



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

28 February 2022

Dear Families and Friends of the Class of 2022

On behalf of the United States Air Force Academy community, I am thrilled to extend my congratulations on your cadet's upcoming graduation!

During one of the most difficult times to attend our Academy, the Class of 2022 has stepped up and led the Cadet Wing with grit, discipline, and excellence beyond their years. They were tested in the classroom, in their squadrons, and on the athletic fields, and have lifted one another up to persevere the hardships of a historic pandemic. As this class progressed through our challenging and interdisciplinary curriculum, they built the foundation for promising careers of service on a bedrock of education, training, and character development. They are ready to make an immediate impact in our Air Force and Space Force, and I look forward to the incredible things they will accomplish.

It is with great pride that I invite you to join me in Falcon Stadium on the May 25, 2022, when the 64th graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy receives their diplomas and commissions as second lieutenants. Graduation week activities for the Class of 2022 will culminate with this ceremony, and at its conclusion the class will be honored with a thrilling performance by the Air Force Thunderbirds. We are currently planning to allocate 20 tickets per graduating cadet to distribute to their family, friends, and supporters to attend the graduation ceremony. Each graduate will also be allowed to bring 6 guests to the Graduation Parade on May 24. Attendance numbers remain subject to change as we monitor conditions and consider recommendations of local, state, and federal health authorities. We will communicate additional details to our cadets, parents, and community in the near future.

In addition to the many events offered during the week, my wife Amy and I would like to invite you and your guests to a reception in honor of our graduates at the Carlton House on Sunday, May 22, 2022, where it will be our pleasure to extend personal congratulations to you and your cadet. Please visit <https://www.usafa.edu/graduation/> for more detailed information on the entire week's festivities.

This milestone marks the end of a transformational experience at our Academy for this outstanding class, and signifies the beginning of another journey. Greater challenges await, and I am confident that our newest officers will not only succeed, but will lead a generation of even greater innovation, excellence, and accomplishment in the profession of arms. On behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Chief of Space Operations, and our entire Academy community, thank you for all you have done in support of your cadet. We look forward to celebrating the extraordinary accomplishments of these outstanding young leaders with you!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard M. Clark".

RICHARD M. CLARK  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Superintendent

## Lloyd J. Austin III

### *Secretary of Defense*



Lloyd James Austin III was sworn in as the 28th Secretary of Defense on January 22, 2021. Mr. Austin is the principal assistant to the President in all matters relating to the Department of Defense and serves on the National Security Council.

Mr. Austin was born in Mobile, Alabama, and raised in Thomasville, Georgia. He graduated from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the Infantry. He holds a Master of Arts degree in counselor education from Auburn University, and a Master of Business Management from Webster University. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

His 41-year career in the Army included command at the corps, division, battalion, and brigade levels. Mr. Austin was awarded the Silver Star for his leadership of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. Seven years later, he would assume the duties of Commanding General of United States Forces – Iraq, overseeing all combat operations in the country.

After a tour as the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, Mr. Austin concluded his uniformed service as the Commander of U.S. Central Command, responsible for all military operations in the Middle East and Afghanistan. In this assignment, he led U.S. and coalition efforts to battle ISIS in Iraq and Syria. He retired from the Army in April, 2016.

Since his retirement from military service, Mr. Austin served on the Boards of Directors for Raytheon Technologies, Nucor, and Tenet Healthcare.



## BIOGRAPHY

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

### SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FRANK KENDALL

Frank Kendall is the 26th Secretary of the Air Force responsible for organizing, training, and equipping the U.S. Air and Space Forces. In this capacity, he directs the Department of the Air Force's annual budget exceeding \$173 billion, provides Air and Space forces to combatant commanders for global military operations, and is accountable for the welfare of nearly 700,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian Airmen and Guardians and their families.

Mr. Kendall has more than 50 years of experience in engineering, management, defense acquisition, and national security affairs across private industry, government, and the military. He was a consultant to defense industry firms, non-profit research organizations, and the Department of Defense in the areas of strategic planning, engineering management, and technology assessment. Additionally, he is an attorney and was active in the field of human rights, working primarily on a pro bono basis.



