

AIR FORCE Rifle



2011-12

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2011-12 RIFLE SCHEDULE AND ROSTER

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Location: 2168 Field House Dr., USAFA CO 80840
 Colors:.....Blue & Silver
 Nickname:.....Falcons
 Enrollment:.....4,400
 Founded:.....19q4
 Affiliation:.....NCAA 1
 Conference:.....Independent (Rifle)
 Superintendent:.....Lt Gen Michael C. Gould
 Director of Athletics:.....Dr. Hans Mueh

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RIFLE QUICK FACTS:

2011 Record9-6
 2011 NCAA Individual Qualifiers/Finish:One/15th
 One All-American.....Tom Chandler (NRA)
 Varsity letter winners Returning/Lost:9/1

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2011-12 Schedule:

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Oct. 8	0800	UTEP	El Paso, TX
Oct. 14	0800	Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
Oct. 15	0800	West Virginia	Lincoln, NE
Nov. 5	0800	President's Trophy Match*	West Point, NY
Nov. 18	0800	Alaska-Fairbanks	Fairbanks, AK
Nov. 19	0800	Kentucky	Fairbanks, AK
Dec. 2-4	0800	Olympic AirGun Try-outs	Aniston, AL
Jan. 21	0800	Nevada-Reno	USAFA
Jan. 28	0800	North Carolina State	Charleston, SC
Jan. 29	0800	The Citadel	Charleston, SC
Feb. 4	0800	TCU	USAFA
Feb. 5	0800	UTEP	USAFA
Feb. 16	0800	TCU	Fort Worth, TX
Feb. 18	0800	NCAA Qualifiers	Fort Worth, TX
Mar. 9-10	0800	NCAA Nationals	TBD

* All-Services Academies

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2011-12 Rifle Team Roster:

Class	Name	Squadron	Gun	Hometown
2012	Jacob Daniels	16	Mgr	Ladora, IA
2015	Meredith Carpentier	21	Air/Sm	Waukegan, IL
2014	Joshua Daviscourt	13	Air/Sm	Lone Tree, CO
2012	Patrick Everson	07	Air/Sm	Eagle River, AK
2015	Erin Hoover	24	Air/Sm	Columbus, GA
2013	Matthew Kluckman	19	Air/Sm	San Antonio, TX
2015	Craig O'Daniel	22	Air/Sm	Lebanon, KY
2012	Kyle Phillips	09	Air/Sm	Stockbridge, GA
2012	Michael Seery	22	Air/Sm	Oregon, OH
2012	Robert Vasquez	12	Air/Sm	El Paso, TX
2013	Benjamin York	33	Air/Sm	Larkspur, CO

Head Coach Launi Meili
 Asst. Coach Mike Anti

RIFLE COACH LAUNI MEILI



Head coach Launi Meili has guided the Air Force Academy rifle team since 2007. Meili came to the Academy from Nebraska, where she coached for five years.

At Nebraska, Meili led the Cornhuskers to a No. 2 national ranking. The team finished fifth at the NCAA championships in 2007. While there, she coached 21 All-Americans, an NCAA individual champion and placed seven women on the U.S. Development team. In addition, Meili led Nebraska to a pair of Great American Rifle Conference championships while earning coach of the year honors in 2006.

"We were very impressed with her understanding of the Academy and our mission to produce leaders of character and how intercollegiate athletics contributes to that mission. I'm quite certain Coach Meili will develop us into one of the elite programs in the country," said Vice Director of Athletics Col Billy Walker.

As a shooting competitor, Meili shot for the U.S. Shooting team for 10 years. In that time, Meili participated in two Olympic Games, two Pan American games and a World Championship. During her career, she produced three world records, three Olympic records, a world team championship and the Olympic Gold medal in Barcelona in 1992, becoming the only American woman to ever win gold in smallbore.

She also placed 11th in air rifle in Barcelona after finishing sixth in air rifle and seventh in

three-position rifle at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul. She remains the only woman to compete in both events at two Olympics. Meili is also a seven-time national champion in three-position rifle, setting three world shooting records and numerous national records in her outstanding shooting career.

After retiring from competitive shooting in 1992, Meili spent 10 years coaching junior and elite level shooters and instructing athletes at shooting clinics and camps nationwide. She served as assistant coach for the U.S. National Rifle Team from 1997 to 2000 and is a member of the USA Shooting Board of Directors. Meili also created the International Coach Certification Program, the highest level of coaching credential recognized by USA Shooting and the National Rifle Association. During the 2004-05 season, Meili was recognized for her outstanding achievement to the sport by being inducted into the International Shooting Hall of Fame.

