

# LIST OF Acronyms and Explanation of terms used at the USAFA.

USAFA = United States Air Force Academy

IMHO = In My Humble Opinion

LOL = Laughing Out Loud

ROFLOL = Rolling on the Floor, Laughing Out Loud

IMNSHO = In My Not So Humble Opinion

:-) = Smiley face

<g> = a grin

<VBG> = a very big grin

<WEG> = Wicked Evil Grin

AOC - Air Officer Commanding, an officer in charge of a cadet squadron

AAOCA - Associate AOC for Academics, a faculty member who is academic advisor for those cadets without a major

BCT - Basic Cadet Training

BDU - Battle Dress Uniform

Beast - Basic Cadet Training

BOR - Base of the Ramp, the area at the bottom of the "Bring Me Men" ramp

Cadet Wing - Military organization of all cadets, consisting of four groups, totalling approximately 4,000 cadets

CCQ - Cadet in Charge of Quarters, squadron receptionist

CIC - Cadet in Charge

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

Comm's List - Commandant's List for outstanding cadet military performance

CST - Combat Survival Training

Dean's List - Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement

Dining-In - A formal dinner for officers, NCOs and cadets

Dining-Out - Same as Dining-In, but can bring guest

DI - Dormitory Inspection, night check for accountability

Doolie - Fourth-class cadet, equivalent to a freshman

Dodo - Underground humor magazine, for cadets only

EI - Extra Instruction

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

Firstie - First-class cadet, equivalent to a senior

Form 10 - A for to report cadet conduct, good or bad

Flight - A flight consists of three elements, about 36 cadets

GDNCO - Group duty Non-commissioned Officer

GE - Global Engagement

GR - Graded Review (an important exam)

IC - Inter-collegiate

IP - Instructor Pilot

IRI - In-Ranks Inspection

Jack's Valley - Site of encampment training during BCT

LMD - Last military duty

Mitch's - Mitchell Hall, the cadet dining hall

MAS - Military Art and Science

MPA - Military Performance Average

MTL - Military Training Leader

NCO - Non-commissioned officer

NCOIC - Non-commissioned Officer in Charge

OIC - Officer in Charge

PDP - Professional Development Program

PFT - Physical Fitness Test

PKR - Professional Knowledge Reviews

SAMI - Saturday A.M. Inspection

SDO - Squadron Duty Officer

SOD - Senior Officer of the Day, firstie in charge of the cadet wing for the day

Supt's List - Superintendent's List, for outstanding academic, military, and athletic performance

TDY - Temporary Duty

UOD - Uniform Of the Day

Upper class - Cadets in the third-, second- and first-classes

A Hall - Arnold Hall (cadet recreation center and theatre)

AcPro - a deficient academic condition (GPA below 2.0)

ACQ - academic call to quarters

Admissions Liaison Officer - active-duty, retired Air Force or Air Force Reserve volunteer who helps recruit for the Academy and helps students with the Academy application process

AFT - an aerobic fitness test (1.5-mile run)

Air Gardens - an area on the terrazzo between the flagpole and Mitchell Hall; each of the trees represents a grad who died in combat in Vietnam; forbidden area for fourth class men

ALO - Admissions Liaison Officer; active-duty, retired Air Force or Air Force Reserve volunteer who helps recruit for the Academy and helps students with the Academy application process

AMI - an a.m. inspection (refers to a high level of cleanliness for cadet rooms)

AOC - Air Officer Commanding; officers who work closely with cadets to help them achieve their potential as officer candidates

Appointee - a qualified candidate who has been offered an appointment to the Academy

Appointment - an offer of admission to a candidate

Appointment Considerations - at least 17 years old by July 1 of the year entering the Academy - not have passed 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year entering the Academy - a U.S. citizen (international students authorized admission are exempt from the U.S. citizenship requirement) - high moral character - high leadership, academic, physical and medical standards and - unmarried, with no one depending on them for support

AptPro - 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 recommends retention or dismissal)

Basic - the first 6 weeks of life at USAFA, or a person fortunate enough to be undergoing this period of "transition"

BCT - Basic Cadet Training; initial 6-week training session during the summer of fourth class man year

BDUs - battle dress uniforms (camouflaged fatigue uniforms)

Bearing - military behaviour or manner

Beast - the nickname for Basic Cadet Training (BCT)

Bird ("the Bird") - the USAFA mascot; a falcon or a gift (statue) given to visitors/guest speakers

C1C - Cadet First Class (a senior)

C2C - Cadet Second Class (a junior)

C3C - Cadet Third Class (a sophomore)

C4C - Cadet Fourth Class (a freshman)

C Store - Cadet Store (where cadets can buy books, snacks and needed supplies)

Cadet - an appointee who has been admitted to the Academy and has taken the oath of allegiance

Cadre - upperclassmen holding leadership positions

Candidate - a pre-candidate who has a nomination in an authorized category (also referred to as a nominee)

Candidate Kit - kit containing forms and information for students whose Pre-candidate Questionnaires have been received, screened and approved, including complete information about Medical Eligibility, the Physical Aptitude Exam and other necessary steps in the admissions process

Carry On - the command given to resume normal duties

CCQ - the cadet in charge of quarters (squadron representative who answers phones, takes messages, etc.)

