

"A & B" - Definitions of USAFA Acronyms, Terms, Slang, & Traditions

AAOCA - Associate Air Officer Commanding for Academics. Officer assigned to each squadron to help Cadets who have not chosen a major or with other academic issues.

ABU Sleeves - Cadets do not roll up their ABU sleeves until they have completed CST.

ABU's - Airman Battle Uniform (camouflaged fatigues) ABU's are taking the place of BDU's. USAFA Class of 2012 will be the first to wear them; by 2011, will be mandatory for all of USAFA and all U.S. Air Force.

Ac Only - Academics Only. A medical restriction excusing Cadets from physical and military activities.

Ac Pro - Academic Probation. A grade lower than 2.0 or flunking a subject.

Acceptance into the Cadet Wing - Basic Cadets, after completion of Basic Cadet Training (BCT), are accepted into the Cadet wing and receive their shoulder boards with "clouds."

Ace of the Air Gardens - If a Fourth Classman can get through the Air Gardens five times during the daylight hours, without an Upper Classman seeing them, they become an "ace." This must be done when Upper Classmen abound to count (target rich environment).

ACQ - Academic Call to Quarters. Study time.

Aero - Aeronautics. Refers to Aeronautics Department. Usually used to describe the core Aero Class.

AFIT - Air Force Institute of Technology. Located at Wright/Pat AFB in Ohio. An Institution where Cadets can go after Graduation to gain advanced degrees.

AFSC - Air Force Specialty Code – a code that denotes what "job" you will do in the real AF.

AFT - Aerobic Fitness Test. A 1.5-mile run which is part of the athletic grade and given every semester.

A-Hall - Arnold Hall. A Cadet recreation center. Common haunt of

Fourth Classmen and occasionally a few Upper Classmen.

Air Force Gloves - Cadet pockets.

Air Force Song (3rd verse) - When a graduate dies in the line of duty or a well known Air Force member dies and it is announced at lunch, the entire Cadet Wing quietly sings the third verse of the Air Force Song, "Here's a toast, to the host..."

Additionally, after football games, the drum and bugle corps plays the third verse of the Air Force song, the football team removes their helmets and faces the Cadet Wing or Air Force contingent and everyone quietly sings the third verse. If USAFA is playing another service Academy, both service academies sing the appropriate song for each Academy.

"Here's a toast to the host of those who love the vastness of the sky,
To a friend we send the message of his brother men who fly, We drink
to those who gave their all of old, Then down we roar to score the
rainbow's pot of gold. A toast to the host of men we boast, The US Air
Force."

Air Gardens - It was initially all fountains in the 1960s and early 1970s but became cost prohibitive to maintain so they were filled in with dirt, shrubs, and trees. In the early 1990s a few classes, for their reunion projects, paid for a fountain on each end of the garden to be restored. Each of the trees represents a grad who died in combat. The Air Gardens are off-limits to fourth classmen.

All PRO or All Star - A condition not sought out when a Cadet is on academic, athletic, and military probation at the same time – possibly honor probation too.

ALO - Admissions Liaison Officer. An Air Force Reserve officer who counsels Academy and ROTC applicants regarding admissions programs.

Alpha Roster - A listing of all Cadets that can be used to verify that information has been dispersed to the Wing. Once a Cadet has read an Information File or has attended a briefing, he or she signs-off the alpha roster.

AM - Airmanship. Airmanship courses in soaring, flying, and parachuting.

AMI– (Pronounced "Ammy) It means Additional Morning Inspection.

Rooms must be maintained in inspection order each morning during the week until noon and on training Saturdays until completion of training.

Amnesty - Given by visiting dignitaries after beating Army and Navy, before Graduation, etc. to Cadets with outstanding punishments. The amnesty usually does not apply to Cadets with serious problems.

AMT - Academy Military Trainer. An Air Force NCO who oversees military training in each squadron and assists the AOC.

AOC - Air Officer Commanding. The officer, usually a Captain or a Major, who is directly in charge of your Cadet's squadron. The AOC is the one your Cadet should talk to when they have problems. Parents should avoid calling the AOC except in emergencies.

Apt Pro - Aptitude probation. For Cadets displaying a less than desired attitude and/or performance.

ARC - Academic Review Committee. Determines the status of Cadets deficient in academics and recommends retention or dismissal.

Article 15 - Nonjudicial punishment permits Commanders to administratively discipline without a court martial.

ASBC - Air and Space Basic Course. 2d Lts attend for 6 weeks at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery - also ROTC & OTS.

Astro - Astronautics Courses pertaining to Astronautics.

Astronaut - If any Cadet can take the southern Fairchild Hall elevator from the ground floor to the sixth and back down again five times without being caught, they are deemed an "astronaut." This does not count for physically challenged Cadets who have permission to use the elevators.

At Rest - Fourth Classmen are usually put "at rest" after the Falcons beat Army or Navy, a nice break in the past for Doolies who are required to "fall in" when on the Tzo.

ATA/ATD - Actual time of arrival; actual time of departure.

Athletic Director's List - List of Athletic Performance. Earned through achieving a Physical Education Average (PEA) of 3.0 or higher. The PEA is based on the PFT, PE Class grades from previous semester, and the AFT score. Signified by a "Lightning Bolt" worn on the left

breast pocket.

Barbers - There is always one barber who gives a "bad" hair cut, and no Cadet dares go to "the butcher." This barber's chair is always empty, while all the other barbers will have a line forming five deep in front of them. There is always a Fourth Classman in each squadron who is ordered to get a haircut before noon meal formation and has to go to the "butcher" or suffer severe consequences from the Upper Classman. The soon to be "Beanhead" can't believe his great fortune to see a barber who is not busy with all the other long lines, but soon realizes his mistake - but it's too late. Later, at formation Upper Classman revel in the misfortune of the Doolie who has been grossly deformed by the likes of the "butcher".

BCGs - Basic Cadet glasses or birth control glasses. Ugly, plastic, square-rimmed "issue" glasses that will not break.

BCT - (Pronounced Beast) Basic Cadet Training is a six week training session in the summer held for all new Cadets at the Academy to introduce them to the Academy and military life. Four weeks are held in the Cadet area and two are held in Jacks Valley.

BDUs - Battle Dress Uniform. The camouflage uniform worn by military personnel. BDU's are being phased out.

BDU Sleeves - Cadets do not roll up their BDU sleeves until they have completed CST.

Beanhead - an "endearing" name for Fourth Classmen.

BEAR - During GE (Global Engagement) Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources.

Bearing - Military behavior or manner.

BEAST - Nickname for Basic Cadet Training - originally from West Point "Beast Barracks."

Bed check Charlie - North Korean that bombed UN Forces at night to keep them awake. Cadets dress up like him and show up during formations, etc. and then disappear without a trace. "BC Charlie" is dressed in tan pants, leather jacket and helmet, goggles, and a scarf around his neck and face.

Black Death - Mitchell Hall Coffee.

Black Magic – Electrical Engineering.

Bogey – An unidentified flying object or radar blip.

Bomb – To do poorly on a test.

Book Buy Back - At the end of every semester a used book company arrives at USAFA to buy back text books from cadets at a rate that seems like \$.10 on the dollar that a cadet paid for the books for only four months earlier. They are referred to as the Book Bandits, however, cadets cannot resist selling a thousand dollars worth of "now" useless books for \$150 cash.

BOQ - Bachelor Officer's Quarters.

BOR - Base of the Ramp. (formerly known as the Bring Me Men Ramp). The famous meeting place where your Cadet begins his or her Academy life. After leaving Inprocessing at the AOG Building on the bus, your Cadet will be delivered to the footprint pad at the Base of the Ramp, where they come to attention before going up the ramp and into their usafa experience.

BP - Business Pass. Issued so that Cadet may take care of personal business during the day.

Borrowing Group or Wing CC's shoulder boards - Doolies borrow all the shoulder boards from the appropriate staff and don't give them back until the staffers make an announcement on the staff tower. Then the Doolies storm the staff tower and get trained, showing class unity by getting all 1000 Doolies up there.

Borrowing the White Pot - Fourth Classmen find and borrow the white hat from member of the Honor Guard. This is one of many things Cadets do to harass Honor Guard members.

Brigadier General Robin Olds - While Wing Commander of the Wolfpack in Vietnam, and then as Commandant of Cadets from December 1967 to January 1971, BG Olds has become folklore in his own right. While BG Olds has discounted many of the stories told about him, after hearing the "true" stories, one is led to believe that even if the folklore of BG Olds didn't exactly happen as told, something even better probably did occur! Folklore includes: his handlebar mustache, hand signals to/from the cadet wing, terrazzo streakers, marching tours with cadets, etc.

Brown Shoe Days - In response to older graduates saying. "when I

was a Cadet it was tough. Cadets and Officers alike refer to the old days as "Brown shoe" days referring to when low quarters were brown not black (stopped in 196?). Also, these brown shoe days happened so long ago that, "dinosaurs roamed the terrazzo."

Buffer rodeos - Cadets will turn on the floor buffer, hop on, and hang on.

Buffer Sign-Up Sheets - Since there are a limited number (1 or 2) buffers available for each squadron, Cadets have sign-up sheets. Of course, Upper Classmen have priority, and Squats end up staying up until about 0200 sometimes just to get the buffer!

"C" - Definitions of USAFA Acronyms, Terms, Slang, & Traditions

Cadet Wing - Military organization of all Cadets, consisting of 4 groups and 36 to 40 squadrons, totaling approximately 4,000 Cadets.

