



# USAFA PARENTS CLUB OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS



April 2010

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have enjoyed being Presidents of the Parents Club for the last year, thank you for the gift of the cadet sword-letter opener and the Spring bouquet. Thank you to all the members of the executive board. Special thanks to Tom & Beth Tracy for keeping up with all the membership and money issues.

We had a great March meeting at Herbie's 72 where we honored our 13 Firsties and their parents. Thanks to the effort put in by our Class of 2011 Reps, Steve & Laura Kuensting. They found a great place and Steve did a wonderful job on the Graduation Video. Each Firstie family received a beautiful picture album with the Cadet's name on it that will come in very handy for Graduation pictures.

We tried a new event this Spring with a February reception for area nominees as a way to get our club's name and purpose in front of the potential cadet families a little earlier. The nominee families that attended expressed gratitude for our Club's support. Hopefully this event can build over the years.

We are still looking for someone to take on the important role of Presidents for next year. We have had the Mamroth's offer to be Co-Presidents, if they can get another set of Parents to help out. Please consider serving our Club in this manner. With the Doolie Brunch coming up, it is very important that we have someone fill this position. If Mamroth's take on the role of Co-Presidents, we will then have an opening for Class of 2012 Rep. In addition, we will need someone to take over the Webmaster position and could use an assistant for the Scottrade Fundraising position.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Friday, 21 May | 5:30-8:00 p.m. Mitchell Hall<br>8-11p Arnold Hall Ballroom                                       | <b>RING DINING-OUT</b><br>for 2nd-class cadets and their guests only<br><b>RING DANCE</b> |
| Sunday, 6 June | 11a-2p Scott Club  | Doolie Brunch   |
| 25 May 2011    | the Wed before Mem Day<br>planning to invite the<br>Secretary of the Air Force as<br>the speaker | Class of 2011 graduation  |

Class of 2012 & 2013 – TBA (either Wed before or Wed after Mem Day) 2012's date should be announced at end of this year.



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## *Hooray for Graduation Week 2010! 20-26 May 2010*

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| Class Color:<br>Red | Exemplar:<br>Lt Frank Luke, Jr. | Motto:<br>Vires Intra "Strength Within" |
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The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, is scheduled to give the commencement speech for this year's graduation ceremony. This is the first time the Academy will host the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the graduation speaker. Admiral Mullen, a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, was sworn in as the 17th CJCS Oct. 1, 2007. He serves as the principal military adviser to the president, the secretary of defense, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council.

**plan to arrive early for all grad week events!** Various religious Services are scheduled from Fri afternoon through Mon evening. The largest groups (Catholic and Protestant) are assigned times per squadron on Sunday. Cadet Choirs and Orchestra concerts are free; the Cadet Theater Troupe tickets are \$5-\$10. Most of Friday, the Firsties will be busy with briefings and practices. There are various award ceremonies, some are by invite only, some are mandatory for your cadets. There are receptions for grads that attended the Prep School and for grads' fiancé(e)s. There's an opportunity to visit the Carlton House of the Superintendent at a family reception on Sunday, the 4 squadron groups are assigned times. The Thunderbirds Practice is recommended on Monday. Tuesday's grad parade has an Airmanship Demo the ½ hour preceding it. Tuesday's Commissioning Ceremonies are small and guest numbers may be very limited due to space, they are held at either 4:30-6:30p or 7-9p at various locations on base. The optional Formal Graduation Reception is between these commissioning times, from 5-8p at Mitchell Hall, your cadet would need to buy tickets before 21 May( \$12 each), heavy hors d'oeuvre, cash bar, mingle with senior USAFA staff and the USAF Thunderbirds members and crew. The family Graduation Ball from 8:30-midnight at Arnold Hall Ballroom completes the Tuesday evening.

### *And for the highlight—The GRADUATION, Wed 26 May:*

Stadium gates are scheduled to open at 8:00 a.m. Once the ceremony begins at 10:00, guests will not be permitted to leave the stadium until after the Thunderbirds performance (about 1:15p).

Ladies: Dress or Jacket with Skirt or Slacks / Gentlemen: Coat or Suit and Tie / Military: Service Dress

Expected temp is high 60s with a morning low in the mid 40s. The extreme high temp was low 90s, extreme low temp was low 30s. Be prepared: sunscreen, water bottles, hats, rain coats.