Meili earned her master's degree in sports psychology from the University of Idaho in 2001. She also holds a bachelor's degree in nutrition and exercise physiology from Eastern Washington University. She has written the Advanced Coaches Certification Program in use by the US Shooting Team and the NRA to certify coaches at the highest level. She has also created the "mental training workshop" taught to athletes, coaches and business personnel in the US and Japan.

A native of Spokane, Wash., Meili and her husband, Kevin Geddes, have a one son, Bryce Owen.

"I was thrilled to become the new rifle coach at the Air Force Academy. With the excellence in academics, athletics and student body, there are so many positive factors readily available to move this program onto the national level," Meili said.

Coaching Credentials:

- 2006 Great America Rifle Conference Coach of the Year
- U.S. National Team Assistant Coach (1997-2000)
- Member of USA Shooting Board of Directors
- NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Committee (2003-07)
- Creator of International Coach Certification program
- Junior and Elite level coach
- Author "Rifle: Steps to Success", Published by Human Kinetics, 2008

Athletic Background:

- 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist in Three-Position Smallbore Rifle (Barcelona)
- Placed sixth (air rifle) and seventh (three-position rifle), 1988 Olympics (Seoul)
- Seven-time National Champion in Three-Position Rifle
- Set three world records and three Olympic records
- Eastern Washington University Rifle Team (1982-85)
- NRA All-American in Air Rifle (1984-1985)
- NRA All-American in Smallbore Rifle (1985)
- Inducted into International Shooting Hall of Fame, EWU Athletic wHall of Fame, Inland Empire Hall of Fame

Q&A WITH COACH MEILI

Q&A WITH COACH LAUNI MEILI

WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU BEGIN SHOOTING, WHO WAS YOUR MENTOR?

I got started at the Spokane Junior Gun Club with Bill Havercroft, and then shot at the Cheney American Legion Junior Gun club with Wally Beard. Both mentor's really supported my goals and helped me see where shooting could take me.

WHAT THOUGHTS GO THROUGH A SHOOTER'S MIND WHILE ON THE COMPETITION LINE?

There is always a lot of "self-talk" going on in a shooter's mind. The important aspect is to determine whether it's constructive or destructive. A shooter needs to develop a "blue print" or shot plan that accounts for the time from the last shot to the next shot, and helps them do and "say" all the things needed to make the current shot successful. Self-talk is the frame work for that blue print to remind them to check certain physical and mental elements in the shot to be sure everything is accounted for.

WHAT IS YOUR SPECIALIZED SPORT EQUIPMENT FOR COMPETITION?

We shoot a smallbore or .22 rifle in the three-position event (20 shots prone, standing, and kneeling) and we shoot an air rifle or .177 pellet rifle for the 60 shot standing event.

ARE THERE DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES FOR EACH RIFLE?

The smallbore event uses a rifle that is fully adjustable to a shooter's body. The butt-plate or hook can be moved to many different positions so that it fits exactly the dimensions of the shooters shoulder and arm-pit to support the rifle. The cheek-piece can be moved to exactly fit the shooters face and where they need to rest the cheek to look directly through the sights. It takes many weeks to get a rifle to fit just right to provide the best balance and natural fit for the position.

The air rifle is more of a standard rifle. It doesn't have the adjustments available with the smallbore rifle and that is set by the rules of the event. The air rifle doesn't have a hook on the butt-plate, and you can't use a palm rests like in the smallbore event to help raise the rifle in the standing position. Shooters either use a fist or other hand positions to help get the gun in the right position.

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AS A COMPETITOR OR COACH?

As a competitor, it was definitely winning the Olympic gold medal in Barcelona. After 18 years of work, there was complete joy, relief and a feeling that all the people who helped me along the way were right up on that stand with me. I just told myself before the match started that I was going to use everything I've learned along the way and go to work. After falling in the final from first to sixth place in the last Olympics, I was bound and determined to maintain my lead for the last 10 shots and finish as strong as I started. It took those next four years to really figure out how to stay mentally tough when it really counted.

WHAT DREW YOU TO AIR FORCE ACADEMY COACHING?

