



**Introducing the Legacy
Class of 1776**

And

**Appointees to the
Class of 2026**





USAFA Association of Graduates Legacy Class Program

- The Legacy Class program pairs the incoming class with the class that entered 50 years before them.
- The Legacy Class offers welcome and encouragement to the paired class as they journey to graduation and membership in the Long Blue Line.
- The USAFA Class of 1976 is honored to be the Legacy Class for 2026.

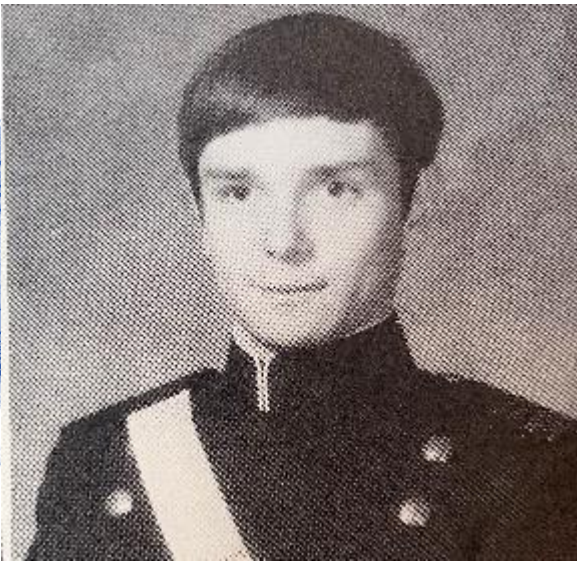


Meet the Bicentennial Class of 1976

- The Class of 1976 was the 18th graduating class from USAFA – 2026 will be the 68th
- The U.S. Air Force, founded in 1947, was only 25 years new
- Our Academy, founded in 1954, is the newest of the Service Academies
- Last US ground troops leave Vietnam in Aug. In Oct, Operation Linebacker ends after 5 months of US bombing of N. Vietnam and US starts turning over bases to S. Vietnam
- **1,507** classmates (men only) started July 3, 1972, and **926** graduated June 2, 1976
- Class Motto – Spirit of 76
- Post Graduate Scholarships: 2 Rhodes, 2 Fullbrights, 8 Guggenheims, 2 Olmsteds
- Distinguished Graduates: **Gen (Ret) Kevin Chilton**, Commander U.S. Strategic Command, only Astronaut to reach 4 Star rank; **Gen (Ret) Mark Welch**, 20th USAF Chief of Staff; **Chris Inglis**, BG (Ret) in AF Reserves, Deputy Director National Security Agency, presently serving as 1st National Cyber Director. Other; **Lt Gen (Ret) Mike Gould** -18th Superintendent of US Air Force Academy

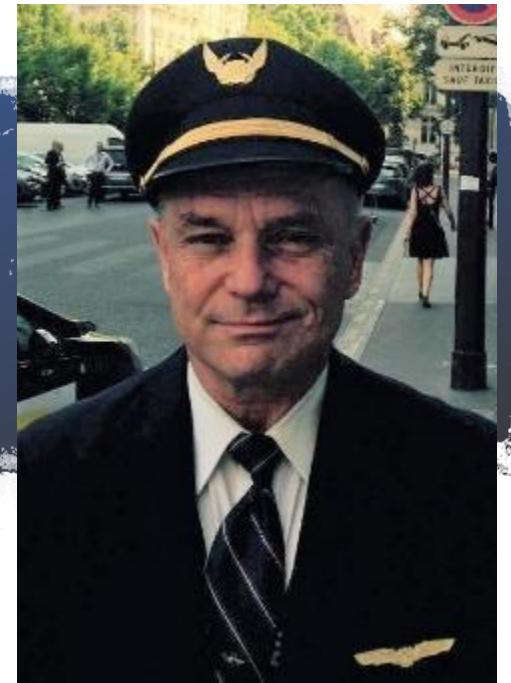
Off We Went...

