

# HOSMER VISITOR CENTER

Creating an immersive Air Force Academy visitor experience.





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7258 FEET ABOVE  
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OR ANNAPOLIS.

ALUMINUM CHUCK

USAFA Pride  
and Traditions

Visitors will encounter dynamic audioscapes within these large-scale tetrahedron sculptures in Gallery 5. (Artist rendering)



## A new U.S. Air Force Academy visitor center opening in 2026 will create an interactive showcase for one of the nation's leading institutions known for forging leaders of character.

The Hosmer Visitor Center is named in honor of Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bradley Hosmer '59 and his spouse, Zita. It will replace the current visitor center situated west of the Cadet Area. Gen. Hosmer is the Academy's first graduate and first Rhodes scholar, as well as the first graduate to serve as USAFA superintendent.

When it opens, the Hosmer Visitor Center will serve as a prominent new front door for the Air Force Academy and a key component of the transformational TrueNorth Commons development, just outside the Academy's expanding North Gate. Additionally, the Hosmer Visitor Center's designation as an official Colorado Welcome Center along Interstate 25 will improve visibility, access and exposure to the service academy, which commissions nearly 1,000 Air Force and Space Force officers every year.



Visitors will learn about career options in Gallery 7.  
(Artist rendering)

# TRANSFORMING THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

The Hosmer Visitor Center was designed to look like wings in flight. The building's construction is complete, and now the Academy is finalizing exhibits for the visiting public. Throughout the building's seven galleries and theater, visitors will learn about and experience a day in an Air Force Academy cadet's life, a cadet's four-year journey at the Academy and many other unique aspects of the service academy's programming. All of it will be brought to life through state-of-the-art technology and experiential storytelling that leaves visitors – especially young people – inspired to live a life of service.

Because it has no admission fee, access immediately off Exit 156 on Interstate 25 and the brand-new Hotel Polaris a few steps away via a pedestrian bridge, Academy officials anticipate high traffic in the 32,000-square-foot Hosmer Visitor Center year-round. With an estimated annual count of 1 million visitors to the visitor center and hotel combined, the Air Force Academy can be a prime destination for travelers.

## VISITORS CAN EXPECT:

- Immersive and educational experiences for audiences of all ages.
- Audio experiences of cadets reciting the Air Force and Space Force and Academy core values, the Cadet Wing marching in a parade or the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds flying over graduation.
- A campus map that highlights cadet movements throughout a typical day.
- A focus on academics, athletics, military training and the future fight.
- A 40-seat theater that provides viewers a closer look into the 47-month journey, as well as other special feature shows.
- Two immersive exhibits, including parachuting, powered flight, gliders, an obstacle course and the 10-meter diving platform.
- A showcase of time-honored traditions, celebrations and other experiences that unify all graduates and cadets, such as graduation, Recognition and Promotion, basic cadet training, Ring Dance and more.



Exhibits will be vibrant and accessible. (Artist rendering)



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Gallery 5 will focus on celebrations, ceremonies and unity, including immersive audioscapes. (Artist rendering)





# NAMING AND RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

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From reinforcing the Academy's core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do — to capturing the whirlwind pace of cadet life, the Hosmer Visitor Center will celebrate what it takes to develop warfighters to win, leaders of character and quality and critical thinkers to adapt.

To ensure the visitor center's ability to effectively reach and connect with a large and varied audience, the U.S. Air Force Academy Association & Foundation has identified several naming and recognition opportunities throughout the Hosmer Visitor Center to elevate the visitor experience while keeping it available to all visitors and travelers.

Donations will help outfit the Hosmer Visitor Center, offset costs of technology needs and a glider display in Gallery 5, ongoing maintenance and more.

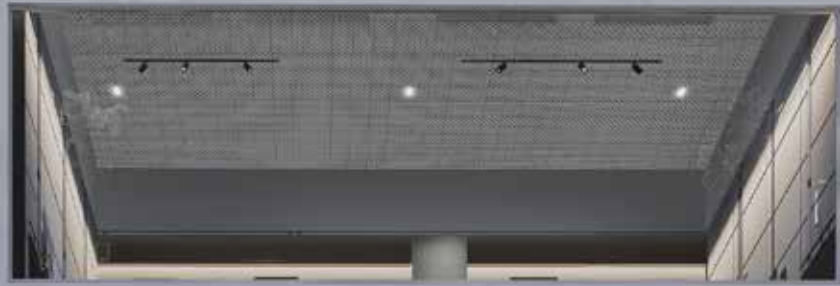
Your strong and positive connection to the U.S. Air Force Academy can inspire others who experience this new immersive adventure at the north entrance to the installation. Contact the development team at the Association & Foundation for more information about supporting the Hosmer Visitor Center.

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Above: Gallery 4 will feature films on Air Force athletics and airmanship.



Gallery 1 will feature an introductory film and an interactive class crest exhibit. (Artist rendering)



Gallery 5 is the tallest section of the Hosmer Visitor Center with a staircase leading to the theater. (Artist rendering)