I'm always drawn to a challenge. The last place I coached had a women's team only. With a smaller pool of athletes to recruit from, and then develop, it was a challenge to take that team to the top competing against mixed teams of men and women. At Air Force we have a challenge to get recruits that are qualified academically and then actually get an appointment. And after they are here, there is a big challenge for their time due to the academic load. But once we have the team in place and the year started, there is a lot of motivation and the team works very hard to obtain the goals they set for themselves. There is a lot of pride on the team and they really support one another in all they do.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF AFA SHOOTING PROGRAM?

To compete and win at the national level is our mission.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA OR TECHNIQUES YOU USE FOR COACHING AFA SHOOTERS?

We use a cooperative approach to work with our athletes. We also split the season into different phases where the first part is focused on the physical aspects of the sport. The next part is focused on the mental aspects where they really learn to perform under pressure.

HOW WOULD A PROSPECTIVE ATHLETE INQUIRE ABOUT ATTENDING THE ACADEMY?

Nominations to the Academy may be obtained through a congressional sponsor or by meeting

eligibility criteria in other categories of competition established by law. For information on admission procedures, write to HQ USAFA/RRS; 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200; USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025. www.usafa.af.mil

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE OUR READERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU AS A FORMER/ACTIVE ATHLETE OR AS COACH?

Assistant Coach Mike Anti and I have years of experience at all levels in rifle shooting. From beginners at a local junior clubs, to collegiate All-Americans, to US National Team Members, to Olympic medalists, we have covered the entire spectrum possible in this sport. We are now ready to give all we've learned to the next great generation of shooters coming up to represent our school and the nation. Talk about a "heavy medal" coaching staff!

ASSISTANT COACH MIKE ANTI



Michael Anti has been with the Air Force Academy rifle program as assistant coach since 2010. With over 30 years experience in air rifle, three-position rifle and prone rifle, the veteran of the sport brings a wealth of experience in both his military career and as a marksman to the Academy's rifle program.

Before coming to the Academy, Anti spent 20 years in the U.S. Army and retired at the rank of major in 2008. He joined the Army in January 1988 and was stationed in Korea with the 1/503 IN before being assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) at Fort Benning, Ga., as an international rifle shooter from 1991 to 1994. While at Benning, Anti also received his Airborne Badge and Ranger Tab. In 1994, he was assigned to the 1st CAV DIV at Fort Hood, Texas, following this assignment Anti was reassigned to the USAMU in 1998.

A four time Olympian and the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, Anti learned to shoot at a junior club when he was nine so he could hunt with his father, who was also a rifle coach for the Marine Corps and the Naval Academy. He went on to become a four-time All-American at West Virginia University, where he led the WVU rifle team to three NCAA Championships. He graduated with a B.S. in business from WVU in 1987. He also spent 10 years in the Army's World Class Athlete Program. A native of Winterville, N.C., Anti now resides in Colorado Springs, Colo., with his wife, Anne and two sons, Matt and Will.

Anti was a 1992 Olympian in men's 50m prone

rifle, 2000 Olympian in men's three position, earned the silver medal at the 2004 Olympics in three-position rifle, and a 2008 Olympian in men's prone. Anti is a two-time World Cup champion and won the silver medal at the 2000 World Cup Finals. Anti has been a member of the United States shooting team since 1981 and has won numerous national championships as well as competing in three championships of the America's Games, three World Championship Games, and two Pan American Games winning numerous team and individual medals.

"I am very happy to have Mike on board," said head coach Launi Meili. "Mike was in four Olympics and won a silver medal in the Athens Games in 2004. Now the team has a gold and silver medalist on the coaching staff. There aren't too many programs that can claim that."

Competition Highlights

- 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Shooting (Smallbore), first place in Men's Prone Rifle, qualifying for a spot on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team
- 2004 Olympian in men's prone rifle and Olympic silver medalist in three position rifle
- 2000 Olympian in men's three position, 9th place
- 1992 Olympian in men's 50m prone rifle, 15th place
- 2008 World Cup Sydney three position champion
- Finished first in men's prone and three-position at the 2004 National Championships.
- Finished second in men's prone and 3x40 at the Final Olympic Team Trials, double-qualifying for the 2004 Olympic Team
- Named a member of the 2003 Pan Am Team, but gave it up so the U.S. could fill its quota slots
- 2003 men's prone National Champion
- 2nd in 3x40 at the 2003 National Championships.
- 2nd in men's 3x40 and 3rd in men's prone at the 2002 Fall Selection Match.

