

# ***FALCON FAMILY NEWS***

**DECEMBER 2010**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

## **CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 November 2010)**

	Men	Women	Total
2010	9	0	9
2011	839	206	1045
2012	882	240	1122
2013	942	242	1184
2014	952	273	1225
<b>WING</b>	<b>3624</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>4585</b>

## **AIR FORCE ACADEMY TO FACE ACC TEAM IN 2010 ADVOCARE V100 INDEPENDENCE BOWL**

**Shreveport, La.** – The United States Air Force Academy will play in the 2010 AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl against Georgia Tech on Monday, Dec. 27 at 4 p.m. on ESPN2 at Independence Stadium. The AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl is beginning partnerships with the ACC and Mountain West Conference in an agreement that runs through 2013. This year’s game marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Independence Bowl, the nation’s 11<sup>th</sup>-oldest bowl game.

“We are thrilled to have Air Force play in the 2010 AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl this year as we begin a new partnership with the Mountain West Conference,” said 2010 Bowl Chair Jim Hagan. “We feel this matchup between Air Force and a quality opponent from the ACC will excite our fans in Shreveport-Bossier City and throughout the region and we look forward to a great game on Dec. 27 at 4 p.m.”

The Air Force Falcons finished their season with an 8-4 overall record and a 5-3 mark in Mountain West Conference play, good for a third-place tie in the conference with BYU and San Diego State. The Falcons become the first service academy team to play in the I-Bowl since Army in 1996.

The Falcons have posted at least eight wins and qualified for a bowl game the last four seasons. Air Force enters the 2010 AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl riding a three-game

winning streak. Air Force claimed the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy with wins over Navy and Army this season, capturing the trophy for the 17<sup>th</sup> time.

“The Air Force Falcons are honored to get a chance to come back to the Shreveport-Bossier City and Barksdale Air Force Base community,” said Head coach Troy Calhoun. “Our cadets, administration, coaches, and supporters are excited to soon head south to be a part of one of college football's treasures- the Independence Bowl,” said Calhoun.

“We're proud and excited to be headed to the Independence Bowl to take on a great opponent from the ACC, said Director of Athletics Dr. Hans J. Mueh. “This is a great opportunity for our school, coaches, players, and fans. Our football team has had a great season and this is an outstanding way for them to close it out.”

Army and Navy will play in the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces and San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl respectively, marking the first time in history that all three U.S. service academies will play in bowl games in the same season.

Senior defensive back Reggie Rembert was named to the All-MWC First-Team while eight of his teammates were named to the second team or earned honorable-mention distinction.

The Falcons have made three-straight appearances in the Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas, facing Houston the last 2 years and playing California in 2007. Air Force lost three of its four games by a total of only 10 points, two to ranked opponents. The Falcons fell 27-24 to No. 7 Oklahoma on the road and then lost 27-25 at San Diego State. Air Force also lost 28-23 at home to then - No. 8 Utah.

### **BOOTS FOR APPOINTEES**

The rules are changing for the Class of 2015. The current boots need no break-in time like the previous solid leather boots so there is no advantage in getting the boots in advance. The cadets will no longer be issued a credit if the boots are purchased in advance. If you have questions please contact Richard Roberts at 719-333-3288 or e-mail him at [richard.roberts@usafa.edu](mailto:richard.roberts@usafa.edu).

### **BCT YEARBOOKS**

Basic Cadet Yearbooks for the Class of 2014 were distributed to Fourth Class Cadets on Dec 6 & 7. Parents may purchase additional copies or most prior years by obtaining order forms at <http://www.usafaservices.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media>.

Many action/candid Academy photos are available to view or purchase at [www.afaphotos.com](http://www.afaphotos.com). Examples: Pep Rally 2010, USAFA sports season, BCT and Graduation photos plus many more are available.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to [cwmedia@usafa.edu](mailto:cwmedia@usafa.edu) or 719-333-4644.

## **AOG MEMBERSHIP, CLASS RINGS, GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. If you ever thought about giving your cadet a gift they will use throughout their lifetime, here is a wonderful opportunity. With the holiday season upon us, your cadet will soon be another semester closer to graduation. AOG Life Member at Graduation (LMAG) membership is a popular gift from parents to their cadet. I want to ensure that you have the opportunity to complete the membership during this time so you could present a Membership Gift Card to your cadet over the Holiday Break.

For a limited time, we are offering you a special discounted price between 6 and 10% during the holiday season, depending on the class year. Membership in the Association of Graduates will become very beneficial to them in the near future, keeping them connected to the Academy through the *Checkpoints* magazine, Register of Graduates on-line, Career Services, discounts to the AOG and Visitor Center gift shops, to name a few membership benefits.

Below is an example of how the card would read:

### *HAPPY HOLIDAYS*

*Dear Cadet Smith,*

*This Lifetime membership in the Association of Graduates is a gift from Mom and Dad with Love. They have always been and continue to be so proud of you! They recognize your many accomplishments and have confidence in you to succeed.*

*The Board of Directors and I welcome you to the AOG. We look forward to serving you throughout your Air Force career and beyond.*

*Don McCarthy  
Membership Services, Alumni Relations  
Association of Graduates*

If you would like to move forward with this valuable gift, please give Don McCarthy at the AOG a call for the details.

### **MEMBERSHIP RATES GO UP ON 1 JANUARY 2011**

2011 - \$658.00  
2012 - \$644.00  
2013 - \$630.00  
2014 - \$600.00

Contact him soon at (719) 472-0300, ext 139. If you purchase your cadet's LMAG membership after December 17<sup>th</sup>, your cadet will receive a Membership Gift Card to their P.O.

