

# ***FALCON FAMILY NEWS***

**APRIL 2009**

## **CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 March 2009)**

	Men	Women	Total
2009	891	173	1064
2010	847	190	1037
2011	890	220	1110
2012	982	272	1254
<b>WING</b>	<b>3610</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>4465</b>

## **VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN TO SPEAK AT USAFA'S GRADUATION**

Vice President Joe Biden will serve as commencement speaker for the graduating Class of 2009. The graduation ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 27 May, at 10:00 a.m. The entire graduation week schedule can be viewed by going to the Academy home page ([www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)) and clicking on Graduation (right hand side).

## **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. 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. If cadets end up with more tickets than they need we ask that they return them to their ticket representative so the tickets can be distributed to other cadets who need them. At this time it is unknown how many, if any tickets will be available to the general public.

## **GRADUATION RECEPTION**

Graduation Reception tickets go on sale starting 11 May. From Monday –Friday, 11-15 May tickets may be purchased in Mitchell Hall on the Staff Tower from 0730-1430 and from 1700-1900 on the main floor. On Saturday- Sunday, 16-17 May the tickets will be sold during the buffet meal times, on the main floor. From Monday – Friday, 18-22 May tickets may be purchased on the Staff Tower from 0730 to 1430 and from 1700-1900 on the main 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 ext. 3- 4991.

**GRADUATION RECEPTION MENU**

**TUESDAY, 26 May 09**

**RECEPTION 1730 TO 2000**

**ASSORTED HORS D'OEUVRES TO INCLUDE:**

**CARVED PRIME RIB & ROASTED TURKEY BREAST**

**SERVED ON APPETIZER ROLLS**

**SHRIMP WITH COCKTAIL SAUCE**

**MEATBALLS IN CRANBERRY GRAPE SAUCE**

**MINI ASSORTED QUESADILLAS**

**MINI ASSORTED QUICHES**

**CHICKEN BREAST SLIDER W/ ROLL**

**CHICKEN DIPPERS 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**

**FACT SHEET: USAF ACADEMY CLASS OF 2009  
(Information as of 31 March 2009)**

**When They Entered in 30 June 2005:**

1,746 were offered appointments  
1,390 were processed into the Academy

82.0% or 1146 males  
18.0% or 244 females  
19.0% or 261 minorities  
55.0% or 768 pilot qualified  
7 International students

**High School:**

Average GPA: 3.86  
Average SAT scores: 635 Verbal, 657 Math  
Average ACT scores: 28.6 English, 29.5 Reading, 29.6 Math, 29.0 Science

**As They Graduate on 27 May 2009 (as of 31 March 2009):**

Graduating: 1064 will walk across the stage  
Men: 891 (83.7%) Women: 173 (16.3%)  
Minorities: 207 (19.5%) 34 Black, 62 Hispanic, 91 Asian-Pacific Islander, 20 Native American  
International Students: 6 (one each from Oman, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, Honduras, Columbia): Total international grads for all years: 266.

Average Cumulative GPA: TBD  
Attrition Rate: 337 or 23.5%

**Cadets of Graduates**

Sets of Twins: 1  
Fourth-Child Graduates: 0  
Third-Child Graduates: 9  
Second-Child Graduates (other than twins): 52  
Second Generation Graduates: 36  
Posthumous Graduates: None

Graduates Going To Pilot Training: 524  
Graduates Going To Combat Systems Operator (Nav) Training: 30  
Graduates Going To Air Battle Manager Training: 4  
Total Rated Officers in Class: 558

**Service commitment:** Graduates from the Class of 2009 who enter pilot training incur an active duty service commitment of ten years after earning their wings. For navigators, the service commitment is six years after successful completion of training. All remaining graduates incur a five-year active duty service commitment.

<b>Total Graduates for all years:</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
(Including Class of 2009)	37,053 (+891)=37,944	3,764(+173)=3937	40,817(+1064)=41,881

**USFA Graduates Who Have Attained the Rank of General:**

Number: 495 (207 Active duty, 280 retired, 8 deceased)

## Commissioning Locations

SQ	CEREMONY LOCATION	TIME
1	GOLF COURSE	1930
2	OTIS HOUSE	2200
3	FALCON CLUB	2200
4	CLASS WALL (B/U H-1)	1930
5	COMMUNITY CENTER BALLROOM	1930
6	STILLMAN FIELD (B/U CADET CENTER GYM)	1930
7	ARNOLD HALL THEATER	1930
8	LACROSSE FIELD (B/U FALCON BANQUET RM)	1930
9	CLUNE ARENA BASKETBALL COURT	2200
10	FALCON CLUB	1930
11	DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING CENTER	2200
12	ARNOLD HALL THEATER	2200
13	AIR GARDENS (B/U EAST CADET GYM)	1930
14	CLASS WALL (B/U AD AUDITORIUM)	2200
15	GTF – AIRFIELD	1930
16	F-1	1930
17	OTIS HOUSE	1930
18	F-1	2200
19	MILLAZZO CLUB	1930
20	GOLF COURSE	2200

