

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

MAY 2008

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 April 2008)

	Men	Women	Cum
2008	842	188	1030
2009	897	179	1076
2010	894	201	1095
2011	925	232	1167
WING	3568	800	4368



Commissioning Ceremonies

SQ	CEREMONY LOCATION	TIME	B/UP	SQ	CEREMONY LOCATION	TIME	B/UP
1	Falcon Club	1930		21	Lawrence Paul Pavilion	1930	
2	Otis House	1930		22	Fairchild Hall, F-1	2200	
3	Clune Arena B-Ball Ct	1930		23	Douglass Valley Elem School	1930	
4	Falcon Club	1930		24	East Cadet Gym	1930	
5	Clune Arena B-Ball Ct	2200		25	Fairchild Hall, H-2	1930	
6	Falcon Club	2200		26	Base Theater	1930	
7	Arnold Hall Theater	1930		27	Milazzo Club	2200	
8	The Carlton House	1930	Golf Course	28	Cadet Library, Fairchild Hall	1930	
9	Airfield (Gnd Tng facility)	2200		29	Arnold Hall Theater	2200	
10	Thunderbird Overlook	1930	Fairchild, D-2	30	Falcon Athletic Center Auditorium	1930	
11	Base Theater	2200		31	Air Academy High School Auditorium	2200	
12	Deployment Processing Center	2200		32	Cadet Library, Fairchild Hall	2200	
13	Air Gardens	1930	Air Acad HS gym	33	Air Academy High School Auditorium	1930	
14	Milazzo Club	1930		34	Douglass Valley Elem School	2200	
15	Thunderbird Overlook	2200	Falcon Banq Room	35	Doolittle Hall	2200	
16	Fairchild, F-1	1930		36	Community Center Ballroom	2200	
17	Fairchild, H-1	1930		37	Falcon Club	2200	
18	Deployment Processing Center	1930		38	Doolittle Hall	1930	
19	Community Center Ballroom	1930		39	Airfield (Gnd Tng facility)	1930	
20	Center Cadet Gym	1930		40	P-40 (Honor Wall)	1930	Fairchild, D-1

CLASS OF 2012 WILL IN-PROCESS ON 26 JUNE 2008

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

In-processing:	26 June 08
Swearing-In Ceremony:	27 June 08 @ 0830
Field Day:	12 July 08
Doolie Day Out:	13 July 08
March to Jacks Valley:	14 July 08
Warrior Run out of Jacks Valley:	26 July 08
BCT Complete:	2 Aug 08 @ Taps
Acceptance Parade:	6 Aug 08

DOOLIE DAY OUT

Please remember that Doolie Day Out is considered a “military function” and is designed for the Doolies to meet with their sponsor families. This is the day the Doolies can call home. This is not a day for parents to visit their cadets!

CADET SPONSOR PROGRAM

Parents can email the Sponsor Office and get the paperwork for their appointees. The Cadet Information form can be filled out and returned via e-mail. This would help the Sponsor Office tremendously. Their goal is to have all cadets matched with sponsor families at least a week prior to in-processing day.

The Cadet Sponsor Program has only one phone number: (719) 333-2727. This is the only number that sponsors/cadets/parents can call.

Cadet Information Forms have been sent via e-mail to only Accepted Appointees this year; no one has been called. Questions or concerns should be addressed to the phone number above or an email can be sent to arcy.jacildo@usafa.edu or cadet.sponsor@usafa.edu.

Also, if parents call, they should leave a detailed message, spell out their names and leave an e-mail address where a reply can be sent in case they can't be reached by phone. Cadets and sponsors will not be matched until one week prior to Doolie Day Out. Those looking for someone to meet them at the airport or host them the day before In-Processing -- June 25 -- should call the AOG's Bed and Breakfast Program (see flyer at the end of this letter).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE PARENTS - CLASS OF 2012 CADETS

1. The following information is for parents of the United States Air Force Academy (USAF) Class of 2012. The information below explains the various financial issues most asked by

parents. We also address the payroll changes due to implementation of a new Department of Defense payroll system in Feb 09.