Earlier in his career, Mr. Kendall was Vice President of Engineering for Raytheon Company, providing management and direction to the engineering functions throughout the company and for internal research and development. He also served as a Managing Partner at Renaissance Strategic Advisors, a Virginia-based aerospace and defense sector consulting firm.

Within government, Mr. Kendall held numerous posts including Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics as well as Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering for Tactical Warfare Programs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He is a former member of the Army Science Board and the Defense Intelligence Agency Science and Technology Advisory Board, and was a consultant to the Defense Science Board.

Mr. Kendall is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He served 11 years as an active duty Army officer, including assignments in Germany, teaching Engineering at West Point, and in research and development positions.

#### EDUCATION

1971 Bachelor of Science, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.  
 1972 Master of Science, Aerospace Engineering, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.  
 1980 Master of Business Administration, C.W. Post Center of Long Island University, Orangeburg, N.Y.  
 1994 Graduate, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.  
 2004 Juris Doctoris, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

#### CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. June 1971 – June 1982, active duty U.S. Army officer, various assignments; continued service as U.S. Army Reserve officer retiring as a lieutenant colonel in January 1999
2. June 1982 – April 1986, Systems Engineer and later Director, Systems Analysis Office, U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Defense Command, Huntsville, Ala.
3. April 1986 – December 1988, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategic Defense Systems, U.S. Department of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
4. January 1989 – September 1994, Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering for Tactical Warfare Programs, U.S. Department of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
5. December 1994 – November 1996, Vice President for Engineering, Raytheon Company, Herndon, Va.
6. January 1997 – December 2007, private consultant
7. January 2008 – March 2010, Managing Partner, Renaissance Strategic Advisors, Arlington, Va.
8. March 2010 – May 2012, Principal Deputy Under Secretary and also Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, U.S. Department of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. May 2012 – January 2017, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, U.S. Department of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. July 2017 – July 2021, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2017 – July 2021, Member of the Board of Directors, Leidos, Inc., Arlington, Va.
12. July 2021 – present, Secretary of the Air Force, Department of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Distinguished Public Service Award (four awards)  
Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal  
Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive (Senior Executive Service)  
Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive (Senior Executive Service)

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2016 Aviation Week and Space Technology Person of the Year (together with Secretary of Defense Ash Carter and Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work)

**PUBLICATIONS**

"Getting Defense Acquisition Right," Defense Acquisition University Press, 2017

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Former Chair of the Board of Directors, Tahirih Justice Center  
Former Board Member, Amnesty International USA  
Former Board Member, Center for Victims of Torture  
Former Board Member, Truman National Security Project  
Former Board Member, Truman Center

(Current as of May 2022)





## LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD M. CLARK

Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark is the Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He directs a four-year regimen of military training, academics, athletic and character development programs leading to a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force or United States Space Force.

Lt. Gen. Clark graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1986. His commands include the 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota; 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas; Eighth Air Force, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, and Joint Functional Component Commander for Global Strike, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He has also served as a White House Fellow in Washington, D.C.; the Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado; Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché, Cairo, Egypt, and as the Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Prior to his current assignment, Lt. Gen. Clark served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

### EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Science, Management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
1991 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
1994 Master of Arts, Human Resource Development, Webster University, St. Louis  
1996 Distinguished Graduate, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.  
1998 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Strategic Studies, Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.  
1999 Master of Airpower Studies, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2005 Distinguished Graduate, Master of National Security Studies, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
2006 National Security Managers Course, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.  
2010 U.S.-Russia Security Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.  
2014 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2015 Joint Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2017 Pinnacle Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1986–February 1987, Junior Varsity Football Coach and Candidate Counselor, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2. February 1987–February 1988, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
3. February 1988–November 1991, EC-135 Pilot, 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. November 1991–November 1994, B-1 Pilot, 28th Bomb Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
5. November 1994–July 1997, B-1 Instructor Pilot, B-1 Flight Training Unit, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
6. July 1997–June 1998, Student, Naval Command and Staff College, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
7. June 1998–June 1999, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. June 1999–August 2000, Action Officer, Air Force Office of Legislative Liaison, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. August 2000–August 2001, Fellow, President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Washington, D.C.
10. August 2001–May 2002, Assistant Director of Operations, 77th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
11. May 2002–May 2004, Commander, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
12. May 2004–June 2005, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. June 2005–January 2006, Vice Commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Texas
14. January 2006–March 2008, Commander, 12th FTW, Randolph AFB, Texas
15. April 2008–April 2009, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force-Iraq, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Baghdad



### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant  
May 28, 1986

First Lieutenant  
May 28, 1988

Captain  
May 28, 1990

Major  
September 01, 1997

Lieutenant Colonel  
May 01, 2000

Colonel  
August 01, 2004

Brigadier General  
November 18, 2009

Major General  
June 04, 2013

Lieutenant General  
October 21, 2016



16. May 2009–July 2010, Vice Commander, Eighth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Barksdale AFB, La.
17. July 2010–August 2012, Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
18. August 2012–August 2014, Senior U.S. Defense Official; Chief, Office of Military Cooperation; and Defense Attaché, Cairo, U.S. Central Command, Cairo
19. August 2014–April 2015, Vice Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
20. April 2015–October 2016, Commander, Eighth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Barksdale AFB, La., and Joint Functional Component Commander for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
21. October 2016–October 2018, Commander, Third Air Force, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
22. October 2018–August 2020, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
23. September 2020–present, Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. April 2008–April 2009, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force-Iraq, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Baghdad as a colonel
2. August 2012–August 2014, Senior U.S. Defense Official; Chief, Office of Military Cooperation; and Defense Attaché, Cairo, U.S. Central Command, Cairo, as a brigadier general
3. April 2015–October 2016, Joint Functional Component Commander for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., as a major general

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 4,200, 400 combat hours

Aircraft flown: B-1, EC-135, KC-135, T-1, T-38, T-6 and C-21

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Combat Action Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

#### **OTHER HONORS**

Honorary Doctorate, University of Maryland Global Campus

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1986

First Lieutenant May 28, 1988

Captain May 28, 1990

Major Sept. 1, 1997

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2000

Colonel Aug. 1, 2004

Brigadier General Nov. 18, 2009

Major General June 4, 2013

Lieutenant General Oct. 21, 2016

(Current as of October 2020)





## BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL D. MOGA

Brig. Gen. Paul D. Moga is the Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He commands the 4,300-member Cadet Wing and more than 200 Air Force and civilian personnel. He guides military, leadership, character development, Basic Cadet Training and Expeditionary Skills Training for the Air Force Cadet Wing in addition to providing facilities and logistical support.

Brig. Gen. Moga is a 1995 graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He earned his pilot wings at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, and went on to fly the F-15C Eagle as an operational and formal training unit Instructor Pilot. His assignments include F-22 Raptor FTU Initial Instructor Pilot Cadre, first F-22 Demonstration Team Commander, Chief of Air Combat Command's Senior Leader Management Division, the NATO Defense College, and Deputy Division Chief in the U.S. European Command. He has commanded at the squadron, vice wing and wing level.

Prior to this assignment, Brig. Gen. Moga was the Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters United States Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. In this capacity, he was the principal advisor to the Commander, U.S. Northern Command for all operational matters, providing strategic guidance to plan and execute missions within the area of responsibility; land, maritime, Homeland Defense air operations, Defense Support to Civil Authorities and Theater Security Cooperation, to include the Arctic.

He is a command pilot with more than 2,600 flying hours in the F-15C, F-22 and F-35A Lightning II, including more than 250 combat hours in support of operations Southern Watch and Allied Force.

### EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Science, Biology, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2011 Master of Science, Criminal Justice, Southwest University, El Paso, Texas  
2012 NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy  
2016 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.  
2016 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1995–February 1996, Laboratory and Research Technician, Biology Department, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
2. February 1996–February 1997, Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Student Pilot, T-37 and T-38A, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
3. March 1997–June 1997, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Student Pilot, AT-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.
4. June 1997–January 1998, Formal Training Unit Student Pilot, F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
5. January 1998–February 2001, F-15C Instructor Pilot, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
6. February 2001–October 2004, F-15C FTU Instructor Pilot, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
7. October 2004–July 2006, F-22 FTU Instructor Pilot, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. July 2006–February 2009, F-22 Instructor Pilot, F-22A Demonstration Pilot, Langley AFB, Va.
9. February 2009–February 2010, Chief, Air Combat Command Senior Leader Management, Langley AFB, Va.
10. February 2010–May 2011, F-22 Evaluator and Operations Officer, 525th Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
11. May 2011–June 2012, F-22 Evaluator and Commander, 525th FS, JB Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska
12. June 2012–February 2013, Student, NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy
13. February 2013–June 2015, Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff/Deputy Chief Europe Division, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany
14. June 2015–April 2017, Vice Commander, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
15. April 2017–June 2019, Commander, 33d Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.



### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant  
May 31, 1995

First Lieutenant  
May 31, 1997

Captain  
May 31, 1999

Major  
July 01, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel  
March 01, 2009

Colonel  
June 01, 2015

Brigadier General  
December 02, 2020



16. June 2019–July 2020, Strategic Planning and Integration Division Chief, Headquarters U.S. Air Force A8, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
17. July 2020–May 2021, Special Assistant to the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command/U.S. Northern Command, and then Deputy Director for Operations, USNORTHCOM J3, Peterson AFB, Colo.
18. May 2021-present, Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. February 2013–June 2015, Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff/Deputy Division Chief, U.S. European Command J5/8, Stuttgart, Germany, as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2020–May 2021, Special Assistant to the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command/U.S. Northern Command, and then Deputy Director for Operations, USNORTHCOM J3, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., as a colonel and brigadier general

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,600 including more than 250 combat hours

Primary Aircraft: T-38C, F-15C/D, F-22, F-35A

#### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with oak leaf cluster

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1995

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Captain May 31, 1999

Major July 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2009

Colonel June 1, 2015

Brigadier General Dec. 2, 2020

(Current as of June 2021)





## BRIGADIER GENERAL LINELL A. LETENDRE

Brig. Gen. Linell A. Letendre is Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado. She commands the 750-member Dean of Faculty mission element and oversees the annual design and instruction of more than 500 undergraduate courses for 4,000 cadets across 32 academic disciplines. She also directs the operation of five support staff agencies and faculty resources involving more than \$350 million.

The general graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1996 as a distinguished graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Astronautical Engineering. After serving as an Acquisition Officer, Brig. Gen. Letendre became a Judge Advocate through the Funded Legal Education Program. She graduated from the University of Washington law school with high honors and was named to the Order of the Coif and the Order of the Barristers. She is barred at the U.S. Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Washington, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. Prior to this assignment, she served as the Permanent Professor and Head of the Air Force Academy's Department of Law.



Brig. Gen. Letendre previously served as a Staff Judge Advocate at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and also represented the Air Force in appellate review of all courts-martial as the Deputy Chief Trial and Appellate Counsel. Additionally, she previously served as the Legal Advisor for the DoD Comprehensive Review Working Group, where she advised on legal and policy issues surrounding repeal of "don't ask, don't tell." She also defended the Air Force in a range of federal civil litigation involving military personnel, served as Chief of Strategic Communication for the Judge Advocate General and defended Airmen as an area defense counsel.

### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science, Astronautical Engineering, distinguished graduate, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.  
2001 Juris Doctor, high honors, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle  
2003 Squadron Officer School, distinguished graduate, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence  
2012 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
2015 Eisenhower School, National Defense University, distinguished graduate, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1996–September 1998, Project Officer, Joint Air-to-Surface Program Office, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
2. September 1998–August 2001, Funded Legal Education Program, University of Washington, Seattle
3. August 2001–June 2003, Chief of Environmental Law and General Law, 375th Airlift Wing, Scott AFB, Ill.
4. June 2003–June 2004, Area Defense Counsel, Scott AFB, Ill.
5. June 2004–June 2007, Assistant Professor of Law, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
6. July 2007–July 2008, Chief of Strategic Communication Branch, Office of the Judge Advocate General, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
7. July 2008–November 2009, Deputy Chief, Military Personnel Branch, General Litigation Division of Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Arlington, Va.
8. November 2009–February 2010, Executive Officer, Civil Law and Litigation Directorate, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Arlington, Va.
9. February 2010–December 2010, Legal Advisor, DoD Comprehensive Review Working Group, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. January 2011–April 2011, Air Staff Counsel, Administrative Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. May 2011–June 2012, Deputy Chief, Trial and Appellate Government Counsel Division, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
12. July 2012–July 2014, Staff Judge Advocate, 375th Air Mobility Wing, Scott AFB, Ill.
13. July 2014–June 2015, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2015–October 2019, Permanent Professor and Head, Department of Law, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
15. July 2018–October 2019, Chair, Social Sciences Division, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
16. October 2019–present, Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1996  
First Lieutenant May 29, 1998  
Captain May 29, 2000  
Major April 1, 2007  
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2011  
Colonel July 2, 2015  
Brigadier General Oct. 2, 2019