Parking: Falcon Stadium parking lots 1 & 2. NO shuttle service will be provided from the cadet area.

If you have a handicapped placard from your state, bring it with you so you can access the handicapped parking area (immediately north of Stillman Parade Field) and the handicapped



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parking at the stadium on graduation day. USAFA does not issue handicapped permits. Handicapped parking is available in south end of lot 5 and north end of lot 1; golf carts will shuttle handicapped guests to the stadium. There are no elevators in the stadium, and handicapped-accessible seating is very limited and first-come, first-served.

All guests (including children) must have tickets to enter the stadium. No boxes, alcohol, weapons, firecrackers, beverage containers of any sort, backpacks, large handbags, coolers, or large banners will be allowed in the stadium. Food and drink are prohibited with the exception of clear, unopened water bottles. If you require special food items not available from the Falcon Stadium vendors, please make sure you bring a doctor's note stating your requirement for the food items you bring in. Diaper bags will be allowed when a child is present – but no strollers. Stadium seats are available to rent inside the stadium. Guests may bring their own, so long as they have soft seat backs, no metal, and are 18 inches wide or smaller.

Cameras and video cameras are permitted, be prepared to remove camera lenses for security inspection at the stadium gates. **NOTE:** A professional photographer will photograph each cadet receiving his or her diploma. The photographer will contact parents shortly after graduation to discuss how to purchase these photographs. Guests will not be allowed access to the stage or cadet seating area for personal photos. If you do not hear from the photographer, please contact Cadet Wing Media at (800) 379-1455 ext. 4644 or email [CWMedia@usafa.edu](mailto:CWMedia@usafa.edu).

**HAT TOSS** ~1200 p.m. Children (ages 7-10 only) will be allowed on the stadium floor to retrieve hats from the graduates' hat toss at the end of the ceremony. Ushers will monitor access to the stadium floor from access points. Parents should plan to retrieve their children near the scoreboard on the south side of the stadium floor. Note: Please, only one hat per child.

[Click here](#) for a printable copy of the Graduation 2010 Schedule of Events and [here](#) for the Graduation 2010 Brochure. Tune your radio to USAFA's own 97.7 FM KAFA for the latest news on Graduation Week activities and a graduation day broadcast. If events are cancelled or postponed for any reason, local radio and television stations and message boards at both the North and South Gates of the Academy will broadcast the news. You may call the Graduation Hotline at (719) 333-GRAD (4723) or visit the USAFA web site at [www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu) for the latest updates.

**Graduate Out-Processing 1:30-5:00p at Sijan Hall:** last official act required for newly commissioned officers may take from 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the length of the line. Access to the cadet area will be limited



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### **IN THE NEWS**

Roz was given the Medal for Valor by the Director of National Intelligence in DC on January 22, 2010. [http://www.dni.gov/press\\_releases/20100122\\_release.pdf](http://www.dni.gov/press_releases/20100122_release.pdf).

ODNI News Release No. 08-10 [www.dni.gov](http://www.dni.gov)

#### **OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDS 1ST LT. ROSLYN L. SCHULTE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE MEDAL FOR VALOR**

Air Force 1st Lt. Roslyn L. Schulte was posthumously awarded the National Intelligence Medal for Valor...for her courageous efforts to teach Afghan military officials how to gather and interpret military intelligence. She died last May in Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device struck her vehicle en route to a Bagram Airfield meeting on the very issue that powers the IC: sharing intelligence. Schulte is the first woman to receive the Medal for Valor, a tribute to heroism in connection with an IC contribution to national security. Among IC awards, the Medal for Valor is second only to the Intelligence Cross. Schulte's parents, Robert and Susie, and her brother, Todd, attended the event in Washington D.C. on her behalf.

Her parents, Robert and Susie, past presidents of our Parents Club have established the Lt. Roslyn Schulte Character and Leadership Award at USAFA that will be awarded to a Firstie who exemplifies these qualities. The award will be given annually during Graduation week and they will be out there this year for the presentation.

Remember our website -- our Web guru, Dan Harrier, has a lot of great information on it.

[www.usafpcstl.org](http://www.usafpcstl.org).