2. USAFA does not charge for tuition, room or board under Section 4360 of Title 10, United States Code. USAFA is not eligible to participate in a student aid program and is not considered as an eligible educational institution as defined in IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education. USAFA does not file any Form 1098-T as we are not considered an eligible educational institution.

3. An appointment to USAFA is not a scholarship or fellowship. Each Cadet receives basic pay equal to 35% of a 2nd Lieutenant's pay which normally increases in January each year. Salary received as a cadet at USAFA is reported in Box 1 of Form W-2.

4. The eligible taxable educational income and deductions are covered in IRS Publication 970. USAFA Cadets or parents trying to claim Cadets as dependents should seek assistance through a qualified tax advisor or through the applicable IRS publication. The following is provided to assist you in determining appropriate educational deductions.

a. Cadet monthly base pay is \$894.30 effective 1 Jan 08.

b. Cadet **estimated** expenses for Academic Year 2008 (1 Jul 08-30Jun 09) are:

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Freshman</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Senior</u>
Uniforms	4,295	360	640	940
Computer	2,311	72	72	66
Personal Service Fees	1,424	399	399	384
Arts and Athletic Fees	145	145	145	145
Media and Textbooks	<u>2462</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>1,270</u>
Total	\$10,637	\$2,239	\$2,519	\$2,805

Definitions:

Personal Service Fees include barber, tailor, linen, dry cleaning and laundry.

Arts and Athletic Fees include reduced tickets to shows and sporting events.

Media includes KAFA radio, basic training yearbook and freshman yearbook.

NOTE: Exact expenses are known only by the individual Cadet based on their specific circumstances. The amounts shown above are only estimates. Actual entitlements and payroll deductions are available on the Cadet's monthly Leave and Earnings Statement (LES). Cadets access their LES using myPay. The Clothing Store also issues an itemized statement when requested. Cadet budgets are available only to Cadets on the USAFA/FM web site at <https://wwwd.my.af.mil/afknprod/ASPs/CoP/usafafm>.

5. A new payroll system called Defense Integrated Military Human Resource System (DIMHRS) is scheduled for implementation in Feb 09. To cover the initial costs for clothing and equipment under DIMHRS, we will provide each Cadet an advance of pay (interest-free loan) which goes into a holding account at the Armed Forces Bank on USAFA. The holding

account covers the clothing and equipment purchases. In Nov 08 and again in Jun 09 there will be a release of \$600 from the holding account to the checking account at Armed Forces Bank to help Cadets pay for books. These amounts were included in the computation of the original advance pay. A mandatory checking account will also be established at the Armed Forces Bank. The checking account will be used for the first payroll deposit and includes the advance pay. The advance pay portion will immediately be moved to the holding account. Both accounts are required to remain open for approximately the first year. However, this does not prevent Cadets from changing their net pay direct deposit to the financial institution of their choice after the first payroll, using myPay.

6. Using myPay, Cadets retrieve their monthly electronic LES. The Cadet will be provided an initial myPay PIN, by mail, from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). The Cadet will also receive monthly statements on both accounts from the Armed Forces Bank. The holding account is a “view only” account; Cadets can see the transactions processed but cannot access funds in the holding account. Cadets who purchase more clothing than budgeted will be responsible to pay for these purchases from their net pay. When the holding account is closed after the last scheduled book release in Jun 09, any residual money will be released to the Cadet’s checking account at Armed Forces Bank. The Cadet is responsible for pay-as-you-go on clothing and book purchases after Jun 09.

7. Cadets are not eligible to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The section of US Code that authorizes TSP participation applies only to those members who are paid under 37 USC 204 (only covers active duty and reserve members). Cadets are paid under a separate area of US Code (37 USC 203) and are therefore ineligible to participate in TSP.