Cadet X Letters - In an effort for "good" Cadets to learn from "bad" Cadets' mistakes, Cadet X letters are produced after an Honor or Disciplinary Board, or when someone receives a big hit. The letter describes the incident and instead of using names they call the participants in the transgression Cadet X, Y, and/or Z, etc.

Cadre - Upper Class Cadets holding leadership positions.

Calling minutes - Before formations, parades, etc. Fourth Classmen stand in the hall calling minutes counting down from 20/15/10/5 minutes. Example: "Thunderbirds, there are 5 minutes until first call for the noon meal formation; uniform is: athletic jackets, service caps, gray leather gloves; sabers, and guideons will be carried; menu for the noon meal includes: french dip sandwiches, blondie squares, grape punch; there are five minutes until first call, secure your lights and rooms please, this is the last minute to be called, Thunderbirds, scramble."

CAMIS - Computer system in which Cadets can get schedules, grades and other administrative information.

Canoe U - Naval Academy at Annapolis.

CAOC - Command Air Operation Center.

Car Rallies - Cadets drive around the terrazzo in their autos at noon meal formation before a big game, spring break, etc. Usually cooler

cars like Porsches or junkers are the favorites.

Carrier landings - Cadets stack mattress at the end of a hall and then place two people on each side of the approach path at the closer end of the mattresses with a rope as an "arrester." A Cadet then runs down the hall and at a prescribed point launches himself towards the mattresses or "carrier" and tries to use his/her feet as an arresting hook on the rope pulled taut by the aforementioned Cadets. A good arrest and landing is welcomed with cheering--a bad landing, no hook, or falling off the carrier results in crash crews putting out the fire of the "crashed" Cadet. Another more recent version of carrier landings is to soap down the halls by the tailor shop or Cadet Store, then soap down Cadet bodies only wearing shorts, and then run and jump and see how far you can slide--more of an adult "slip and slide" than carrier landings.

Carry on - Military Command when given means to resume your normal duties.

Cars - Currently, once the class ahead of them graduates, the new second classmen can "own and maintain" an automotive vehicle at USAFA. Standards have changed over the years; a second class cadet must now be a cadet in good standing (not on any probation/restriction) and have a 2.5 semester GPA. For the first twenty-two classes, only first classmen were allowed cars, but that was changed in 1979 for the class of 1981 when second classmen were allowed to have cars at Christmas break. The class of 1982 was the first class to have cars their entire second class year. A new parking lot was constructed and called "Lot 81" in honor of the first class to have cars as second classmen. By the mid 1980s, the last car lot for second classmen was called the "East Kansas Lot" and required a long walk or "Lot Runs" from Sijan Hall. Note: We also called it the "Lower Slobovia Lot" or the "Outer Mongolia Lot"

CAS - Cadet Accountability System. The absence reporting system. Groups/Squadrons report into the Wing/Group Commanders by reporting the Class year of the Firstie Class (i.e., 2 Cadets absent Sir, 0 Cadets absent Sir, 0 Cadets absent Sir, 8 Cadets absent Sir) They got rid of this one (at least for a while) when an officer "thought" the Wing should actually report the number of Cadets absent or it would be a violation of the Honor Code. This tradition comes and goes depending on whether the Commandant considers this act an honor violation or "Class Spirit."

Cash in your parade cap at Graduation - At Graduation,

Graduating Cadets sometimes put a little cash in their white parade caps that they eventually throw into the air when they hear, "Ladies and Gentlemen, you are now dismissed." Little kids then run out on to the field to retrieve the hats, and receive a little extra reward.

Cattle calls - In the past, busloads of young ladies were brought to the Academy as dates for the lonely cadets during the different formal balls at the Academy. The young ladies would be brought in buses to Arnold Hall where cadets would line up and be matched with a date.

CAVU - Clear Air, Visibility Unlimited.

CCAR - Cadet Chaplain's activity room.

CCQ or CQ - Cadet in Charge of Quarters. The job involves a lot of paperwork and legwork all in one day. Squadron receptionist.

Centurions - Those who have marched over 100 tours. If you march over 300 tours, you are a Triple Centurion. Wearing the same pair of shoes and gloves for all of the tours, no repairs made to either, hole in the shoes and almost nothing left of the gloves is considered a "prized" possession. While this condition could be an indication of a behavior problem or considered by some as uncommissionable, it still treated with respect by the most "strat" Cadet.

CG - Cadet Group.

Chariot Races - Back in the days of tile floors, cadets would lash four mops together to form a sort of frame. Two cadets pull the contraption with a light small cadet riding around a hallway that form a quad-fastest time wins. The Ben Hur version has everyone racing at the same time resulting in aggressive behavior and minor bumps and bruises.

Checkpoints- A daily list of "must-know" knowledge for Fourth Class Cadets - meal menus, days until Graduation for each of the three Upper Classes and Senior Officer of the Day.

Christmas Music at the end of Parent's Weekend - After Parent's Weekend Cadets play Christmas music out their windows, especially, "I'll be home for Christmas," when Mommies and Daddies are bringing their Cadets back from their first free weekend off as Cadets. This is right before a long five-month stretch until Christmas break. It's a way to haze the Doolies' moms, they cry, the Doolies are depressed, and

the Dads smile with approval.

Church Formations - In the 1960s, cadets formed up, marched to, and attended mandatory religious services. Cadets had three choices, Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish services. Sleeping during services would result in a Form 10, so many cadets rigged a "head prop" out of coat hangers to keep their heads up while they were sleeping, preventing their head from nodding and drooping, remaining upright or "awake" for watchful eyes of the officers. In the 1980s Doolies could go to a buffet in the morning, then form up for the fourth class breakfast formation, then breaking formation to attend church, thereby getting out of the morning haze at breakfast.

CIC - Cadet in charge.

CINC - Commander in Chief. Pronounced "sink".

Clank - To make a mistake or to perform inadequately.

Class colored baseball caps - Each Class has baseball caps in their Class color. They are rarely worn after the Fourth Class year and this practice was started in the early 1980s.

Class colored blanket/comforters - Each Class has wool blankets in its Class color. At times there have been comforters for the three Upper Classes that were blue with Class colored trim. In the late 1980s everyone went to blue blankets, then in mid-1990's they went back to Class colored blankets. Now they've changed back again.

Class colored robes - Like class colored blankets and hats, classes used to have bathrobes in their class colors. The last class to have colored bathrobes was the Class of 1980 (blue). Robes from then on were blue, and only Doolies would wear them - upperclassmen bought civilian robes. Sometimes classes had blue robes with class colored trim. All had prop and wings and/or class patch on the front pocket. In early years upperclassmen decorated robes with personal items.

Class Colors - Each Class has a Class color: red, gold, blue, or silver, the new basics taking the color of the recent Graduating Class. The red, gold, and blue are primary colors and stand for and correspond to USAFA building colors.

Red

1. Administration, Commandant or Dean areas

2. The sun

Blue

1. Academic functions
2. The Sky

Gold

1. Housing
2. The grasses on the plains

Silver

1. Aluminum in the buildings (originally supposed to be stainless steel, to mirror aircraft technology)

Originally green was supposed to be the fourth color (instead of silver) to symbolize the trees in the forest. However, since green is not a primary color, the original architects went with red, blue, and gold to start. In modern architecture, the three primary colors are prevalent since the Academy was to be reflective of modern architecture; red, blue, and gold were chosen for the original Academy.

Class Crest - Designed and voted on by each Class and then put on the Class Ring and on the Class wall by the Chapel. There are certain requirements. Each crest must contain the following USAFA symbols:

The Polaris Star

The Class year

A saber

a falcon

The Graduating Class number

The Class motto.

Over the years other additions have been made to include a prop and wings, US flag, aircraft, etc.

Class Name (Exemplar Program) - The purpose of the Class Exemplar program is to provide a clear and visible attachment to the great leaders of the past for a new generation of air leaders who will face new challenges in the next millennium and beyond. The Class Exemplar serves as the honorary leader of the Class, setting its personality and character. The Class Exemplar's model of innovative, pioneering leadership challenges Cadets in each Class to look forward into the Air Force they will soon be leading. The Class of 2000 was the first Class to choose an Exemplar to lead them into the next millennium.

Class of 2000 Exemplar: General James H. "Jimmy"
Doolittle (Doolittle Hall)

Class of 2001 Exemplar: General William "Billy"
Mitchell (Mitschs - Dining Hall)

Class of 2002 Exemplar: Captain Lance P. Sijan
(Sijan Dorm)

Class of 1979: LCWB – There are rumors about what these proposed initials for the Class ring actually represented. "Officially" they stood for Loyalty, Courage, Wisdom, and Bravery. It unofficially stood for the LAST CLASS WITH "all men" and apparently every 79 grad agrees. Rumor has it that a Cadet with a license plate with LCWB was stopped by SP's and when the SP asked what it stood for, the information leaked back to the Commandant.

Legend has it that the Class of 79 almost lost the 'privilege' of the ring dance until someone took the blame and marched a lot tours. LCWB was not put on their ring and was not allowed to be engraved inside the ring by the ring maker. The Class of 79 valued their unity and spirit and decided to stick together when told to attend an AOG meeting a month or so before Graduation. They were told to bring their checkbooks and while they stood around waiting for the doors to open everybody agreed that no matter what they were selling nobody was buying. The AOG started off with a pitch about the tradition of a Class painting done by a local artist, Rick Broome, who told how he had done these for Cadets for a long time and this was their chance to own a print. Class of 79 had put the B-1 on their Class crest in protest of the canceling of the B-1. So Rick Broome started with a slide to show his finished painting of B-1A flying over the Cadet area and then showed how he painted it. Rick Broome had put LCWB in the painting and that pleased the Cadets in 79 and they bought copies in mass quantity. However, the Commandant found out about the LCWB in the painting and forced him to cover them up on the original painting donated to the Cadet Wing (hangs in Arnold Hall). However, the LCWB made it to the printed copies that the Class of 79 purchased.

