



CLASS GIVING AT USAFA

Air Garden Restoration,
supported by the Classes of 1972, 1975 and 1976.

WHY IS CLASS GIVING IMPORTANT?



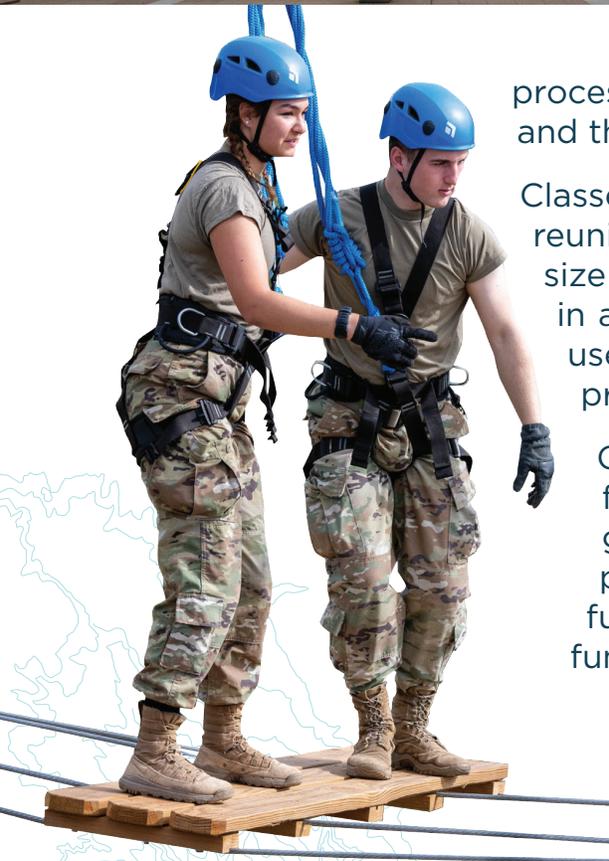
The Class Giving Program at the Air Force Academy Foundation plays a vital role in defining the future for cadets and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Class giving projects support significant Academy programs - those that lie beyond the scope of federal funding but assist in the development of our nation's future Air Force and Space Force leaders.

Class giving brings graduates together to support current and future cadets by enhancing military training, academics, character education and athletics at the Academy. The class reunion gift

process typically occurs between a class's five-year reunion and their milestone 10-year reunion.

Classes have committed more than \$15 million through their reunion gift projects since 2010. Although every class differs in size and capability, roughly 30-45% of classmates participate in a class reunion project. Class gifts have historically been used to support capital projects and heritage projects or to provide programmatic funding for Academy initiatives.

Classes are recognized during milestone reunions not only for their class reunion project gifts, but also for their class gift reunion total. The class gift reunion total includes all philanthropic gifts made by classmates to Foundation funds since the last reunion, including gifts to the annual fund, athletics and other individually designated purposes.



Top to Bottom:

Polaris Hall supported by the classes of 1962, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1976, 1986, 1990, 1991 and 2001.

Outdoor Leadership Complex, supported by the Class of 1963.

Southeast Asia Pavilion, supported by the Class of 1970.



ELEVATING THE LONG BLUE LINE

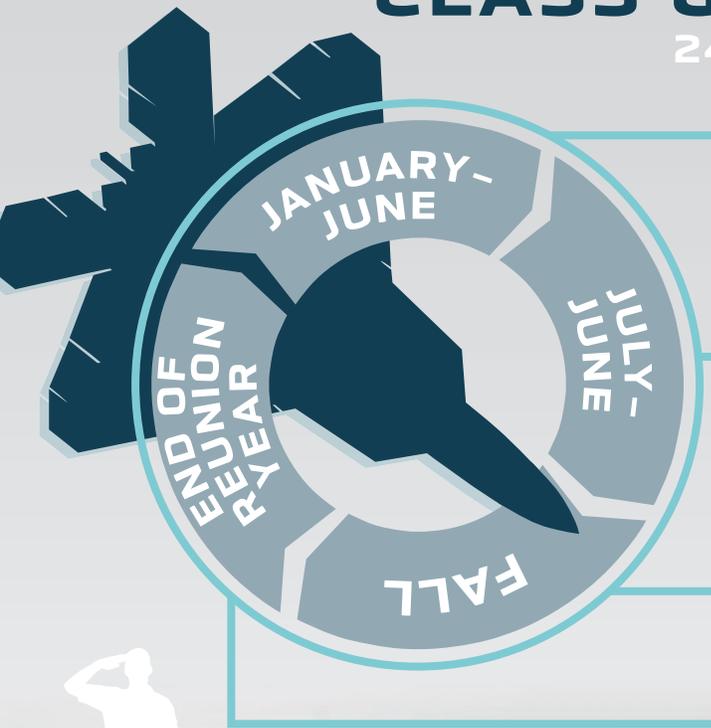
Graduate generosity prepares cadets to become leaders of character and serve the nation.

WHY IT MATTERS

Participation builds a deeper connection between graduates and future officers.

CLASS GIVING CYCLE

24 months



Twelve months prior to reunion year
Build and prepare committee
Select gift project
Secure lead gifts

Six months prior to reunion year
Announce Class Giving Project campaign
Engage with classmates

Reunion
Present reunion gift to Academy

Final Tasks
Follow up with classmates
Formally end campaign

CADET

ALUMNI PARTICIPATION



ALUMNI PAYING IT FORWARD TO IMPACT FUTURE CADETS

Madera Cyber Innovation Center,
under construction, supported by the classes
of 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983 and 1987.

► ► PROJECT STEPS

- Planning: Begin planning two years before reunion; select committee and project
- Fundraising: Focus on securing commitments through an 18-month, peer-to-peer solicitation process.
- Engaging: The committee, group reps and squadron reps provide updates on the project's progress.
- Celebrating: Present class gift to USAFA during milestone reunion and celebration.

"We were at the class reunion, and it was one of those things where I read it, and that chill that goes up the back of your neck and your hair stands up a little bit, and I said, 'this seems to mean something to me. I need to do something about this and get involved.' I was really glad to be involved, and I want to continue being involved. I can't wait until we see names on plaques and there's a bunch of classmates standing around taking a really cool picture."

-COL. (RET.) JAMES "PEEWEE" WERTZ '86, CLASS GIFT CHAIR



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THE CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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