8. Scholarships and Investment Plans. The USAFA Financial Management (FM) Office may not accept Cadet scholarships containing restrictions. Restrictions are any condition or limitation an agency places on the use of their scholarship funds. Some examples of restrictions include “must be used for tuition, room and/or board,” “student is required to maintain a specific GPA,” “scholarship funds will be paid back if Cadet disenrolls,” etc. Cadet scholarships without restrictions or silent on restrictions will continue to be accepted. Educational investment funds (e.g., 529 plans) may not be accepted due to their federal and state tax restrictions and based on the specific plan may have other restrictions on how the funds are used. Normally a university financial aid office monitors these restrictions; however, a financial aid office does not exist at USAFA because we do not charge for tuition, room or board like other universities or have the authority to maintain separate billing and receiving accounts required to monitor the restrictions levied by law. The following is provided to answer questions on receiving funds from scholarships and/or investment plans.

a. Scholarships: Scholarships should be payable directly to the Cadet. When the agency is unable to make payment directly to the Cadet, the scholarship may be accepted by FM for credit to the Cadet’s pay account (any debts are paid first) provided there are no restrictions on the scholarship and the check is payable to the U.S. Treasury. Scholarships silent on restrictions will be treated as non-restrictive and accepted. Scholarships accepted by USAFA/FM are never refunded to the agency granting the scholarship, even if the Cadet disenrolls.

b. Investment Plans: The individual owner or administrator of the educational investment plan determines the valid use of the funds based on specific fund requirements and any state, federal and/or IRS restrictions. The owner/administrator shall consult their financial advisor, tax advisor or legal advisor to ensure the specific fund rules are followed and if there are procedures for providing proceeds directly to the Cadet. Investment plan proceeds will not be accepted by FM and shall be returned to the originator.

9. Once at the Academy, the Cadet is considered a member of the active military and is no longer dependent upon parents for support. The Cadet basic pay is taxable and the Cadet is issued a Form W-2 and must file a tax return (see IRS Publication 17). Freshman Cadets may also refer to the USAFA Appointee Booklet for tax guidance for their first year when parents may be claiming them as a dependent. Cadets should contact USAFA/JA at 719-333-3940 for additional tax information.

10. Please call 719-333-6994 or 719-333-6982 for questions concerning the financial information discussed above or e-mail questions to usafa.fm@usafa.af.mil. Reminder, FM is not able to discuss specific payroll issues with parents; the Cadet must contact us to resolve any questions or concerns with their pay.

ENTITLEMENTS	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
BASE PAY \$894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	894.30	10,731.60
BAS \$6.95			150.00			41.70	125.10			66.00			382.80
TOTAL ENT	894.30	894.30	1,044.30	894.30	894.30	936.00	1,019.40	894.30	894.30	960.30	894.30	894.30	11,114
MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS THROUGH PAYROLL													
FICA \$68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	68.42	821.04
FITW \$38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	38.16	457.92
SITW - COLO (w/1) \$24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	24.02	288.24
SGLI (LIFE INS)	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	348.00
LOAN REPAY (remaining 9 months repay) \$430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,870.00
BARBER \$9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	114.00
LINEN \$5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.89	70.68
TAILOR \$19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	0.00	214.50
ALLIED ARTS				70.00									70.00
ATHLETIC ASC			75.00										75.00
KAFA RADIO				3.00									3.00
CABLE NEWS NET													0.00
MEDIA PUBS										60.00			60.00
COMPUTER MAINT	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	72.00
OPTIONAL UNIFORM REP	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	360.00
OPTIONAL CFC/AFA	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	36.00
Total monthly deductions	663.49	663.49	738.49	736.49	663.49	663.49	663.49	663.49	663.49	293.49	233.49	213.99	6,860.38
Balance Forward													
CADET LOAN ACCOUNT Closed					175.00								
NET	230.81	230.81	305.81	157.81	405.81	272.51	355.91	230.81	230.81	666.81	660.81	680.31	4,429

The 2nd Degree Commitment Dinner is scheduled for 6 Aug.

