

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

APRIL 2008

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 March 2008)

	Men	Women	Cum
2008	842	188	1030
2009	897	179	1076
2010	894	201	1095
2011	935	232	1167
WING	3568	800	4368

BOOT INFORMATION FOR CLASS OF 2012 (from the “Boot Guy”)

Good day and congratulations on your acceptance to attend the United States Air Force Academy. Below is all the information you need to ensure you obtain the correct boots for basic training.

Please note: Class Year 2012 cadets are required to have **2 pairs** of boots.

First off, your best source for finding the boots will be a Military Clothing Sales Store at a local military installation. They will be the most likely to have acceptable boots (see below for guidelines) and they’ll be able to ensure you get a correct fit. You will need to have somebody escort you on base (some one with a military ID) and make sure to take the Letter of Acceptance with you, as this should authorize the purchase (you can verify this by contacting the Clothing Sales Store directly).

If that is not a viable option, the second best place to purchase would be a military surplus store. They will more than likely have acceptable boots (see below for guidelines), and you will be able to try them on here and ensure a correct fit as well.

A third option is to wait for in-processing (or appointee orientation if attending) here at the Academy. We will assist in sizing and you are guaranteed to have the correct boots. We will have about 500-700 recruits show up needing boots on in-processing day, so you will definitely not be alone if you decide to wait. These boots are much more comfortable and much easier to break in than the boots referenced in the orientation package you received (20 hours a week break in time is extreme for these boots). Bottom line is that waiting until in-processing to get the boots will not put you at a disadvantage.

Here's the info on to what type of boots you need to purchase. While we have certain manufacturers and models we issue – Belleville #650 (www.bellevilleshoe.com), Altama, and Wellco -- you are not restricted to these specific brands. Your best bet would be to look for boots that fit the following guidelines and **NOT** a specific model or manufacturer.

Boots must:

1. Be sage green in color.
2. Have Gore-Tex (soft waterproof nylon type material) in soles.
3. Have rubber sole (sometimes referred to as Vibram ® outsole).
4. Not have steel/safety toes.
5. Not have zippers of any kind.
6. Be 8"-10" high.

We also recommend buying/borrowing a pair of boot socks while sizing boots (also available at Military Clothing Sales and most surplus stores); these socks are a bit longer and thicker than ordinary athletic socks and you will be wearing these exclusively with the boots upon entry to the Academy.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me at timothy.johnson@usafa.edu or at (719) 333-3447. Good luck and congratulations again on your appointment!

See "Boot Flyer" at the end of this letter.

PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY GRADUATION

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo., -- President George W. Bush will be the guest speaker for this year's graduation ceremony, the White House announced last week..

This will be President Bush's second visit to the Air Force Academy in this role. He last spoke at the U.S. Air Force Academy during the graduation ceremony of the Class of 2004.

GRADUATION TICKETS

Graduation tickets will be distributed around mid-May. Each squadron will have a cadet project officer in charge. Initially, the cadets will each be issued 20 tickets this year. Then, they will all be asked how many more they need and receive whatever number they request. We have never known of a cadet who did not get the number of tickets requested. Due to the increased number of tickets issued to the graduating cadets, tickets will not be available to the lower class cadets. At this time it is unknown how many, if any tickets will be available to the general public.

GRADUATION RECEPTION, MITCHELL HALL

TUESDAY, 27 May 2008, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

ASSORTED HORS D'OEUVRES TO INCLUDE:

CARVED PRIME RIB & ROASTED TURKEY BREAST

SERVED ON APPETIZER ROLLS

SHRIMP WITH COCKTAIL SAUCE

MEATBALLS IN CRANBERRY SAUCE

MINI ASSORTED QUESADILLAS

MINI ASSORTED QUICHES

BREADED CHICKEN CHUNKS W/ SAUCE

CHEESE, CRACKER & GRAPE TRAYS

FRUIT TRAYS

VEGETABLE TRAYS

TORTILLA CHIPS W/ PICANTE SAUCE

ASSORTED PETIT FOURS

FRUIT PUNCH

COFFEE BAR

COST \$12.00 PER NON-CADET GUEST

Graduation Reception tickets go on sale starting 12 May. From 12- 16 May and 19-23 May tickets may be purchased in Mitchell Hall, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 2:30 pm on the Staff Tower and from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm on the main dining room floor. Tickets will be sold to First Class cadets only on a first come – first serve basis. There are 3,000 tickets available for the reception.

Forms of payment are cash and check only. Mitchell Hall cannot accept credit cards/debit cards.

