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USAFA Parents,

It was great for all of us to see our cadets over the recent Thanksgiving holidays. However, much to the surprise of the Doolie parents we found out that our cadets still leave their rooms in a state of disaster when at home. In an attempt to be more organized than my cadet, I felt it was time to update all of you. The USAFA Parents Club of Alabama will hit the ground running in 2007. We are in the process of obtaining our tax exempt status, starting our fundraising campaign and providing more support to our cadets.

Our biggest priority as a volunteer organization is to obtain our Tax Exempt status. I have obtained our Employee Identification Number (EIN) or Tax ID number from the Internal Revenue Service and I am working with a local Auburn attorney to file our paperwork for our Tax Exempt status. I intend on having this completed by the end of December. It will probably cost us about \$150.00 to process the paperwork through the attorney.

The goal of the USAFA Parents Club of Alabama is to discontinue our membership dues starting in 2007. On April 29, 2007 and October 7, 2007, the USAFA Parents Club of Alabama will start our fundraising campaign by working the concessions at the Talladega Speedway. This will allow our organization to raise between \$8000 - \$12,000 a year for the benefit of our cadets. I am asking that each of you put these days on your calendar and plan on joining us for a fun and financially rewarding day for our club. The monies will be used to replace current dues paid by parents, finance the All-Academy Ball and the Send Off Picnic and provide Care Packages for our cadets. We are also working on a Skeet Shoot Competition in October that should raise an additional \$1500 for the club.

The All- Academy Ball will be held in Birmingham, Alabama on December 29, 2006. The ball is for cadets of USAFA, USMA, USNA, USMMA and USCGA from Alabama. Male cadets are required to wear a mess dress and female cadets can wear mess dress or ball gowns. More information will be forthcoming in the next two weeks. We will also be hosting a tour of Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Al for cadets and families on January 4, 2007. Col. Russ Hodgkins, the father of one of our cadets, will be hosting the tour. Please email me at [hmksfair@bellsouth.net](mailto:hmksfair@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in attending the tour. The tentative date for the Class of 2011 Send Off Party will be Saturday, June 23, 2007.

I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead. One of the other priorities is to update our website USAFAAL.org. The Cadet Photo page needs pictures of current cadets. If you would like for your cadet's picture to be on the website please forward it to the email address listed above. I would also like any other suggestions you may have to improve our website. I would like to thank Lisa Worley, Sandee Coker, Sarah Baydala and Anne Russo for keeping the club alive these last few years. With our tax exempt status, fundraising and involved parents 2007 looks bright for the USAFA Parents Club of Alabama.

Go Air Force!

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