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SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



Hello Southern Arizona AOG,

I hope you're having a great start to your 2020 in Southern Arizona. As I write, I'm looking out the window at crystal clear blue skies with temps heading into the high-60s today. Not bad for a Monday in mid-January!

On the 5th of January, per the bylaws, the board convened at Union Public House to discuss chapter business going forward into 2020. You can [click here](#) to read the minutes of the meeting on the Facebook group page. In the upper-left corner of the page, click on the "Files" link which is the 6th option down from the top. Here are the highlights:

Elections: the board unanimously voted to keep all current board members, including officers, in their positions for 2020.

President:	Jeff Orr ('92)
Vice-President:	Ted Maxwell ('84)
Sec/Treas:	Warren Priddy ('74)
Board Member:	Bob Coburn ('64)
Board Member:	Mike Buckley ('75)
Board Member:	Dorsey Price ('66)
Board Member:	Bill Roberts: ('65)

Community Service: In 2019, community service efforts fell off the radar. For the new year, Len Summers ('76) has volunteered to be the point of contact for touching base with organizations we've assisted in the past to include Habitat for Humanity and the Community Food Bank. Others that were discussed included Ronald McDonald House and Boys and Girls Club. If you have a particular charity you like to support and that you think would be a good fit for the chapter to support along with you, please reply to this newsletter and we'll put you in touch with the Community Service Committee.

In the meantime, [click here](#) to check out the AOG's Service Before Self Challenge. Hopefully, as a chapter we'll be able to get in there and log some minutes before the challenge ends in July!

Mentorship: The Air Liaison Officers are charged with formally mentoring cadet candidates to guide them toward an appointment to USAFA, but they can't put eyes on every talented prospect in Southern Arizona. As grads (and parents and friends of USAFA), we should all be on the lookout for young people who have the attributes required to be a successful cadet and

people who have the attributes required to be a successful cadet and eventually a servant-leader in the US Air Force. It could be your own kid, one of your kids' friends, or a kid you know from the neighborhood or church or wherever. Don't hesitate to reach out to the chapter board and let us know. We can put you in touch with resources to include your local ALO to help welcome talented young folks find their way to the Long Blue Line. At a minimum, you can send them to the Academy's new admissions website ([click here](#)).

Arizona Class Representative Program: Did you know that there are over 400 folks in Southern Arizona who receive this newsletter every month? A handful of those people are parent members of the AOG, congressional staffers or friends of USAFA. Most, however, are grads. Every single USAFA graduating class is represented on the mailing list with a surprisingly even spread among grad years.

For example, seven members of the class of '74 live within 75 miles of Tucson and are on the chapter's membership roster. The '74 Class Rep will be responsible for reaching out to his six other classmates with pertinent information. It's especially important this year and for the next four years because as a legacy class, '74 will have opportunities to participate in all sorts of fun and meaningful activities with the class of '24. In fact, the first opportunity will be this spring locally with our own Founder's Day.

The idea with the class representative program is two-fold: 1) To act as a point of contact for all of his/her classmates in Arizona for no other reason than it's fun to find out which of your old friends live near you--one of the most valuable aspects of any alumni organization. 2) To pass on information from the chapter to classmates who would like to be involved but simply don't know how since they're hard to contact--like the two members of '74 who may not even know there's a USAFA AOG chapter in their hometown.

As I type, the AOG is preparing two lists for our chapter. One is an updated list of all of the grads within 75 miles of Tucson who've given their information to the AOG. The reason you're reading this e-mail is probably because you were on this list at some point in the past. The other list will include all of the grads in Arizona *outside* of 75 miles from Tucson. In the weeks ahead, the chapter will

be reaching out for volunteers from each class to fill the role of class representative. Class reps will be given the list of their classmates in Arizona to reunite and to spread the word--particularly about Founder's Day (see below).

The Soon-To-Be-Finished chapter website: The AOG provides the Weebly website-building template and pays for chapters to host their finished sites. It's a great deal financially in addition to being a wonderful tool for chapters to communicate outside of social media platforms. I started working on putting this together last summer but it fell way down the to-do list as "stuff" piled up this fall into winter. Thankfully, Bill Roberts ('65) and his lovely wife, Polly, have volunteered to finally get this thing over the finish line. As with all things to do with the chapter, if you're handy with web building and you'd like to be involved in being on the website/communications committee, please let us know! [Click here](#) to take a look at the Central Oklahoma chapter's site to get a preview of what ours will look like.

Founder's Day: The board unanimously voted on a venue and preliminary plan for Founder's Day this year. As I write, we're waiting for USAFA to let us know which member of the leadership team will be coming down to be the guest speaker. Once we get that bit of information, we'll be able to set a date and start planning in earnest. At that point, we'll put out a special message with the details of the event and start asking for volunteers for the Founder's Day Steering Committee.

The one thing that I'll tell you now is that we're shooting for the moon this year to create a special event that folks won't want to miss. Even your classmates who live in the Phoenix area and beyond will want to attend, which means that as a class rep you could play a big role in making Founder's Day one to remember.

There aren't any local events planned over the next few weeks, but here are some USAFA events you may be interested in:

- **15 Feb: NHL at Falcon Stadium.** The LA Kings and Colorado Avalanche will meet on a specially-prepared ice rink on the playing surface at 1730.
- **20-21 Feb: National Character and Leadership Symposium.** This is a

two-day event at the Academy that brings in world-class speakers. I haven't been to one yet, but I've been told by cadets and classmates that it's well worth the trip to the Hill. [Click here](#) for details of this year's edition.

- **30 Jul (approximately): Grad Gaggle from Jack's Valley.** Last summer, USAFA began a new tradition of having grads "march" back from Jack's with the Basic Cadets at the end of BCT and it was a *huge hit*. It's not too early to start thinking about arranging travel plans. My son will be a firstie and a cadre member for 2nd BCT, so I'm planning to do it. Expect more details in the months ahead. Hope to see you there.

That's it for now. Febuary's newsletter will contain information on the legacy class program along with all of the local chapter happenings. Speaking of, you can simply reply to this message if you have any content you'd like to see included in the next newsletter. Until then,

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