

26th USAF ACADEMY CADET SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

USAF Academy, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Cpt George R. Durham, 1967

Cpt Donald D. White

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

The emblem depicts Snoopy wearing a gold World War I flying helmet and sitting on his sliver dog house atop a bright green hill. The large red numeral "26" is displayed on a blue sky above Snoopy. White clouds form above the numerals. "BARONS" is written in red letters at the bottom of the emblem. Charles Schulz' familiar comic strip character was chosen because of his doggedness in getting the job done--despite constant setback in his pursuit of the Red Baron. Snoopy continually comes back for more, setting a fine example for the cadets of the 26th. The emblem also represents the Air Force's air power heritage and contains the four class colors.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Barons

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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