- As appointees, we had resumes much like the incoming Class of 2026.
 - Scholarship, athleticism, community service, leadership
- All of us were willing to serve.
 - Some knew they wanted to be pilots, astronauts, engineers, doctors.
 - Many were finding their way.
 - We knew USAFA was a great opportunity, but many of us could not have imagined then how things would turn out.
- Hopefully, the following introductions will help you imagine the possibilities and offer encouragement as you start BCT.



Raymond Brunelle

Lt Col (Ret.) USAF



- **High School:** Quaboag Regional HS / Warren Mass
- **Active Duty:** USAF 1976 – 1997 Command and Instructor Pilot
 - Following Undergraduate Pilot Training, flew 4,400 hours in T-37, T-38, KC-135 and KC-10
 - Combat flight operations during Grenada Campaign, First Gulf War and the Somalia Civil War
 - Assistant Air Attaché to US Embassy, Paris, France, along with several other NATO assignments in Europe
 - AF Commander, Joint Task Force Bravo, Soto Cano AB, Honduras
 - AFROTC Commander & Professor; Manhattan College, NY
 - MA, International Relations, USC
 - MA, National Security Affairs, Naval Postgrad School
- **Civilian career:** 1997 – 2019 Continental and United Airlines Pilot
 - Logged over 18,000 flying hours in Boeing 737, 757, 767 and 777
- **Thoughts on USAFA/Graduation/Active Duty**
 - Highly challenging and gratifying experience which enabled me to develop skillsets, leadership qualities, and moral compass to fully embrace Air Force's core values — INTEGRITY FIRST, SERVICE ABOVE SELF, EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO.



John P. Kane

Lt Col (Ret.) USAF



- **High School:** Sodus Central School / Sodus, NY
- **USAFA Prep School** 1971 - 72
- **Active Duty:** USAF 1976 – 1997 Command Pilot, Instructor and Stand-Eval
 - During AF career flew T-33, F-106, F-16 & F-15 in Air Defense Command, Tactical Air Command and Air Combat Command
 - Temporary Duty assignments: Soesterberg Air Base, Holland; Keflavik NAS Iceland and Bodo MAS, Norway
 - Operations Group Commander for 102D Fighter Wing, Otis ANGB, MA
- **Civilian career:** 1997 – 2018 United Airlines Pilot
 - Logged over 25,000 Flight Hours in Airbus A320, Boeing 737, 757 & 767
- **Thoughts on USAFA/Graduation/Active Duty**
 - Couldn't have accomplished any of this without being able to throw my hat up in the air on Graduation Day-2 June '76.



Sean M. Kelly Major (Ret.) USAF



- **High School:** Westfield High School / Westfield, NJ
- **Active Duty:** USAF 1976 – 1983 Aircraft Maintenance Officer
 - F-111 at Mountain Home AFB ,Idaho ; F-4 at Galena AFB, Alaska ; F-4 at Seymour Johnson AFB , NC
 - SOS at Maxwell AFB , Alabama
- **USAF Reserve:** 1983 – 1996 IMA Individual Mobilization Augmentee (this was a part time reserve position augmenting an active duty unit)
 - FB-111 at Pease AFB, NH : B-52 at Barksdale AFB La; B-1 at Grand Forks AFB ND; KC-135 at Plattsburg AFB,NY
- **Civilian career:** 1983 – 2016 Raytheon Company
 - Manufacturing , Supply Chain and IT
- **Thoughts on USAFA/Graduation/Active Duty**
 - Take every opportunity to participate and utilize all that this institution has to offer. Participation/teamwork will develop relationships that will last a life time
 - Embrace the challenges