- 4th at the 2002 World Championships in men's 3x40 and winner of a quota slot.
- Team silver in men's 3x40 and 300m 3x40.
- Silver medal in men's 3x40 at 2001 Championship of the Americas.
- Bronze medalist at the 2002 National Championships in men's 3x40.
- Silver medals in men's 3x40 and men's 50m prone at the 2001 National Championships.
- Silver medal in men's 3x40 at 2000 Munich World Cup Final.
- Gold medalist in men's 3x40 at 2000 Atlanta World Cup.
- 2000 National Championships silver medalist in men's 3x40.
- Gold in 3x40 and silver in men's 50m prone at 1991 Pan American Games.
- Two silver and one bronze in air, men's 3x40 and prone rifle at 1989 Championship of the Americas Games.
- Member of the 1982 World Championships team.
- 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Member - Men's Prone Rifle



The Air Force Academy rifle team trains in a state-of-the-art 10-point, 50-foot range facility.

It has ten of the most up to date electronic Megalink targets systems with the capability to shoot air rifle or smallbore events.

The range also has a very accurate testing system for matching lots of ammunition with individual rifles in addition to a laser system which allows the coaches to view how steady a shooter's rifle is while in position.

The team room is a comfortable area for spectators to watch the match. It has two 60" TV's used to display all of the competitor targets during a competition.



NCAA Team Scores 2010-2011

Date	AF	Opponent's	Opponent	Record
10/23/2010	W 4626	4565	at Nebraska	1-0
11/6/2010	L 5766	5770 (Army)	at President's Cup	0-1
	W 5766	5730 (Navy)	at President's Cup	2-1
	W 5766	5282 (USCG)	at President's Cup	3-1
11/20/2010	W 4611	4582	UTEP	4-1
11/21/2010	L 4617	4622	Nevada-Reno	4-2
12/2/2010	L 4616	4653	Alaska Fairbanks	4-3
1/16/2011	L 4610	4662	TCU	4-4
1/22/2011	W 4614	4566	Nevada-Reno	5-4
1/29/2011	W 4607	4462 M; 4174 W	at The Citadel	7-4
1/30/2011	W 4633	4390 M; 4208 W	at The Citadel	9-4
2/10/2011	L 4641	4660	at TCU	9-5
2/12/2011	L 4620	4699	NCAA Qual (TCU)/NRA Section	9-6
2/26/2011	DNS	DNS	at Nevada-Reno	9-6

About the 2011-2012 Rifle Season:

The Air Force Academy rifle team will open the new season with a meet against UTEP in El Paso, Texas on Oct. 8. Following that meet, the team will travel to Lincoln, Neb., to face off against the University of Nebraska and the University of West Virginia on Oct. 14-15. West Point will host the 2011 All-Service Academies meet on Nov. 5. The rifle team will compete against the University of Alaska on Nov. 18 and the University of Kentucky on Nov. 19 in Fairbanks, AK.

In December, Air Force will compete in the Olympic Air Gun Try-outs in Aniston, AL on Dec. 2-4. On Jan. 21, the team will host Nevada-Reno at the USAFA Cadet Rifle Range. On Jan. 28-29, Air Force will be in Charleston, S.C. to compete against North Carolina State and The Citadel, respectively at the The Citadel rifle range. February has Air Force hosting TCU on Feb. 4 and UTEP on Feb. 5. The remaining season has Air Force at TCU on Feb. 16, followed by the NCAA Qualifiers on Feb. 18 at the TCU range. The NCAA Rifle Nationals will be held on Mar. 9-10, at Ohio State.

"We expect to shoot strong against the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and if we shoot the scores we shoot in practice, we'll have the chance to take the match. West Virginia has several NCAA national championships and is very strong in air rifle. I expect we will be competitive against them in smallbore, but will really need to bring our A+ game to compete with them in air rifle.

As for the rest of the season we'll continue to rely on our seniors experience and the drive and motivation from the up and coming team members. Our freshman are starting off strong and already contending for places in the top 5 which are how many we use for the team match. With a couple of months of training, they have a chance to be right in the mix and representing USAFA rifle their first year as cadets.