Box unless you ask us to send it to your address. He looks forward to hearing from you and supporting your cadet as a future graduate life member of the Association of Graduates.

2. The Class of 2012 had a Stone Show on 7/8 Dec 10, looking at genuine stones for their class rings. Ordering will be January 11/12/13.
3. Have you ordered the Graduation Announcements for the Class of 2011 Graduation? Contact CB Announcements at <http://www.cbgrad.com/page1.asp>.

### **POEM FROM PETALS & BLOOMS**

They will be cadets for only a short while,  
then out into the world spreading out rank and file...  
Conquering their fears and fighting for our rights,  
setting the example and keeping their sights...  
On strength of character and skills they have honed,  
thank you families for sharing one of your own..

We would love to hear from you. Denise White, Petals & Blooms U.S.A.F.A Flower Shop  
719-244-7455

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### **ACADEMY PROFESSOR NAMED COLORADO PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR**

**USAF Academy, Colo.** – A professor in the Academy's Department of Political Science was distinguished from her peers this week by being named one of the U.S. Professors of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Thursday.

Dr. Frances Pilch was recognized in Washington, D.C., on Thursday as the 2010 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Colorado Professor of the Year.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education presents the awards each year to the top professors from each state. This year, there are 38 state winners chosen from more than 300 top professors in the United States.

CASE assembled two preliminary panels of judges to select finalists. The Carnegie Foundation then convened the third and final panel, which selected four national winners. CASE and Carnegie select state winners from top entries resulting from the judging process. Dr. Pilch was selected from faculty members nominated by colleges and universities throughout the country.

The greatest honor upon receiving the award, said Dr. Pilch, were the student testimonials submitted in support of her application.

In his letter of recommendation, now-2nd Lt. Bradford Waldie wrote, “It would be a vast understatement to say that she has been an inspiration, a trusted mentor, and an integral part of my development and education while working toward my undergraduate degree.”

. “What they said was really, really beautiful because every teacher, I think, has a mission to try to promote learning, to make a difference in their students’ lives,” Pilch said. “And, a lot of times you don’t know whether you have accomplished that or not, but these letters came back and they both talked about the difference I had made and that’s what teaching is all about.”

Dr. Pilch is a native of West Point, N.Y. She earned her bachelor’s in political science at the University of Connecticut, and her master’s and doctorate degrees in international relations from Yale University. She has taught at the Academy since 1998 and currently serves as the Political Science Department deputy head.

### **HEALTHY, HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Finally, that time of year we all look forward to: the holidays! Good food, good friends and family, good times... The following *12 Ways to Health* come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and can be sung to the tune of the *12 Days of Christmas*. To all of you and yours- we at USAFA wish you a wonderful holiday season and nothing but the best for the New Year!

- The first way to health, said the CDC to me: **Wash hands** to be safe and healthy
- The second way to health, said the CDC to me: **Bundle up for warmth**, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The third way to health, said the CDC to me: **Manage stress**, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The fourth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Don’t drink and drive**, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The fifth way to health, said the CDC to me: **BE SMOKE-FREE**, don’t drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The sixth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Fasten belts while driving**, BE SMOKE-FREE, don’t drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The seventh way to health, said the CDC to me: **Get exams and screenings**, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don’t drink and drive, manages stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy

- The eighth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Get your vaccinations**, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The ninth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Monitor the children**, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The tenth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Practice fire safety**, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screening, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The eleventh way to health, said the CDC to me: **Prepare dinner safely**, practice fire safety, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy
- The twelfth way to health, said the CDC to me: **Eat well and get moving**, prepare dinner safely, practice fire safety, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Public Health flight members are dedicated to ensuring your cadet has the most current preventive health information available. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or cadet public health concerns- Maj Brigitte French at 719-333-5186.



### **Cadet Medical Clinic** *December 2010: Young Adult Medicine*

Dear Parents,

Hello. We here at the United States Air Force Academy Cadet Medical Clinic trust that you are well and are having an enjoyable holiday season.

Our clinic is fortunate to have several specialists working here. Cadets have easy access to Gynecology, General Surgery, Neurology, Gastroenterology, Orthopedics, Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy, Psychiatry and Young Adult Medicine. These specialties work in concert with the primary care teams to provide comprehensive medical and emotional care to your sons and daughters.

My own specialty of Young Adult Medicine is new to the Academy. We physicians who make up this specialty are residency trained and board certified in both a primary area -- Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, or Pediatrics – and this secondary specialty area. Young Adult Medicine recognizes that there is much more to a patient than just the identified medical concern to include academic, athletic, family and social interests. And, we are there to support them through it all: from medications for migraines to a listening ear for a personal concern.

Nowhere is this truer than at the United States Air Force Academy. Every day, I have the pleasure to work with bright, articulate and talented cadets who have impressive resumes, noble career goals and all the while juggling daunting academic, military and athletic training. My role in the Cadet Medical Clinic is to address your cadet's nagging cough, painful back or the low mood while understanding his or her concern in the larger context of his or her life. The goal, of course, is to return your cadet to good health as quickly as possible so training can continue and goals can be realized.

I am humbled and honored that future leaders of our service and the military are passing through my exam doors every day. And – based on what I see -- I know that the future of our military will be in *very* good hands.

Kasi M. Chu  
Maj, USAF, MC  
Young Adult Medicine