### **NEWSBITS & PHOTOS**

**CAPT CHAD FULLER (02)** and family are enjoying being stationed in Aviano, Italy. They've been able to do some traveling around Europe and skiing in the Dolomite Mountains. Shortly after Easter, they are going to take 10 day trip to England and Ireland and then this summer plan to go on a Mediterranean cruise. The grand kids, Austin 6 and Maddie 3 are sure learning alot being in a foreign country. Chad has been busy flying the F-16. He's been on several short (3 week) deployments but says it's not that bad. They plan to come back to the States for a visit in late June/early July. Although Skype is a wonderful, free thing, it'll be great to see them in person.



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**1ST LT CODY HOLLAND (07)** Cody has been deployed since December 11 2009 to Joint Air Base Balad, Iraq, where he flies the MC-12. He has flown over 60 missions so far and is half way through his deployment. Cody feels the Recon plane is a great asset to the ground troupes and feels very good about their mission there. He is expected home the end of June and will thereafter go to Oklahoma for training on the C-17 for approximately 5 months. He will then be stationed out of Seattle, WA for 3 years. We wish all the 2010 Graduates well and May God Bless each and every one of you!

**2ND LT. IAN MCFARLAND (08)** has a busy schedule in helicopter training at Ft. Rucker, AL and will graduate April 23rd. We're eagerly awaiting to see what the future holds after that. When he isn't flying, planning to fly or studying Ian and his wife Tara are full time parents with their soon to be one year old son, Caleb James. The photo is of Ian and his son while Ian was in T-6 training at Columbus AFB.



**2LT. TED SAITZ** was home for the weekend taking a break from New Orleans and studying at home. He is finishing his first year of med school at Tulane University. He has been playing club water polo for Tulane and also volunteering in the community tutoring high school science, and co-chairing the activities of Tulane's military medical school group. In his spare time he raised money for Kids with Cancer on St. Baldrick's Day and had his head shaved!

**2ND LT ANDREW HENDEL (09)** As many of you know, 2nd Lt Andrew Hendel is training to become a Combat Rescue Officer (CRO). Andrew just graduated from the Pararescue/Combat Rescue Officer Indoctrination Course (Lackland AFB, TX) on Tuesday, March 9th. Indoc is the preparatory course to Indoctrinate the airman, both officer and enlisted, that they have to pass in order to enter the actual training pipeline to become Pararescue (PJ) airmen or Combat Rescue Officers. They are now ready to begin the actual training pipeline, which takes 15 - 18 months to complete, to become fully qualified PJ's and CRO's. Once that training is completed they will be assigned to an active duty Rescue Squadron (3 in CONUS / 1 OCONUS). The Pararescue motto is: "These things we Do that



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others may Live". Lt Hendel was one of 15 graduates from Indoc course 10-002. 121 candidates started the course on January 4th. Lt Hendel is presently (at the time of this input) at the Air Force Combat Dive Course, U.S. Navy Diving and Salvage Training Center, Panama City, FL. He is scheduled to graduate from Dive on Friday, April 9th. After Dive he'll complete another 3 day Dive course in Pensacola, FL before returning to his home station, Kirtland AFB, NM, where he is assigned to Det 2, 342d Training Squadron. Andrew still has a number of very physically challenging and arduous courses to complete before earning his coveted 'maroon beret'. Here is a YouTube link to watch a 7 minute 31 second video, filmed by the Proctor from Course 10-002, of the training received by Course 10-002 during Hell Week. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XD1E-lb5xGc&feature=youtube\\_gdata](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XD1E-lb5xGc&feature=youtube_gdata). Lastly, Andrew is getting married on Memorial Day, May 31 to Chelsea Tompkins, a USAFA C1C from CS11, who graduates Wednesday May 26th. Congratulations Andrew on your accomplishments and upcoming marriage. Congratulations also to Chelsea! Pictures from Andrew's Indoc Graduation are available on Don Hendel's Facebook account. If interested, send me a Friend request.

**C1C ANDREA WISE** is looking forward to graduation, commissioning, a pay raise, and 60 days of leave. She went on a cruise over spring break with fellow firsties from the Academy. She will be spending her summer at attending weddings as many of her classmates are getting married. We also have an Alaskan vacation planned over her 60 days of leave. She will be attending undergraduate pilot training at Vance AFB, OK as her first assignment.