(Current as of November 2019)





## NEWS RELEASE

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#024 May 10, 2022

### Academy cadets named Knight-Hennessy Scholars

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – Two cadets from the Class of 2022 and one graduate from the Class of 2019 were named Knight-Hennessy Scholars and will receive a fellowship for up to three years of study at Stanford University.

Cadets First Class Francesca Verville and Justin Yates, both of the, Class of 2022, will be pursuing master's degrees in international policy. After grad school, Francesca and Justin will both go on to Air Force pilot training.

Through her career as a pilot and officer, Verville aspires to increase international collaboration through data-driven and strategic leadership.

Yates wants to combine his knowledge of engineering with his advanced studies to inform U.S. policy in the Indo-Pacific region and identify the effects of emerging technologies on international security.

Additionally, Class of 2019 Alumni Sam Potter will be pursuing a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree at Stanford Law School. She earned a master's in international relations from the University of Oxford as a Holaday Scholar.

Currently, Potter is an acquisition officer and plans to continue her service as a judge advocate where she hopes to influence space policy and law in the United States Air Force and United States Space Force.

Scholars participate in the King Global Leadership Program, which includes workshops, lectures, projects, and experiences that strengthen transformational leadership capabilities. Through KGLP, scholars collaborate and prepare to address important challenges and opportunities facing the world, such as climate change, healthcare, government and policy, and education.

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#### Links to official photographs:

**C1C Justin Yates:** [https://www.flickr.com/photos/af\\_academy/52066844801/in/dateposted/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/af_academy/52066844801/in/dateposted/)

**C1C Francesca Verville:** [https://www.flickr.com/photos/af\\_academy/52066859273/in/photostream/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/af_academy/52066859273/in/photostream/)

**NOTE:** For more information, please contact U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs at (719) 333-7731 or email [media.rel@afacademy.af.edu](mailto:media.rel@afacademy.af.edu)



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**#047** Dec 13, 2021

### **Academy cadets awarded international graduate scholarships**

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – Three cadets from the Class of 2022 were awarded scholarships for advanced degrees in the United Kingdom. Cadets First Class Samuel Brody and Allyson Burba were named to receive the Marshall Scholarship and C1C Adrienne Eckstein is named to receive the Holaday Scholarship.

The Marshall scholarship is funded by the U.K. Government and awarded annually to qualifying Americans to pursue a graduate degree in any field of study at a U.K. academic institution. Up to 50 scholars are selected each year.

The Holaday scholarship funds graduate work at the University of Oxford. Bart Holaday, a 1965 Academy graduate, and his wife, Lynn, established the scholarship to honor Holaday's mother.

"Both scholarships are highly competitive programs which aim to sharpen recipients' intellectual abilities and strengthen the enduring relationships between the British and American people," said Dr. Helen Meisenholder, director of the Academy's graduate studies program. "These programs increase a cadet's ability to think critically about problems of national and global concern. Ultimately, the programs will give them insight on the issues they will face as leaders in the Air Force."

Brody, a Fort Lauderdale, Florida native, is an aeronautical engineering and mathematics double major who hopes to attend the U.K.'s University of Bristol and pursue a degree in engineering science.

