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CLASS OF 2013 ARRIVES THURSDAY

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. – The 1376 members of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Class of 2013 arrive here Thursday to begin basic cadet training.

The class includes 312 minorities, which make up 23 percent of the class. Overall, the Academy received 9,897 applications for admission into the class, with 1,667 being offered appointments. As of June 24, 1,376 had accepted appointments, including 1,097 men and 279 women. Other credentials of the Class of 2013 include:

- 41 are prior-enlisted members; 31 attended the Academy's Prep School last year
- 15 percent were either high school class presidents or vice-presidents
- 65 percent were in an academic honor society
- 89 percent were athletic letter award winners
- 28 percent were in band or orchestra
- 27 percent were Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts
- 9 percent were Civil Air Patrol
- 13 percent were in Junior ROTC

The high school grade point average of the Class of 2013 is 3.86. College entrance score average for the SAT is 1294.

The 11 international cadets entering with the Class of 2013 are from Trinidad & Tobago, Peru, Colombia, Taiwan, Thailand, Lithuania, Ghana, Slovenia, Philippines, Poland, and Serbia.

The appointees' introduction to cadet life starts June 25 with a full day of in-processing which includes: medical processing, haircuts, clothing and equipment issue, and squadron and dormitory room assignments. It also marks the start of 38 days of Basic Cadet Training designed to prepare the basic cadet trainees for entry into the Cadet Wing.

During the first 18 days, most of the basic training is conducted within the cadet area. On July 13, the trainees march to Jacks Valley to set up a tent city and live there for 12 days of field training. The trainees march back from Jacks Valley to the cadet area on July 25, and finish Basic Cadet Training on Aug. 1.

The fall academic semester begins Aug. 6.

NOTE: The Class of 2013 statistics are current as of June 24 at 9 a.m., and are subject to change as the class finalizes between now and tomorrow. Media wanting to cover In-processing should call the Public Affairs office at (719) 333-7731/7593 no later than 4 p.m., today to arrange access and escort.