For questions, call Special Functions at 719-333- 4991.

2008 CACHET ENVELOPE KEEPSAKE

Please see web site: <http://www.usafawebguy.com/node/790> to order the cachet envelope keepsake. Also, a question was asked about the frames. Answer from the post office is below:

The framed pieces were discontinued due to cost. Inflation has created a situation whereas the expense to parents appears to be unreasonable. An example would be the cost for the framed pieces for the 2006 Cadet Graduation class was \$30.00 for the small framed piece and \$50.00 for the large framed piece. The cost for these pieces would now cost \$50.00 for the small frame and \$70.00 for the large frame, not including postage.

It is my thought that it would be less expensive for the families to purchase the envelope and have it framed along with a 5x7 photo of their Cadet, in their own community to reduce cost. I would be happy to fill orders for framed pieces at the request of parents, with the understanding of the expense to them.

Thank you for addressing the issue as this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to memorialize this tremendous accomplishment with the 2008 Cadet Graduation Silk Cachet Commemorative Envelope. Please keep in mind, the envelope being offered for the 2008 Cadet Graduating Class also includes the folder at the cost of \$10.00.

See order form at the end of this letter.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the reception for the club presidents or alternates at the Superintendent's home on Wednesday evening, 28 August, and the all-day conference at Doolittle Hall on 29 August 2008. If your club changes presidents, be sure to remind them. Registration forms will go out in June.

AT USAFA, EDUCATION ISN'T LIMITED TO JUST CADETS

The 10th Dental Squadron's Cadet Dental Clinic at the United States Air Force Academy is home to a very special training program sponsored by the 10th Medical Group and accredited by the American Dental Association. The training program is an Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Residency, one of only 11 in the Air Force. Every year, a class of hand-picked dental school graduates is assigned to the 10th Dental Squadron's residency program for post graduate training in comprehensive dentistry. In order to attend the residency program here at USAFA, top dental school graduates must apply and meet a very competitive residency selection board which selects only the very best of applicants. The dentists selected spend a year of training in advanced clinical techniques and procedures under the mentorship of board certified or board eligible dental specialists. These specialists are hand picked for their expertise in their given fields to be on the AEGD teaching staff.

Dental residents are qualified, licensed dentists who undergo training in Restorative Dentistry (fillings), Periodontics (treatment of gum disease), Endodontics (root canals), Prosthodontics (implants, crowns and bridges), Orthodontics (correction of malocclusion), Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (wisdom tooth removal and trauma care) and practice management. Residents learn how to handle emergent dental conditions as well as dental trauma by rotating as the “on-call” dentist for USAFA’s Acute Care Clinic. The training program is heavily clinically oriented and definitely “hands-on” although the residents receive lectures from the teaching staff and nationally known dental experts. Dental specialists oversee the residents while they perform advanced procedures, many of which are well beyond the scope of the majority of civilian general dentists. Air Force Advanced Education in General Dentistry residencies are some of the very few training programs in the nation to credential their graduates to administer intravenous conscious sedation.

In addition to providing care to active duty military members and eligible Department of Defense beneficiaries, the USAFA AEGD residents receive valuable training in treating pediatric, special needs, and medically compromised patients during rotations to the Peak Vista Community Health Center Dental Clinic in downtown Colorado Springs. Here, the residents learn how to treat the dental needs of children and patients with complex medical problems. Additionally, residents will rotate to and treat patients at the Colorado Springs Homeless Shelter. These broad experiences will prepare them to meet the dental needs of military members and their families at overseas locations.

Although patient care is at the heart of the residency, dental residents are trained in critically evaluating current dental literature, presenting educational lectures and performing dental research. Annually, the USAFA residents present their research in the form of table clinic lectures at the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. This internationally known dental meeting is attended by over 11,000 dentists and dental auxiliaries. Air Force residents and USAFA residents in particular have been lauded by the Hinman Meeting officials for the quality of research and the professional manner in which their research was presented.

At the conclusion of their training, the AEGD graduates are assigned to bases throughout the Air Force. At smaller bases, residency graduates typically serve as the experts in many aspects of clinical dentistry. AEGD graduates are very well trained and are often tasked to deploy in support of operations such as Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, or on humanitarian missions. While the Air Force Academy is training future leaders of the Air Force, the 10th Dental Squadron is training superbly skilled dental professionals. For more information regarding the 10th Dental Squadron’s Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program, please contact Lt Col (Dr.) Michael Wajdowicz at (719) 333-5477. For any questions or concerns with cadet dental care, contact TSgt Sanya Pospischil or Maj (Dr.) Peggy Dickson at (719) 333-5590; or email the dental clinic at USAFA.SGD@usafa.af.mil.

