

Dennis P. Rando
Cadet Humanitarian Fund
Serving Cadets for 28 Years
1997 - 2025

C1C Dennis P. Rando



Rando Fund Leadership



Jack Bernazzani P'03 (Joel)
Rando Fund President: 2000 to 2022
Passed away December, 2022



Dale Zschoche P'10 (Doug)
Rando Fund involvement since 2006
Air Force Academy Foundation
Director of Gift Planning 2010-2025

Rando Fund Missions

- Primary mission: The Rando Fund, sustained by private donations, supports the travel of a group of no more than six cadets who serve as USAFA's official cadet honor guard delegation to attend the funeral service of a deceased cadet. They are the representatives of all other cadets and cadet families at the hometown services.
- Secondary mission: The Rando Fund, sustained by private donations, **may** provide support to cadets for humanitarian purposes if they must travel home to attend the funeral services for, or the critical illness of, a family member (defined as: parent, step-parent, sibling, grandparent, or legal guardian) and based on financial need, as determined and recommended by the cadet's AOC/AMT, or the Commandant's Office.

A Brief History

- 1997 – Begun and administered by the Eastern Massachusetts Parents' Club
- 1998 – Endorsed by USAFA Superintendent
- 2004 – Volunteers created quilts for raffle at Parents' Weekend FamNet Dinners (until 2011)
- 2010 – Generous support enabled expansion of the Rando Fund mission
- 2012 – At their request, the Massachusetts Parents' Club transferred the Rando Fund to the Air Force Academy Foundation
- 2017 – The Rando Fund began to build an endowment for long-term sustainability

Rando Fund Awareness

- We ask Presidents of Parents' Associations to get the message out to members, especially the new parents, about what the Rando Fund is, what it provides for the benefit of all cadets, its importance to the Academy, emphasizing it is a way for them to impact the lives of cadets when they most need it
- Without the support of every Parents' Association we won't be able to achieve our goal of endowing the Rando Fund
- Ways to do this:
 - Include the Rando Fund as a topic of discussion at a club meeting
 - Provide a link on your association's website to www.randofund.org
 - Many Parents' Associations have fundraisers for the benefit of their Association and donate a percentage to the Rando Fund
 - Many Parents' Associations have adopted the policy of an annual budgeted donation amount for the Rando Fund

How is the money used?

- Most years, the Fund supports 15 to 20 cadets, distributing \$10,000 to \$20,000. During 2024-25 we helped 20 cadets, using \$13,759, but only received \$11,610 in donations
- To meet the needs and grow the fund to endowment status, our goal is to raise a minimum of \$30,000 each year
- Since 1997, with the support of organizations like yours and individual donors, the Dennis P. Rando Cadet Humanitarian Fund has raised more than \$500,000 in support of USAFA cadets

Our Sincere Gratitude

On behalf of the Dennis P. Rando Cadet Humanitarian Fund's Board of Advisors and the Air Force Academy Foundation, our sincere gratitude for supporting the Rando Fund

*You and your organizations ARE
the Dennis P Rando Cadet Humanitarian Fund*

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Questions?