

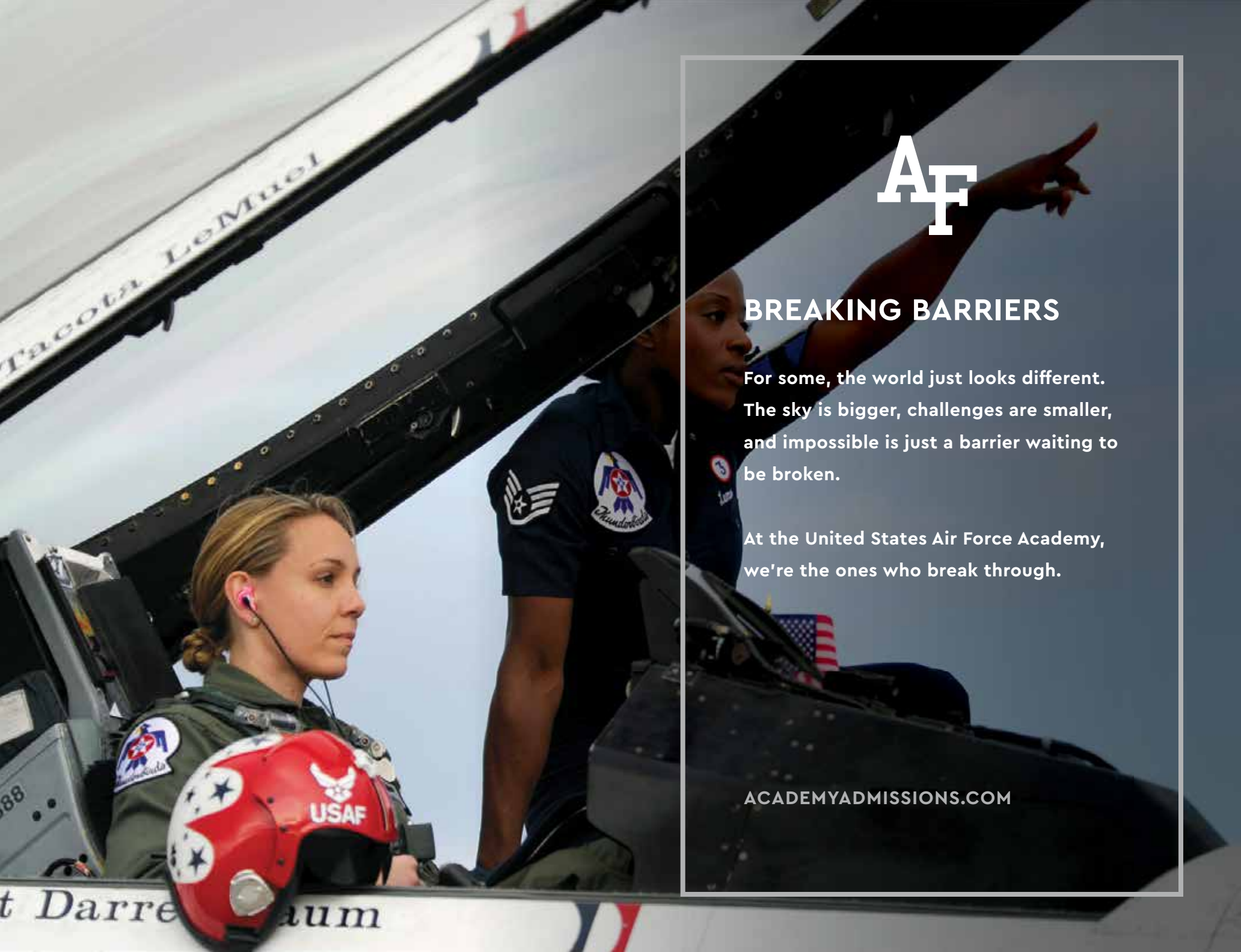


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## BREAKING BARRIERS

For some, the world just looks different. The sky is bigger, challenges are smaller, and impossible is just a barrier waiting to be broken.

At the United States Air Force Academy, we're the ones who break through.

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## THIS IS THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

WE OFFER STUDENTS EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING TO SERVE IN THE  
WORLD'S MOST RESPECTED AIR FORCE:

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- With Basic Cadet Training, a rigorous physical program that assimilates cadets into the military culture.
- With the only free-fall program in the world in which the initial jump is solo.
- With half of all the cadets going on to become pilots after graduation.

Here, you won't be on the cutting edge of our nation's aviation efforts—you'll create it.