About the Team:

Returning to the range, are seniors Patrick Everson (Eagle River, Alaska), Kyle Phillips (Stockbridge, Ga.), Michael Seery (Oregon, Ohio), and team captain Robert Vasquez (El Paso, Tex.). Juniors Matthew Kluckman (San Antonio, Texas) and Benjamin York (Larkspur, Colo.) return to the team along with sophomore Joshua Davis court (Lone Tree, Colo.). The upperclassmen will be joined by freshmen Craig O'Daniel from Lebanon, Ky., and Meredith Carpentier from Waukegan, Ill., and Erin Hoover from Columbus, Ga.



2011-2012 Rifle Team: Back row: Mike Anti, assistant coach, Joshua Davis court, Matthew Kluckman, Craig O'Daniel, Benjamin York, Erin Hoover, Michael Seery, Launi Meili, head coach. Front row: Patrick Everson, Kyle Phillips, Alexis Todaro, Meredith Carpentier, Jacob Daniels, Robert Vasquez.

2010-11 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS



Pat Everson - Senior

2011-12 Outlook: Another one of our seniors that we expect great performances from this year. Cadet Everson has the ability to be one of our top shooters in both events. He will play a major role in USAFA's pursuit of making the national championships.

Location	SB	AR	Total	Date
Nebraska	566	575	1141	10/23/2010
President's Cup	576	574	1150	11/6/2010
UTEP	579	574	1153	11/20/2010
Nevada-Reno	572	580	1152	11/21/2010
Alaska Fairbanks	566	573	1139	12/2/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	16th	585	585	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	53rd	569	569	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	40th	571	571	12/5/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.) (5th)	(100.1)	585	685.1	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	28th	569	569	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	25th	571	571	12/5/2010
vs. TCU	569	582	1151	1/16/2011
vs. Nebraska	571	572	1143	1/22/2011
vs. The Citadel	567	583	1150	1/29/2011
vs. The Citadel	566	586	1152	1/30/2011
vs. TCU	570	583	1153	2/10/2011
vs. TCU (NCAA/NRA Qualifier)	568	578	1146	2/12/2011



Matt Kluckman - Junior

2011-12 Outlook: A junior that's continuing to develop in both events and has had smallbore scores strong enough to get him on the traveling team. With continued improvement, he'll be a contender to make the top 5 in smallbore this year. He was named MWC Scholar-Athlete for academic year 2010-11.

Location	SB	AR	Total	Date
Nebraska	DNS	574	574	10/23/2010
President's Cup	568	557	1125	11/6/2010
UTEP	564	DNS	564	11/20/2010
Nevada-Reno	0	0	0	11/21/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	45th	565	565	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	51st	571	571	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	48th	561	561	12/5/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	27th	565	565	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	32nd	561	561	12/5/2010
vs. TCU	561	569	1130	1/16/2011
vs. Nebraska	566	573	1139	1/22/2011
vs. The Citadel	558	570	1128	1/29/2011
vs. TCU	560	570	1130	2/10/2011
vs. TCU (NCAA/NRA Qualifier)	569	566	1135	2/12/2011

DNS = Did not shoot in the match



Joshua Davis court - Sophomore

2011-12 Outlook: Cadet Davis court continues to progress and sets the example for hard work and determination. His scores in both smallbore and air rifle improve every time he competes, so he is on track to making the travel team in the near future.

Opponent	Small	Air	Aggr.	Date
vs. TCU	550	DNS	550	1/16/2011
vs. Nebraska	543	DNS	543	1/22/2011



Kyle Phillips - Senior

2011-12 Outlook: Cadet Phillips is a solid performer in both events. He has the potential to really excel this year and we should see consistent quality performances during the season. Phillips is one of four seniors that will lead USAFA to the NCAA's.

Location	SB	AR	Total	Date
Nebraska	581	DNS	581	10/23/2010
President's Cup	570	574	1144	11/6/2010
UTEP	554	568	1122	11/20/2010
Nevada-Reno	568	574	1142	11/21/2010
Alaska Fairbanks	572	571	1143	12/2/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	39th	573	573	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	54th	569	569	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	21st	582	582	12/5/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	22nd	573	573	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	29th	569	569	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.) (8th)	96.9	582	678.9	12/5/2010
vs. TCU	563	578	1141	1/16/2011
vs. Nebraska	560	573	1133	01/22/11
vs. The Citadel	559	577	1136	1/29/11
vs. The Citadel	567	577	1144	1/30/11
vs. TCU	574	585	1159	2/10/11
vs. TCU (NCAA/NRA Qualifier)	566	581	1147	2/12/11



