

THE IOWA ALL ACADEMY BALL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024



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United States Air Force Academy

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View silent auction items

Silent Auction

We invite you to place your bids throughout the evening. Proceeds from the Iowa All Academy Ball will support charities that support Iowa veterans: the Iowa Veterans Home and Puppy Jake Foundation. **Tables will close 20 minutes after the end of the program.**

About the Keynote Speaker

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Chad “Bubba” Lewis USAFA Class of 1998



Lt. Col. (Ret.) Chad “Bubba” Lewis was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1994 and went on to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he earned a letter in baseball and studied Operations Research, graduating in 1998.

After graduation, Lewis attended Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma, where he was selected to fly the F-16. His career as a fighter pilot took him to multiple locations, including Germany, New Mexico, Nevada, South Korea, and Arizona. In 2006, he graduated from the Air Force Weapons School and became the chief instructor for F-16 training. He was also selected as one of the first ten pilots to fly the Air Force’s newest fighter, the F-35.

In 2009, Lewis turned down the F-35 assignment and left active duty to join the Iowa Air National Guard, continuing to fly F-16s with the 132nd Fighter Wing in Des Moines. He later finished his career flying F-16s with the District of Columbia Air National Guard at Andrews Air Force Base.

With over 3,000 flight hours in the T-37, T-38, and F-16, including 215 combat hours in support of Operation Northern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom, Lewis received multiple honors for his service. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for valor in combat aviation, the Air Force Combat Action Medal, and two Air Medals. Lewis retired in 2019 after 21 years of military service and returned to Des Moines with his wife of 25 years, Kelly, and their daughter, Riley. He currently serves as First Vice President – Financial Advisor and Senior Portfolio Manager with the Portfolio Focus Group.

About the Toastmaster

Col. (Ret.) John “Odie” Oates, USAFA Class of 1986



Col. John Oates retired from the U.S. Air Force on 1 July 2015 after over 29 years of commissioned service. Col. Oates is a 1986 graduate from the US Air Force Academy (USAFA) where he earned a BA in Engineering Sciences, and a 1996 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Graduate with a Master’s Degree in Business Administration.

Col. Oates’ initial assignment was Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base where he was selected for a follow on assignment as an instructor pilot flying the T-38. In 1991, he moved to Dyess Air Force Base where he flew the KC-135. In 1994, Col. Oates relocated to USAFA for a four year assignment working with the Academy Parachute Team. In 1998, he began a two- year tour flying C-17’s at Charleston Air Force Base. After a one-year detour to Fort Leavenworth, KS, for Intermediate Service School in 2001, he began a job Managing Air Mobility Command’s Special Operations Forces working for Headquarters at Scott Air Force Base.

Col. Oates served as the Director of Operations for the 98th Flying Training Squadron from 2003 through 2004. On November 22, 2004 he assumed command of the 98 FTS. He served as the Deputy Division Chief and subsequently Division Chief for all flying training and standardization at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB. From 2009 to 2011 Col. Oates was the Commander, 97th Operations Group, Altus Air Force Base, where he was responsible for the administrative and training support of over 2,100 KC-135 and C-17 students annually at Air Education and Training Command’s Air Mobility Training Center. Most recently Col. Oates was a Senior Official Inquiries Officer assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force’s Office of the Inspector General at the Pentagon.

John is currently an Associate Director for High Frequency Radios at Collins Aerospace in Cedar Rapids, where he has worked since 2015. He was on the Board of Directors from 2015-2021 for Willis Dady. John is currently serving on the board of the Freedom Foundation, a local non-profit supporting veterans in need, and a Commissioner on the Iowa Commission of Volunteerism.

Iowa All Academy Ball

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Welcome

Jackie Norris, USAFA
All Academy Ball Chairperson

Introduction

Cadet 2/C Anthony Lee
USAFA

Presentation of Colors

Cadets and Midshipmen

Star Spangled Banner

Cadet 1/C Cavan O'Hara
USMA

POW/MIA Table

Cadet 2/C Cole Norris
USMA

Going Home

Chris Copic, Pipe Major
MacKenzie Highlanders

Superintendent's Address

Lt. Gen. Tony Bauernfeind
USAFA

Introduction of Cadets & Midshipmen

Cadet 3/C Seth Williams
USAFA

Recognition of Military Guests

Toastmaster

Col. (Ret.) John "Odie" Oates

Invocation

Cadet 2/C Hunter Norris
USMA

Dinner

Note: Brief photo op for cadets by stage

Introductions - Foundation

Speakers

Cadet 2/C Jon Seeger
USAFA

IOWA VETERANS HOME
Commandant Todd Jacobus

PUPPY JAKE FOUNDATION
Megan Sheperd, Volunteer, and Hyde

Guest Speaker

Lt. Col. (Ret) Chad "Bubba" Lewis

Closing Remarks and Parent's Dance

Cadet 3/C Jack Tierney
USAFA

*The All Academy Ball Committee, Parents' Clubs, Friends, Family
and Guests salute the following Cadets and Midshipmen:*



United States Military Academy

CLASS OF 2025

Ashish Abraham
Kaylah Ajram-Wright
Madison Corey
Sophia Dykstra
Cavan O'Hara
Anthony Schmitz
Luke South

CLASS OF 2026

Nikolas Dykstra
Kohen Rankin
Luke Jefferson
Hunter Norris
Ty Trotter
Sebastian Vasquez

CLASS OF 2027

Charles Bell
Anthony Colburn
Manual Garcia
Zach Olson
Ryan Ott
Connor Poland
Ammon Smith

CLASS OF 2028

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Jackson Van Kley
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Aiden Sullivan



