



12 August 2024

Dear Fellow Alumni,

We seek your support to place the attached proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates as amendments to be voted on as part of the Board of Directors election ballot in February 2025. **Please go to [UnitySlate.us](https://unityslate.us) to complete the online petition** that grants your consent to place the proposed amendments on the ballot to enable us to collect the number of signatures required for these amendments to be voted on by the entire AOG membership.

Our intent is aligned with the Vision Statement of the AOG, signifying that it is an “Association of influence and impact” supportive of the Mission of the AOG by “Working in partnership with the Academy” and enhancing the Guiding Principles of the AOG through an appropriate forum to address graduate perspectives. **We believe there are more opportunities for unity rather than division among AOG members through respectful dialogue and transparency.** Promotion of professional discourse and avenues to provide a broad range of AOG members’ experienced perspectives are important elements of an impactful association.

Like you, we are proud graduates of the Air Force Academy, but we are disheartened to see it embrace politically correct social engineering programs and politically charged ideological constructs. Examples of this abound. Cadets overwhelmingly tell us these constructs are divisive, discriminatory, demeaning and create resentment in preparation for a profession that demands unity for success.

Standards have been lowered, equal opportunity is not ensured for all, and meritocracy has given way to special privileges for identity groups. The emphasis is no longer to graduate the best warriors, who are fully prepared to be combat leaders.

While we recognize that interference in the operations of the Academy is not authorized, **we believe firmly that your voice is important and has much to offer.** As USAFA graduates, our hope and expectation are that the organizations representing us, such as the AOG, adhere to our founding principles, purposes, and values, while insisting the Academy leadership do the same.

Unfortunately, this is not the case. We want to take the AOG beyond acting as a cheerleader for Academy programs and make sure AOG forums **encourage healthy exchanges focused on warriors instead of politically-based ideologies** which conflict with our Articles of Incorporation provision cited in the attached document.

Therefore, the undersigned graduates are candidates in the upcoming election for the AOG Board of Directors. **Our objective is to return the BOD to the purpose for which it was established, as stated in the AoI and the Bylaws, and away from supporting politically based social engineering programs at the Academy.** Specifically, the AoI’s purpose statement stipulates, “.... The corporation shall at no time be used in any way to support or oppose any political idea, organization, or candidate.”

We humbly ask for your vote in the AOG election to be held during February 2025. If you are so inclined to lend your active support, please send us an email to unityslate.aog@gmail.com and ask others to do the same, so that we can coordinate effectively.

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We also ask for you to review the proposed amendments, and if you are willing to support their placement on the ballot at the next election, then complete the form at this link: UnitySlate.us

Thank you for your service, and whether or not you can lend your support, we appreciate the opportunity to communicate with you.

Very respectfully,

Members of the Unity Slate for the AOG Board (see full bios on UnitySlate.us)



Lt. General Rod Bishop, USAF ret
USAFA 1974

Stood up Air Force's largest Operations Support Squadron, led his Strategic Airlift Squadron to "Best in the Air Force" and his Wing to the "Best Wing" in his Numbered Air Force. Helped lead Charleston AFB to a 99% departure reliability rating through a make-or-break test of the C-17. Deployed 7 times to contingencies as USTRANSCOM/Air Mobility Command's Director of Mobility Forces. He and his wife, Mary, are recipients of "The US Air Force's Jerome F. O'Malley Award" which recognizes the outstanding wing commander and spouse Team. Served as Senior Advisor to a Civil Reserve Air Fleet Carrier, a Senior Mentor to the USAF, Chairman of the Board of Advisors for the Airlift Tanker Association, and Chairman of the Board for a non-profit. .



Brig. General Christopher Walker, USAF ret
USAFA 1988

Served dual hatted roles as Assistant Adjutant General and Commander of the West Virginia Air National Guard and Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Master Navigator with 5,200+ hours in WC-130 and C-130 aircraft, including 400+ combat and combat support hours. Deployed in support of OEF, OIF, Joint Guard/Joint Forge, and Volant Oak/Coronet Oak. Was the Civil Aviation Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Transportation with the Coalition Provisional Authority. Inaugural recipient of the West Virginia "Trailblazer Award" for exhibiting a life of excellence. A volunteer speed mentor for the Black Engineer of the Year Awards. 2024 candidate West Virginia 2nd Congressional District primary.



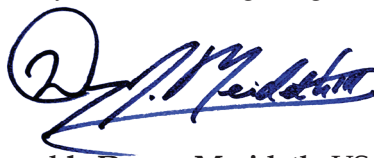
Lt Col. Matthew Lohmeier, Former USAF/USSF
USAFA 2006

T-38 and F-15C Pilot. Promoted two years below the zone to lieutenant colonel, graduated at the top of his classes earning the distinguished graduate award at four different Air Force schools. Served as aide-de-camp for a four-star general. In 2020, transferred into the United States Space Force and placed in command of a space-based missile warning squadron. Has two master's degrees in military operational art and science, and a military strategy from School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. Author of bestselling book Irresistible Revolution. His extensive public outreach with leaders and many of the biggest media personalities is shaping the nation's dialogue about the U.S. military.



Major Alexander Fogassy, USAF
USAFA 2012

F-16 Pilot. Deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation NATO Resolute Support. Instructor Pilot in the 18th Aggressor Squadron and Subject Matter Expert in Chinese Air Force Doctrine. Superior Performer Awards for both Cope North and Diamond Shield and Selected for the Chief of Staff or the Air Force Captains Prestigious Ph.D. Program where he is completing his Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford. In 2022 completed the Master of Studies program at Oxford and previously awarded a Master of Arts from the Southern Bible College and Seminary. His next assignment will be in the Pentagon beginning in the fall of 2024.



The Honorable Denny Merideth, USAFA 1973

Careers in the USAF, Department of State, Missouri Legislature, Agriculture, and Business. F-15 Pilot and Air Liaison Officer. Diplomatic and military assignments included Jordan, Iceland, Honduras, Korea, Saudia Arabia, Philippines, Poland, the Netherlands, and Afghanistan. First Independent legislator elected to Missouri House in 100 years. Senior member of budget committee appropriating over \$20 Billion annually. Led a multinational political team on the ground in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. In both spirit and performance recognized as a "true symbol of Excellence in International Security Affairs. As a coach, legislator, and diplomat frequent lecturer and speaker. Served on boards both domestically and internationally gaining valuable experience in board collaboration and process. USAFA volunteer Rugby coach, Squadron Professional Ethics Advisor, and Academy Liaison Officer. Sponsor and mentor to USAFA cadets and Afghan refugees.