Kyle Phillips - Senior

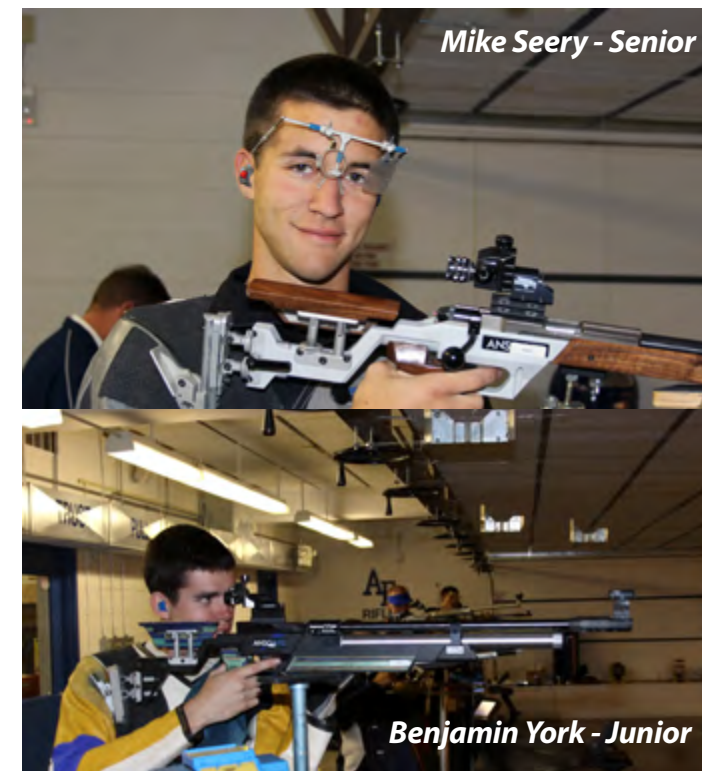
2010-11 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS



Mike Seery - Senior

2011-12 Outlook: Cadet Seery is our most experienced shooter returning to the team. In 2010 he competed with the US Shooting National Team at the World Championships, where he led the junior team to a bronze medal. This past summer he placed fourth at the USA National Championships in the open division, an amazing accomplishment at such a young age. In his senior year, Seery will help anchor the team in both events to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Opponent	Small	Air	Aggr.	Date
Nebraska	569	DNS	569	10/23/2010
President's Cup	562	574	1136	11/6/2010
UTEP	570	575	1145	11/20/2010
Nevada-Reno	569	DNS	569	11/21/2010
Alaska Fairbanks	572	DNS	572	12/2/2010
Winter Airgun Champ (Men)	36th	575	575	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champ (Men)	44th	575	575	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champ (Men)	33rd	576	576	12/5/2010
Winter Airgun Champ (Jr.)	19th	575	575	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champ (Jr.)	20th	575	575	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champ (Jr.)	19th	576	576	12/5/2010
vs. TCU	567	578	1145	1/16/2011
vs. Nebraska	583	572	1155	1/22/2011
vs. The Citadel	568	583	1151	1/29/2011
vs. The Citadel	577	586	1163	1/30/2011
vs. TCU	570	583	1153	2/10/2011
vs. TCU (NCAA/NRA Qualifier)	571	582	1153	2/12/2011



Mike Seery - Senior

Benjamin York - Junior



Robert Vasquez - Senior

2011-12 Outlook: Cadet Vasquez was one of our top air rifle shooters last year and the coaches feel he will lead the team in this event. His smallbore scores are increasing consistently and should make the first team in this event during the season. Vasquez has a great chance to qualify for the NCAA Individual Championships. As the team captain he has already fostered a positive/winning atmosphere.

Opponent	Small	Air	Aggr.	Date
Nebraska	DNS	582	582	10/23/2010
President's Cup	565	583	1148	11/6/2010
UTEP	DNS	576	576	11/20/2010
Nevada-Reno	DNS	579	579	11/21/2010
Alaska Fairbanks	DNS	587	587	12/2/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	26th	580	580	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	38th	576	576	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	28th	579	579	12/5/2010
vs. TCU	DNS	573	573	1/16/2011
Vs. Nebraska	DNS	579	579	1/22/2011
vs. The Citadel	DNS	588	588	1/29/2011
vs. The Citadel	DNS	584	584	1/30/2011
vs. TCU (NCAA/NRA Qualifier)	DNS	586	586	2/12/2011



Benjamin York - Junior

2011-12 Outlook: Starting his third season with the team, York has shown very good progress in his performance. The coaches feel he is equally skilled in both events and expect his scores to count towards the teams total in a number of competitions this year.