**C1C WILLIAM SHACKELFORD**, CS 39: William is looking forward to his graduation and upcoming assignment at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he will be working in an Air Force Research Lab. He will graduate with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. Before leaving for Ohio, he will be getting married June 19 in Shiloh, Illinois to Magdalene Beam. Maggie and William have known each other since high school and we are excited to welcome her to the family. Their summer plans include a honeymoon cruise to the western Mediterranean then returning to Illinois to pack up and move to Ohio. It is hard to comprehend that four years have passed since we took William to the airport to go to his in-processing for USAFA. It has been a wonderful experience-most





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of the time!! We want to thank the parents club for supporting us these last four years. Hearing about other cadets and their families as they go through the USAFA experience has been a comfort and joy and has helped us in our journey. Best wishes to all the 2011, 2012, 2013 cadets and families.

**C1C MATT LUDWIG** is counting down to graduation and summer. He spent Spring Break on a cruise with some Firsties from his squadron. Before starting his career though, Matt plans to head to the UK to tour Scotland and England with his brothers. Matt recently found out that his application to attend Grad School was accepted, so prior to Pilot Training at Columbus AFB he will be at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH and AFIT (AF Institute of Technology) for 18 months and a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering.

**C2C RACHEL MAMROTH** just spent five days in Las Vegas as a member of the pom pom team as they supported the men's and women's basketball teams in the MWC basketball tournament. She will leave for Puerto Rico for spring break relaxation. Rachel hopes to come home for five days in May depending on how many finals she validates since she will be going to China this summer and won't likely be able to come home unless she gets it to count as a leadership experience.



**C2C PAUL HOMSHER** got certified in scuba with some of his other C2C buddies in Denver last semester. The plan was strategic for the Carnivale cruise that 5 of them just took in the Caribbean over Spring Break. They had a great time on the dives down there, along with good times on the ship. They became known as "The Air Force Guys" and would have made the Academy proud! Paul will be spending first semester of his Senior year as an exchange student at the Japanese military academy. He has to leave for Japan at 4:00am the morning after Ring Dance for the 3 week required immersion program that USAFA coordinates. This may affect his ability to come home this summer☺, but we can't complain. Unfortunately, we (his parents) will miss out on Parents Weekend his senior year. We've loved that over the past 3 years....but then...there will be graduation around the corner! ...seems like Paul was just going through Basic!



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**C2C LAURA CUSIMANO** has had an eventful semester earning frequent patient honors at the Cadet Clinic. While Mom and Dad were visiting during President's Day weekend she had an emergency appendectomy. She made an amazing recovery (laparoscopic procedure) and was back into the swing within a couple of weeks. Just prior to Spring Break, however, she was thrown from a horse and sustained a knee injury. Did we say that as a child her nickname was 'Crash'. Seriously, Laura is enjoying her new Systems Engineering major and doing well academically. She'll do a USAFA Sports Camp and BCT2 this summer." Here's a shot of Laura, 2011, CS 39 enjoying her latest hobby at the Academy stables.



**C2C KRISTIN WARE** recently returned from Spring Break. Her spring break was a school sponsored trip to Tunis, Tunisia for a week of cultural immersion and getting to know the people and customs in the Arabic world. She is a Political Science major with a minor in Arabic. Her summer session will consist of a three week trip a three week trip to Morocco, powered flight training, and assisting with the incoming freshmen's arrival and boot camp. I visited with her this past week and saw her pictures and videos of her trip to Tunisia. All the cadets visiting, had a wonderful time and discovered a new culture, new landscapes and new food. Kristin really enjoyed the food! She is looking forward to her trip to Morocco and also for May 25th, 2011.

**C3C MATT LEE** Prior to spring break Matt was selected to be a squad Honor NCO for the next 2 years. He has interviewed for Group Honor NCO but has not heard results on that. For spring break he joined 3 other cadets on a camping trip to the Grand Canyon as well as spending several days in Albuquerque, NM. They spent time at an air base there and were able to fly simulators and spent time on the shooting range. He also enjoyed dirt biking. He has enjoyed occasional weekend ski trips. He will spend the 1st summer session at home for his sister's graduation.

**C3C STEVE KECK** has been enjoying his spring semester. His shoulder has healed nicely from his surgery this past November. His roommates and friends in CS2 took good care of him



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while he was in a sling and that experience reminded us once again of the maturity level of these young men and women. Steve is very happy to be back flying gliders again and with the shoulder back in tact completed his upgrade in soaring and can now instruct.