Class prints - Starting in 1974, each Class has commissioned a painting of the Academy, usually of the Academy in foreground and mountain range in the background. It is either of aircraft flying over USAFA or can be from the cockpit of an aircraft over USAFA. A member of the Class of 1986, John Cmar, actually painted the Class of 1986's print. Many Class prints have been painted by the same man, Mr. Rick

Broome. Each Class participates in the composition of the print, and if there is more than one, they vote on their favorite Class print. In recent years, Cadets have chosen a new artist to paint their Class prints.

Class Rings - Each Class picks a ring from a selection of rings prepared by several ring makers. The ring companies put their version of the Class' crest on the ring. Rings are white gold or some less expensive substitute and have a stone setting (at the discretion of the Cadet). All Cadets are required to buy a ring or explain why they chose not to purchase a ring. The traditional ring is 10 or 14kt white gold with a blue star sapphire.

Class Wall - Every class crest is mounted on the Chapel wall, with the next graduating class in the center. During the graduation parade, the current second class crest is placed at the center. Following the graduation parade, after the Firsties have left the wing, the lower three classes march past the wall.

Class year reports (at formation) - During parades or formations groups and squadrons report in the senior class numbers, i.e. 1986 (one cadet absent sir, nine cadets absent sir, etc.). This tradition comes and goes depending on whether the Commandant considers this act an honor violation or "Class Spirit."

COMM - Commandant of Cadets. In charge of the military training at USAFA.

Command Post - Cadet Wing Operations Center, organization in charge of day to day operations for the Cadet wing.

Commander in Chief's Trophy - Awarded by the President of the United States to the Service Academy with the best inter-service record.

COMM's List - Commandant's List for Cadet military performance. Earned through achieving an MPA of 3.00 or above for the previous semester and signified by a "Wreath" worn on the left breast pocket.

COMM's Shop - The organization coming under the control and direction of the Commandant and consisting of those departments directly affecting the Cadet Wing.

Comms Time - Commandant's time, the fifth period of each day during which various types of military training are conducted by the

AOC, AAOC, ANCO, or AMT's.

Community Center - Location of the BX, Commissary, Military Clothing Sales, Package Store, Burger King, etc. The Personnel Office and Academy Preparatory School are in the same area.

Comp Sci- Computer Science. Academic requirement usually taken in the Fourth Class year.

Conduct/Aptitude Pro - Commandant's probation. More commonly referred to as Conduct or Aptitude probation. For Cadets displaying less than desired conduct.

Contrails - The handbook of Fourth Class knowledge which contains USAF heritage notes, quotes, and various sundry details which have to be committed to memory.

CONUS - Continental United States.

Cooking on your iron - Grilled cheese sandwiches and Pop Tarts are favorites.

Copilot - Fourth Class Cadet responsible for passing out the drinks to Upper Classmen during meals.

Core curriculum - All Cadets are required to take a required number of core courses which would equal at least an Engineering Sciences degree at any other University. In addition, each Cadet then has to choose a major, for a total of 160+ credit hours by Graduation.

Corps - A term used to refer to the USAFA Cadet Wing by people who don't know that Cadets don't like to be called the Corps. "**Wing**" please.

Cover - Military headgear.

CQ Desk - The desk where the squadron telephone is located and where the CQ is posted.

CQ or CCQ- Cadet in Charge of Quarters. The job involves answering phones, providing squadron security and disseminating important information.

CS - Cadet Squadron.

CST - Combat Survival Training consisting of survival and evasion,

taught during second summer at AFA.

C-Store- Cadet Store located in Vandenberg Hall.

CW - Cadet Wing.

Cynicism - The only product produced by the Academy in large quantity.

"D, E, & F" - Definitions of USAFA Acronyms, Terms, Slang, & Traditions

D&B - Cadet Drum and Bugle Corps.

DAF - Department of the Air Force.

Dark Ages - That period of time between Christmas and Spring Break. This period of time is said to drag on for millenniums.

Dead Bug - Doing the "Dead Bug" during BCT for sleeping on top of your bed. If a basic is caught sleeping on top of his covers, he has to get between his sheets and thrash about until his bed is trashed. Also, during RECONDO when basics are "killed" they do the dead bug with their rifle and legs in the air twitching around.

Dead Week - The week between spring finals and Graduation.

Dean's List - Dean's List for academic achievement. Earned through achieving a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the previous semester and signified by a "Star" worn on left breast pocket.

Dear John (Jane) Letters - Freshmen always get Dear John letters their first year. These letters are posted on the squadron bulletin board for Cadets to write ruthless comments on them, then they are sent back to the "mean" girl or guy.

Deer - At least once a year a cadet hits a hapless deer on parade loop or another road at USAFA. Additionally, these deer graze and "potty" on the parade field ruining cadet parade pants.

Dental Hobby Shop - The "endearing" name for the Cadet Dental Clinic located in the Cadet area where dental "professionals" practice and play with your mouth and teeth (thus the name).

Denver Destroyers - Academy-provided laundry service mainly used by third and fourth classmen. They were known to return clothes in worse condition than when they were sent. Their specialty was to tear holes in t-shirts; return all whites with a gray/dingy look; lose one of each sock in a pair, and return less underwear. Also known as the underwear and sock monster. Now cadets have laundromats for their use under each dormitory-saving sponsors from doing laundry and from making laundry runs downtown.

DF - The Dean of Faculty.

DFC - Distinguished Flying Cross – very high award.

DI - Dormitory Inspector. A First Class Cadet who makes sure that all Cadets are in their rooms by taps.

Dining In - A formal dinner for officers and Cadets, an Air Force tradition. These are usually held by squadrons downstairs in Mitchell Hall in the formal dining room. This introduces Cadets to the traditions of the dining in: Grog Bowl, uniform discrepancies, proper wear of the mess dress, Mr./Madam Vice, etc.

Dining Out -An informal dinner with all squadron members at a restaurant.

DODO/EDODO - The Cadet underground humor magazine and web site, usually for Cadet eyes only.

Doolie - A Fourth Class Cadet after being accepted into the Cadet Wing. In Cadet terms "that insignificant person whose rank is measured in negative units; one whose potential for learning is unlimited; one whose days until Graduation approaches infinity." From the word "doulous" which is Greek for slave.

Drum and Bugle Corps (D&B) - While the D&B is an Official Wing organization, some of the traditions surrounding D&B are not. D&B is referred to by some cadets as the Dung and Bungle or Beat and Blow. The Flag Corps of D&B, called the Flight of Sound, are referred to as the Flight of Pounds.

Eagle Peak – Sometimes off limits to Cadets, the 9,500 foot peak looms over USAFA. Eagle Peak was named by Indians because of the population of eagles that lived there until the 1800s. In the past, before climbing accidents, most Cadets would make the 4-5 hour round trip hike at some time in their Cadet career.

Edge Dressing - Shiny black fluid used to shine heels and soles of shoes.

EE - "Double E", an Electrical Engineering course.

EI - Extra instruction. Tutoring in a specific subject.

Element - The basic unit of a squadron, consisting of about 12 Cadets.

Elevator privileges - Only Upper Classmen are allowed to use the elevators in the dorms and they are known to yell "hold the "vator" instead of walking down one flight of steps!

ETA – ETD - Estimated time of arrival; estimated time of departure.

F-105 - The F-105 originally had "Iron Butterfly" painted on its side. During the 80s, the painting crew painted over the wording, but it was still somewhat visible if one knew where to look for it. In 1993, the F-105 was repainted again. A cadet who knew about the original lettering bribed the paint crew with some cadet squadron patches to repaint the "Iron Butterfly" on the side of the jet. The new lettering is not nearly as trippy as the old lettering was, but it suffices.

FAA- Federal Aviation Agency. Makes and enforces flying rules.

FAC - Forward Air Controller. Pilot who flies an observation plane over a specific area and directs air attacks on the target.

Fairchild Hall - The Cadet academic building.

Falcon Buddy - An Upper Classmen assigned to a Doolie to make their life "special" or someone who wears cheesy falcon apparel downtown.

Falcon flying at football games - USAFA has the only performing mascot (a prairie falcon) in the NCAA (riding or running a horse, mule, or buffalo around does not count). The falcons fly around the stadium and then dive (at speeds close to 120 mph) toward the lure swung by Cadet "falconers" on the field. Cadets in the stands are known to yell "Go, fly away, be free" to the falcons. Since these Cadets could be years from Graduation, they fully understand and appreciate the falcon's taste of freedom at halftime.

Falling in - Fourth classmen were required to "fall in" while on the terrazzo, in dorm hallways, or when talking to an officer or upper

classmen. Falling in required the following: standard position of attention plus: getting your chin in, shoulders back and down, elbows pinned, eyes caged forward, and yap shut. This tradition ended in 1998 when a fourth classman complained of "neck pain." Note: WHAT??? Gimme a BREAK.

Fashion shows/uniform drills - When the Upper Classmen make the freshmen fall out in the hallway in a certain uniform, train them for wearing it improperly, and then give them three minutes to change into a different uniform. This goes on for an hour or so, after which the Fourth Classmen have ten minutes to put their rooms in SAMI order.

