

21st USAF ACADEMY CADET SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

USAF Academy, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj William S. Reader, Jr.-USA, 1961

Maj Lawrence J. Rooney

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

The emblem is a disc with two playing cards, the Ace of Spades on top of the Jack of Spades, centered on a green field. The white numerals "21" are beneath the cards and the emblem is surrounded by a black border. The circular patch shows two playing cards, the ace of spades on top of the jack of spades, centered on a green field. The white numerals "21" sit beneath the cards. The ace and jack of spades form the winning combination of twenty-one in the card game, Black Jack, thus they note both the squadron's number and nickname. This winning hand

symbolizes the ingredients of character necessary to attain success: skill, spirit, ability, and fellowship. Designed in 1963, by cadet Grant D. Callin, class of 1963.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Black Jack

OPERATIONS

The mission of the USAF Academy is to educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.

The cadet student body is designated the Cadet Wing. The wing is composed of four groups consisting of 10 squadrons each, with about 110 cadets assigned to a squadron. Each squadron consists of members of all four classes.

The United States Air Force Academy offers a four-year program of instruction and experience designed to provide cadets the knowledge and character essential for leadership, and the motivation to serve as Air Force career officers. Each cadet graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Cadets are exposed to a balanced curriculum that provides a general and professional foundation essential to a career Air Force officer. Special needs of future Air Force officers are met by professionally oriented courses, including human physiology, computer science, economics, military history, astronautics, law and political science.

The core curriculum includes courses in science, engineering, social sciences and humanities. Cadets take additional elective courses to complete requirements for one of 25 major areas of study. About 60 percent of the cadets complete majors in science and engineering; the other 40 percent graduate in the social sciences and humanities. Some of the most popular majors include management, astronautical engineering, international affairs and political science, history, behavioral science, civil engineering, aeronautical engineering, electrical engineering and engineering mechanics.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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