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U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY SPEAKERS BUREAU

The U.S. Air Force Academy Speakers Bureau is a community outreach program designed to increase public awareness of the Air Force, Space Force and the Academy and provide information on topics that may not be readily available elsewhere. Please print and review this information before making a request.

The Strategic Communications Directorate (USAFA/CM) determines event eligibility and is responsible for much of the requests that USAFA supports for both the military and public communities. The USAFA/CM office is the initial reviewer for inquiries, requests, processing and coordination of requests and is your only point of contact for scheduling speakers both on and off base. Do not directly contact other base personnel on their future availability, scheduling or questions even if you have done so previously.

Speakers can provide a variety of subjects. As members of this volunteer program the base's military and DoD civilian faculty and staff give comprehensive presentations and speeches on subjects about the military, the Academy, their respective career fields, national and patriotic holiday events or extracurricular activities. Our members are generally available to speak in and around Colorado Springs. They enjoy speaking in schools, to youth, veteran and civic organizations, national conferences, and other events visiting our area. Under most situations, speakers are not available outside our local area, but each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Speakers are seldom available on short notice. Please submit requests at least thirty to sixty days in advance. Academy academic and military responsibilities have priority. Determining availability can be a slow-lengthy procedure to get an answer. Please keep in mind that our speakers must check for conflicting activities such as classroom schedules, finals, graduation, military duties and training or other Air Force obligations so we may not be able to give you an answer right away or we may not be able to accept your invitation. As not all requests can be accommodated, there is no guarantee we will be able to provide support.

There is no charge or fee and honorariums are not accepted. We ask that sponsoring organizations provide/reimburse speakers for any meals, travel and lodging expenses should the engagement warrant it (non-local), government agencies provide per-diem/fund cite. We also sponsors to provide any entrance or parking passes, event credentials, map or detailed directions, etc., that the speaker may require. In some cases speaker topics may require audiovisual equipment, if your event is held at a hotel conference room check for their rental pricing.

Before contacting us with a request we recommend that you try to select two speakers and subjects that would be of interest to your group. Should you have a subject in mind that is not listed with our speakers below, let us know the topic and the details on what you're looking for and we will do our best to find a speaker on that subject for you.

The bureau can assist organizations in selecting topics and speakers and by working out some engagement details. Speech or presentation length will be an hour or less. Patriotic speeches average 10-15 minutes. The topics below show the amount of time available, with many in the 20-30 minute timeframe. This does not include any Q&A time. If you wish to ask questions, the speech may need to be adjusted to meet the time allotted.

Commercial service agencies: All contact and coordination for any request will be done directly between the CM office and the organization that we may be providing support to. Requests through an events planning service/commercial services agency or intermediary will not be accepted. If you have a client wanting a USAFA speaker please have them contact our office using the email below or give us their name and phone number.

Under most circumstances there will be one speaker per event. Please limit your speaking requests to no more than two events per organization per year. This does not apply to K-12 schools.

To request a speaker, the request form is on the email that this letter was originally attached to. Speakers are subject to change. Please request updates at any time.

If you would like a copy of the speaker email or have a question send it to **performers@afacademy.af.edu** (preferred method), call (719) 333-7482 or write to:

HQ USAFA/CM
Attn: Speakers Bureau
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USAF Academy, CO 80840-9400

ACADEMY SPEAKERS

Anne Portlock

Lt Col, US Air Force

Assistant Professor of Economics

- Academics at the Academy
- Women in Aviation
- Competing as a Student Athlete
- Air Force Aviation Careers
- Balancing Military and Family life
- Join-Spouse/Mil-to-Mil Challenges

Erwin Roemer

USAFA 10 CES/CENP Cultural Resources Manager

- Academy heritage via the National Historic Preservation Act, 45 min.
- Academy's consultation with American Indian tribes, 45 min.

Jordan Steel

Associate Professor (Civilian)

Faculty member, Director of the Biotechnology Immersion Program, and Head Coach of the Academy's International Genetic Engineering Machine (iGEM) team

- Genetic engineering and the USAFA iGEM team (has won Gold and Silver medals at international competitions with their research projects), 15-60 min.
- Biotechnology Immersion Program: the need to innovate to survive, 15-60 min.

Samantha Johnson

MSgt/Senior Enlisted Leader

Chief, Host Aviation Resource Management

- Enlisted issues, 30 min.
- Female in the Military, 30 min.
- Parenting/Childcare, 30 min.
- Minority Outreach, 30 min.
- Adapting to Military Life, 30 min.

Jeffrey A. Ditlevson

2dLt, USAF

Graduate Assistant, Cadet Group 4

- General Air Force Academy topics
- Life as a cadet

Nicholas Crucet

MSgt USAF

Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE) Specialist

- Survival Instruction
- Homeland Security
- "Wings of Blue" Academy Parachute team.

Eric "EJ" Engelmann

GS-13, Chief of Airfield Operations

- Airfield Operations and Airfield Management, 15-30 min.
- Emergency Communications, 15-30 min.
- Air Traffic Control, 15-30 min.