He spent spring break in El Paso, TX working on a Habitat for Humanity project with a group from the Academy. While we were sad that we didn't get to see him, we were happy that he chose again to spend his break on a worthy cause. He has his plans for summer almost set. He will leave for Beijing, China on May 18 for a four week language immersion trip with other members from the Academy. Then for the second session of summer he will be either be working BCT or doing Ops-he wasn't sure last time we spoke. And finally for the third session of summer he will be teaching in the soaring program.

**C3C KELLY LAURENT** is in her second year, majoring in Biochemistry. She did very well academically. We are very proud of what she has accomplished so far. She has not received her ops assignment yet, but is looking forward to finding out where she will be stationed. This summer she is working CST training as a Cadre. She was profiled in the "Women from the United States Air Force Academy" brochure, which was recently released and will be distributed to potential female candidates who want to attend the Academy. It was a great honor. She is looking forward to signing her commitment and having a car her junior year.

**C3C ALLISON PADDOCK** Because my daughter, Allison, will not be able to come home this summer, we decided to take a "summer" vacation during her spring break by going on a 5-day cruise to the Bahamas. Just before Allison left the Academy for spring break, she learned that a few other cadets would be on the same ship! Within an hour of boarding, she ran into John Avrett, a C1C. They did not know each other, but recognized each other as cadets. They quickly became friends and enjoyed hanging out together. Here's Allison swimming with the dolphins.



**C3C JEREMY SARNO** is looking forward to summer and leave at home. He will be 21 June 29 of this year. His summer schedule will be: first 3 weeks, CST Cadre, 2nd 3 weeks, home to celebrate 21st birthday with his twin brother and their SO's and the last 3, AF ops, location so far, unknown. It seems he will stay the entire 4 years and will make commitment at the end of summer this year. He appears to like the academy especially since his gf is going to



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Colorado State and is living out there in Colorado Springs. He is trying to get permission to come home for "dead week" so pick up his car and return so he will have transportation. He is definitely looking forward to becoming C2C this June!

**C3C BEN MAMROTH** is coming to St. Louis for Spring Break since he only spent a week here over winter break as he was in Israel most of the time. We are looking forward to having some time with both of them.

**C4C LEE WISE** is happy that recognition is over and says he feels like a "normal person" now. He suffered from the stomach virus the last day of recognition as many of his classmates did. He spent a nice quiet week home for spring break fishing, sleeping, and playing guitar. He also got to celebrate his birthday while he was home. This summer Lee is looking forward to getting his jump wings during the last "go", and the family vacation to Alaska during his leave.

**C4C MATT HEIEN** is happy to be recognized and now is counting down to summer break. He received his first choice of soaring during the first summer session and then will have survival training and third leave. Matt will be transitioning to CS 19 as a legacy (Dad's class of 84). In the attached photo Matt Heien is the far right cadet holding CS36 charge during Recognition.



**C4C SAM RIEHN** experience this year was incredible, to say the least. He made it through recognition with flying colors, and is looking forward to all summer events. We all survived with lots of prayers.

**C4C KATIE MOORKAMP** is doing well. Her mood has dramatically improved after Recognition ("every day is like Christmas" is what she's said!). She was sore and tired but very proud and happy to have completed it. She promptly went out and got her ears pierced, her nails painted and bought crazy sheets for her bed! She is well into track season and spent spring break at two track meets in Virginia--the AFA women came in 2nd at



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George Mason and 1st!! at the All Service Academies Meet at VMI! We won't see her until 3rd session in July--she has CST and and then Soaring.

**C4C ANDREW OLEHNIK** was pleased that he couldn't "be broken" during Recognition. He is doing well, with the exception of chemistry, but is seeking EI and doesn't seem overly concerned. He is excited about his Summer Programs and looking forward to his leave. He says the days are long but the weeks fly by. He has made many friends on the wrestling team, gets along great with his roommate, and is now considering putting in his "20" with the Air Force (so he obviously isn't hating it :-)

**C4C ASHLEY ZERR** Right before Recognition, Ashley became very sick with the flu that was going around USAFA. She recovered enough to make it through Recognition. She was very glad when those last three days were over. For spring break, I took her on a very relaxing cruise to the western Caribbean. She worked out every morning, but then relaxed most afternoons even getting in a few naps. She is looking forward to the summer and soaring. The picture is from the All Academies Ball. We all had a great time!

