



Baltimore Chapter
Association of Graduates
U.S. Air Force Academy



Chapter News and Updates

June 2018

From the Chapter President:

This time of year is always somewhat poignant: some X number of years, we threw our hats into the air as the Thunderbirds roared overhead, celebrated with our family and friends, and then launched into a new life. Seeing USAFA in the rearview mirror, so long an ambition, became reality. Now seeing USAFA come into view in the front windshield is what we look forward to. Of course, in this age of interconnectivity, we don't have to wait for a reunion to reconnect: we have local chapters, websites, social media, and phones. The richness of alumni activity is heart warming to see. I look forward to seeing you at a future BCAOG activity!

With best regards and a Fast, Neat, Average....

Julie Ryan, '82

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Recent Activities

June is a month of transition. We have a new class of graduates and a new class beginning their journey. "June Week" fell in May this year, adding 984 new alumni to the fold. This year's ceremony featured an important milestone: the graduation of the 50,000th cadet. There are now 59 classes that populate the Long Blue Line and the engagement of the alumni

community in the efforts to advance the mission of the Academy is growing by leaps and bounds.

While we celebrate the achievement of successfully completing the Academy experience, we also pause to remember those who are no longer with us. The Air Force Academy Society of Washington DC held a ceremony at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, on May 23 to honor our fellow alumni who passed away this past year. It is sobering to reflect on the contributions of those that have passed and to consider the ways in which they made the world a better place.

Keep an eye out for new grads wherever you are — home, work, social, etc — and make an effort to reach out. One of the most important things that older grads can do for the new folks is to help them figure out how to actually make the transition successfully. Little things, like helping a new grad feel welcome to the neighborhood, can really go a long way to smoothing the transition from a highly structured environment to the real world.

On June 9th, I was privileged to meet the appointees from the greater DC area (which includes Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia), at a lunch organized by the Parents' Association of the National Capital Area (PANCA) held at Bolling AFB. The appointees were everything we have come to expect: athletes, patriots, and brainiacs. The parents were proud and just a little bit nervous. LtGen David Thompson, '85, gave the keynote address. Based on my conversations



with the appointees, it is clear that the future is in good hands.

The Interns Were Here! Guy Walsh, '79, did his usual outstanding effort in spearheading outreach to USAFA interns at Cyber Command. Besides interacting with the cadets, he enabled participation for cleared grads at the intern outbriefs on June 29 and, together with Lou Nolan, organized a baseball outing for cadets and grads. Sadly, the Orioles lost the game but a good time was had by all. Tomorrow, we are looking forward to joining the cadets at the home of one cadet's parents in Pennsylvania. CIC Al Taglieri was kind enough to extend the invitation to all USAFA grads and we are expecting to have an awesome time. Finally, Guy has organized a tour of the NSA Crypto Museum on Monday, July 2. This is always a fun time. If you have never visited the NSA Cryptologic Museum, try to find a time to do so. It is full of treasure, the likes of which you will not see in other places (such as the Venona Intercepts).

Upcoming Events

Summer is typically a time when families go on vacations, take their older children to college, or permanently change duty station. One of the other things that occurs is that the exchange cadets show up to spend some time with their nautically minded colleagues. The BCAOG serves as a sponsor and safety net for these cadets. Jeff Kubik started and continues to host one of our better events: a potluck picnic welcoming the cadets to the Annapolis area. This will be held in late summer, so keep an eye on your email for an announcement.

Each Fall, the Chapter meets to review the year and to nominate and elect officers and Board members. This last year, we had a wonderful dinner at Clyde's in Columbia, Maryland, during which we dispensed with the needed business. It was a cold evening, but the warmth and hospitality afforded by Clyde's was welcoming. Please make a mental note and be on the lookout for an invite to participate in this year's Fall Business meeting. It will be held in October or November (haven't nailed down a date yet).

MDC2, S&T, and UAS Stuff

The Air Force Studies Board, which is a part of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM), has been tasked by the Secretary of the Air Force (Heather Wilson, '82) to look at several science and technology issues. One of the current activities associated with this tasking is looking at the challenges associated with achieving the Multi Domain Command and Control (MDC2) vision for the 2030 timeframe. If this sounds like something you would like to know more about, good news: there will be a workshop held in DC July 18-20. You can get more information about this workshop and the other activities of the Board at the following URL: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/DEPS/AFSB/DEPS_046965. At that same URL, you can access videos from various other S&T activities that the AFSB has been engaged in.

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The NASEM has many other activities that may be of interest to some of you. For example, a recent activity of the Board on Human System Interaction (BOHSI) looked at the issues associated with integrating unmanned aerial systems (UAS) into the National Airspace System (NAS). The report, cleverly titled “Human-Automation Interaction Considerations for Unmanned Aerial System Integration into the National Airspace System”, can be accessed at the National Academies Press website (nap.edu) and either read online or downloaded as a pdf. There is a sister report that looks into the engineering issues, titled “Assessing the Risks of Integrating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) into the National Airspace System”, also available through the NAP website.

Contributing Material to the Newsletter

Do you have news to share? Looking for some collaboration? Want to host a party or get together? Let me know and I'll publish it here! You can email me at julrieryan@julrieryan.com.

BCAOG Organizational Structure

The BCAOG is incorporated as a **tax-exempt** nonstock corporation. The stated purpose of the corporation is:

“To further the principles and welfare of the USAF Academy and its graduates through service to the community, country, and to fellow graduates.”

The official address of the organization is 821 West Benfield Road, Suite One, Severna Park, MD 21146. The official name of the corporation is Baltimore Chapter of the USAFA Association of Graduates, Inc. The registered agent of the corporation is Steven Berger, '76, who also serves as Secretary. The following individuals currently hold leadership positions in the corporation.

President: Julie Ryan, '82 (julieryan@julieryan.com)
Vice-President: Todd Raines, '85
Secretary: Steve Berger, '76
Treasurer: Lou Nolan, '86
Networking Coordinator: Jeff Kubik, '93

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