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The Falcon Flyer



President's Message

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I hope this newsletter finds all of you healthy and staying safe during this pandemic. Exciting times, 90 days until graduation! Airbnb booked, airline tickets have been purchased and we are excited to watch our DS become a 2nd lieutenant in The United States Space Force. I am pleased that the academy is finding a way to have our cadets experience a modified version of the important milestones. For instance, I know that Jimmy enjoyed his 100 days celebration and even had his hotel room decorated. Another positive step towards "normal" plans are underway for another important milestone "recognition"

Last year, Ryan had recognition for four hours, it was halted and everyone was sent home for COVID quarantine. As we are still working through COVID issues, the location of our general meeting in April will be announced when we get closer to the date. We will be hosting our annual information night for appointees and candidates **Thursday March 25th at 7pm**. This event will be a zoom meeting.

We will have a cadet, ALO and parents panel to share information about USAFA and answer any questions.

In late May, we will host our annual send off event for the new 2025 cadets. The date and time are still being worked out and more information on this event will come in the near future.

I want to thank Laurie Roberts for her hard work and dedication for putting together an outstanding All Academy Ball. What a wonderful evening honoring all the cadets and Midshipmen at the historic 100th Bomb Group. I also want to thank those of you who solicited donations for the event. We were fortunate enough to have raised enough money to give gifts to the cadets and Midshipmen that they will surely enjoy. Also a thank you to the Laub, Kean and Sweeney families for their donation of time, talent and resources.

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A night to remember!! A note from our All Service- Academy Ball organizers:

Hello Air Force family!

Just a note to update everyone on the wonderful All Service Academy Ball! It truly was a fabulous night. The attendance exceeded my expectations with covid looming overhead. We topped out at 144, which was perfect considering our room was only allotted for 150 with covid guidelines! We did have a couple families that were unable to attend last minute which was a bit disappointing but other things arose for them.

The night started with a professional photo in front of a beautiful stone fireplace adorned with the American Flag. The photography was provided by Joey Geither, brother of C2C Sean Geither. All photos are online for families to print free of charge! I want to say THANK YOU for everyone's participation in obtaining donations! The amount of money collected allowed us to buy some fabulous prizes this year! We had a cadet, midshipman table solely for academy members! On that particular table we had an Apple Watch, a smart tv, 2 sets of Apple ear buds and a couple more big ticket items. We had raffle items for the families as well! We offered 2 apple speakers, hammocks, a gorgeous diamond necklace that Christy was able to get for a very handsome price! We also had wine and assorted coupons from Gervasci Vineyards as well as wonderful baskets donated by West Point, Navy and Air Force. And this is just to name a few things! Each cadet in attendance was given a generous monetary gift! After introductions, the invocation and dinner, the night was led by our fabulous DJ Josh Isley from JETDJ service! Music was playing all night. Some cadets and midshipman swayed by their seats! Some waltzed up to the bar! We had two rooms with a Casino night in full gear! We also had a photo booth to capture some fun memories! If the Casino night wasn't a thing for everyone, the beautiful 100th Bomb group restaurant is a museum filled with rich military history and memorabilia to read and enjoy. I feel so blessed that we were able to still have our event despite the venue being sold. How appropriate that a Military event should be the end note for an establishment designed for the military! I will personally miss this beautiful venue.

Last but not least, I again want to give a HUGE Thank You to Mr. Michael Laub and our daughter Staff Sargent Lisa Wynn. Without their last minute help and connections, the most amazing program would not have happened. The program is a real keeper. Not in my wildest dreams did I expect such a fabulous piece of art! I hope everyone saved theirs for your scrapbooks. I have a few extra if anyone would like to send one to the people who donated! Please support all these generous donors by paying it forward with a recommendation or your personal use. Without their generous support, a lot of what was had would not have happened!

We are truly a blessed group of people. Thank you for allowing Dave and I the privilege of Chairing this event! It was a great learning experience, a bit more time consuming than I thought but none the less wonderful! Thank you to our Presidents Christy and Jim Keating! Christy, you always had my back and supported all my decisions! For that I am grateful! Cheers to the Naval Academy! For they will be hosting in 2021! I can't wait to be a guest!!