"The opportunity to pursue this education through research, alongside the incredible resources of courses in the engineering sciences, provides the perfect opportunity for pursuing novel design features for future aircraft," said Brody. "Cultural education within the U.K. would equip me with the tools to be an Air Force officer at the forefront of innovation with an ability to balance more than the ever-important equilibrium between hard and soft power in the international context."

Burba, an Okemos, Michigan native, is an electrical and computer engineering major who wants to attend the London School of Economics and Political Science to pursue a degree in gender, peace and security.

"I aspire to lead and serve in the United States Air Force, changing the reality I face for those who follow," said Burba. "To keep pace with our adversaries, we must take full advantage of our available resources, harnessing the diversity of thought available in our nation to solve the complex problems presented by the defense of the U.S. and our allies"

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Eckstein, a Vicksburg, Mississippi native, is a civil engineering major and intends to pursue a degree in Environmental change and management at the U.K.'s University of Oxford.

"I'm incredibly humbled and excited to be selected as a representative of the Air Force for this opportunity in the UK," said Eckstein. "The education gained at Oxford will allow me to be more informed about climate change and will shape my decisions throughout my career in the Air Force."

**NOTE:** [Class photos of for all three cadets are linked here](#). For more information please contact the Academy Public Affairs Office at (719) 333-7731/7647.

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# GRADUATION FACT SHEET: USAF ACADEMY CLASS OF 2022

(As of 23 May 2022)

## When They Entered on 28 June 2018:

1434 Appointments Offered

1182 Inducted; New US Cadets: 1161, Internationals: 18, Turnbacks: 3, and Reappointees: 0

Demographics:

Males: 75.0%

Females: 25.0%

Racial and Ethnic Minorities: 33.3%

Potentially Pilot Qualified: 44.3 %

USAFA & Falcon Prep: 21%

National Honor Society: 67%

Eagle Scout & Gold Award: 10%

High School (excludes USAFA Prep, Turnbacks and Internationals):

Average GPA: 3.78

Average SAT: 664 EBRW, 694 Math

Average ACT: 31.3 English, 31.3 Reading, 30.0 Math, 30.6 Science Reasoning

## As They Graduate on 25 May 2022:

Graduating: 973 = 957 + 16 (Internationals)

Men: 713 (73%) Women: 260 (27%)

Minorities (does not include Internationals): 300 (31%), includes 99 Hispanic/Latino cadets.

Of the remaining 201 minority cadets, 72 identify with two or more races.

All races are counted for those 72 cadets.

African American: 91 Asian: 108 Native American: 10 Pacific Islander: 18

Non-Minorities (includes Internationals): 673

International Students: 16

Countries represented:

Cameroon	Gambia	Georgia	Jordan (2)	Kazakhstan
Madagascar	Malaysia	Mongolia	Niger	Romania
Rwanda	Singapore	South Korea	Taiwan	Thailand

Total International Grads for all years: 424 + 16 = 440

USAFA PREP: 144

Prior Enlisted: 51

Average Cumulative GPA: 3.08

Attrition Rate: 15.5%

## USAFA Alumni:

One-Parent Graduates:	54	Third-Child Graduates:	4
Two-Parent Graduates:	15	Second-Child Graduates (excluding twins):	41
Fourth-Child Graduates:	0	Sets of Twins:	1

## Assignments: (as of 20 May 2022)

Air Force:

Total Rated:	461	Pilot:	417	Combat Systems:	11
		Air Battle Manager:	9	Remotely Piloted Aircraft:	24

Total Non-rated: 382

Space Force: 94

Cross-Commissioned: Army: 3

Navy: 0

Marines: 6

## Total Graduates for all years:

	Male	Female	Total
Including Class of 2022:	47057 (+713) = 47770	6662 (+260) = 6922	53719 (+ 973) = 54692

