

**2024 U.S. Air Force Academy
Strategy and Warfare Center Symposium
Welcome Packet**



9-10 April 2024

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Dear Honored Guest,

Thank you for joining us for the 2024 Strategy and Warfare Center Symposium at the U.S. Air Force Academy. We are excited to host you for this inaugural event at the Academy's Polaris Hall. For our Distinguished Visitors, we sincerely appreciate your shared expertise and insights with our aspiring U.S. Air and Space Force officers.

This packet includes information regarding lodging, dining, and logistics to make your stay as easy as possible. The latest Symposium schedule and other announcements can be found on the event's [website](#) or the Strategy and Warfare Center Twitter page [@USAFA SWC](#). Please feel free to direct any questions to your Distinguished Visitor Escort Officer or 2Lt Benjamin Johnson at benjmain.johnson1@afacademy.af.edu. All urgent matters can be directed to the Symposium Director of Operations, Lt Col Nicholas Rayl at nicholas.rayl@afacademy.af.edu or (303) 717-1880.

Welcome to USAFA — we look forward to meeting you!

Lt Col Walter J. Darnell III, USAF
Director, SWC Symposium

Symposium Schedule (Arrival and Day 1)*

Monday, 8 April 2024

1600-1800: Event Registration & Hap's Place Social (Arnold Hall)

Tuesday, 9 April 2024

0800-0820: Opening Remarks: USAFA Superintendent Welcome + Event Admin

0820-0920: Keynote: Lt Gen Deanna Burt, USSF/DCSO

0935-1035: Indo-Pac Orientation (Col Steve Marshall, PACAF/A5; Col (Ret) Ray Powell, Stanford; Dr. Brendan Mulvaney, CASI; Lt Col Marc Marmino, PACAF/A2)

1045-1145: Distinguished Speaker: Maj Gen Ty Neuman, Director, AFGSC/A5/8

1145-1245: Catered lunch + BAH Tech Demos – Polaris Hall

1245-1345: Distinguished Speaker: Maj Gen Case Cunningham, Cdr, USAF Warfare Center

1345-1430: Panel: Combat Air Forces (CAF) Lieutenants – RED FLAG

1445-1545: Panel: Future Air War Tech (Chris Gentile, VP EpiSci; Dr. Tom Schnell, University of Iowa; Col Docauer, ACC/A3C)

1615-1645: Long break and transit to Fairchild Hall

1645-1745: Classified Breakout w/ Maj Gen Case Cunningham (F1, Fairchild Hall)
Alt: Multi-Domain Lab orientation

1800-2000: Cadet Air Warfare Competition (Multi-Domain Lab, 2H34, Fairchild Hall)

**Schedule is subject to change. Check the symposium website for the latest information.*

Symposium Schedule (Day 2)*

Wednesday, 10 April 2024

0800-0815: Welcome remarks by Brig Gen Marks, Commandant of Cadets [tentative]

0815-0915: Keynote: [Awaiting confirmation]

0915-1015: Dist. Speaker: Brig Gen Mastalir, Commander, U.S. Space Forces Indo-Pacific

1030-1115: Dist. Speaker: Lt Gen (Ret) Bogdan, BAH / Air Warfare Competition awards

1115-1215: Catered lunch & BAH Tech Demos (Polaris Hall)

1215-1315: Distinguished Speaker: Maj Gen Jason Armagost, Commander, Eighth Air Force

1315-1415: Panel: AFSDC in Strategic Competition and the Indo-Pacific

1430-1530: Panel: Col Koslov, 350 SWW/CC and Col Hauck, HQ USAF A2/6L EMSO

1530-1630: Panel: Col Petrucci, Cdr, USSF Delta 3; Col Agrawal, Cdr, USSF Delta 2

1630-1635: Closing remarks and departure

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Lodging

- ◆ Rampart Lodge (3130 Academy Dr, USAF Academy)
- ◆ The Academy Hotel (8110 N. Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs)
- ◆ Embassy Suites by Hilton (7290 Commerce Center Dr, Colorado Springs)
- ◆ The Drury Inn (1170 Interquest Pkwy, Colorado Springs)
- ◆ The Great Wolf Lodge (9494 Federal Dr, Colorado Springs)

Off-Base Dining

- ◆ Interquest Parkway: Colorado Mountain Brewery, Parry's Pizzeria and Torchy's Tacos
- ◆ N Academy Blvd: Chipotle, Raising Cane's, and Lazy Dog
- ◆ Briargate: Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, Modern Market, and Panera
- ◆ North Gate Blvd: Vaqueros Mexican Restaurant, Jimmy Johns, Chic-Fil-A, and The Brass Tap

Entertainment

- ◆ Garden of the Gods (West Colorado Springs) <https://gardenofgods.com/>
- ◆ Cheyenne Mountain Zoo (South West Colorado Springs) <https://www.cmzoo.org/>
- ◆ National Museum of WWII Aviation (near C. Springs airport) <https://www.worldwariiaviation.org/>
- ◆ Olympic Training Center (Downtown Springs)
- ◆ Regal Interquest Cinema (1120 Interquest Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80920)

Access to USAFA

The US Air Force Academy is open to visitors from 0530 to 2200 via the North Gate entrance (Exit 156). All visitors to USAFA must present a valid ID (CAC, drivers license, passport etc.) to enter the base and you may be subject to a vehicle search. Vehicle transportation is highly recommended, as the large USAFA reservation is not easily walkable.

