

# ***FALCON FAMILY NEWS***

**JUNE 2010**

## **CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 May 2010)**

	Men	Women	Total
2011	843	210	1053
2012	918	258	1176
2013	1013	250	1263
<b>WING</b>	<b>3604</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>4509</b>

## **NEW COMMANDANT**

Please join us in congratulating Brig Gen Sam Cox on being selected as the next Commander of the 618<sup>th</sup> TACC at Scott AFB. He has done a tremendous job here and we wish him and his family well in this next exciting assignment. Brig Gen Rich Clark, USAFA '86, will become the next Commandant of Cadets. We welcome him & his family and look forward to serving with him. The change of command will take place in July.

## **IN-PROCESSING**

Class of 2014 appointees will in-process on 24 June at Doolittle Hall. Parents are welcome to accompany their appointees, but after an hour or so, their sons and daughters must head upstairs and start to in-process. Once they go upstairs, the parents will not have the opportunity to spend additional time with them – but can wave as they board the bus, heading to the next in-processing stage in the cadet area. Parents are still welcome to “hang out” at Doolittle for awhile, if they wish.

The Colorado Parents' Club (CPC) will host a picnic in Famcamp (campgrounds across from the stadium) from about 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CPC members will be available to share their experience and answer any questions the new parents may have. Food and beverages will be provided by the club and the Cadet Parent Guide and other information will be available. The picnic will be in Picnic Area #2, just off of Stadium Blvd and Academy Drive. Please RSVP by email with your name and total number attending to [secretary@usafacpc.org](mailto:secretary@usafacpc.org) .

## **DOOLIE DAY IN AND DOOLIE DAY OUT**

Doolie Day IN will take place on 10 July. Last year the Doolies were not allowed to leave the Academy due to the H1N1 outbreak so they spent the day in Arnold Hall, eating lots of food and relaxing. This was so successful the Wing decided to do it again, so during the

morning they will participate in Field Day, which is the squadrons competing against each other in various athletic activities. Sometime in the afternoon they will all go to Arnold Hall where they can kick back and relax. Those who have cell phones will get them for the day but there will also be plenty of other phones available. No worries if their batteries are dead – they can use the other phones provided!

Doolie Day OUT will take place on 7 August. This is the day when the assigned sponsors will come to USAFA and pick up their Doolies and take them home for the day. The Doolies will get their cell phones for the day but if they don't have a cell phone, they will probably be allowed to use their sponsor's phone. Some parents purchase a phone card for the Doolie to avoid phone costs to the sponsor.

### **ACCEPTANCE PARADE**

The Acceptance Parade will take place on 4 August at 9:00 a.m. After the parade families will be allowed to spend about two hours with their cadets (probably until around 12:30 or 1:00 p.m.). The cadets may not leave the area, but can go as far as the Field House, Arnold Hall or Visitor Center. Lunch is available at these venues or some folks bring a picnic lunch to share with their cadets. Families will have to park at the Field House and can either walk to the parade field or take the shuttle bus. If they are bringing a cooler they may want to just leave it in their vehicle and shuttle (or walk) back to the Field House and retrieve it after the parade.

### **BASIC CADET TRAINING (BCT) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- Q:** I want to watch cadets march to Jacks Valley. Where should I go?
- A:** The public can observe the march out to Jacks Valley from the Chapel Wall (the wall overlooking the Terrazzo on the east side of the Academy Chapel). This area is accessible from the public areas of the Academy. Additionally, the B-52 static display is available to the public. If friends and family wish to display signs, they should be within good nature.
- Q:** If my cadet elects to quit or is removed from BCT, will parents be contacted?
- A:** Yes. During in-processing, cadets fill out a form with your contact information. If a cadet is removed from BCT for any reason, Academy personnel will contact parents. This process can take up to 10 days from when the basic cadet initiates the desire to resign.
- Q:** Can parents visit their cadets during Doolie Day In?
- A:** No. However, cadets may call home on 10 Jul 10, 0900-1600.
- Q:** Can parents call their cadets to check on them?
- A:** No. Parents are not allowed to telephone cadets during BCT. If a cadet has a medical or other emergency, Academy personnel will contact you.
- Q:** Can parents send cadets a care package during BCT?
- A:** We request that you do not send care packages during BCT. Cadets may receive packages after August 2nd. If you send a package before then, it will be held until August 2nd.
- Q:** Will my cadet have to do push-ups if I send him a nice care package? I heard that was a tradition.