Checkpoints - a daily listing of "must-know" knowledge for fourth class men (consists of meal menus, days until graduation for each of the three upper classes and who is senior officer of the day), also the title of a magazine published quarterly by the Association of Graduates (AOG)

CIC - the cadet in charge

Comm's List - the Commandant's List for outstanding military performance; cadets on this list wear a silver wreath showing they've earned a military performance average (MPA) of 3.0 or greater

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

ConPro - conduct probation; for cadets displaying a less-than-desired conduct

Contrails - the "bible" of fourth class men knowledge (contains USAFA heritage information, quotes and various details of USAFA life)

Cover - headgear or hat

CST - combat survival training (conducted during second summer, it emphasizes survival training)

CW - Cadet Wing

Dean's List - the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement; cadets on this list wear a silver star on their uniforms

Demerit - punishment for a military infraction

DF - the Dean of the Faculty organizations

Dining-In - a formal dinner for officers, NCOs (non-commissioned officers) and cadets

Dining-Out - same as dining-in, but guests may be invited

Doolie - fourth class man (comes from the Greek "duolos," meaning a slave)

Element - the basic unit of a squadron, about 12 cadets

Fairchild Hall - the cadet academic building

Fall In - the command given to come to the position of attention

Fall Out - the command given to release members from formation or not being able to keep up with the rest of the group (i.e., "falling out" of a formation)

First-Class Cadet - first class man or a senior

Firstie - first class men or 1-degree or senior

Flight - consists of three elements, about 36 cadets

Four-Degree - fourth class man or a freshman

Fourth-Class Cadet - a freshman

GPA - Great Point Average

GR - Graded Review (a major academic test)

Honor Guard - the USAFA rifle drill team

IP - an instructor pilot

March On - a formation marching onto the parade field or into the football stadium

Mitch's - Mitchell Hall (the cadet dining hall)

MPA - military performance average; a reflection of a cadet's military standing (similar to GPA for academics)

MRC - Military Review Committee (convened to determine military aptitude of a cadet found deficient in military performance) (see "ApPro")

MSS - Military Strategic Studies

MTL - Military Training Leader; an Air Force NCO (non-commissioned officer) who oversees military training in each cadet squadron, the MTL assists the

"AOC"

MWR - Morale, Welfare and Recreation

NCO - non-commissioned officer (a senior enlisted person)

Nomination - the selection of a pre-candidate as an official candidate for admission to the Academy by a legal nominating authority

OIC - Officer in Charge

One-Degree - first class man (a senior)

PDP - Professional Development Program

PEA - Physical Education Average, cadets with a PEA of 3.0 or higher are awarded a silver lightning bolt by the Director of Athletics

PFT - Physical Fitness Test

PKR - Professional Knowledge Review

Pre-candidate - a student interested in attending the Air Force Academy who has returned a completed application/pre-candidate questionnaire

Pre-candidate Questionnaire - the first step in the application process, interchangeable with the term "application"

Principal Nominee - a nominee whom a member of Congress ranks as first choice for an authorized vacancy

Prog - the point midway through each semester where academic grades are provided

Prop & Wings - the emblem of an upperclassman; the goal of every "doolie"

PT - Physical Training

Qualified Alternate - a qualified candidate not chosen to fill any specific nomination category but placed in a nationwide pool from which additional appointments are made to fill the entering class

Qualified Candidate - a candidate who has met all admissions requirements

Reveille - the bugle call that wakes cadets

SAMI - a Saturday morning (a.m.) inspection

SDO - Squadron Duty Officer

Second-Class Cadet - second class man or a junior

Sijan Hall - one of two cadet dormitories

Sound Off - to speak out loudly and clearly

Square Corners - one of the duties of every fourth class man or "doolie" (they must always "square" corners when walking)

Stellar - outstanding

Stract - a very military person

Supt's List - the Superintendent's List for outstanding academic, military and athletic performance, cadets on the Supt's list wear a silver

star within a wreath surrounded by two lightning bolts

Squadron - consists of three flights, about 108 cadets

Taps - the mournful tune that signifies the end of the day for cadets

TDY - Temporary Duty (any trip or official business that takes one away from his duty station)

Tentative Candidate - a pre-candidate who appears to have the potential to be a qualified candidate, based upon self-reported information

Terrazzo - the large flat area between the dormitories and other buildings in the cadet area

Third-Class Cadet - third class man or a sophomore

Three-Degree - third class man or a sophomore

Tour - 60-minutes of marching with a rifle (is "awarded" for a variety of infractions, used for disciplinary purposes)

Two-Degree - second class man or a junior

UOD - uniform of the day; the prescribed uniform ensemble cadets are required to wear for that day

Upperclassmen - members of the top three classes at USAFA (sophomores/juniors/seniors)

Vandenberg Hall - one of two cadet dormitories (also referred to as Vandy)

Zoomie - graduate or cadet at USAFA

Zoo - nickname for USAFA (i.e., the blue "zoo")