FERL - Field Engineering Readiness Lab.

Fight song - Sung at football games.

"Fly you falcons down the field, tear the enemy asunder! Bare your talons, make them yield; give them all your thunder! Spread your strong wings wide and high; fight for victory! Never say die, keep flying high, for the Air Force Academy"

FIGMO - Forget it, got my orders. Demonstrating a "don't care" attitude. Mathematically expressed by dividing the number of days spent at the academy by the number of days until Graduation.

First Salute - Like the other services, new 2Lts, immediately after Graduation, must present a silver dollar to the person who first salutes them. Many an NCO in service dress uniform has been known to "clean up" at Graduation. A nice touch is to give a silver dollar with your year of birth or Graduation year.

First snow, first shirt - On the day of the first snow of the winter, the Doolies are supposed to grab their First Sergeants and drag them through the snow until they are just shy of hypothermic.

Firstie - A First Class Cadet (Senior) at the Academy. In Cadet terms "that immortal being having superhuman powers and disposed to acts of great wonder and cunning."

"Flashers" at football games - Five cadets wearing raincoats, boxers, low quarters, shower caps (rain covers for the service caps), and black socks would run out on the field during half time with the letters "U-S-A-F-A" painted on their chest and alternately flash the wing as they yelled out the letters. I think they also had "Fight" spelled on the backside. Started in 1982 by the class of 86.

Flatiron or Anvil - Big pile of dirt northwest of the Cadet area on the side of the mountain that resembles a flat iron. Cadets put their Class year or squadron number on Flatiron with bed sheets. There are many rumors to the origin of flat iron...is it natural, or piled there when building USAFA?

Flight- Consists of 3 elements, about 36 Cadets.

Flight Suit- A green coverall worn by pilots when flying.

Fly overs or fly bys - Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve aircraft fly over noon meal formations, on special occasions, football games (wherever they are held), parades, or memorial services. Many grads like to participate in these "fly bys" and folklore has aircraft breaking the sound barrier/windows, flying below the top of the Chapel/Stadium lights, etc.

Note: In the yearbooks over at the library, somewhere in the '60s, there's a picture of Vandenburg with nearly all of the glass on the Terrazzo side blown out. Two rumors about what caused it: one was that an F-105 went over supersonic. The other is that an F-105 had a "hard burner light" (loud explosion caused by going to full AB) that caused the damage.

Football march on - Two Cadet Groups are required to march on to the football field at home games.

Football push-ups - After the Falcons score (touchdowns or field goals, safety, etc.), Cadets (mainly Fourth Classmen) rush to the end zone and do pushups for the amount of the total Falcon score. It seems scoring pushups became very popular and a regular act starting in 1982 with the winning four Bowl Games in a row, and beating Notre Dame four years in a row, and being ranked as high as top five in the nation. The sight of grown men in Fighting Irish sweaters crying after their Fourth loss in a row to "little" Air Force was inspiring. With the average Falcon team scoring close to 40 points a game, a lot of pushups can be executed. Example, when Air Force beat University of Northern Colorado 75-10, Cadets would have accomplished 460 pushups in less than three hours.

Force Protection Condition - Standardized identification of and recommended responses to terrorist threats against U. S. personnel and facilities. There are four levels above normal. Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta.

Form 10 - A form to report a Cadet offense. The administrative equivalent of a traffic ticket. A Form 10 is a disciplinary form given to a Cadet with their name, squadron, and transgression. Depending on the transgression, it can merely be a warning with a few demerits, or a wake up call to alter one's behavior with hundreds of demerits, tours, confinements, and/or months of restrictions.

Form 10 taped in your alcove - As Firsties get close to Graduation, they display all of the Forms 10 they received as a Cadet, showing their AOC that it just doesn't matter.

Form O-96 - This form is used by Cadets at their table in Mitchell Hall to report on the quality of food and service. The real intent is to use the Form O-96 as a training aide to teach Fourth Classman how to fill out an Air Force form (black pen, within the space given); how to make corrections on a form (single line through and initials); how to properly make comments, including negative ones, on an official form; and how to follow procedures in a short period of time under pressure.

USAFA folklore explains that the normal blocks to check if the meal and service were fine: [fast-neat-average-friendly-good-good]. These words were allegedly used in Vietnam as a challenge and response during a successful rescue attempt in which the downed pilot was a USAFA graduate. Cadets and graduates on commercial flights have been known to write on a napkin "fast-neat-average" then ask a flight attendant to give it to the cockpit crew for the proper response.

Frat - Fraternalization. Unprofessional relationship.

Free Fall- Also called sky diving. A parachute jump in which opening the chute is deliberately delayed.

Free fall training - Many Cadets in each Class earn their parachute wings at USAFA by attending a free fall parachuting course run by the Cadet Wings of Blue and supervised by officer and enlisted parachutists. Some Cadets participate in the Army's Airborne training at Fort Benning, GA. However, it takes twice as long, and participants jump static line with round chutes.

Fuzzy - A Cadet majoring in Liberal Arts.

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Gate Guards - Cadets and enlisted Gate Guards have a love - hate

relationship. Cadets complain over the years that terrorists and protestors can get on USAFA, but Cadets are stopped for little or no reasons. In reality there are bad apples on both sides. Generally, SPs are just doing their jobs, and Cadets are behaving like college students.

Gauntlets - Special training of Basics/Fourth Classmen occurring during BCT, Hell Week, and/or during the year when Fourth Classmen are getting lax. Upper Classmen wait outside of Mitchell Hall or Arnold Hall in a gauntlet and train the Fourth Classmen as they make their way back to their squadrons through the gauntlet. Currently referred to as "Flow Control" with light training.

GE - Global Engagement.

Geek of the week/Melvin of the month - On Thursday, cadet squadron First Sergeants take nominations for the Geek of the Week. Cadets can be nominated for any number of things, including brown nosing, getting a 3% on a GR, passing out in a parade, going out with a girl from Air Academy High, etc. The Geek of the Week is announced at noon meal formation on Friday. Melvin of the month is similar, but is announced at the monthly safety meeting.

General Palmer Statue - Cadets like to carry out a spirit mission in downtown C-Springs by painting a part of the General Palmer's statue blue or their Class color. This is ever more impressive since the statue is located in a well-lit and busy intersection.

Gliders - Glider Instructor Pilots practice their Air to Ground skills with a tennis balls as bombs. A mission is completed by dropping tennis balls into the Superintendent's fenced in private pool.

Golden Bees under hat brim - The Golden Bee is a bar down at the Broadmoor Hotel. The bartenders occasionally toss sticky, embroidered Golden Bees onto their patrons (in the real old days it used to be metal bee pins). Cadets began putting these embroidered bees on the underside of the brim of their service caps. Shortly thereafter, the bees came to symbolize "kills," like the red stars on the side of Captain Steve Ritchie's F-4. While there are a number of opinions about what constitutes a "kill," the consensus is that one gets a Golden Bee for every time he or she brought a date into the dorms.

GPA - Grade point average. Based on point system from 0 to 4.0.

GR - Graded Review. An exam.

Graduation countdown - Firsties use a roll of toilet paper with numbers on each square to count down how many days to graduation. 100 days is standard, but some start with their squadron number. Those who are more eager can start earlier.

Grassroots - A program which uses Cadets to speak at hometown high schools and/or answering questions about the USAFA over Thanksgiving break.

Greaseboard Contest - Cover the whole white board at the CQ desk with dry erase marker and then run at the board like a high jumper and see how far up the board you can get your "bottom." Caution: Avoid hitting your head on the ceiling or running into the CQ desk. "Marks" have been known to reach the top of the CQ grease board.

Grecian baths - Take the door off of one of the stalls and use it to block the entrance to the showers and block the drains. Turn on all of the showers full blast, as hot as they will go. Don appropriate Grecian Bath gear and party in your new, gigantic hot tub. (Note: The squadron beneath you may complain of water damage; ignore them).

Greetings - Fourth Classmen are required to greet all Upper Classman and officers with a "Good morning/afternoon/evening Sir/Ma'am" and then a "beat Army/Navy/CSU or proud Thunderbirds", etc. Some greetings change weekly; other squadrons keep the same greetings like CS-33, "Raaaaaaatz".

Grit your teeth, lock your knees, & stare at something white - Advice given to those Doolies who weren't the sharpest knives in the drawer, and who you wanted to see "take a knee" during a formation.

Ground Pounder - A non-flying military member, usually refers to a non rated Air Force member, or the Army or Marines.

Group - Consists of 9 to 10 squadrons, totaling 1,000 to 1,100 Cadets. There are four groups in the Cadet Wing at the Academy.

G's - In flying, it is the number of times the force of gravity is applied to an aircraft or the pilot.

Hair Standards - Standards for cadet hair have changed over the year from buzz cuts, to crew cuts, to blocked hair currently. Female standard have changed from collar length for all female cadets to collar length for female basics and Doolies-this makes an awkward

period when the hair is too short to put up and too long to be left natural.

Hamsters - Mitchell Hall's version of Cordon Bleu that resembles a fried hamster.

Hard Core - Description for someone very enthusiastic about the military.

Harmon Hall - Houses most of the administrative offices at the Academy, including the Superintendents office. Located next to Arnold Hall.

Hat toss at Graduation - When hearing "Ladies and Gentleman you are now dismissed" for the last time, new Second Lieutenants throw their white service caps in the air. Kids in the stands run out to the field to retrieve the hats - some Cadets put a little money in their hats for the youngsters.