Opponent	Small	Air	Aggr.	Date
Nebraska	551	569	1120	10/23/2010
President's Cup	572	572	1144	11/6/2010
UTEP	562	0	562	11/20/2010
Nevada-Reno	565	561	1126	11/21/2010
Alaska Fairbanks	552	580	1132	12/2/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	23rd	581	581	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	41st	575	575	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Men)	44th	564	564	12/5/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	(100.4)	581	681.4	12/3/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	17th	575	575	12/4/2010
Winter Airgun Champs (Jr.)	29th	564	564	12/5/2010
vs. TCU	556	572	1128	1/16/2011
vs. Nebraska	567	578	1145	1/22/2011
vs. The Citadel	557	572	1129	1/29/2011
vs. The Citadel	566	579	1145	1/30/2011
vs. TCU	559	583	1142	2/10/2011
vs. TCU (NCAA/NRA Qualifier)	565	582	1147	2/12/2011
National JO Champs Day 1	DNS	581	581	4/6/2011
National JO Champs Day 2	DNS	567	567	4/7/2011



Craig O'Daniel - Freshman

2011-12 Outlook: Cadet O'Daniel is a phenomenal prone shooter and qualified for the 2011 Jr. Olympic National Championships. He's come a long way on his own with limited match experience in high school, and is improving rapidly in both events. He is also very close to breaking into the top 5 as a freshman. Now that he gets to train with a team. The coaches expect he'll take his shooting to the next level.



Meredith Carpentier - Freshman

2011-12 Outlook: Cadet Carpentier is a very impressive freshman coming in with both smallbore and air rifle experience. She is coachable and improves every time she shoots. She is already knocking on the door to be in the top 5 in air rifle with smallbore soon to follow, according to the coach.



Erin Hoover - Freshman

2011-12 Outlook: Cadet Hoover comes with experience from a very strong junior program, the Ft. Benning Jr. Rifle Club. With experience and coaching from that program she has a high skill level in air rifle and competed in the 2011 Jr. Olympic National Championships. The coaches feel she's working hard to compete in smallbore on the same level and will get there in a short amount of time.



Matt Kluckman - Junior

ALL AMERICANS IN RIFLE

(16 Individuals - 45 Times)

ROBERT SITEMAN	1958 1st Team (first AFA all-American)	DANIEL PEMPEL	1994 Smallbore 2nd Team
	1959 NRA Div. I 2nd Team		1996 Air Rifle 1st Team; Smallbore 2nd Team
CLYDE CARMICHAEL	1958 NCAA Div. I 2nd Team		1997 Air Rifle 1st Team; Smallbore 2nd Team
ROBERT CLARK	1964 NRA Div. I 1st Team	DAN WILCOX	1995 Smallbore 1st Team
TRACE WISENBURGER	1988 Air Rifle, 1st Team; Smallbore 2nd Team	MATT JOHNSON	1995 Air Rifle 2nd Team
	1990, Air Rifle, 2nd Team; Smallbore, 2nd Team		1996 Smallbore 2nd Team
JIM MEGER	1989 Air Rifle, 2nd Team	ERIN BREWER	1997 Air Rifle 2nd Team, Smallbore 2nd Team
	1990, Air Rifle and Smallbore 1st Team	CHRISTOPHER HILL	2004 NCAA/NRA Smallbore 2nd Team
	1991 Air Rifle and Smallbore 1st Team		2005 NCAA/NRA Smallbore 2nd Team
	1992 NRA Air Rifle National Champion		2006 NCAA/NRA Smallbore 2nd Team
	1992 Smallbore	THOMAS CHANDLER	2009 NCAA/NRA Smallbore 2nd Team
BRIAN CURTIS	1991 Air Rifle 2nd Team		2010 NCAA/NRA Smallbore and Air Rifle
	1993 Air Rifle and Smallbore		2011 NCAA/NRA Smallbore 1st Team, Air Rifle 2nd Team
JUSTIN BROUGHTON	1994 Air Rifle		
ROBIN ORTH	1993 Air Rifle and Smallbore		
	1994 Air Rifle and Smallbore 1st Team		
	1995 Smallbore and Air Rifle		
WILLAIM REINERT	1994 Smallbore 2nd Team		
ROBERTA BREYEN	1996 Air Rifle 1st Team		

The United States Air Force Academy offers a four-year program of instruction and experience designed to educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation. Each cadet graduates with a bachelor of science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

COURSE OF STUDY

Cadets are exposed to a balanced curriculum that provides the knowledge, skills and responsibilities essential to a career Air Force officer. The entire USAFA experience is integrated and mapped to achieve a set of desired outcomes in every graduate.

