

## Key Events of Interest for Basic Cadet Parents

| Event                     | When                    | Where to be                                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Swearing In Ceremony      | Day after Induction Day | Cadet Chapel Observation Area                     |
| March Out to Jacks Valley | Near Start of BCT 2     | Cadet Chapel Observation Area or at B-52 Monument |
| Acceptance Parade         | After end of BCT        | Stillman Field                                    |

## Basic Cadet Training (BCT) Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Where can I find the dates and times for different events? When can we see cadets?

**A:** A schedule with key dates and times for parents will be posted when academy announces the dates.

**Q:** I want to watch cadets march to Jacks Valley. Where should I go?

**A:** The public can observe the march out to Jacks Valley from the Chapel Wall (the wall overlooking the Terrazzo on the east side of the Academy Chapel). This area is accessible from the public areas of the Academy. Along Academy Dr by the B-52 plane monument as the cadets march out towards the North Gate when going to Jack's Valley.

**Q:** If my cadet elects to quit or is removed from of BCT, will parents be contacted?

**A:** Yes. During in-processing, cadets fill out a form with your contact information. If a cadet is removed for any reason from BCT, Academy personnel will contact parents.

**Q:** Can parents visit their cadets during Doolie Day Out?

**A:** No. Doolie Day Out is exclusively for Basic Cadets to meet their sponsor families. Cadets can call home on DDO.

**Q:** Can parents call their cadets to check on them?

**A:** No. Parents are not allowed to telephone cadets during BCT. If a cadet has a medical or other emergency, Academy personnel will contact you.

**Q:** Can parents send cadets a care package during BCT?

**A:** We request that you do not send care packages during BCT. Cadets may receive packages after Acceptance Day. If you send a package before then, it will be held until Acceptance Day.

**Q:** Will my cadet have to do push-ups if I send him a nice care package? I heard that was a tradition.

**A:** No. Any packages sent to cadets during BCT will be held for them until after BCT.

**Q:** Can parents write letters to cadets during BCT? What is a cadet's mailing address?

**A:** Parents and cadets can exchange letters through the mail. Cadets are assigned a mail box at the Academy's post office and receive that box number with their appointment paperwork.

**Q:** Will my cadet have his/her cell phone at the Acceptance Parade so we can find each other?

**A:** No. If a cadet brings a cell phone to BCT, it will be taken and held for him/her until after BCT.

**Q:** Can I spend time with my cadet during the Acceptance Parade? Can we leave the Academy grounds?

**A:** Following the pin-on ceremony, fourth-class cadets will be permitted to escort their parents and visitors within the cadet area. The cadet area includes the Terrazzo, Field House, Cadet Gym, Athletic Fields, Cadet Chapel, Arnold Hall, Visitor's Center, Fairchild Hall and the fourth class cadet's academic year squadron. Off-limit areas include: Mitchell Hall and any squadron besides the fourth class cadet's academic year squadron. Fourth-class cadets may not leave the cadet area or the Academy grounds with anyone during their personal time after the pin-on ceremony.

**Q:** Can I pin my cadet's boards on him/her during the Acceptance Parade?

**A:** No. Only upper-class cadets may pin-on shoulder boards. Parents will be allowed to enter the parade field, after the Acceptance Parade, and observe their cadets receiving their shoulder boards.

**Q:** Can I bring stuff to my cadet at the Acceptance Parade (printer, bike, and other large items)?

**A:** The items fourth-classmen are allowed to have their first year are extremely limited. In accordance with the Cadet Sight Picture, fourth-classmen are only allowed two items of personal memorabilia in addition to what they have been issued. All other items need Air Officer Commanding or Academy Military Trainer approval. We advise parents to have cadets verify they are allowed to possess something before parents bring or ship it to cadets.