Hell Master - A three degree chosen by classmates to direct the now defunct hell week for fourth classmen. In some squadrons, Hell Masters are chosen for each fourth classmen through an auction insuring they have a memorable and challenging hell week. Proceeds from betting on and winning a certain Doolie of your choice are used to pay for a party at the end of "Hell Week."

Hell Week/Recognition training - Final training of the four degrees in culmination of all they learned during the year, sort of an ORI as a DOOLIE. Usually three days of intense physical and mental training where the upper three classes concentrate on intense efforts to test the Doolies team work. Now, recognition training is aimed more at building one's self esteem and contains many ROEs, however the mind games continue at the prior appropriate levels.

Honor Code - From the very beginning, the Cadet Wing has had an Honor Code derived from West Point and Annapolis: "We will not lie, steal, or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does." In 199? a second sentence was added to the Honor Code making the combination a Honor Oath: "Furthermore, I resolve to do my duty and live honorably, so help me God."

While the original honor code is intact, how convicted breakers of said code are treated has changed. Currently, there is an "honor probation" period for Fourth and third Classman who break the code and for extenuating circumstances for second and first Classman. This

probation period is anywhere from six to nine months, includes loss of all privileges and intense counseling and self-awareness exercises.

Honor Guard – The USAFA rifle drill team.

Hot/cold Pilot and Loadmaster - In Mitchell Hall Fourth Classman sit at the end of the table and serve the Upper Classman and fill glasses with ice/drink, pour soup, etc. Hot Pilot handles food, Cold Pilot drink, and Loadmaster at the end coordinates all service.

Hypersonic - More than five times the speed of sound.

Hyperventilation - Condition brought about by high altitude, nervousness and physical stress. Not serious but common the first summer.

Ice Cream Night/Dry Ice Experimentation Night - Some people knew it as "Ice Cream Night," others as "Dry Ice Experimentation Night." Mitch's would make a "Mitch's Mountain" out of ice cream (was made smaller and smaller over the years) and kept it frozen with dry ice. In the old days the mountain was so large, 10 Cadets could not finish it. The dry ice was then used for experiments during and after dinner.

IFR - Instrument Flight Rules.

IFT - Initial Flight Training.

IG - Inspector General.

IHTFP – “I’m here to fly planes” or the more popular use “I hate this f&^%*@g place”

Initial - The first leg of a traffic pattern or the first inspection after/during a confinement period.

Intramurals - Cadet squadrons participate in a plethora of team sports against each other throughout the year. Some Cadets, formally intercollegiate or high school all stars, can get aggressive resulting in injuries, hence its nickname, “Intramurder”.

IP - Instructor Pilot. The pilot who teaches others how to fly.

IP Points - Instructor Prerogative Points. Normally part of a grade in an academic Class based on student participation.

IRI -In Ranks Inspection. The squadron forms up for inspection in their best uniforms.

Jack's Hack - A cough developed in Second BCT at Jack's Valley from constant exposure to dust. Usually disappears with rain or at end of BCT.

Jack's Valley - Site of encampment training during BCT.

JCS - Joint Chiefs of Staff. Those who make top-level military decisions.

Jet Stream - High altitude winds.

Jock - That individual performing superhuman feats of physical dexterity. An athlete or one who flies fighter aircraft.

Jodies - Songs sung while running or marching in formation.

Knowledge bowls - Fourth Classmen, by Squadron, compete with other Fourth Classman in other Squadrons to determine who can recite their Fourth Class knowledge better. Usually three to four Cadets from each Squadron sit in chairs facing the judge and stick out their hand when they know answer.

"L, M, N, & O - Definitions of USAFA Acronyms, Terms, Slang, & Traditions

LAN - Local Area Network; refers to the area computer network or common television channel viewed in the Cadet dormitories.

Leaving shoes under chairs after graduation - New graduates have left their shoes under their chairs after graduation. Maybe it is symbolic of the fact that you do not intend to wear blues ever again (pilots).

Leaving snowmen during a parade - Over the years parades have been marched with 6-8 inches of snow on the ground, with cadets wearing combat boots with blues. The squadrons in the rear would build snowmen in the middle of the formations and decorate them with supplies brought for the purpose. As the squadrons "pass in review" they leave a cadet snowman.

Legacy - Going into a parent or sibling's Squadron for your last two or three years.

Library Road Racing - For no reason at all, cadets put on running gear/disguise and race from squadron to the top floor of library. Touch statue of Caesar as you pass it and return. View of runners from above mailroom as they go up stairs is said to be inspiring.

Light Up - To verbally correct a Doolie.

Lightning bolt on Helmet - Air Force Falcon football helmets have a blue lightning bolt on their helmets.

LMD - Last military duty.

LOA - Letter of Admonishment.

LOC - Letter of Correction.

LOP - Line of position. Term used in navigation.

LOR - Letter of Reprimand.

Lot runs - Bringing people back up from the lower parking lot.

LOX - Liquid oxygen. A rocket fuel component.

LZ - Landing zone.

MACH - Pronounced "mock." The ratio of your speed to the local speed of sound. At the speed of sound, the Mach is 1, at twice the speed of sound it is Mach 2, and so on.

"Magnet" or "Rack" Red, blue, gold, silver - The class colored blanket on a cadet's bed that draws them to take a nap at every available 15 minutes or more of free time.

Magpies - Black, blue, and white birds that inhabit the terrazzo in large number-not really friends of the Cadet Wing.

Making sheep/cow noises during the Smackwad traffic-jam - This happens when the entire Doolie class tries to enter or exit Mitchell or Arnold Hall.

March to/from Jack's Valley - Basic Cadets march to and from Jack's Valley during Second BCT.

Marching to Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner - Marching to breakfast and dinner comes into and out of vogue depending on the Commandant. In earlier years cadets marched to every meal, and to chapel on Sundays.

Marks in your hat for marching tours - Like felons in the pen, Cadets mark off the number of tours they have marched on the brim of their service caps.

Mattress Races - Very similar to Chariot Races, but with mattresses.

Max - To do something extremely well.

M-Days/T-Days - Alternating days of the academic week during the academic year. For example, Monday is an M-day; Tuesday is a T-Day, Wednesday is an M-Day, etc. Each M-Day includes an M-5 period.

Mess Dress - The most formal uniform worn by Cadets. It looks like a dark blue tuxedo with a short jacket.

Midget tossing - Line the hallway with all of the Doolies' mattresses and the cushions from the SAR, and then take turns tossing the lightest Doolies (and occasionally Upper Classmen). Points are awarded for distance and style.

Midnight madness - Snacks late at night during finals week.

Mig - Soviet fighter aircraft.

Minuteman III - Located outside the Field House/Clune Arena-- legends says it will lift-off "when a Cadet graduates without a demerit." Rocket was removed in 2008.

Minutes - Fourth Class Cadet duty of calling out the number of minutes until a mandatory formation. Serves as Upper Class "alarm clocks."

Mitchell Hall Class lights - Lights represent each Class with its Class color. Lights located under the staff tower in Mitchell Hall indicate, when lit, that a Class is dismissed. Firsties' Class colored light comes on soon after "wing take seats" and Doolie's light comes on when Wing is dismissed.

Mitch's - Mitchell Hall, the Cadet dining hall.

Most Important Class - Cadets are told in every Class that "Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Military Art and Science, etc is the most important Class they are taking at USAFA. In reality, the most important Class is the one you are doing the worst in at that time.

Motorcycles - While Cadets have not, and will never be allowed to ride motorcycles while Cadets, each Class has to waste their time trying to change the policy-to no avail.

Moving Aircraft - From the beginning of time (1955 or so for USAFA), Cadets have moved static displays and put them in myriad locations not normally accustomed to having aircraft (Mitchell Hall, Chapel Wall, Parade Field, etc). The engineers try to prevent these spirit missions by welding and bolting aircraft down in cement. This has not stopped the madness (Cadets are clever and resourceful), however, these exploits have resulted in damaged aircraft.

MPA - Military Performance Average. Military evaluation accomplished each semester based on a 0 to 4.0 scale.

MRC - Military Review Committee. A panel convened to examine the facts and circumstances concerning an alleged serious offense or continuing misconduct. The MRC will recommend suitable demerits, punishments, and appropriate corrective action to the Commandant for approval.

MSS - Military Strategic Studies.

MWR - Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Nav - Pertaining to navigation.

NCOIC - Noncommissioned officer.

NET-NLT - No earlier than – No later than.

Nino Balducci '59 to present - Nino entered with the class of '59 and to this day has not graduated. He's never gotten off any probation, yet the big-wigs can't gain any hard evidence to disenroll him. A little more unsubstantiated rumor concerning the perpetual cadet was that some members of the class of 1959 went to Italy and heard about an aeronautical engineer who designed a bomber which never flew. His name was "Nino Balducci" and he started to appear on Alpha Rosters, etc.

Nob - Yet another term of endearment for Fourth Class Cadets.

NORAD - North American Air Defense Command, located beneath Cheyenne Mountain, south of the Academy.

Nuke - A nuclear weapon. Messing up an Upper Class Cadet's room or dumping condiments over an Upper Classman.

ODL - One Day Leave, or a Day Pass.

OIC - Officer in Charge.

ONL - Overnight Leave, or a Night Pass.

OPA - Overall Performance Average. The weighted combination of Academic Performance Average (APA), Military Performance Average (MPA), and Athletic Performance. The Graduation Class standing is based on Cadet cumulative OPA.