Everyone continue to stay safe and live your best life!
Dave and Laurie Roberts



Northern Ohio Air Force Academy Parents Association Presents:

**Air Force Academy Appointee and
Candidate Information Night**

Thursday March 25th beginning at 7pm

Join our zoom call to interact with and listen to a
panel of USAFA cadets,
ALO (Admissions Liaison Officer) and parents. This is your
opportunity to ask any questions that you might have about
USAFA

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/5802409337?pwd=SVZwSFJmaUYyZ0Y0eTI2T0FaM1lxdz09>
Meeting ID: 580 240 9337
Passcode: 9C8Jk2

Visit us!

We have a NEOAFAPA website! There is also the USAFA Official website with everything USAFA, in one stop:

WWW.NEOAFAPA.COM

WWW.USafa.AF.MIL



NOAFAPA 2020-2021 Calendar

March 25th— Nominee Night

April 18th— General Membership Meeting @ 2PM



Useful Social Media pages:

On Instagram:

@af_academy (OFFICIAL PAGE)

@afprepathletics

@usafa_supt (Lt.Gen Jay Silveria)

@af_falcons

On Facebook:

Look for YOUR Class PAGE!

Parents of USAFA Prep SCHOOL

USAFA Class of...

US Air Force Academy Official

US Air Force Academy

On Twitter:

@AF_ACADEMY

@AF_FALCONS

What's happening on the hill

24 - 28 Mar 21 Prep School Spring Break (local)

26 Mar 21 Cadets – No Classes

9 Apr 21 Cadets – No Classes

23 Apr 20 Cadets- No Classes

6 May 21 Prep School Graduation

8 - 9 May 21 Deans Weekend

10 - 14 May 21 Cadets Finals

16-28 May 21 Summer Prep

26 May 21 2021 Graduation

29 May 21 1st Summer Session Begins

31 May 21 Memorial Day – no classes

19 Jun 21 1st Summer Session ends/2nd Summer Session Begins

24 Jun 21 2025 Class In-Processes

4 Jul 21 Independence Day Holiday (BCT ongoing)

10 Jul 21 2025 Swearing In Ceremony (parade field) Time 8:30am (tent)

10 Jul 21 2nd Summer Session ends/3rd Summer Session Begins

12 Jul 21 March Out to Jacks Valley (A-D squadrons)

17 Jul 21 March Back from Jacks Valley (A-D squadrons)

19 Jul 21 March Out to Jacks Valley (E-H squadrons)

24 Jul 21 March Back from Jacks Valley (E-H squadrons)

31 Jul 21 3rd Summer Session ends/BCT Ends

31 Jul 21 2025 Doolie Day In/Out

1 Aug 21 Cadet Wing Transition to Academic Squadrons

For more details, visit: [Falcon Family Newsletter](#) For

more parent resources: <https://www.usafa.edu/parents/>

Membership! Stay in the know...join NEOAFAPA, renew, or extend to Lifetime status!

Please print the attached updated membership form below and bring it to the August meeting, or mail to the address found at the bottom of the form. Please include a check made out to NEOAFAPA if you owe membership dues for the 2020-2021 academic year. For new appointees who paid membership dues earlier this spring, that payment covers the upcoming school year, so no additional payment is needed. *Charity Thomas, Treasurer*

NOAFAPA Membership Form

2020-2021

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Spouse First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Spouse E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Cadet Name: _____ USAFA Class of: _____

Cadet Date of Birth: _____ USAFA PO Box: _____

Cadet Squadron: _____ USAFA E-Mail: _____

Order Form—Dues & Badges

____ New Membership 4-Year (includes 2 name badges) \$145.00

____ New Membership 1-Year (includes 2 name badges) \$40.00

____ Renewal Membership 1-Year \$40.00

____ Alumni Membership Lifetime (one-time fee) \$25.00

____ Replacement Name Badges \$12.00 each

Badge Order: Name(s) as you would like it to appear on badge(s):

Mail Completed Form and check payable to NEOAFAPA to:

Charity Thomas
Treasurer NEOAFAPA