

# USAFA PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

## Fall 2026

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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#### TUESDAY, September 1<sup>ST</sup>

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- 2:00 PM**      **Tour of USAFA Preparatory School Campus (two hours)**  
Join your fellow attendees for a tour of the USAFA Preparatory School and see what the Preppies experience.
- 5:00PM**      **Welcome Social! (Two hours, Aviator Bar at Hotel Polaris)**  
Back by popular demand...Get to know your fellow parents' club leaders at a no-host happy hour/appetizer gathering in Hotel Polaris' Aviator Bar

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#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

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- 8:00 AM**      **Arrival & Welcome – Attendee Introductions**  
Mrs. Marie Nikovits, USAFA Parent Liaison
- 8:30 AM**      **USAFA/CM Welcome**  
Marie Nikovits, USAFA /CM
- 8:45 AM**      **AFAF Welcome**  
Mr. Chris Bennett, '93 Executive Vice President of Alumni Relations
- 9:00 AM**      **Command Panel**  
Group 1 Commander – Col Sarah Brehm  
Group 1 Senior Enlisted Leader – CMSgt Allan Quinta  
CS 09 Commander – Maj Edgar Acosta  
CS 01 AMT – MSgt Daniel Goodman  
Military Training Instruction (MTI) Group 2 – MSgt Travis Brown
- 10:30 AM**      **Break**
- 10:45 AM**      **USAFA Admissions Update**  
Col Candice Pipes, USAFA Director of Admissions and  
USAFA Admissions Regional Directors
- 11:15 AM**      **Head towards T-Zo/Mitchell Hall for Noon Meal**
- 11:30 AM**      **Noon Meal Formation & Lunch at Mitchell Hall**

Dine with the Cadet Wing from 1130-1223

- 12:25 PM**    **Meet in front of Mitchell Hall for walk Back to Polaris Hall**
- 1:00 PM**    **Preparatory School Briefing**  
Col Andrew Clemmensen, USAFA Preparatory School Commander
- 1:45 PM**    **Falcon Scholars Brief**  
Gen (Ret) Stephen Lorenz, President, Falcons Scholars
- 2:15 PM**    **BREAK**
- 2:45 PM**    **Parent Resources**  
**Basics of the Air Force and the Academy**  
Mrs. Marie Nikovits, USAFA Parent Liaison
- 3:30 PM**    **BREAK**
- 3:30 PM**    **Space Brief** *Learn about how the cadets get into the Space Force and their training after graduation*  
Col Stephanie Silva, U.S. Space Force, USAFA Delta I
- 4:30PM**    **Closing Remarks**  
Mrs. Marie Nikovits, USAFA Parent Liaison
- 6:00 PM**    **Superintendent's Reception at The East Club at Falcon Stadium, by invitation only**  
Arrive no earlier than 5:55pm, Entry begins at 6pm

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

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- 7:00 AM**    **Setting for Boutique**
- 8:00 AM**    **Welcome and Administrative Remarks**  
Mrs. Marie Nikovits, USAFA Parent Liaison
- 8:30 AM**    **Institute for Future Conflict**  
Lt Gen Bradford Shwedo
- 9:15 AM**    **Break**
- 9:30 AM**    **Taste of Home 2026 Recap & Taste of Home 2027 Preview**  
Taste of Home 2026 Co-Chair -- Selina Herrera
- 10:00 AM**    **Taste of Home Breakout Planning Sessions (Regional)**
- 11:30 AM**    **Working Lunch**  
Box Lunches from Kneaders - West Seminar Room  
***Parents' Club Boutique*** – *shop and support your fellow parents' clubs* - East Seminar Room  
**Taste of Home talks continuing (if needed)**  
**View Noon Meal Formation from Chapel Wall**
- 1:00 PM**    **Parents' Club President Panel**  
*Panel of Experienced Parents' Club Presidents Q&A*  
Langley Tidewater (Virginia) – Rich Basak, President  
Southwest Ohio – Nancy Morgan Bedwell, President  
Colorado – Tamra Carter, Vice President  
Missouri–Kansas – Douglas Westerhaus, Co-President  
Missouri–Kansas – Victoria Westerhaus, Co-President
- 1:45 PM**    **BREAK**
- 2:00 PM**    **Parents' Club App**  
Dr. Bobby Sorden, Colorado Parents Club President

- 2:20 PM      Small Group Workshop**  
***A Year in the Life of a USAFA Parent Club – From Appointee Events to Graduation*** (budgets, event ideas, small club perspective and large club perspective)
- INTERACTIVE session to share best practices of supporting the parent community throughout a year at USAFA – facilitated by President Panel members
- 3:20 PM      Break**
- 3:50 PM      Small Group Discussion Re-cap**  
A representative from each group will share key takeaways
- 4:15 PM      Closing Remarks – Q/A & Resources Available**  
Mrs. Marie Nikovits, USAFA Parent Liaison
- 4:30 PM      Doolittle Outfitters - Network with some AF Foundation and Association Chapter Presidents before shopping!**

***Enjoy Parents' Weekend!***