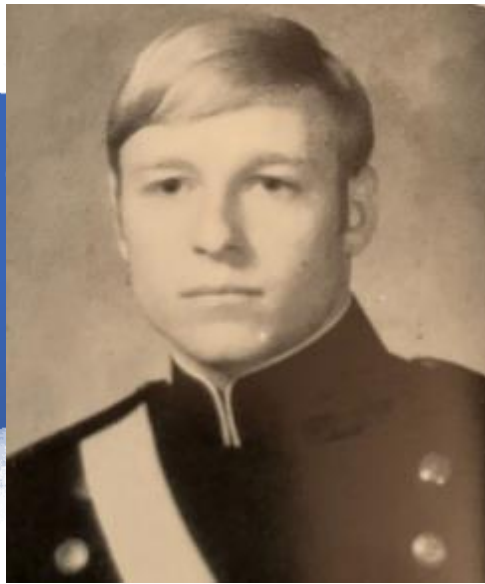


Craig Moser

Lt Col (Ret.) USAF



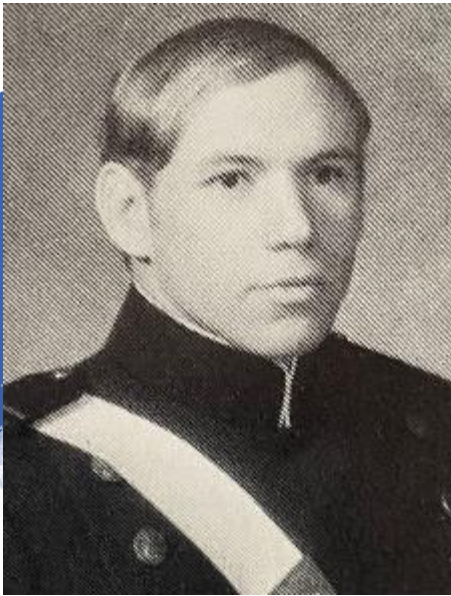
- **High School:** Liverpool High School / Liverpool, NY
- **Active Duty:** USAF 1976 – 1997 Command Pilot, Instructor/ Evaluator, Test & Evaluation
 - Undergraduate Pilot Training 3,500 flying hours in 31 different aircraft (Test Pilot School)
 - F-4 Multi Role/Nuclear Alert Pilot
 - O-2A/OA-37 Forward Air Controller
 - F-16 Multi Role Pilot, F-16/AFTI F-16 Test Pilot
- **Civilian career:** 1997 – 2020 United Airlines Pilot
 - Logged over 21,000 flying hours in Airbus A-320, Boeing 737, 757 and 767 First Officer
- **Thoughts on USAFA/Graduation/Active Duty**
 - The Academy, with all its amazing opportunities (academics, choir/trips, mandatory athletics), and yes, at times, its difficulties which will make you contemplate resigning, launched me on a 20 of 21 year flying career that I only dreamed of as a boy in Liverpool looking up and watching the Boys from Syracuse Air National Guard Unit fly T-33/F-86 instrument approaches into Hancock Field.



Allen Patriquin Major (Ret.) USAF

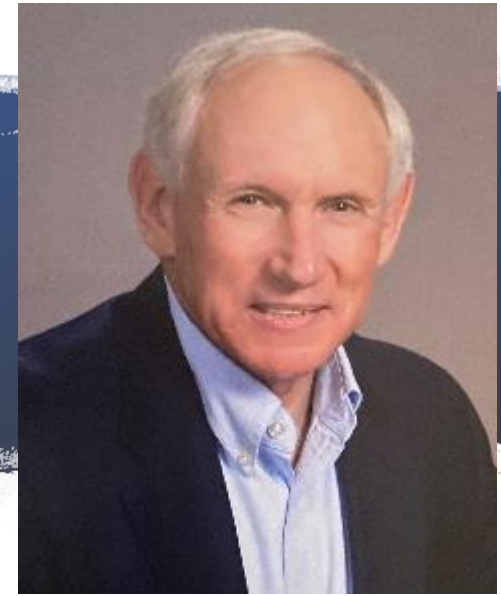


- **High School:** Macdonald High School / Baie d'Urfé, Québec
- **Active Duty:** USAF 1976 – 1995 Command Pilot, Instructor, Evaluator, Test & Evaluation
 - Undergraduate Pilot Training 3,326 flying hours in T-37, T-38, F-4, F-5 and AT-38B
 - NATO Exchange Staff Officer / Canadian Air Command HQ
- **Civilian career:** 1997 – 2020 Delta Airlines Pilot
 - Logged over 17,202 flying hours in Boeing 727, 757, 767 and 777
- **Thoughts on USAFA/Graduation/Active Duty**
 - I went to USAFA to fly, but it gave me so much more. There will be academic, military and social challenges to overcome - and each one will help build confidence in your ability to succeed. You will also forge some of the greatest friendships that will last your lifetime.
 - Just remember, "Don't volunteer!" and have a sense of humor



