

HQ U.S. Air Force Academy

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USAFA Update for Parents

**Brig Gen Susan Desjardins
Commandant of Cadets**

28 Jun 07



Overview

- Year in Review
- The Next 4 Years
- Fall/Spring Training
- Basic Cadet Training
- Upcoming Events
- Expectations





Vision & Mission

VISION

USAFA ... the nation's premier institution for developing leaders of character.

MISSION

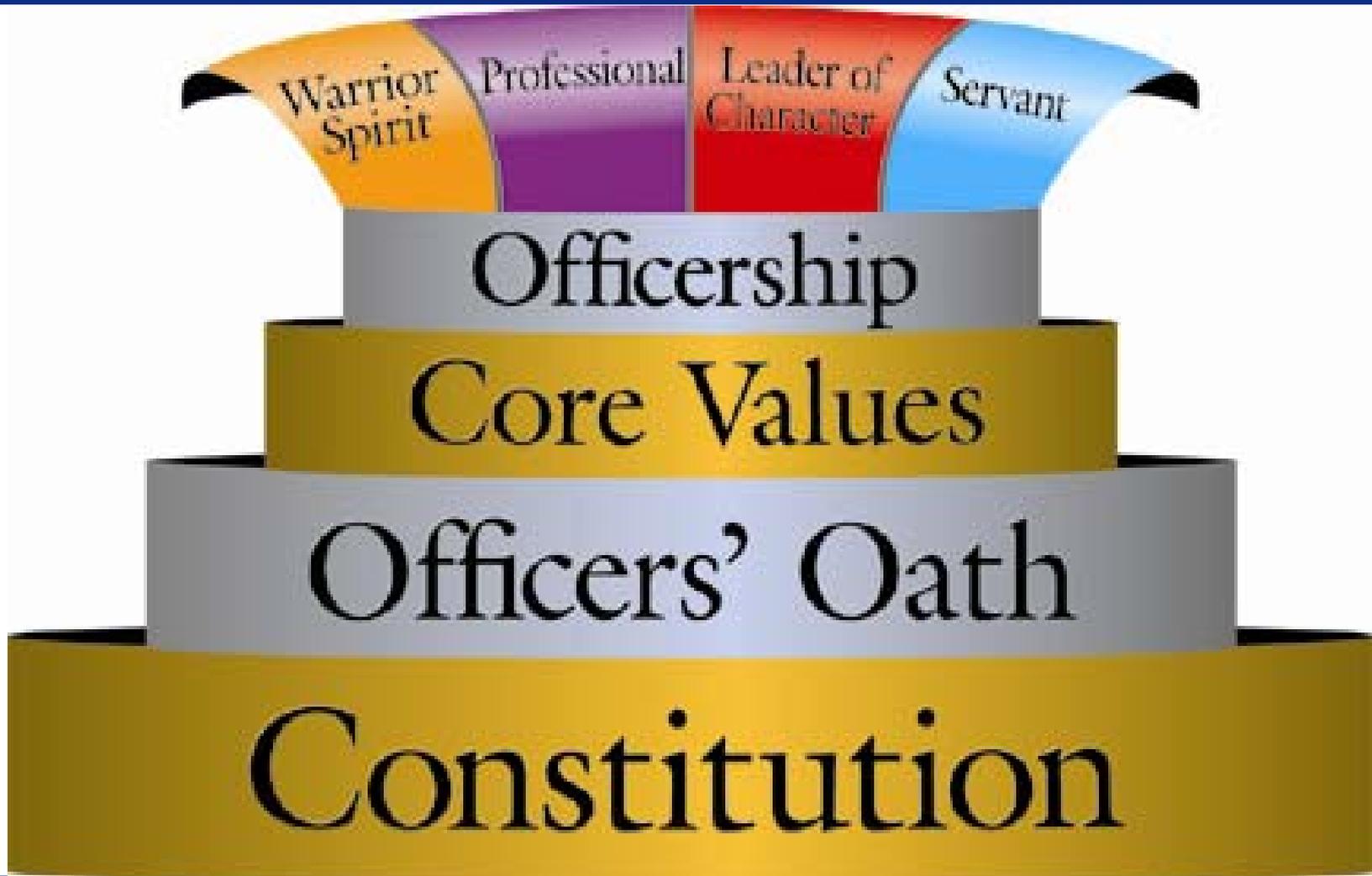
To educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.

