

27th USAF ACADEMY CADET SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

USAF Academy, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Kenneth R. Lawrence, 1967

Cpt Anthony J. Burshnick

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

The central item of the emblem is a fierce representation of a Thunderbird on a black bordered triangular field of silver. The triangle sits on a blue, white-bordered, circular field. The Thunderbird, bright yellow and outlined in royal blue, has three black concentric triangles superimposed on his chest. The numeral "27" is emblazoned on the bird's tail feathers, directly below the triangles. The thunderbird, a symbol to the early Native Americans inhabiting Colorado, ruled the skies. Since it could produce thunder, lightning and rain, the Thunderbird

represents the Air Force's dominance of the skies. The silver triangle is a stylized aircraft and the three concentric triangles represent three cubed, or twenty-seven. The emblem contains the four academy colors to represent the unity of the wing. Emblem designed by Donald S. Bowers, Jr., class of 1970.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Thunderbirds

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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