



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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**SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear Cadet Parents

Welcome to the United States Air Force Academy family!

The Class of 2015 will enter the Academy in June 2011 and began their 4-year journey toward becoming officers in our Air Force. They will spend the summer in Basic Cadet Training, an intense program designed to enhance their mental and physical abilities as they adjust to military service. On 3 August, the class will be officially entered into the Cadet Wing at the Acceptance Parade. The academic year begins on 4 August; our cadets will face academic, military and athletic challenges throughout the year. Your parental interest, encouragement and involvement will be crucial to helping your cadet succeed. My wife, Paula, and I look forward to partnering with you and your cadet on this exciting journey!



We hope you can join us over the Labor Day weekend for Parents' Weekend 2011. Events begin on Friday, 2 September, and continue through Monday, 5 September. The information on the USAFA website at <http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend> will help you plan your weekend with your cadet. You may also register through the website starting in July in order to receive, via email, Parents' Weekend information, including a parking pass and event flyers (if you cannot print this information, your cadet can print it and provide it to you on your arrival). Friday is packed with activities, so be sure to arrive early enough to participate. On Saturday, we invite you to join us in cheering for our Air Force Falcons football team as they play their first game of the season against the University of South Dakota. Following the game, your cadet may join you for the remainder of the long weekend. Please enjoy this time with your cadet and make the most of this opportunity to learn more about the programs and facilities of the United States Air Force Academy!

We are confident you will find Parents' Weekend a valuable and interesting experience, as well as a great way to learn about your cadet's new life at the Academy. We look forward to visiting with you!

Sincerely

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