Randy Reynolds

Lt Col (Ret.) USAF



- **High School / Hometown:** Sikeston High School / Sikeston, MO • **USAFA Prep School 1971 - 72**
- **Active Duty:** USAF 1976 – 2000
 - Missile Launch Officer, MBA U of Missouri; Whiteman AFB, MO • AFROTC Instructor at GA Tech
 - Cruise Missile Mission Planning Systems Chief; HQ Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, NE
 - Acquisition Test & Evaluation, Executive Officer, Defense Systems Management College, Air Staff; Washington, DC
 - Acquisition Program Office Director for Aircraft Countermeasures Systems; Hanscom AFB, MA
- **Civilian career:** 2000 – 2016 BAE Systems
 - Business Development, Program Manager & Tech Director for IR and RF countermeasure systems
- **Thoughts on USAFA:**
 - Opportunity of a life-time for small town MO kid. There will be challenges and opportunities that “stretch” you. Embrace them even though you may fall short as they will build character, leadership and strong friendships. Its amazing what focused TEAMS vs individuals can accomplish. *Keep perspective, stay humble and work hard.*

Meet the Appointees to the Class of 2026



Carleigh Brown

- Valedictorian of Dublin Christian Academy in 2021.
- Varsity volleyball and basketball and student government.
- Attended Northwestern Preparatory School on a Falcon Foundation scholarship.
- Attended an Air Force flight school for aspiring pilots; soloed in a Cessna 172.
- **Thoughts on USAFA** – “I accepted my appointment to USAFA class of 2026 last month and I couldn’t be more excited to begin at USAFA in June.”



Parker Douglas

- **High School:** Berwick Academy, ME (lives in Greenland, NH)
- Member of the cross country and baseball teams.
- Cyber competition team, math team and aviation club.
- Tutors in math, science, computer science and Mandarin
- **Thoughts on USAFA** “I plan to major in either computer science or electrical engineering and, upon commissioning, hope to enter either a cyber operations or engineering career field.”



India Jones

- Currently attending Norwich University in VT as a member of the Cadet Corps.
- Loves running and all things outdoors.
- Hopes to major in aeronautical engineering and become a pilot.
- **Thoughts on USAFA** “I am super excited to attend the USAFA and cannot wait for this summer!”



Matt Miclette

- **High School:** Trinity High School, Manchester NH. (Lives in Hooksett)
- Varsity Soccer and Lacrosse Teams - 2 year Lacrosse Captain, State Champions DIII Soccer & Lacrosse
- Key Club, National Honor Society, Campus Ministry, Peer Tutor, Boys State
- Enjoys fishing, wake surfing and weight lifting
- **Thoughts on USAFA:** "My path to USAFA has been filled with many interesting twists and turns, including accepting a West Point appointment. So I am happy with the outcome and looking forward to the challenge and the new experiences USAFA will provide me. "

Off you go...

- As you get ready to enter the Academy, the Legacy class has some final recommendations.
 - Ask parents, brothers, sisters, friends to write letters or send cards.
 - It may be old fashioned in this day of texting and Instagram, but mail call can be a high point of the day.
 - Take some post cards and stamps – write back when you can.

Congratulations

- On behalf of the Class of '76, and the members of the Granite State AOG Chapter, congratulations on your appointments to our Academy.
- The Granite State AOG community extends the offer of a listening ear or word of encouragement to you and your parents, if needed.
- For specific admissions or Academy related issues, please contact your ALO or the appropriate Academy staff.

Granite State AOG Contact

- Parents and appointees, you will certainly have many questions as your adventure at USAFA unfolds.
- You have a resource in the NH ALO community, the local AOG chapter and the Parents Club, so don't hesitate to contact us.
- The Granite State AOG contact is
 - Barbara Brennan '84
 - Email: barbbrennan'84@gmail.com
 - Phone: 603 674 3735

Go Air Force !