Directions to Polaris Hall and Parking

The 2024 SWC Symposium will be held in the Polaris Hall Forum. Polaris Hall is located adjacent the Cadet Area, and is bracketed by Arnold Hall and the Cadet Chapel.

To reach Polaris Hall, enter USAFA via North Gate and continue on North Gate Blvd which eventually becomes Academy Dr. You will pass the Athletic Overlook, with numerous athletic fields on your left side. Following a sweeping left turn to parallel the mountains, turn left on Cadet Dr. Polaris Hall's glass obelisk will be clearly recognizable ahead of you. Parking instructions:

All Attendees: Proceed forward, turning left to park in the lot next to the Planetarium. Parking is free and no passes are required. Walk toward Arnold Hall, then proceed forward to the Polaris Hall entrance. Symposium staff will be waiting to greet you at the registration desk.

Distinguished Visitors: Proceed forward on Cadet Dr. towards the white access gates. Symposium staff will be waiting to greet you and direct you to parking in front of Arnold Hall. Marked signs will indicate individual Distinguished Visitor (DV) parking spots. Your party will be greeted at curbside and escorted to the symposium area and DV facilities.

USAFA Points of Interest

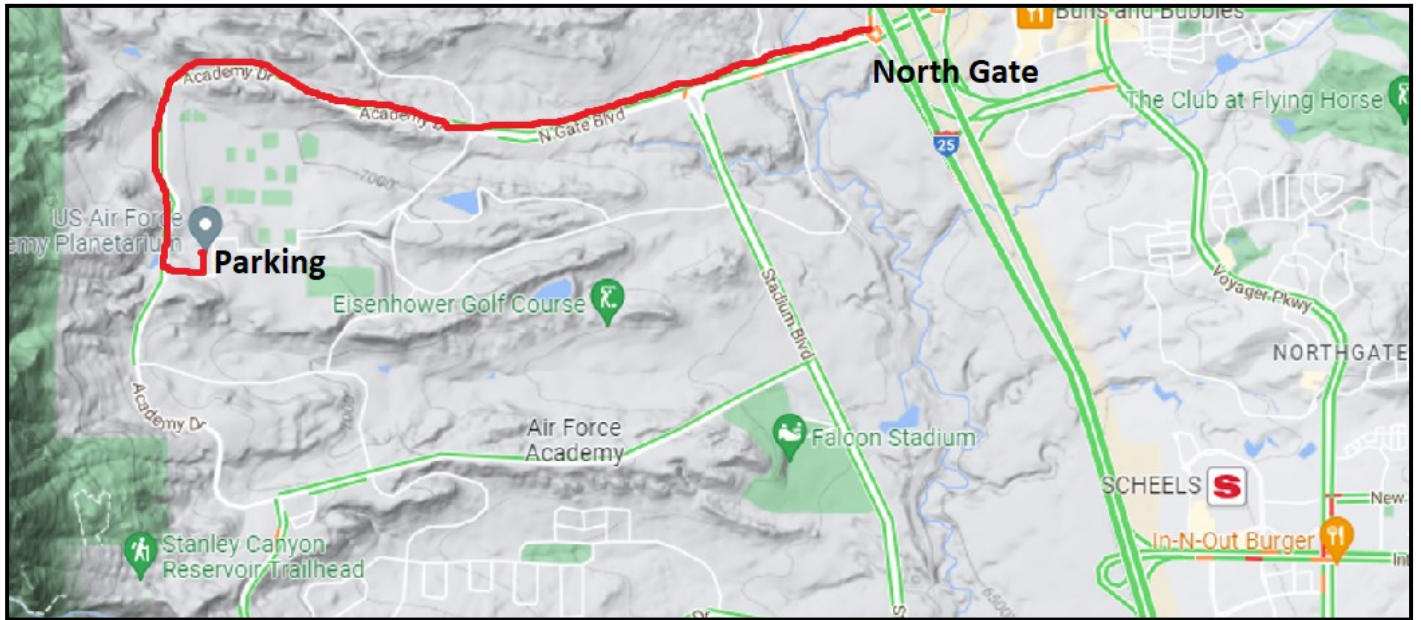
- ◆ For information about USAFA, please refer to the base visitor guide: <https://www.usafa.edu/visitors/>
- ◆ References for self-guided USAFA tour: <https://www.usafa.edu/visitors/self-guided-tour/>
 - Barry Goldwater Visitor Center
 - Falcon & Thunderbird Overlooks
 - Doolittle Hall; Association of Graduates, Heritage Trail, and Southeast Asia Memorial Pavilion (<https://www.usafa.org/App/DoolittleHall>)
 - B-52 Display and Air Warrior Combat Memorial (near North Gate & Stadium boulevards, USAFA)
 - Cadet Honor Court
 - Cadet Noon Meal Formation on Cadet Area Terrazzo, (25 and 27 January at 1130, weather permitting; visible from Honor Court Wall)

§ Note: Unfortunately, the USAFA Chapel is closed for renovation until 2027.

