

# NORTHERN OHIO AIRFORCE ACADEMY PARENTS

October 2021



## President's Message

President's Message Christy Keating  
Jimmy 2021, Ryan 2023

I hope that everyone that went to parents weekend enjoyed the academy and time with their cadets. I know that Jim and I enjoyed our time with Ryan at the parade, football game and spending time in Colorado Springs. I was fortunate to be able to attend the President's conference Wednesday and Thursday before Parents weekend and it concluded with a reception at Superintendent Clark's home. At the reception, I was able to meet many other presidents from other states along with USAFA leadership. The conference focused on best practices i.e. fundraising do's and don'ts, growing membership, and retaining alumni parents. We also had a briefing with the USAFA Senior Staff that was informative followed by a question and answer session. There was also a session where best practices were shared from other associations/clubs from different parts of the country. One example, parents getting together before finals to put together gift boxes for our cadets. We will be implementing this idea for those who wish participate and more information will be forthcoming. I also learned about the Rando Fund. This is a humanitarian fund that benefits cadets directly in case of a tragic event. Please see the article I wrote about this fund and consider a donation.

It is time for new leadership in our local group. The new board of officers will begin in April of 2022. We are in need of the following positions to be filled: President - Chief Officer of NOAFAPA. Treasurer - Custody and responsible for the funds of NOAFAPA Recording Secretary - Keep the minutes of the meetings and prepare the minutes for approval by NOAFAPA. Corresponding Secretary - Responsible for publishing the NOAFAPA newsletter. The success of this group is determined by volunteers that can help take on leadership roles to keep our association vibrant.

I am more than happy to answer any questions and can mentor the new president. As our cadets continue to grind and excel this semester, remember that there is nothing better than encouragement coming from home. This Academy surely has its peaks and valleys for all the cadets and it is good for our cadets to know that we are cheering for them from Ohio!



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## The Dennis P. Rando Cadet Humanitarian Fund



The Rando Fund is named in honor of C1C Dennis P. Rando, one of several cadets in the 1990s who perished before graduating. When an honor guard of his classmates had to pay travel expenses to his memorial service from their own pockets, a group of Massachusetts parents founded the Rando Fund. Since 1997, the Rando Fund has raised private support to provide the means for cadets to travel to represent the Academy at services of their fallen colleagues. In 2012, the Air Force Academy Foundation assumed the collection and management of these gifts, with no change to the Rando Fund mission. In addition to providing free travel for a cadet honor guard in the event of a fellow cadet's passing, the Rando Fund also provides need-based financial support to cadets who may not have the resources to travel home during emergencies such as a death in their family, a serious family illness or injury to a family member. Cadets with a financial need are granted all or part of the travel expenses. Determinations as to the necessity for a cadet to travel home as well as the assessment of a cadet's financial need is made by the Cadet Chaplain's Office in conjunction with the cadet's AOC and the Commandant's Office. To make a tax-deductible donation, go to the fund link [www.randofund.org](http://www.randofund.org)

### YOUR EXEC BOARD TEAM!

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### Cadet updates

Andrew is loving the increased freedom of being a C3C! It's fun for us to see him thriving. He especially enjoys Marathon team, and is training to run the Colorado Marathon next month. His sister arrived in January to her new post at Fort Carson (army--also in Colorado Springs) and seeing her on weekends was a real perk-- until she was abruptly deployed last month. Another sister made him an uncle, and he was able to meet his new nephew on parent's weekend. We're looking forward to having him home for Thanksgiving.

Submitted by Mary Schaeffer





For our next general meeting on:  
October 24th 2pm  
Location TBA

### Cadet Updates:

C4C Katarina Schultz from Chardon named CS 21 Blackjack of the Month for August.

Submitted by: Joe and Sandy Schultz



Air Force Track & Field/XC  @AF\_TFXC · May 7

🌟 Jaret Prete capped the meet with the EIGHTH-BEST hammer throw in Academy history (193'1")!



Submitted by: Charity Thomas

## Information you should know!

### Visit us!

We have a NEOAFAPA website! There is also the USAFA Official website with everything USAFA, in one stop:  
[WWW.NEOAFAPA.COM](http://WWW.NEOAFAPA.COM)  
[WWW.USafa.AF.MIL](http://WWW.USafa.AF.MIL)



### Useful Social Media pages:

On Instagram:

[@af\\_academy](#) (OFFICIAL PAGE)

[@afprepathletics](#)

[@usafa\\_supt](#) (Lt. Gen Jay Silveria)

[@af\\_falcons](#)

On Facebook:

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## FORGED BY SERVICE

Please save the date for

the

44<sup>th</sup> Annual

Northeast Ohio All-Academy  
Ball

Wednesday, December 29, 2021  
1730-2230



Sponsored by the  
Northeast Ohio Naval Academy Parents  
Club

## ***BREAK information***

**Thanksgiving Break:** (23 -28 Nov 21) **Cadets:** The official release for cadets on 23 Nov 21 after the last military duty (LMD). LMD for cadets could be noon formation if the cadet has a morning class or after an afternoon class.

### **Winter Break:**

**Cadets:** (16 Dec 21 – 2 Jan 22) The official release is 16 Dec 21 for Cadets after their last military duty. The cadets will normally be able to leave anytime on the release date. That being said, you need to check with your cadet. If they take their last final on say Wednesday, then they can leave after their final with Commander's permission (standard release is normally given). Your cadet can go into the student database and look up each of his or her classes (hopefully sometime in September) and see when their last finals is. Cadets will not be allowed to move up finals for airline tickets.

**Spring Break:** Cadets: (18-27 Mar 22) Cadet Spring break release is 18 Mar 22 after the last military duty (LMD).

## Cadet updates

After completing Soaring this summer, Michael has applied and been accepted to become a Cadet Soaring Instructor Pilot. We had a chance to tour the air field with him during parents weekend and see where he is spending most of his time. He is enjoying his experience at USAFA.

Submitted by Michael Laub



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



# NOAFAPA Membership Form 2020-21

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USAFA Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ USAFA PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ USAFA E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Order Form—Dues & Badges

- \_\_\_ New Membership 1-Year (includes 2 name badges) \$40.00
- \_\_\_ New Membership 4-Year (includes 2 name badges) \$145.00
- \_\_\_ Renewal Membership 1-Year \$40.00
- \_\_\_ Alumni Membership Lifetime (one-time fee) \$25.00
- \_\_\_ Replacement badges \$12.00 each

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

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Mail Completed Form and check payable to NEOAFAPA to:

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