United States Naval Academy

CLASS OF 2025

Peter Asjes
Joshua Davis
David Graham
Ivan Thomas
Alex Traynor
Sophie Utsinger

CLASS OF 2026

Emanuel Colon Sanchez
Nick Dietzenbach
Grant Kimball
Jake McGowan
Hunter Shook

CLASS OF 2027

Annamaria Dimon
Avery Galloway
Lawson Hasley
Brooke Magistrelli
Owen Maloney
Lauren Otte
Benjamin Reiland
Mary Rolfstad
Kellen Vlahoulis
Hallie Yates

CLASS OF 2028

Cooper Agosta
Tatianna Day
Ava Duncan
John Maloney
Maria McGowan
Connor Schutte



United States Air Force Academy

CLASS OF 2025

Landon Adkins
Rylie Anderson
Chloe David
Jacob Hrasky
Paden Ketter
Jason Renze
Noah Reznik
James Tormey

CLASS OF 2026

Anthony Lee
Cole Norris
Jon Seeger
Luke Vonderhaar

CLASS OF 2027

Boaz Abramoff
Landon Bogardus
Jackson Dewald
Logan Mix
Zachary Pisney
Levi Russo
Caleb Shenouda
Sawyer Slezak
Kyle Squires
Clara Teigland
Jack Tierney
Danny Tran
Thomas Whitman
Seth Williams

CLASS OF 2028

Trevor Boothroyd
Charlie Bostwick
Tristan Ostrander
Sage Seeger
Cole Wilson
Jace Whitham
Khari Young
Rachel Vonderhaar

USAFA PREPATORY

Anders Kittelson



United States Merchant Marine Academy

CLASS OF 2026

Aaron Maguire
Shea Parkis

CLASS OF 2027

Madelyn Greve
Zatyk Holub

CLASS OF 2028

Chloe Monroe



United States Coast Guard Academy

CLASS OF 2025

Body Dykens

CLASS OF 2027

Carson Wirtz
Mara Maas

CLASS OF 2026

Maggie Gorman

United States Military Academy

MISSION: To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country, professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the Nation. Founded 1802. West Point, NY.



SEAL: The emblem consists of the helmet of Pallas over a Greek sword and typifies the military and educational functions of the academy as well as its characteristic spirit and motive principle. The sword has always been the symbol of the military profession, whereas the helmet of Pallas Athene has for centuries been the symbol of wisdom and learning. The eagle represents the academy's national tradition and the academy's motto: "Duty, Honor, Country" completes the seal.

United States Naval Academy

MISSION: To develop midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and so imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to provide graduates who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government. Founded 1845. Annapolis, MD.



SEAL: The seal of the Naval Academy has for its crest a hand grasping a trident, below which is a shield bearing an ancient galley coming into action, bows on, and below that, an open book (indicative of education) that bears the motto: "Ex Scientia Tridens:" (translation: "From Knowledge, Sea Power").

United States Coast Guard Academy

MISSION: To graduate young men and women with sound bodies, stout hearts, and alert minds, with a liking for the sea and its lore, and with that high sense of honor, loyalty, and obedience, which goes with trained initiative and leadership, well grounded in seamanship, the sciences, and the amenities and strong in the resolve to be worthy of the traditions of commissioned officers in the United States Coast Guard in the service of their country and humanity. Founded 1876. New London, CT.



SEAL: The seal of the USCGA displays two tridents representing the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. These flank an eagle clutching arrows to depict the defense of our nation and shores. 1876 is the year of the academy's founding and the anchor symbolized the maritime mission of the Coast Guard. Scintiar Cedit Mare translates from Latin to The Sea Yields to Knowledge.

United States Merchant Marine Academy

MISSION: To educate and graduate professional officers and leaders of honor and integrity who are dedicated to serving the economic and defense interests of the United States in our Armed Forces and Merchant Marine, and who will contribute to an intermodal transportation system. Founded 1942 Kings Point, NY



SEAL: Originally designed in 1938, the seal was first modified when the academy was dedicated in 1943. The eagle is taken from the Great Seal of the United States and is included to represent our country. The eagle and the laurel wreath symbolize service to the nation both in war and peace. The red, white and blue shield represents the commitment to protect the economic and defense interests of the United States. The anchor and line represent the connection with the sea and the mariner's profession. The academy's Latin motto, Acta Non Verba – Deeds Not Words – appears on a scroll at the base of the seal. The seal was redesigned in 2002 with the addition of the year of the academy's dedication 1943 added below the scroll. A blue band now surrounds the seal, symbolic of the seas of the world. The words "United States Merchant Marine Academy" and "Kings Point" separated by twin stars represent the training the midshipmen receive as Merchant Marine Officers at the academy and on the world's oceans.

United States Air Force Academy

MISSION: To inspire and develop outstanding young men and women to become Air Force officers with knowledge, character, and discipline; motivated to lead the world’s greatest aerospace force in service to the nation. Founded 1954. Colorado Springs, CO.

SEAL: The USAF Academy Emblem consists of a crest and shield.

The crest includes an eagle, cloud formation, and heraldic wreath as on the Air Force Seal. The eagle and the clouds represent United States air power and the Department of the Air Force, respectively. The shield includes two geometric forms symbolizing flight and the academy’s dual mission of education and military leadership training. The North Star on the shield represent ultimate achievement. The 13 encircling stars represent the 13 original colonies of the United States.



United States Space Force

MISSION: The U.S. Space Force protects our country and the freedom to operate in space, keeping it secure, stable, and accessible for military space power and new waves of innovation. Founded 2019. Colorado Springs, CO.

SEAL: The USSF logo remains the primary mark that represents the U.S. Space Force and the Guardians. With its stylized Delta and displayed service name, the deltas have been used by the US military since 1961, and have become an iconic part of the space missions under the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Space Command. The Delta continues its legacy, representing the vital mission sets in space, as the logo for the U.S. Space Force



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