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Officer Development System

Foundation





Officer Development System

Four-Class System

USAFA Graduate

2nd LT

Officer of Character

1ST Class Cadet
(1^o)

LEADER

Leader/Supervisor...Practices organizational leadership skills...Exemplifies standards

2ND Class Cadet
(2^o)

MENTOR

Worker...Applies team dynamics...Broadens mentoring/supervisory skills...Develops 3^o... Trains 4^o

3RD Class Cadet
(3^o)

ROLE MODEL

Develops coaching skills...Sharpens previously learned skills...Develops loyal followership

4TH Class Cadet
(4^o)

FOLLOWER

Learns and lives AF Core Values, Mission, & Chain of Command...Practices standards

Basic Cadet Training (BCT)

TRAINEE

1st step towards USAF indoctrination...Learns basic military skills...Learns standards



Fourth Class Cadet Training Phases

Phase One

Phase Two

Phase Three



Jul	Aug-Sep	Oct-Nov	Dec-Jan	Mar-Apr
BCT	Acceptance Parade (8 Aug)	Commandant's Challenge (18-19 Nov)	Winter Break (20 Dec- 6 Jan)	Recognition (13-15 Mar)
	Classes Begin (9 Aug)	Thanksgiving Lv (20- 26 Nov)		Spring Break (20-30 Mar)
	Parents' Weekend (31 Aug- 3 Sep)			Cadet UCI (18-26 Apr)



Basic Cadet Training

- **Tough...**



- **And Professional!**





2011 BCT

1st BCT: 28 June – 15 July

- Inprocessing / testing
- Physical fitness
- Honor, ethics, values, conduct
- Military Knowledge
- Military Training
 - Bearing
 - Drill
 - Customs & courtesies
 - Inspections
- Aviation orientation





2011 BCT

2nd BCT 16 July – 4 August

- **Encampment procedures**
 - **Jacks Valley**
- **Field Courses**
 - **Assault**
 - **Confidence**
 - **Obstacle**
 - **Leadership reaction**
- **Weapons training**
- **Self-aid / buddy care**
- **Small unit tactics**
- **Warrior Run**





Standards

- Be present 30 of 38 training days
- Complete 2/3 of physical events
- Pass physical and aerobic fitness tests
- Pass Field Courses
- Aptitude—pass 3 of 5 weeks
 - Inspections, Drill, Knowledge, Customs & Courtesies
- Conduct
- Sanctions
 - Turnback
 - Probation
 - Re-accomplish course next year
 - Dismissal





Important Dates

- **1st BCT Ends: 14 July**
- **Doolie Day Out: 15 July**
 - **Basics meet sponsors**
 - **(Basics MAY call home)**
- **Jack's Valley March Out: 16 July**
- **BCT Complete: 4 August**
- **Transition Week: 5-8 August**
- **Academic year begins 9 August**





Important Dates

- **Swearing-in Ceremony: 29 June 0830**

Parents will be able to view basic cadets as they take the oath. Viewing will be along the Chapel Wall overlooking the grassy area.

- **Acceptance Parade: 8 August 0900 Stillman parade field**

Cadets will be able to see parents- 1 hour

Following the pin-on ceremony, fourth-class cadets will be permitted to escort their parents and visitors within the cadet area. Fourth-class cadets may not leave the cadet area or the Academy grounds with anyone during their personal time after the pin-on ceremony.

- **Parents' Weekend:
31 Aug - 3 September**

Information available online

WWW.USAFA.AF.MIL

➤ [Home page-> USAFA events-> Parents Weekend 2007](#)



Communication

By Mail:

