

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

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CLASS STATISTICS (as of 28 February 2011)

	Men	Women	Total
2011	835	205	1040
2012	876	239	1115
2013	913	236	1149
2014	927	265	1192
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NATIONAL PASSPORT DAY

National Passport Day is on Saturday, 9 April 2011. The Academy will have a Passport Fair at the Community Center Post Office on that day, 9 April, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bus service will be available for the cadets between Vandenberg Hall and the Post Office (5136 Community Center Drive) between the hours of 8:25 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Pick up will be at the Vandenberg dock area.

Cadets must have original birth certificate and two picture I.D.'s. The cost for each cadet is \$15.00 for photo, \$25.00 for processing, and \$110.00 for the passport. Only cash or a check will be accepted. The passport takes 4 - 6 weeks but if it is needed sooner, the passport can be expedited for an additional cost.

BOOT ISSUE FOR APPOINTEES

According to Boot Issue, the Academy is no longer supporting the purchase of boots in advance. The main reasons for no longer getting boots in advance are:

1. There is no break in period needed for the new boots.
2. The USAFA is funded for two pair of boots for each incoming appointee. If an appointee shows up with any other boots, they will be instructed to send them home or use them for personal use only.

If an appointee/parent is insistent about purchasing boots in advance, they may call boot issue at 719-333-3017.

CLASS OF 2015 BED & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Association of Graduates (AOG), with the assistance of the Rampart Chapter of the AOG, provides bed and breakfast to appointees (for a minimal fee) who will be traveling alone to the Academy for in-processing.

The Bed & Breakfast program provides appointees the opportunity to stay at the home of Academy graduates, faculty, staff and friends. (Note: Some appointees will be selected to stay at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs. The Cheyenne Mountain Resort has been a generous community partner in offering to host 20 appointees for the Bed & Breakfast program. The appointee will be notified of this when s/he receives the confirmation call.) Last year, over 350 appointees participated in the program. Bed & Breakfast hosts are familiar with the Academy and offer encouragement and support to appointees.

Hosts will pick up their assigned appointees on Wednesday, June 22, at the Colorado Springs airport or Doolittle Hall (the AOG's building), and provide a place to stay, dinner, breakfast and transportation to Doolittle Hall for In-processing on Thursday, June 23.

Appointees who are already enrolled in the official Academy Sponsorship Program **are not** automatically enrolled in the AOG's Bed & Breakfast program. (The AOG Bed & Breakfast program is not affiliated with the official Academy Sponsorship Program.)

Appointees interested in participating in the Bed & Breakfast program must follow these instructions:

1. Arrange for airline transportation as directed by the Academy's Admissions office. You must have your airline ticket prior to registering for Bed & Breakfast.
2. Visit the AOG web site at www.usafa.org and click on "Bed & Breakfast" (lower left hand column). If you are unable to register on line, please contact Jennifer Ganzler at

719-472-0300, ext. 138, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (MST), or jennifer.ganzler@aogusafa.org. The processing fee is \$10.00.

3. After registering for the Bed & Breakfast program, please wait for an AOG representative to call you in mid-June with the name and phone number of your host family. The AOG is unable to fulfill special requests for host families from specific states, cultural backgrounds, religions, etc.
4. After receiving your host family's information, contact them to finalize and confirm the arrangements of how and when they will meet you.

The Association of Graduates is excited to welcome you to the Long Blue Line and looks forward to seeing you in June!

GRADUATION PHOTOS, VIDEO AND YEARBOOK

You may order 2011 USAFA Graduation products: Graduation DVD; photographs of your cadet receiving his/her diploma; 2011 POLARIS Yearbook; and Congratulatory Message through the Office of Cadet Wing Media. The DVD includes every graduate walking across the stage, graduation week activities, and Class of 2011 bonus material. This DVD is the only graduation product officially sanctioned by the USAF Academy. Go to USAFA's graduation page <http://www.usafa.edu/graduation> or CWMedia directly <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media> for links to order your Class of 2011 commemorative products.