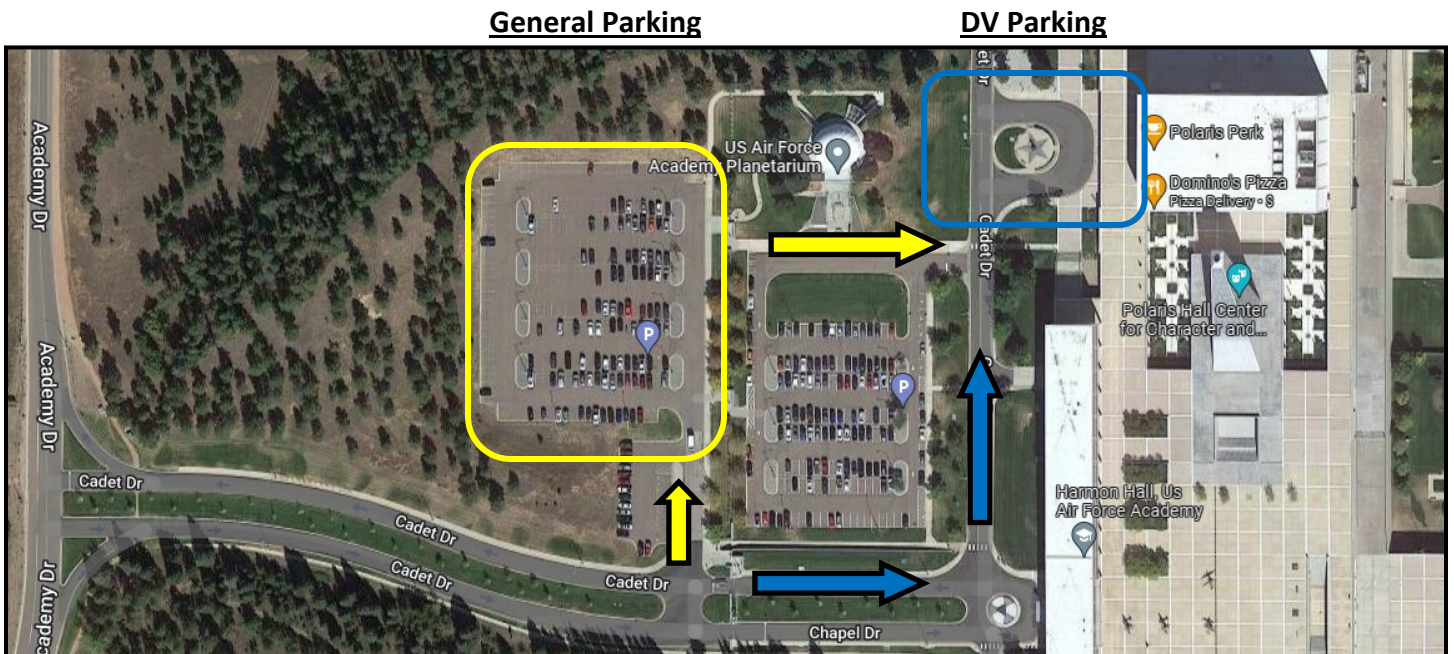
USAFA Dining Options

- ◆ Polaris Perk, Dominos Pizza, Subway and Lucy's Grill located in Arnold Hall (on-site)
- ◆ USAFA Falcon Club (5 minute drive from Polaris Hall)
- ◆ The Grill at the Eisenhower Golf Course (10 minute drive from Polaris Hall)
- ◆ Base Exchange and Bowling Alley (10 minute drive from Polaris Hall)

USAFA North Gate to Polaris Hall



Parking and Polaris Hall Access



Weather at USAFA

USAFA is located at the foot of the Rocky Mountain Front Range and April weather can vary widely. Temperatures can range from below freezing to 60° F in April, with very strong winds. We highly recommend bringing an appropriate jacket, based upon forecasted temperature and weather conditions. We are located at 7,258 ft and also advise sunscreen and a reusable water bottle to help limit the affects of high altitude and the dry climate.

Weather Delays and Closures

Temperatures and snow will not normally impede operations at USAFA. However, severe weather does occasionally cause delayed reporting or a base closure. Should such weather occur, check the USAFA Facebook or Twitter pages for updates, or call (719) 333-6249 for the base operating status. Any impacts to SWC Symposium operations will be posted on USAFA Social Media, texted to attendees, and posted on the symposium website, linked [here](#). USAFA Snow Route maps are linked [here](#).

Attire

OOD for military members will be operational camouflage pattern (OCPs) or service equivalent. Any approved outdoor gear is acceptable. Attire for civilians will be business casual.



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