

Class of 2014 In-Processing, Thursday, June 24

The time has come for the Appointees and their families to begin the journey to joining the Long Blue Line. The Basic Cadets will be tested as never before and their families will be remembering and praying for them every day.

For those families who are bringing their BC to USAFA for In-Processing, here are a few pointers garnered over the years:

BULLETIN: Please visit www.usafawebguy.com and the video section. Marty Marcolongo, "The Webguy" has posted videos of the in-processing procedure, from the tent, to the steps, the 2nd floor processing, the Honor wall and the Class of 1959 bridge. It is excellent and explains in detail what the Basic Cadet goes through on In-Processing.

Thursday: In-Processing at Doolittle Hall. The link provided is to the Webguy's explanation of the In-Processing methodology. The information below is from a parent's point-of-view.

Items to bring: Binoculars, Camera, Video Camera

What to Wear: If you are going to look for you Basic Cadet, have them wear bright colors so that you can see them.

There will be a tent where the Basic Cadet places their one bag. They will receive those after Beast 2 and the march back from Jack's Valley.



You can stay with your Cadet for as long as you want, but once they start up the stairs to the second floor, you cannot talk to them again. Say your goodbyes knowing that.

It takes about 25 minutes for them to go through the process. Once that is done you can stand in the area and watch them as they proceed to the bus. They will stop by the wall, where the names of those who have given their all are listed. A Cadre will be there to explain that tradition.



From the wall they go to the bridge, where a Basic Cadet is chosen to read the plaque and they cross the bridge to begin their journey on the bus.



Once the Cadet boards the bus, if you have time to back to the Chapel Wall and look for your BC on the farthest corner to the left of the Chapel. That is the top of the Core Values ramp. After getting off the bus they will march up the ramp in their group, line-up and then march single-file to the Fairchild, where they are issued many items. Use your binoculars and look for the bright clothing. The bright orange shirt in this picture was BC Joel Primm, Class of 2011, and we watched him march up and to Fairchild. He had no idea, but it sure was great for his family to see him.



If you can, plan on attending the Colorado Parents Club picnic. There will be information on where it is.

At processing in Doolittle Hall your BC will be assigned their Basic training squad and from there you will know what their first year squad will be (that info. is listed below). For instance, G-28, or Guts 28.

Friday: Swearing-in Ceremony, if you are dropping your BC off, this is a must-see.

Arrive as early as you can. The ceremony is at 8:30am. Arriving at 7am is good and the time will go quickly as you watch the set-up and preparations for this ceremony.

The Groups line up Alphabetically, A - J. There are 10 Groups and 4 "flights" in each group. Standing on the Chapel wall you assemble to your left, along Vandenburg Hall (dorms). If you binoculars look for each Groups Flag, which will have the letter past A Group is on the right and J is on the left.



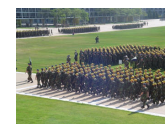
will see them have on it. In the

When they line-up for the swearing-in, they go from tallest to shortest, front to back. So if you have a tall BC you'll have a good chance on seeing them.



Make a sign. While you may not find your BC they will see you and your sign as they face the Chapel wall for the ceremony.

When the ceremony is over, each Group will march past the Chapel Wall. Stay there until the end so that you have a chance to see your BC and your BC can see you. You will see with their first letter the excitement of their seeing you at the wall. That is worth it all.



The Basic Cadet **SUMMER SQUADRONS** are a temporary grouping during Beast. There are 10 summer **squadrons**, designated by the letters A through J. There are 4 **flights** within each squadron – A, B, C, D. The 35-37 basic cadets in each flight will generally do everything together as they progress through BCT. Flights are also further broken down in small groups called **elements**. Traditionally, basic cadets from one flight will all move into the same academic squadron for the first year, although there are exceptions made for various reasons to balance the squadrons in the fall.

For basic cadet squadron A (Aggressors) - Flight A, Flight B, Flight C and Flight D will generally move into Cadet Squadrons 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. For basic cadet squadron B (Barbarians) – Flight A, Flight B, Flight C, and Flight D, will move into cadet squadron 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively – and so on. The names of the 10 basic cadet squadrons are:

A	Aggressors	F	Flying Tigers
B	Barbarians	G	Guts
C	Cobras	H	Hellcats
D	Demons	I	Interceptors
E	Executioners	J	Jaguars

You can know your Basic Cadets squadron for their first year by the Basic Training Squadron's. Here is the breakdown. The first is the Summer squadron and the second is the Cadet Squadron they'll spend their first year in.

Aggressors:	A1 / CS-1; A2 / CS-2; A3 / CS-3; A4 / CS-4
Barbarians:	B1 / CS-5; B2 / CS-6; B3 / CS-7; B4 / CS-8
Cobras:	C1 / CS-9; C2 / CS-10; C3 / CS-11; C4 / CS-12
Demons	D1 / CS-13; D2 / CS-14; D3 / CS-15; D4 / CS-16
Executioners	E1 / CS-17; E2 / CS-18; E3 / CS-19; E4 / CS-20
Flying Tigers	F1 / CS-21; F2 / CS-22; F3 / CS-23; F4 / CS-24
Guts	G1 / CS-25; G2 / CS-26; G3 / CS-27; G4 / CS-28
Hellcats	H1 / CS-29; H2 / CS-30; H3 / CS-31; H4 / CS-32
Interceptors	I1 / CS-33; I2 / CS-34; I3 / CS-35; I4 / CS-36
Jaguars	J1 / CS-37; J2 / CS-38; J3 / CS-39; J4 / CS-40

NOTE: Some parents have speculated that if their cadet is in the lower number Squadrons, then that means they are ranked hire. That is not true.

WEBGUY. Finally, if you want to keep track of your Basic Cadet you must join the AOG and access the Webguy's daily log of the activities. You will see your Basic Cadet several times. There is link in the menu to the left. You'll visit this many times a day looking for updates, pictures and videos.