SQ	CEREMONY LOCATION	TIME
21	DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING CENTER	1930
22	AOG	2200
23	DOUGLAS VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1930
24	CADET LODGE	1930
25	HONOR WALL (B/U AIR ACADEMY HS GYM)	1930
26	BASE THEATER	1930
27	FALCON CLUB	2200
28	FALCON CLUB	1930
29	CLUNE ARENA BASKETBALL COURT	1930
30	AD AUDITORIUM	1930
31	CARLTON HOUSE	1930
32	MILLAZZO CLUB	2200
33	AIR ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM	1930
34	BASE THEATER	2200
35	AIR ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM	2200
36	MIDFIELD SOARING HANGAR	1930
37	AOG	1930
38	CADET LODGE	2200
39	GTF – AIRFIELD	2200
40	FALCON BANQUET ROOM	2200

Unclassified

**BOOT INFORMATION FOR CLASS OF 2013** (from the “Boot Guy”)

Congratulations on your acceptance to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

Below is all the info you need to ensure you obtain the correct boots for basic training. Please note: Class Year 2013 cadets are required to have **2 pair** 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 (someone 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 waiting until in-processing to get the boots will not put you at a disadvantage.

Now, on to what type of boots you need to purchase. While we have certain manufacturers and models we issue – Belleville #650 ([www.bellevilleshoe.com](http://www.bellevilleshoe.com)), Altama, and Wellco. Remember, 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

I 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 entrance to the Academy.

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

### **DISCOVERING THE IMPACT OF WISDOM TEETH (part 1 of 2)**

Third molars, or “wisdom teeth” as they are often called, are frequently the subject of great debate, particularly among young adults and their families. There is probably more misinformation floating around than actual scientific fact, and this often leads to unnecessary concerns. This two-part article is designed to answer some of the commonly asked questions and hopefully correct some untrue assumptions.

Third molars are the very back teeth in each jaw and in most people, a total of four develop. In terms of function, the wisdom teeth are essentially nonfunctional teeth, as the overwhelming majority of the chewing forces are generated by the two teeth in front of the wisdom teeth. However, wisdom teeth are the source of numerous dental problems and very

few people actually have room in the mouth for them to function appropriately. Wisdom teeth (impacted or “healthy”) can lead to a variety of ailments, including cavities, gum disease, pathology (cysts or tumors), and severe life-threatening infections. Numerous studies have shown a strong link between periodontal (“gum”) disease and the presence of asymptomatic impacted wisdom teeth. This means that teeth that are buried below the gum surface (impacted) and not causing pain, are often slowly creating gum disease which can later affect more important teeth such as the second and first molars (the two molars in front of the wisdom teeth).

The decision on removal of wisdom teeth is on an individual basis. At USAFA, all cadets must receive an evaluation by one of our two oral and maxillofacial surgeons to determine the probability of future problems and the need for removal. At this appointment, the cadet will watch a video discussing the surgery and have a chance to ask the surgeon questions. A determination will be made if the teeth need to be removed, or if they are healthy and functional. The surgeons are tasked with determining not only if the teeth are healthy now, but also if there is a chance for future problems. Teeth that remain impacted have a very high chance of causing future problems, and this could lead to unnecessary missed time at work, interruption of training opportunities, or loss of a pilot training slot, as has happened in the past. The surgeons will make a decision based on what is best for the overall health of the patient in a long-term view.

For questions regarding this article, please contact SSgt Cindy Baker or Maj Peggy Dickson (General Dentist) at 719-333-5590; or email the dental clinic at [USAFA.SGD@usafa.af.mil](mailto:USAFA.SGD@usafa.af.mil).

***NEXT MONTH:*** Part 2: Extracting the Myths of Wisdom Teeth



# News Release

## U.S. Air Force Academy

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Tuesday, March 3, 2009

### **Air Force athletics announces no change in season ticket prices** **Fans have added incentives for purchasing tickets**

*U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.* – Air Force Academy Director of Athletics Dr. Hans Mueh announced today that there is no change in the 2009 football ticket prices. In addition to no increase in prices, the department has established a payment plan for season ticket renewals. Fans will have the opportunity to renew their tickets with three monthly installments rather than a one-time fee.

On-line season ticket renewals will make fans eligible for several incentives like season tickets to another Air Force sport, a \$100 gift shop shopping spree, tickets to a pre-game Pride Club tailgate and team merchandise. The first 100 fans to renew will also receive an Air Force football media guide.

Fans in the 50-Yard Line Club will receive enhancements to the current program. The retail value stored tickets will be stored for the entire season, not just \$5.00 per game. That means fans will have \$30 of stored value on their tickets to be used at anytime during the season at Falcon Stadium.

“We’re excited to tell our fans we’re listening and we understand the economic impact the economy has had on everyone,” Mueh said. “We hope that no increases and our payment plan will help folks in our community with the purchase of their tickets. We also hope that changing the setup with stored value tickets will help our fans more effectively take advantage of this great program.”

Season tickets start as low as \$50 and range in price up to \$275. There are also family value packs in areas for as low as \$325. For more information, contact the athletic ticket office at 800-666-USAF or go on-line to [goairforcefalcons.com](http://goairforcefalcons.com).