Operation Air Force - Also known as Summer Ops. Cadet summer military training program at AF bases. Cadets go to an operational Air Force Base and spend time with real units to get a taste of the "real" Air Force. Destinations can include: flying units with rides in aircraft, time on the flight line with maintenance, security police, laboratories, The Pentagon, overseas bases, etc.

OPR - Officer Performance Report. Method by which officers are rated and promoted.

ORI - Operational Readiness Inspection - simulated wartime mission efficiency rating.

Orville and Wilbur - Put clothes, uniforms, Hawaiian shirts, hats, etc. on the busts of Orville and Wilbur now located under Fairchild on Terrazzo Level-they used to be in the air gardens facing Mitchell Hall.

OSI agent poses as cadet for four years - This is one of those completely unsubstantiated rumors that never goes away. One of the bartenders at the Sports Bar was also rumored to be an OSI agent (they called him "Oh- see")

OTF - Over the fence. Off base without privileges; AWOL.

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Parachuting into football games - The Cadet parachuting team, the "Wings of Blue", jumps into football games and can carry the game ball and/or American Flag. This exhibition, along with fly-bys, is intended to impress the fans and intimidate the opposing football team

and their fans.

Parade Dress - The uniform worn for outdoor parades, and that Firsties wear to Graduation. It consists of white pants, a short, double-breasted blue jacket and a white cap. A gold sash is worn by Firsties only.

Parents' Weekend - A month after BCT, usually Labor Day weekend, basics get to spend a weekend with their parents and get accepted into the wing(shoulder boards with clouds).

Pass and Review of Class Wall - When a squadron marches past the Class wall they salute the wall which holds the Class crests from all graduated Classes and the current Firstie Class. Done by the lower three Class after Graduation parade to show the new Firstie Class crest.

Passing up the Supt/Comm/Bird/cheerleaders at football game

- Near the end of the 4th quarter of a game that USAFA is going to win, start yelling, "PASS . . . UP . . . THE SUPT!" When they oblige, help them crowd surf over the sea of blue. Try to dislodge any ribbons or rank on their uniform. Don't pass them over the top of the bleachers, as much as you may be tempted. For a while, due to Tailhook phobia, it was off limits to pass up cheerleaders. The last Supt that allowed himself to be "passed up" was Taco Gilbert.

PCS - Permanent change of station; being transferred.

PDF - Professional Development Program.

PEA - Physical Education Average PEA >3.0 = silver lightning bolt.

Pegasus Statue - An 8 and 1/2 ton white marble statue of the famed Pegasus horse from Greek Mythology given to USAFA by the Italian government in 1959. It was located for 35 years outside the ballroom in Arnold Hall and legend has it that if a Cadet's date kisses the statue and is of the utmost virtue, the statue will fly away. It was a common practice to pose for pictures on top of the Pegasus with sabers as a popular accoutrement. In 1994, the Pegasus Statue was moved in front of the AOG's Doolittle Hall and kissing/photos are not as frequent unless there has been a wedding reception. (However, no one can explain how the statue was moved- maybe the legend is true!).

Pendulum Swing - A term used to describe how Cadets are treated, specifically the Fourth Classmen, by the Commandant. Some years it

gets easier, then a new Commandant wants the "brown shoe" days back, and the training swings back to being very tough on the Doolies. However, there seems to be a conservation of energy or "abuse" at the Academy-while the Doolies may be on the easy swing, the abuse not projected on them is distributed to the Upper Classmen.

Pennies in SAMIs - SAMIs are long and boring, so entertain yourself by rolling or throwing pennies into the rooms across the hall. An advanced form of this entertainment is to heat the penny with a lighter, then throw it, waiting for a yelp when a neighbor picks up the hot penny. Note: We also used R/C cars. A variation is to race into your alcove mates' room and open the bolts on their rifles. They may be able to silently close them, but they'll never get 'em "clicked off" again without attracting attention!

PFT - Physical Fitness Test. Required by all Cadets each year at least once, twice if a Cadet does not get a high enough score in the fall. PFT includes pull-ups, sit-ups, push-ups, broad jump, and 600 yard run. To get a 500 is to "Max" the PFT. In the past, if a Cadet were to Max the PFT, that Cadet would be exempt from ever taking it again. Cadets also run a 1.5 mile run for time and can Max it also.

Picture in your service cap - As a Doolie, put your high school girlfriend's picture in your service cap. Doolies do not put a picture of a fighter jet in their service caps; they are YEARS away from touching any aircraft.

Pimp - To act without consideration of others; for example, taking the last donut while others watch. Also known as "Pimping" your Classmate. Anytime a Cadet, more specifically a Fourth Classman, blames another Classmate for what is his/her personal fault, or does something to get another Classmate in trouble. The least desirable trait seen in a Doolie.

Polaris - The North Star. The symbol and name of the Cadet Year Book. A memorial that looks like a "Roach Clip." The memorial was located behind the Chapel, but now is at the cemetery. Over the years it was made to look like a "Roach Clip" by placing a "cigarette" between the two polished aluminum tongs.

Pop Off - An untruth uttered during a stressful time.

Post - An order signifying to a subordinate that their presence is no longer desired. To be quiet.

Posts/Toasts - At the end of meals, Fourth Classmen were told to "post" and excuse themselves with a song or poem after getting up from their seats and standing at attention at the end of the table. "Excuse me please, Good Afternoon Sir/Ma'am-roses are red, violets are blue." Fourth Classmen have to propose a toast (signifies everyone has been served) before ANYONE can begin eating at the table.

PTB - Powers That Be (USAFA Administration)

PQ - Pilot Qualified. A Cadet who is qualified to attend pilot training. This is a cherished and guarded condition since most Cadets want to fly. To lose one's PQ can be devastating. Cadets are warned when they roughhouse that "It's all fun and games until someone loses their PQ."

Prep School - The USAFA Preparatory School-located next to the Community Center at the Academy.

Press On- Continue.

Pro - Short for probation.

Probations - Academic (under 2.0, an F, or two D's), military (under 2.0 MPA), a large amount of demerits, PFT (fail the minimum pushups, pull-ups, sit-ups, jump, 600 yd run and/or the 1.5 mile run). Additionally, there is honor probation. A Cadet stays on probation until he or she is no longer deficient (i.e., above a 2.0 or pass the PFT).

Prog - A progress report. Issued during mid-semester to report grades.

Prop and Wings - Worn on all recognized Cadets' flight caps. As Doolies, Fourth Classmen are not recognized as Cadets by the Upper Class. Some time in their second semester after Hell Week, or Recognition Training, the Fourth Class are recognized and given their prop and wings. The prop and wings date back to the Army Air Corps and were worn on an airman's collar. Cadets with a relative who served in the Army Air Corps or Air Force have gold wings on their prop and wings.

Protestors on the Chapel Wall - This tends to be a yearly event and they would chain themselves to the chapel doors and make general pains of themselves. One year a cadet in Sijan Hall facing the chapel cranked his speakers out the window and played the Green Beret song over and over. One famous rumor is that of a protestor yelling down from the Chapel Wall to a cadet on the terrazzo "How can you kill

innocent women and children?" A Doolie was braced walking the lines and smartly swiveled his head to the right and yelled back "aim lower and lead less".

R/K Squadron - During BCT there is a special squadron and cadre that wear an ascot with a big R (for retraining) on it and act like the police of BCT. They are highly "feared" and when Basics have a major attitude or effort problem they are "retrained" in R Squadron. R Squadron was disbanded. Initially R squadron was called K squadron, because there were ten squadrons A-J, K was the next and least desirable to be a member.

Rack - That piece of furniture in a Cadet's room with magical luring powers (BED).

Ralph - Unofficial lesser deity in charge of bad weather. Cadets would often pray to Ralph when an IRI or parade was scheduled for the coming weekend.

Ramp - The paved surface that looks like a driveway from the officer's parking lot up to the terrazzo level. Also a parking area for airplanes.

Ramps - Special dining tables for Athletes.

Rated- An officer qualified to fly or navigate military airplanes.

Recognition - The point at which Fourth Classmen are accepted into the Cadet Wing at large.

Restriction - A disciplinary status imposed on Cadets which limits their movements within the Cadet area. Restricted Cadets are permitted to attend on-base religious services, a daily two-hour period of workout/athletic activities, and a daily two-hour period at the Cadet library. The length of restriction can vary from one weekend up to six months.

Returning to USAFA - A universal feeling all cadets experience returning to USAFA after summer, Christmas, and Spring Breaks. The feeling is not one of anticipation or excitement, but one of dread.

Reveille - Bugle call that serves to wake up Cadets.

Ring dance - At the end of the second Class year there is a dinner/dance/ball where second Classmen receive their Class rings. Pictures with dates are taken in a large Class ring. Also, Cadets are not supposed to touch their rings before they are christened in

champagne. This requires a Cadet's date to take the ring out of its box and places it into a glass of champagne. Cadets then drink the glass to get to their ring. Cadets then put on their rings, ignore their dates, and run around showing their Classmates 1000 identical rings (except for stones). As a Cadet, one should wear the ring with the Class crest inward, towards your heart, showing that USAFA is your priority. Once you graduate turn the ring around and put the AF crest closer to your heart and show everyone you are a USAFA graduate.

Risner Trophy - The main statue sits in the Air Gardens on the Terrazzo and is given to the Top Fighter Pilot in the Air Force each year. Doolies are unofficially in charge of polishing a portion of Risner's statue in tribute to and representative of Brigadier General Robbie Risner's display of guts and bravery as a fighter pilot in combat and as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Running the power lines - Running the hilly and rough dirt roads under the power lines that make up the west border of USAFA.