Basics will check mail daily

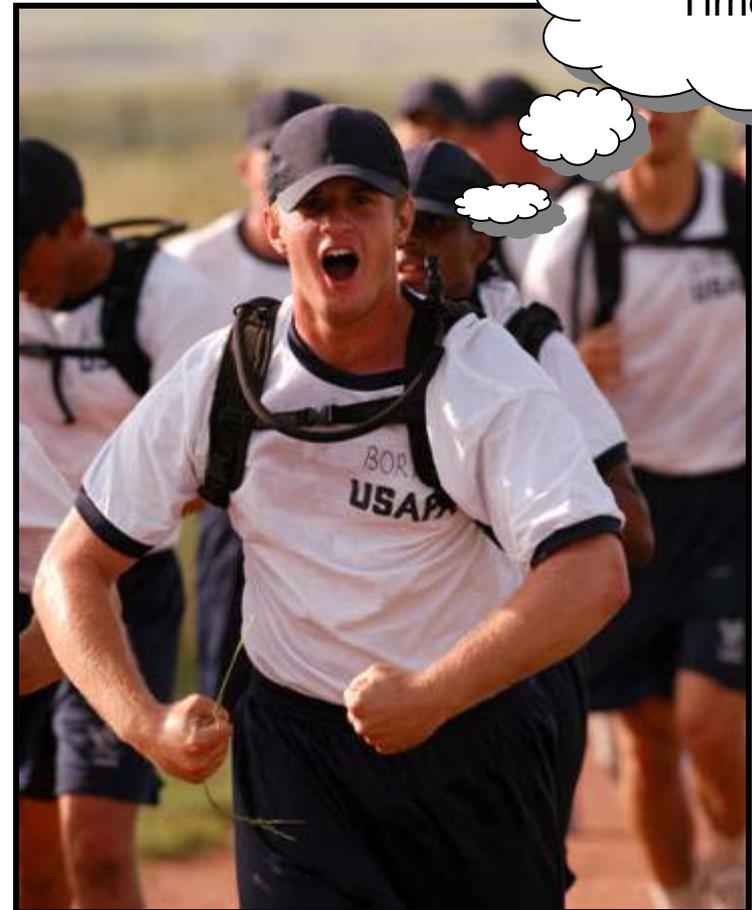
No packages, please

Mailing address:

**Basic Cadet (first, last
name)**

**PO Box (appointee
instructions back cover)**

**USAF Academy, CO 80841-
[box #]**



Yea... Mail
Time!



Communication

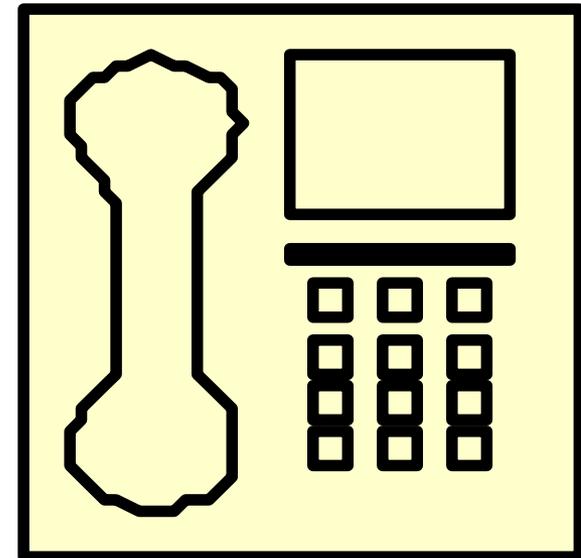
Cell Phone Use

- Cadets are authorized (after BCT) to use Cell Phones.
- Individual use policies/restrictions will be left up to each Group/Squadron AOC.
- ❖ Academic/Military schedules are very demanding especially for 4th class cadets.
- ❖ Cell phone use should be minimized as cadets learn USAFA daily life.
- ❖ Cadets responsible for individual cell phone costs.
- ❖ No illegal/illicit use allowed--AOCs have the right to confiscate as contraband.



Communication

- **Emergency Contact:**
 - **Command Post
(719) 333-2910**
 - **Air Officer Commanding
(AOC)**
 - **Academy Military Trainer
(AMT)**
- **No other non-emergency calls
prior to 6 August**
- **Information & Pictures at:
WWW.USAF.AF.MIL**
- **Commandant page**
 - Cadet Daily Life/Focus**
 - Cadet Photos/2011**
 - BCT FAQ**





Homecomings

- **20 Nov – 26 Nov Thanksgiving Leave**
 - **Begins 3:30 pm 20 Nov**
 - **Earliest flights cadets can make:**
 - DENVER: 8:30PM
 - COLORADO SPRINGS: 6:30PM
- **20 Dec – 6 Jan Winter Break**
 - **Depart AFTER LAST FINAL**
 - **PLUS:**
 - **5 HOURS FROM DENVER**
 - **3 HOURS FROM COLORADO SPRINGS**



Parting Words

- Remember the mission of USAFA
- Military institution vs. college
- Know your Cadet's Privacy Act Code
- AOC/AMT, best choice for info on your cadet
- THANK YOU for sending us America's Best!



Questions



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