ATHLETICS

Here is the 2008 Falcon Football Schedule. After a 9-4 effort in the 2007 season and a trip to the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, Coach Calhoun and the Falcons are excited about the opportunity to get back on the field and begin play. To purchase season tickets, please call 719-472-1895, 1-800-666-USAF, stop by the Air Force Ticket office, or visit WWW.GOAIRFORCEFALCONS.COM.

Thank you for your continued support of Air Force Athletics. GO FALCONS!!!

2008 Air Force Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Television</u>
Aug 30	Southern Utah	12:00 PM	No TV
Sep 6	at Wyoming*	1:30 PM	CBS College Sports Network
Sep 13	at Houston	TBD	TBD
Sep 20	Utah*	2:00 PM	Versus
Sep 27	Open		
Oct 4	Navy	2:00 PM	Versus
Oct 11	at San Diego State*	7:30 PM	The Mtn
Oct 18	at UNLV*	8:00 PM	The Mtn
Oct 23	New Mexico*	6:00 PM	CBS College Sports Network
Nov 1	at Army	TBD	TBD
Nov 8	CSU*	4:00 PM	The Mtn
Nov 15	BYU*	1:30 PM	CBS College Sports Network
Nov 22	at TCU*	1:30 PM	Versus

* MWC Games

Home games are bolded

All game times are Mountain Time

Six Falcons Selected to NCAA Championships

Six members of the Air Force men's gymnastics team were invited to compete at the 2008 National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships, the NCAA selection committee announced this afternoon (April 8). This group of Falcons will travel to Palo Alto, Calif., for the annual three-day competition (April 17-19) at Stanford's Maple Pavilion.

Senior [Greg Stine](#) was chosen to compete in the all-around, as the top-ranked individual qualifier. His National Qualifying Score of 86.880 was nearly two points higher than the rest of the field. Junior [Jacob Schonig](#) is also the top-ranked individual specialist on the still rings. His NQS of 15.520 is currently ranked second in the nation.

Fellow junior [Josiah Loeser](#) and freshman [Aaron Zaiser](#) each qualified in a pair of events. Loeser will participate on the still rings (14.220 NQS) and parallel bars (13.500), while Zaiser will compete on the floor exercise (14.200) and parallel bars (13.520).

Senior [Brian Boardman](#) and sophomore [Brennan Wolford](#) were also invited to the national meet. Boardman will compete on the vault (14.990), while Wolford will take part in the floor exercise (13.940).

Chris Pace Named an NSCA All-American

Air Force senior water polo player [Chris Pace](#) was recently honored by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) with its annual All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year award. The award recognizes student-athletes' dedication to strength training and conditioning. The senior was one of 239 athletes honored

BOOT PURCHASE INFORMATION

APPOINTEE ORIENTATION BOOT PURCHASE

**CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY
PAYABLE TO U.S. TREASURY**

**NO PERSONAL CHECKS, CASH OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE
ACCEPTED**

**\$92.98 for 1 Pair of Boots
\$185.96 for 2 Pairs of Boots**

**BOOTS CAN BE PURCHASED BY APPOINTEE ONLY
TUESDAY
10:00 - 11:30 OR 12:00 - 3:00**

NOTE: If you decide to buy the boots after arrival at the Academy and do not have a cashier's check or money order, the student may purchase a money order from the Armed Forces Bank on Tuesday at the boot purchase area. The money order may be purchased with a personal check, credit card or cash.



PRE-EVENT ORDER FORM

On May 28, 2008 the US Postal Service will recognize the 2008 Cadet Graduation Class with a Silk Cachet Envelope commemorating the graduating class. Quantities are very limited, so do not miss out on this unique opportunity. If you wish to order prior to the graduation day ceremonies the price is as follows:

***SILK CACHET ENVELOPE IN FOLDER \$10.00 ea.**

Quantity ____ X \$10.00= ____

Please include postage of \$4.60 for Priority Mail. Delivery Confirmation is available for an additional .65 cents.

The total of Priority Mail and Delivery Confirmation is \$5.25 postage.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Please complete the form with your order request and return to: USAF Academy Post Office, 5136 Community Center Dr., USAFA, CO 80840-9998. Should you have questions please feel free to contact the USAF Academy Post Office at (719) 472-0510.

**Thank you,
Officer in Charge**

**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