Running to the Roadrunner out by Jack's - The place isn't called the Roadrunner anymore. Every year, some brave basics who crave real food try to hike east out of Jack's Valley to the gas station on I-25. Some make it, but most either get lost or get caught.

Run to the Rock - A traditional formation run by First and Fourth Class Cadets signifying the unity of the oldest and newest Classes at the Academy. It occurs sometime in the spring. Doolies run to the rock (Cathedral Rock in Jack's Valley) to get their Class rock at the end of Hell Week or Recognition Training. While the Doolies are gone, third Classmen clean their rooms and iron their uniforms for the recognition ceremony.

"S" - Definitions of USAFA Acronyms, Terms, Slang, & Traditions

SAMI - Saturday A.M. Inspection. Pronounced "Sammy." The big room inspection of the week. All members of the Cadet Wing stand in their rooms at parade rest while squadron, group, and wing staffs inspect rooms for an hour. Prior to the mid 1980s, preparing for inspection included waxing and buffing of floors for the three lower classes. Until 1978, Firsties had to buff their floors too--after that, Firsties were allowed carpet. In the mid 1980's the entire wing started receiving carpet in the rooms, deleting the need for buffers.

SAR -Squadron Assembly Room.

SCA - Scheduling Committee Action.

School Colors - blue and silver.

Scramble- Get ready in the shortest possible time.

SCRB – Pronounced “scrub”. Squadron Commander's Review Board. A fact-finding and evaluation prior to a Military Review Committee.

Screaming out your window - To relieve the pressures of the day, especially during finals week, some Cadets yell out their window at Taps. Also, screaming out famous movie quotes is popular like, "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore!" or, "IHTFP (which nicely stands for I'm Here To Fly Planes.)"

SDO- Squadron Duty Officer. A Firstie who stays in the Cadet area during his time of duty to handle emergencies that may arise.

Sending Doolies to get extra portions in Mitch's - This is a fun way to let the waiters contribute to the hazing of Doolies. No waiter will ever admit that he has extra food, and the Doolies will have to walk all over Mitch's looking for food. Be sure to train the Doolies that walk by your table for gazing.

SERE - Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape was started in the late 1960s and ended in 1995. The purpose was to prepare all graduates for survival after a crash/shoot down and how to avoid and/or survive capture behind enemy lines. All third classmen (during their second summer at USAFA) would spend three weeks in training and running around the Rocky Mountains. Currently, it has been shortened to CST (Combat Survival Training), and does not include resistance and escape. All rated graduates must now attend Fairchild before heading to an operational flying unit.

Serial numbers of your weapons - M1 carbines with leaded barrels had both a serial number and stock number Basics/Doolies had to memorize. This is a long military tradition making a soldier responsible for his weapon. The rubber M-16s have serial numbers too, so it is time to reestablish this tradition.

Service Cap on Chapel Spires - Rumor is if the Doolie Class can get a service cap on top of a Chapel spire the class will be recognized early.

Service Dress – Uniform consisting of a light blue shirt and tie, and a

blue jacket and pants. Worn with either the flight cap or the wheel cap.

Shower drills - The shower nozzles are turned on full hot and full cold, alternately. Doolies are allowed ten seconds under each nozzle. When they get out, they are sprayed with baby powder.

Sick Call Commando- A Cadet who knows the Dispensary personnel by their first names.

Sick Call Rangers - A small group of Cadets who manage to be on Sick Call whenever there is something strenuous required, especially the PFT.

Sijan Hall - The newest dorm to the south of the Terrazzo. Before Capt Lance P. Sijan's family received his Congressional Medal of Honor and before Sijan Hall was named Sijan Hall, it was simply known as the "New Dorm."

Sister Service Exchanges - Held during the summer and first semester as a second classman. Approximately four cadets are chosen to attend West Point, Annapolis, or Coast Guard for a semester. Additionally, cadets can go to exchange training programs during the summer: RECONDO and Jungle Warfare School - pretend to be a grunt for three weeks; better know as AF appreciation training. BUDS - Three weeks of Navy SEAL training for those who can swim well and like spending three weeks in cold water. Bull Dog - Six weeks of officer candidate training at Quantico, VA. Cadets who go Bull Dog have made a commitment to the Commandant of the Marine Corps that they will cross commission.

SLAMI - Like a SAMI, but everything in the Doolies' rooms ends up on the floor.

Sledding - During the winter you have to use the trays from Mitch's, gigantic metal fruit bowls, or cushions from the SAR. The hill behind Sijan and the big hill going down to the athletic fields are good for sledding.

Sleeping in the F-104 - Legend had it that Cadet Lance P. Sijan (65') spent a night in the tailpipe of the F-104. Fact is, the F-104 showed up two years after Sijan graduated, about the time he was in Southwest Asia earning his Congressional Medal of Honor. The true story that led to the legend, is as follows: "My dad graduated the Academy from Squadron One in 1972. About last February when I was a senior in High School he told me a story about how he spent the night in the

fuselage of the F-104. I didn't appreciate what an accomplishment this was, back then, because I had no idea that the F-104 was located out on the terrazzo, or even what the terrazzo was. I just thought it was funny.

Apparently, back then they didn't have the fuselage plugged up like they have them now. He took some blankets inside, crawled in, and fell asleep. The next morning he awoke to Reveille. He climbed out of the airplane and ran back to his squadron as the "Doolies" were calling minutes. In the yearbook for 1972 on page 321 with the squadron picture of the Firsties from 1 there is a caption, "Did [Cadet X] ever climax a more perfect mission in an F-104?"

Sleeping on the floor before a SAMI so you don't mess up hospital corners - The night before a SAMI, at least half of the cadets in the wing sleep on their floor.

Slug - A lesser form of life who attempts to refuse to accept full responsibility for his or her own action, usually leaving a trail of slime for others to clean up, thus earning the utter disgust of all forthright Cadets. Someone who doesn't measure up.

SMACK - Soldier, Minus Ability, Coordination, and Knowledge. A frequent reference to Fourth Class Cadets.

Smack packs- Issued book bags the Doolies carry their books around in.

Smoker's Nights - Before DOD regulation of no smoking in government buildings, the Cadet Wing would have smoker's night for spirit. They were generally held on Thursday nights before football games. Usually, Mitchell Hall would serve a special menu like surf and turf, Cadets would smoke cigars, Doolies would have spirit rallies, and upperclassman could dress in whatever they liked.

Soaring - USAFA has a "soar for all" program so every cadet has the opportunity to fly/solo in a glider. The majority of Soaring IPs are cadets who can also perform in soaring competitions.

SOD - Senior Officer of the Day. A Firstie in charge of the Operations Center.

SOP - Standard Operating Procedure. Equivalent of "It's always been done like this."

SP - Sponsor Pass. Pass used to visit sponsor family. Also means

Security Police, the Air Force law enforcement agency.

Spirit Cheese - Cheese slices thrown in Mitchell Hall to celebrate an upcoming football game.

Spirit Dinners - Showing spirit at dinners by dressing up and supporting the football team or a class. Sometimes freshmen dress up like freaks. They usually end up in food fights, and the entire wing gets restricted.

Spirit Hill- The big hill area in the middle of the Terrazzo. Cadets can "take the hill" located in the middle of terrazzo to show their spirit during noon meal formation. The hill's origin is not a command bunker or UFO, but left over dirt from the construction of Sijan Hall.

Spirit Mission - Cadet activities used to demonstrate support for athletics and for individual Squadrons.

Sputnik - Throw an apple back and forth to each other and across tables and trying to stick a fork in it each time.

Squadron - Consists of 4 flights, about 110 cadets. There are 40 squadrons at the Academy.

Squadron rock (for recognition) - Third classmen find a rock and paint it with the fourth class color, paint the squadron patch, and sometimes with Doolie names on the rock and put it out at Cathedral Rock. Doolies run out at the end of Hell Week/Recognition Training and find their rock and carry it back to the squadron in blankets (usually 200+ pounds).

Squadron Shuffle - Squadron change between class years.

Square Root Club - If the square root of your GPA or MPA is higher than your actual GPA/MPA.

Staff Tower- A raised portion of the Cadet dining hall where Wing Staff and any visiting dignitaries eat.

Stairway to Heaven - A training session, only more vertical. The bottom of the stairwell is hell, where three or four of the toughest upperclassmen let loose on a couple of Doolies at a time. On the 6th floor, Doolies are put at rest.

Stay Down - A command used by Upper Classmen towards Fourth Classmen or Officers to all Cadets when the higher ranking individual

enters a room and the subordinates start to stand up. A little more hierarchical than the "as you were" or "please stay seated" from the "real" Air Force.

Steaks & Baked Potatoes in Jack's Valley -

During the early '80s, Mitch's would serve up some awesome grub during Jack's Valley. Unless you were a total Tie-Up, even the Basics would get to eat a rather healthy portion of these excellent T-bones and rib eyes.

Stealth Cadet- Cadet no where to be found.

Stop Out - A program that allowed cadets between their third and second class years to take a year off from the Academy. They continue to carry the green card with orders that allow them to use military transportation while they contemplate a career in the Air Force.

Stract - Super military to excess. Real gungho, sharp, and unyielding on strong duty conscious views. When excessive, a GEEK.

Superintendent - The most senior officer at the Academy. This Officer is responsible for all elements of a Cadets training and education.