# CHASING ADVENTURE



## FREE-FALL PARACHUTE TRAINING

Qualified cadets can enroll in the basic free-fall parachute program. Completing five jumps earns you the Air Force basic parachute wings and the opportunity to serve as a jumpmaster trainee and member of the Air Force Parachute Team.

## SOARING PROGRAM

You'll encounter the thrill of flight in your first summer here. You'll take part in an engineless glider flight, and through our Basic Soaring course, you can take part in 10-15 more unpowered flight opportunities.

Some will even solo in an engineless glider. Our Soaring Program fields acrobatics and cross-country teams that compete regionally and nationally.

## FLYING TEAM

Advanced aviation opportunities are available to 16-18 cadets with a private pilot certificate or higher ratings who qualify for our flying team. Cadets who make the team practice precision ground and flight events and compete regionally and nationally.

## POWERED FLIGHT PROGRAM (PFP)

PFP will introduce qualified cadets to an operational USAF flying squadron environment. Over the course of nine training flights in a single-engine propeller aircraft, you will learn the fundamentals of flight, in-flight maneuvers and how to apply the principles of engineering in real-life scenarios. But more importantly, this course will stoke your desire to explore all aspects of Air Force flight missions, including the opportunity to finish with a solo flight.

# SOARING HIGHER

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## EXTRACURRICULAR FLYING


For some cadets, flying isn't what they do. It's who they are. We offer extracurricular flying opportunities in the Cadet Aero Club and Cadet Aviation Club, where you can fly club-owned aircraft, receive discounts and privileges on aviation activities and even teach classes in the Soaring Program.

## TEST PILOT TRAINING

For students seeking a career as a test pilot, the Academy is the only undergrad program in the world that offers a class for seniors at Edwards Air Force Base. Cadets go on actual test missions with real pilots—something that is not possible anywhere else in the world.







"THE MOMENT I REALIZED THAT I WANTED TO ATTEND THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY WAS MEETING AN A-10 PILOT. THAT KIND OF SOLD ME, AND I SAID, 'YOU KNOW WHAT, I WANT TO GO TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY.'"

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LT VINCENTE PAMPARO

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Lt Vincente Pamparo wanted to be a pilot since he was a kid, but it was after attending an air show when he was living in Okinawa, Japan, that he realized the Air Force Academy was the best path to achieving that dream.

# REALIZING DREAMS



## ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINING

Once you've received your Air Force pilot wings, you'll be ready to move on to advanced training in your assigned aircraft at locations such as Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas or Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. No matter where your advanced training takes you, you'll be part of the Air Force Academy's distinct legacy.

## SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING (SUPT)

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training is open to cadets who've completed the Academy Flight Screening course and takes place at five locations. In this program, you'll have the opportunity for specialized

preparation for flying fighters, bombers, transport/tanker aircraft or helicopters.

## UNDERGRADUATE HELICOPTER TRAINING (UHT)

In addition to fixed-wing aircraft, the Air Force also employs rotary-wing aircraft during a number of missions, including rescue operations. Cadets selected to fly helicopters will begin their training on the TH-1H at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and conclude it at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

## REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT (RPA) PILOT

A growing number of operations from close-air support to intelligence-gathering call for remotely piloted aircraft. Those who are

selected to fly these specialized planes, such as the MQ-9 Reaper and the RQ-4 Global Hawk, must go through extensive training like every other pilot responsible for our nation's air defense.

## COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER

Serving alongside the pilot and copilot, Combat Systems Officers are responsible for executing the mission through electronic warfare, weapons deployment or navigation. These highly trained professionals are masters of all aircraft systems and demonstrate an extraordinary level of focus, efficiency and leadership.





"GOING TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY IS THE BEST PLACE TO BECOME A PILOT. ON TOP OF THAT, IT'S A FANTASTIC SCHOOL WITH A GREAT EDUCATION AND GREAT OPPORTUNITIES."

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CAPT LAUREN ROBILLARD

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As one of four sisters who have attended the Air Force Academy, Capt Lauren Robillard followed her dream of being a pilot to the Air Force Academy. "Because if you want to fly," she said, "where else would you go?"



# MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPEN



At the United States Air Force Academy, everything we do begins with boundless thinking. We push ourselves not because we have to, but because we want to. And we do it with honor and character.

## TO EARN YOUR APPOINTMENT, APPLY EARLY BY MEETING THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Be at least 17 years old and not older than 23 by July 1 of the year you would enter
- Obtain a nomination
- Qualify scholastically
- Pass a medical examination
- Pass the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Be selected for appointment

Learn more about the Air Force Academy and how it's a place where achieving the impossible is expected.

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