and an even better friend. I'm gonna have to leave you with a lil' Tomcat. (After all...Tomcat Tomcats all other Tomcats. Lest we forget that Tomcat leads to Tomcatting with many more Tomcats.) Finally...BECKY - I've been thinking about what I would leave to you for quite some time, and believe it or not I'm actually at a loss for words. You do so much for this yearbook that (pardon the cliche) it's impossible to describe in words. The closest phrase I can think of would be to say that the Polaris is a better yearbook because of you. From your dedicated work ethic to the creative ideas you offer when we just can't seem to piece a spread together...we appreciate you so much. On a personal note...you have been so much more to me than a boss. You were always there to offer advice, suggestions, and lessons learned whenever I needed guidance, and the only thing I could possibly leave you is the knowledge that you are one of my truest friends. Thank you for that. (However I do reserve the right to bitch and mean just like every other college yearbook editor!)

To everyone else on Polaris Staff...here's our book. The good and bad, right and wrong, perfections and flaws...it's the book we worked on. I don't know about you but I'm damned proud of it. I hope you are too.

That about wraps up this lil' will, and it's respectfully signed on the 3rd Day of November, in the year 2000.

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An Advisor's perspective....

Yet another yearbook has come to a close and with it another Academy year. When I look back on the 2000 Polaris, I think of many things - the quote board, tailwind's gas, the pretzel incident on retreat, rubber band fights, lots and lots of soda, pizza and junk food, the mannequin, Pimp Daddy, sleeping at the P of Opera, disgusting feet, the moose, angel cards, the marching dance, wiping out in the chair, those infamous production meetings, naked study nights, Dodo staffers crashing P-Laris, computers crashing, pages lost and many, many more. Even though these memories are great, they don't make up a book, they make putting a book together fun. In the simplest of terms, it has been a great year with this staff. You have kept that smile on my face and made my days here worth coming. And of course, you have made a tremendous BOOK! It is yours.

Nads - what can I say but NADS! No really - what is a yearbook without a nads? Nads-less which no one ever wants to be. Your kind smile and curious ways have added more life to this party. And your efforts in sports - well we both know the truth. Not to mention this summer, Polaris looks forward to many more years of Nads.

Russ - copy editor extraordinary - I know you think you are sexy - you keep thinkin'. Thanks for those stories and for not whining while you got them for me. The soda and candy will always be here for you.

Ret - aka sports-man, you may annoy the living crap out of me sometimes but you make me smile. You definitely took on a big task with sports - first with a partner and then alone but you got yourself a slave - so in the end you RULE!

LQ - you are my kind of woman! Lanourra, you are one of the hardest workers and a dedicated staffer. Thanks for always backing me up when our womanhood was questioned. Lookin' forward to next year and the academics section.

Janene - even though I did not see you as much as I would have liked to, it still was always a pleasure. We have had some great times together since your four degree year, I hope to be an integral part of your firstie year... Peanut butter.

Jen - the soaring woman... rarely around but still always finishes her stuff. I love the way the military section looks! NYC was a great time - you and I both know we kicked Chris' arse in the pillow fight!

Stephen - you smell, in so many ways. But I still got the Polaris love for you. You come on staff and boom Mini-mag - you could not have picked a harder section. Oh wait you did not pick it. Regardless, it is awesome - awards that is what I am talking about! Just remember, "don't make me get out of this chair and come over there!"

E - you kill me... each day stopping by and making me laugh, lots of walkaways to make me fat and good conversation - music NO but convo always! The cadet life section is unique just like you. This next year we will continue the traditions.... no more hot Russian women but lot o Polaris lovin!

Phillip - my rose... I will miss you so much! I don't know what I would have done without you taking all those photos for us. You never complained and always had a smiling face for me - followed by sarcastic words... Like I said before - you light up my day. You will be thought of...

Chris aka C-Dogg - I need a whole page just for you. Words do not describe. From your unbelievable intelligence to your rail-lery, you always surprise me. There is no way to repay you for the countless hours you have given to this book. But I can tell you this, I am so proud of this book - and you are the main reason for that. You took the time and cared about how this book came together. There is a large part of yourself reflected in these pages. You kept me on top of my game and my job. I am a better person for not only working with you but for knowing you. I know this would get the white tissue throwing gay flag BUT I honestly believe you are a gift - I treasure that this gift has touched my life in so many ways. Polaris love will always be here for you. And that is not just talk!

So yet again, another staff leaves behind your yearbook. Lasting memories forever captured in these pages.

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