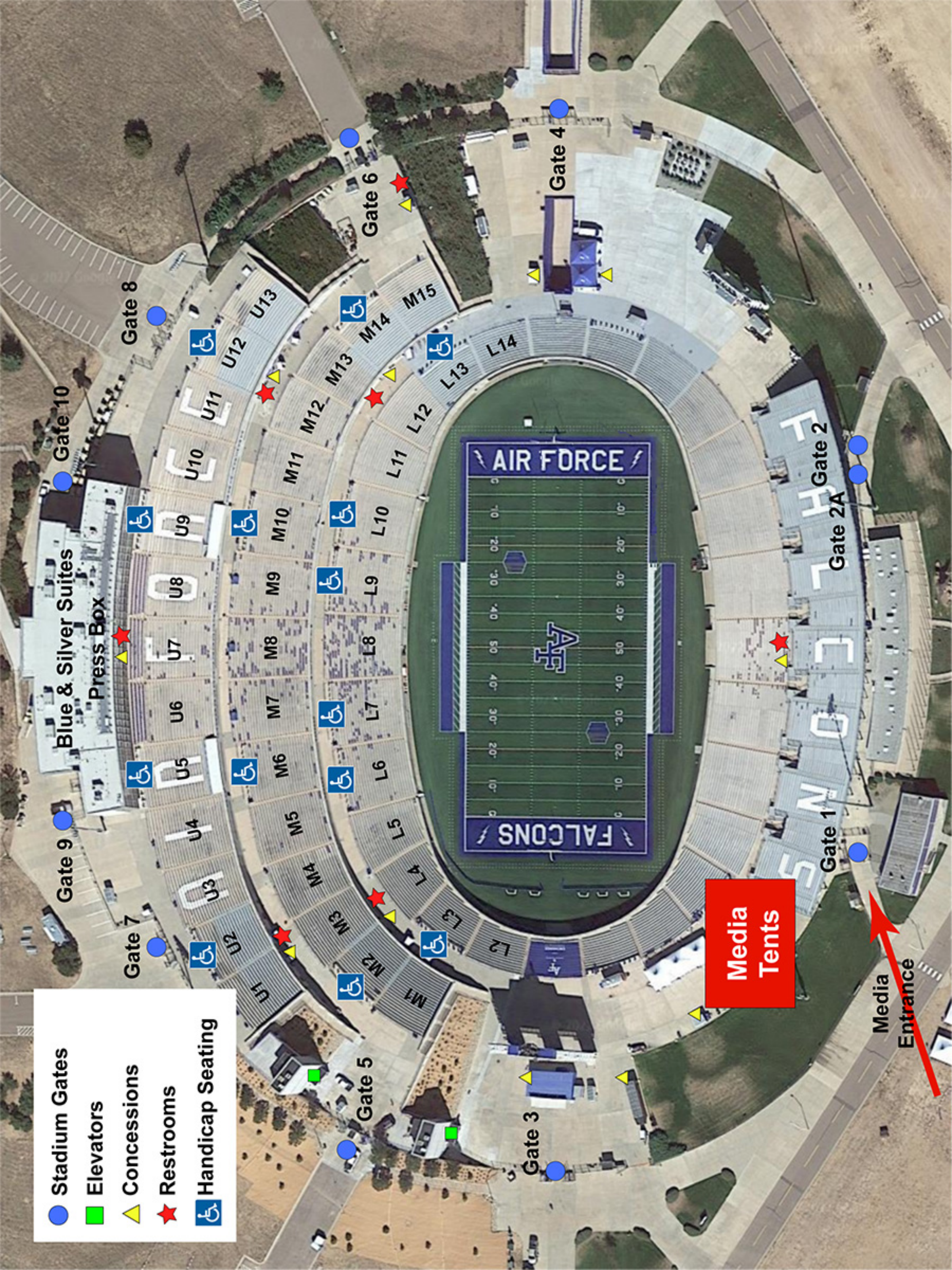
## Total Commissioned for all years:

	Air Force	Space Force	Army	Navy	Marines	Total
Including Class of 2022:	53198	293	135	99	87	53812

## USAFA Graduates Who Have Attained the Rank of General: 819 (as of 12 Apr 2022)

**Service commitment:** Service Academy Graduates entering active duty will incur a 5 year service commitment and an additional concurrent service commitment depending on the type of training or schooling (scholarships) they receive. For example, members of the Class of 2022 who attend pilot training incur two service commitment, the service academy graduate commitment and the Undergraduate Pilot Training commitment.





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■ Elevators

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Blue & Silver Suites

Gate 10

Press Box

Gate 7

Gate 8

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Gate 3

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