The cadets were given the choice and opted to have no classes on Mon, 10 Nov, and attend classes on Veterans Day.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD TEAM WINS FIRST-EVER FRONT RANGE INVITATIONAL, WOMEN TAKE THIRD

Backed by seven first-place victories and 12 additional top-three finishes, the Air Force men's track and field team won the inaugural Front Range Invitational on Saturday, May 3, in Laramie, Wyo. Competing against its counterparts from Colorado, Colorado State, Northern Colorado and Wyoming, the men finished first, while the women placed third.

Junior Daniel Castle won the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:00.27, while senior Josh van Wyngaarden took first in the 3000-meter race with a time of 8:56.21. Junior Kellen Curry earned a winning time of 14.32 in the 110-meter hurdles, while sophomore Marshall Wills paced a top-three sweep by the Falcons in the pole vault.

Senior David Lissy won the shot put with a toss of 54'6³/₄", while junior Harmon Gage tossed a 194'1" to win the javelin. In addition, the quartet of freshman Terry Robinson, senior Travis Picou, freshman LD Woods and Curry won the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 41.06.

Although he finished fourth in the finals of the 100-meter dash, Picou set an Academy record time of 10.41 in that event, breaking his previous standard of 10.45 that he set as a sophomore.

The women tallied nine top-three finishes, including three winning marks from the field. Sophomore Melissa Beerse won the pole vault with a clearance of 12'7¹/₂", while classmate Sara Neubauer took first in the discus throw with a toss of 156'11". Fellow sophomore Katie Weber paced a one-two-three sweep in the javelin throw with a winning mark of 155'9".

Junior Jessica Soto took second in the javelin (122'10"), while senior Tiffany Moore threw a 118'9" to finish third. In addition to her winning mark in the discus, Neubauer also finished second in the shot put with a distance of 47'4¹/₂".

The Falcons are off from competition until May 14, when they travel to Fort Worth, Texas, for the 2008 Mountain West Conference Championships.

Dear Cadets, Parents, and Incoming Class:

The 2008 Air Force Academy Football Season is fast approaching. The following informs you of how to get your tickets for this year's games before they go on sale to the general public. Current cadets, parents, as well as parents of the incoming Class of 2012, can order tickets for this year's home games beginning Monday, June 16th at 9:00 MST. Tickets for all away games go on sale June 1, contact the Athletic Ticket Office for more information on away game tickets.

As is in the past, 1st and 2nd degree cadets can receive a free reserved seat on the East side of Falcon Stadium to sit with their guests. When requesting cadet tickets, we will need their name(s) so we can verify enrollment and class year.

Below is the 2008 Air Force Academy Football team's home schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time (Mtn)</u>
August 30	Southern Utah (Parents Weekend)	12pm
September 20	Utah	2pm
October 4	Navy	2pm
October 23	New Mexico (Thurs.)	6pm
November 8	Colorado State	4pm
November 15	BYU	1:30pm

Pricing Information:

<u>Game</u> <u>Adm.</u>	<u>50 YD</u>	<u>Prem. Res.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	<u>Corner/End Zone Res.</u>	<u>Gen</u>
Southern Utah	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15
Utah	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15
Navy	\$50	\$36	\$36	\$20	\$15
New Mexico	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15
Colorado St.	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15
BYU	\$50	\$36	\$28	\$20	\$15

- All tickets subject to applicable charges

Group pricing (home games excluding Navy):

- Orders of 20 or more tickets: Reserved Category - \$20
Corner/End Zone Res. - \$14

- Group pricing is not available for away games.

Group Ticket Window:

A group order for tickets to home and away games can be setup on our website, GoAirForceFalcons.com. This eliminates the need for the group leader to coordinate getting all of the payments together and allows each person the ability to order their own tickets within the group block from their own computer. Additionally, tickets will be mailed to each individual person, thereby eliminating the need for the group coordinator to distribute all of the tickets. To do this, the group coordinator needs to call the Athletic Ticket Office at 800-666-USAFA and ask about setting up a Group Ticket Window. Call today!