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch has been contracted to provide professional photographs of your cadet at the Class of 2011 Graduation Ball and at the Graduation Ceremony. Go to <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media> for order forms of the Class of 2011 Graduation Ball & ceremony photos. For more information call (800) 426-9533 or write to Lifetouch, 1170 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920, Attention: AFA Graduation.

You may contact Cadet Wing Media by calling (719) 333-4644, sending an email to cwmedia@usafa.edu or writing to HQ USAFA/FSLAM, P.O. Box 6066, USAFA CO 80841-6066.

CLASS OF 2011 - FAMILY, FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS (FFS) MESSAGES

On-line ordering @ <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>

This is your opportunity to congratulate your cadet and express how proud you are s/he is graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. Your congratulatory message will be in the Family, Friends, and Supporters section of the 2011 *Polaris* yearbook.

There are two options: Up to 200 characters, \$30* (1/32 page); or up to 300 characters, \$45* (1/16 page). FFS messages are text only.

*A \$5 processing fee is added at checkout.

All messages will be printed verbatim. Submissions will be collected through May 31, 2011.

Call with any questions at 719-333-4644 and/or e-mail CWMedia@usafa.edu.

ANNUAL PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION AND CONFERENCE

Parents' club presidents, don't forget to mark your calendars -- the reception will take place on Wednesday, 31 August, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the conference will take place on Thursday, 1 September, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration forms will be sent out in July. If you change presidents, please give the information to the new president. Spouses are invited to attend as well as other club officers.

FALCON FOOTBALL

Nathan Walker takes home top honor at annual football banquet.

Senior wins coveted Bullard Award.

Senior fullback Nathan Walker won the Brian Bullard Memorial Award, the highest honor a Falcon football player can earn, at the annual Air Force Football banquet at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Walker helped the Falcons finish the season with a 9-4 overall record. Air Force was third in the Mountain West Conference with a 5-3 mark and earned a bid to the 2010 Advocare V100 Independence Bowl where the team defeated Georgia Tech, 14-7, to earn a second straight bowl win.

Walker finished fourth on the team in rushing with 470 yards, averaging 4.6 yards per carry. He was second on the team in rushing touchdowns with six. Walker, who played in every game, started the last six games of the season. He rushed for a career-best 109 yards and a touchdown against Army to post the first 100-yard game of his career. He also picked up a key third-and-21 with a 21-yard run to set up an Air Force touchdown. The 21-yard run was voted on as one of the top 10 plays of the year by the football support staff. Walker added 95 yards and a touchdown the following week against New Mexico.

A native of Colorado Springs, Walker graduated from Colorado Springs Christian School where he lettered four years in football and two each in track and wrestling. He is headed to Vance Air Force Base, Okla., following graduation for undergraduate pilot training.

The Bullard Award, established in 1984 and voted on by the football team, is based on the criteria that typifies the late Brian Bullard – unselfishness, 110 percent effort, total team commitment and pride in his role on the team whether he’s a starter or not. Bullard was a 1982 graduate of Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs. He attended the Academy the following year and played on the football team for two years. During Thanksgiving vacation in 1983, Bullard and his girlfriend, fellow cadet Dianne Williams, died from carbon monoxide poisoning while returning from a trip to Kansas in a snow storm.

Brian Bullard Memorial Award Winners

2010 Nathan Walker
2009 Ben Garland
2008 Shea Smith
2007 Drew Fowler, Garrett Rybak
2006 Gilberto Perez
2005 Denny Poland
2004 John Rudzinski

2003 Monty Coleman, Joe Schieffer
2002 Tom Heier
2001 Zach Johnson
2000 Nate Beard, Matt Dayoc, Mike Gallagher
1999 Charlie Jackson
1998 Mike Tyler
1997 Chris Gizzi
1996 Lee Guthrie
1995 Brandon Wilkerson
1994 Steve Russ
1993 Will McCombs
1992 Grant Johnson
1991 Kette Dornbush
1990 Bill Price
1989 Lance McDowell
1988 Anthony Roberson
1987 Rip Burgwald
1986 Pat Evans
1985 Pat Malackowski
1984 Steve Kelly