

USAF Academy Parents Club



Fall Newsletter 2015

Hello Parents,

As our cadets pass the halfway mark of the semester, we hope this finds you and your cadets in good spirits. The holiday season is fast approaching and I am sure that you are looking forward to having some family time with your cadet wherever that may be. For the class of 2019, this will be their first time home since in-processing day. Where did the time go? Think about how much they have accomplished in the past 5 months! All of our cadets have been hard at work doing great things and meeting countless challenges head on. They deserve a little recharge and so do we.

USAFA News

Our parent liaison Rose Marie Nikovits has been doing a great job keeping all of us up to speed on current events in her monthly newsletter. Please take the time to use it as a tool to keep up with the logistics of the upcoming holidays and events. In particular, info about the bus schedules are in the USAFA newsletter. In addition, the USAFA website and our Parent club website are also good sources of information. We are happy to field any remaining questions via email or phone.

Rose also recently forwarded to us some highlights of the Presidents conference briefings that Adrienne and I and the Chimentos attended for parents weekend. Instead of trying to recap all of what was covered, I have decided to attach those notes with this newsletter. It is worth the read, and I think there is something in them for everyone. I apologize for my tardiness but I do think there are some highlights of those meetings that are worth mentioning. Please see attachment to this email.

- We had the opportunity to hear directly from and also question General Johnson (Superintendent), and her team of officers that make the Academy run. They are an impressive group and they are doing their best to provide each cadet with all of the opportunities possible to help

them achieve their goals. As you are aware they are faced with many challenges to include budget constraints, a changing Air Force, sexual assault, and a myriad of other issues. My impression was that they are doing their best to address those issues head on with transparency while keeping the focus on producing the finest young officers for the Air Force that are ready to lead.

- I encourage each of you to take a look at the Rando Cadet Humanitarian fund article.
 - I also encourage you to take a look at the Air Force Academy Fund article. These are great ways for parents to support our cadets.
 - Sexual Assault is a constant threat and it is being taken very seriously by General Johnson and her team as it pertains to all of our cadets.
- Those are a few highlights that I have to pass on. Questions welcome.

Fall Semester Care Packages

Our cadets are seven weeks from finishing their fall semester finals. In an effort to brighten their week right before finals, and add to their upcoming holiday, we are in the process of putting together 45 care packages that will be sent to our Oregon and SW WA club member cadets. The package will be made up of a card of encouragement for finals, homemade cookies, and a Christmas card from the club.

Looking for parent Volunteers

We are pleased to announce that there will be new club officers volunteering to take over the reigns of our club in January.

Vice Presidents Chuck and Melissa Chemento, parents of C3C Charlie (2018) will be taking the president office in 2016.

We are now in the process of looking for volunteers that would be willing to take over a few of the officer positions for 2016.

Class of 2019 parents, The position of Vice- president is open for 2016. As Vice, you would be mentored by and would provide assistance to the Chimentos during 2016. In 2017, you would take over the position of president. We have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to support our

parents and their cadets as officers of the club. If you are interested or would like to learn more about the position, give us a call or email.

James and Angela Shields, parents of C2C Jordan (2017) have been doing a fantastic job as our treasurer for 2 consecutive years. We will need a new treasurer to take their place for 2016.

Peter and Jeneane Douglas, parents of C2C Ryan (2017), have done an amazing job creating our new website. If you have interest in being our new webmaster, we have an opening for 2016.

A huge thanks to all of our parent volunteers.

We are proud of all of our cadets and also for what you do to support them each day. Thanksgiving is just around the corner- enjoy!

Best regards to all of you! Go Falcons!

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