Payment is due at the time of the order. Just a reminder, once an order has been placed there are NO REFUNDS or EXCHANGES. To place an order by phone beginning June 16th, please call 1-800-666-USAFA or (719) 472-1895. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on July 1st, so order early!

Thank you for supporting Air Force Athletics. Go Falcons!

Air Force Athletic Ticket Office

Here is the link for the form. The seating chart can be found on the site as well.

<http://goairforcefalcons.cstv.com/tickets/group-tix-window.html>

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, you can now hear the 97.7 KAFA - Air Force Academy Cadet-Run Radio Station streaming over the internet. The link is:
<http://www.usafa.org/KAFAsream.html>

Here is a basic description of what they offer.

Special Programming

- * KAFA Morning News each weekday at 730 and 800
- * KAFA Sports Shorts, USAFA sports updates weekdays at 4:30 and 5:30pm
- * Character Matters with Chief Vasquez Wednesdays at 8 am and 8pm

Next year KAFA plans to broadcast live coverage of more USAFA sporting events and many new shows and programming features including a daily BCT reports each morning during Basic Training for the Class of 2012.

Sponsored by the
Association of Graduates

Class of 2012 Appointee Bed & Breakfast Program

The Association of Graduates, with the assistance of the Rampart Chapter of the AOG, provides complimentary “bed and breakfast” to appointees who will be traveling alone to the Academy for inprocessing.

The Bed & Breakfast program provides appointees the opportunity to stay at the home of Academy graduates, faculty, staff and friends. Last year, approximately 400 appointees participated in the program. Bed & Breakfast hosts are familiar with the Academy and offer encouragement and support to appointees.

Hosts will pick up their assigned appointees Wed., June 25, at the Colorado Springs airport or the

AOG’s Doolittle Hall and provide a place to stay, dinner, breakfast and transportation to Doolittle

Hall for inprocessing on Thursday, June 26.

Appointees who have already enrolled in the official Academy Sponsorship Program **are not** automatically enrolled in the AOG’s Bed & Breakfast program.

Appointees interested in participating in the Bed & Breakfast program must follow these instructions:

Step 1 Arrange for airline transportation as directed by the Academy’s admissions office.

Step 2 Visit the Association of Graduates Web site at www.usafa.org and click on the “Bed & Breakfast” announcement on left side of screen. Follow the online instructions. If you are unable to register online, please contact Jennifer Ganzler at the AOG at (719) 472-0300 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (MST) or jennifer.ganzler@aogusafa.org.

Step 3 After registering for the Bed & Breakfast program, please wait for an AOG representative to call you in mid-June with the name and phone number of your Bed & Breakfast host family. (The AOG is unable to fulfill special requests for host families from specific states, ethnicities, religions, etc.)

Step 4 After receiving your host family’s information, contact them to finalize and confirm the arrangements of how and when they will meet you.

The Association of Graduates is excited to welcome you to the Long Blue Line. We look forward to seeing you in June!

The AOG Bed & Breakfast program is not affiliated with the official Academy Sponsorship Program.

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of Character for the Nation*

**LET YOUR CADET KNOW THAT THEY
ARE SPECIAL WITH ONE OF OUR
TREAT BASKETS**

We are offering a 10% discount on all monthly treat basket orders received by 30 June 2008 for the next school year.

Monthly treat baskets will be delivered to your cadet at the beginning of each month from Sep 08 – May 09

Option A: A basket full of treats, goodies, drinks, two 10# of laundry clean coupons, and \$25 day spa or beauty shop services.

Only \$71.00 a month

Option B: A basket full of fresh seasonal fruit and treats, drinks, two 10# of laundry clean coupons and \$25 day spa or beauty shop services.

Only \$91.00 a month

If your cadet will be participating in the Snow White program for the next school year, these treat baskets can be made without the clean coupons.

Option C (option A) **\$55.00 a month**

Option D (option B) **\$75.00 a month**

Call: 719-333-3908

E-mail: cadet.treats@usafa.af.mil