Superintendent's, Commandant's, Dean's Ball - Each class is required to attend one ball a year at Arnold Hall-in mess dress, receiving line, etc.

SUP'S List- Superintendent's List. The award for academic, military, and athletic performance. Must be on the Dean's List, the Commandant's List and the Athletic List. Signified by a "Star inside a Wreath with two Lightning Bolts below" worn on the left breast pocket. Often referred to as the "God's Pin."

Swearing in as a 2LT - Done by Squadrons the morning of or evening (after mid-night) before Graduation. Each First Class Cadet has a special Officer, active or retired, friend or family, swear them in as Officers. Then, girlfriend, fiancées, mothers, and/or sisters pin on the butter bars. Done in Mess Dress at a location at USAFA.

Swearing in as a cadet - This is done during one of the first days of Inprocessing during BCT. The Basic Cadet is in the Regular Air Force, and is subject to the UCMJ.

"T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, & Misc" - Definitions of USAFA Acronyms, Terms, Slang, & Traditions

Table Comm- A Firstie or Second Class Cadet who sits at the head of the dining table in Mitchell Hall and maintains proper behavior during the meals.

TACAN-Tactical Air Navigation.

Tail-End Charlie - Back when Graduation was done by Order of Merit, each Graduate would put a silver dollar into a bowl as he received his diploma. The last Graduate, known as "Tail-End Charlie", would get all the money. This practice was discontinued when too many Cadets "competed" to be tail-end Charlie by lowering their GPA to a point where a few did not Graduate.

Take your picture in places you shouldn't be -

Self-explanatory: the Commandants office, on his desk, or in his uniform are favorites.

Taking the hill - At noon meal formation, for various "spirit" reasons (Parents' Weekend, etc), Classes break formation and "take the hill" that is located near the southeast corner of the grass center of the Terrazzo. Usually this is at the dismay of the "higher ups". Cadets yell and act motivated, and, if done right, it will disrupt noon meal formation to the point that the entire Wing will get to walk to lunch like normal people.

Taps - The mournful tune that signifies the end of the day for some Cadets and the time to start studying for others.

TDY -Temporary Duty. Leaving one's home base and going to another for some temporary assignment.

Terrazzo - The Upper parade area which is enclosed by Fairchild, Vandenberg, Sijan, and Harmon halls, covered with concrete and marble strips.

Terrazzo 15 - Most would equate this to the "freshmen 15" that hits many freshmen in all college settings. However, this specific affliction affects Cadets in their third Class year. It is the result of being exposed to 3000 calories a day with a corresponding decrease in physical activity that can occur after the Fourth Class year.

Terrazzo Freezing - On a sub-freezing night, open the fire hydrants on the terrazzo to form a sheet of ice... by morning, prevents the Wing from marching.

Terrazzo Golf - Hitting glow in the dark golf balls back and forth

across the Terrazzo at night.

Terrazzo Sailing - On windy nights, procure a laundry or moving cart and a bed sheet. Go out to the Terrazzo and sail away. Teams of two usually work better than individuals.

"The bird " - When they give someone The Bird on the staff tower, the wing says, "The bird."

Thunderbirds at Graduation - Weather permitting, the Thunderbirds have performed at USAFA Graduations since 196?. Note: They missed performing at the 1982 Graduation because of their 5-ship formation crash in the T-38s during a practice show at Nellis. The team stood down most of that year and started fresh in the F-16 the following season.

Top-off/3rd Lt - A condition in which Firsties are given more freedom to reward them for three and a half years of hard work and help prepare them for the normal life as an officer. This freedom has gone as far as having to only report for duty (formations, Classes, athletics, etc.) and the rest of the time a Firstie can be wherever he or she chooses. Top-off is given by the Commandant, usually some time during the second semester. The more the Commandant is impressed with the Firsties the sooner, the less impressed, later, or never. Apparently this began with the Class of 1980, and then ended with the Class of 1996. And came back around 2007.

Touch and Go - Take out dinner from Mitchell Hall.

Tours/Confinements - Tour: one hour marching back and forth on the Terrazzo in service dress with a rifle, currently a rubber M-16 (until 1991 was a 12 pound M-1 with lead filled barrel) - the ultimate punishment especially when dozens are awarded a transgressor. Confinement - an hour and 50 minutes sitting at your desk in your room, wearing service dress, with the door open -no sleeping, music, etc. Twice as long as a tour, but studying can be accomplished. The amount of time required to accomplish a tour or confinement has fluctuated over the years as has the amount that can be accomplished in a weekend.

Training on the Terrazzo - The same as physical training anywhere, but yelling and/or gauntlets on the terrazzo. An inspiring sight from the Chapel Wall to veterans.

Trash Hauler - Pilot of a non-fighter aircraft with more than one

engine, a transport pilot.

Triple Centurion - 1LT Karl Richter - Rumor has it that Air Force Cross recipient 1LT Karl Richter, a 1964 graduate, was a triple centurion on the tour pad. This helps the people marching lots of tours rationalize that they can still be a great pilots and/or heroes.

Triple Threat -A SAMI or IRI, parade and football game all in one day. Having three military formations or training sessions on a Saturday.

Tunnels - Tunnels underneath the Cadet area that are suppose to reach to Cheyenne Mountain, four lane road, bomb shelter, mortuary, etc.

TWOC -Training Wing Operations Center. Located in Vandenberg Hall on the Terrazzo level near the top of the former "Bring Me Men" ramp.

Two pairs of underwear/undershirts with cardboard (from your drawer) - You receive issue undergarments when you arrive and put two sets on card board for inspection. Save these and wear one when you graduate and the other when you get married.

UC - Unarmed combat, aka Mortal Combat.

UCI - Unit Compliance Inspection. USAFA as a whole is inspected every 3 years.

UCMJ -Uniform Code of Military Justice. The code of laws under which all military personnel live.

UFT/AFSC Selection - Second semester of their Firstie year, cadets pick, by order of merit, their UFT base, class, or AFSC.

UIF - Unfavorable information file.

Under Arms- Carrying a rifle.

UOD - Uniform of the Day.

Upper Class -Cadets in the 3rd, 2nd and 1st Classes; sometimes referred to as 3 Degrees, 2 Degrees and Firsties.

UPT -Undergraduate Pilot Training.

USAFA-Pronounced "You-Soffa." The United States Air Force Academy.

Vandenberg Hall - Called "Vandy". The older dormitory on the north

side of the Cadet area.

VOQ- Visiting Officer's Quarters.

Waiters - Doolies are told the only people they out rank are the waiters in Mitchell Hall. Doolies must know the Waiter's name to repeat when asked by the Upper Classmen. It is rumored that waiters in Mitch's are in the Witness Protection Program. A favorite waiter is George Mendez, who was in the Special Forces in Vietnam. His claim to fame is that he said that the Cadet wing improved when they allowed women in, because the guys started smelling better. Waiters always tell Doolies that Mitchell Hall is out of water.

Waldo F. Dumbsquat - "Perpetual" Doolie at the Academy-has never been recognized or done anything right.

War Memorial - List of all USAFA Graduates that have died in combat.

Water Haze -Derogatory term for the mandatory water survival course.

Wearing colored underwear under Parade Uniform - Try to get away with wearing underwear with stripes, dots, Mickey Mouse, or some other design on them. Usually it would end up being the "cool" boxers your girlfriend gave you that you never wore otherwise. Of course, since the parade pants are white, (and usually very tight, since you were fitted for them during Beast), you could see the design/color of your underwear fairly easily. Someone finally caught on to this and they started announcing that you had to wear your "tighty-whiteys."

WHITLY - "We Had It Tougher Last Year"

Wind - USAFA is known for its high winds. A favorite announcement from Command Post during high winds is that anyone under 190 pounds or so must be accompanied by two heavier Cadets on the Terrazzo, the bridges to Fairchild are off limits, or people must travel in pairs, etc.

Wing Open boxing - Cadets box until there are two Cadets left in each weight Class and there is a Wing open boxing night. These Cadets can go on to NCAA or Military Service Academy fights/tournaments.

Wing Tailgates - Before football games, Mitch's would put on a tailgate of burgers and 3.2 beer for the Cadet wing. Cadets would get rowdy and sick from the beer, canceling these tailgates in the late

1980's. The idea of spirit cheese was born of the combination of these tailgates and leftover cheese for the cheeseburgers. Now each Squadron has a tailgate before the football games.

WKL- Weekend Leave.

Zoo - Nickname for USAFA. Also known as the "Blue Zoo" because visitors look down from the Chapel Wall at all the cadets in blue.

Zoomie -That term by which a Cadet is commonly known among jealous civilians. Also a USAFA graduate.

2% Club - Those Cadets who manage to date their High School Sweetheart through their Cadet years and still marry them after Graduation.

80% Club – Those Cadets that get married within a few weeks of Graduation (not necessarily their High School Sweethearts) and are divorced within a year.

17 Spires of the Chapel - Supposedly they represent the 12 Disciples and the five Joint Chiefs of Staff. However, it was supposed to be an even 20, but USAFA ran out of money while building the Chapel.

100s night - When Firsties have 100 days until Graduation, there is usually a Dining-In, followed by much revelry off base. While the Firsties are gone, Doolies trash their rooms in creative ways.

500s Night - A somewhat pathetic version of hundreds night, but for second Classmen with well over a year to Graduation. They can have a dinner and 4^os "decorate" their rooms.

1000s night - A very pathetic version of hundreds night, but for three degrees with almost three years remaining before Graduation, can be a dinner and 4^os "decorate" their rooms.