The core academic curriculum includes courses in basic sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities. Cadets take additional elective courses to complete requirements for one of 32 major areas of study. About 50 percent of the cadets complete majors in science and engineering; the remainder graduate in the social sciences and humanities. Some of the most popular majors include management, aeronautical engineering, foreign area studies, history, behavioral science, civil engineering, astronautical engineering, electrical engineering and engineering mechanics.

FACULTY COMPOSITION

The majority of the Academy's faculty members, more than 500 total, are Air Force officers. They are selected primarily from career-officer volunteers who have established outstanding records of performance and dedication. Each has at least a master's degree and more than 55 percent have doctorates or other terminal degrees in their field of study.

About 30 percent of the faculty are civilians who bring great depth of disciplinary and educational expertise and provide academic stability and

continuity.

Faculty members are intensely focused on cadet learning as an integral part of their officer development. The Air Force Academy has been ranked No. 1 in the nation for the most accessible and involved faculty for four years in a row.

To provide greater contributions by a diverse faculty, the Academy has several distinguished visiting professors and endowed professors who serve one or more years. Officers from other services, as well as officers from allied countries are also members of the faculty. Distinguished civilian and military lecturers also share their expertise with the cadets during the academic year.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Academy's athletic program is designed to improve physical fitness, teach athletic skills and develop leadership qualities. To achieve its goals, the Academy offers some of the most extensive physical education, intramural sports and intercollegiate athletic programs in the nation. Cadets take at least three different physical education courses each year.

MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

An air, space and cyberspace-oriented military education, training and leadership program begins with basic cadet training and continues throughout the four years. Seniors are responsible for the organizational leadership of the cadet wing, while juniors and sophomores seek to develop team and interpersonal leadership and instructional skills. Cadets are projected into as many active leadership roles as possible to prepare them to be effective Air Force officers.

Fundamental concepts of military organization -- drill, ethics, honor, Air Force heritage and physical training -- are emphasized the first summer during basic cadet training. Freshmen then study the

military role in United States society as well as the mission and organization of the Air Force. Sophomores receive instruction in communication skills and juniors study the combat and operational aspects of the Air Force.

The Academy offers courses in flying, navigation, soaring and parachuting, building from basic skills to instructor duties. Some cadets may fly light aircraft with the Cadet Flying Team.

Summer training for cadets is divided into three, three-week training periods. There are a variety of programs available and each cadet is required to complete two training periods each summer with leave during the other period. All new cadets take six weeks of basic cadet training in their first summer.

Combat survival training is a required three-week program during cadets' second summer. For other second-summer training periods, cadets have options such as working with Airmen in an operational unit at an Air Force installation, airborne parachute training, soaring or basic free-fall parachute training.

During their last two summers, all cadets are offered leadership training as supervisors or instructors in the summer programs listed above.

Extracurricular activities also are an integral part of the education program. The cadet ski club, drum and bugle corps, cadet chorale and forensics are a few of the programs available.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations to the Academy may be obtained through a congressional sponsor or by meeting eligibility criteria in other categories of competition established by law. For information on admission procedures, write to HQ USAFA/RRS; 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200; USAFA Academy, CO 80840-5025 or go to www.usafa.edu.

HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY

In 1948, a board of leading civilian and military educators was appointed to plan the curriculum for an academy that would meet the needs of the newly established Air Force. The board determined that Air Force requirements could not be met by expanding the other service academies and recommended an Air Force Academy be established without delay.

In 1949, then Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington appointed a commission to assist in selecting a site and on April 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized creation of the United States Air Force Academy. After considering 580 sites in 45 states, the commission narrowed the choice to three locations. The summer of 1954, Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbott selected a site near Colorado Springs, Colo. Colorado contributed \$1 million toward purchase of the property.

In July 1955, the first Academy class entered interim facilities at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, while construction began. It was sufficiently completed for occupancy by the cadet wing in late August 1958. Initial construction cost was \$142 million. Women entered the Academy on June 28, 1976, as members of the class of 1980.

ACADEMY LEADERSHIP

**LT GEN MICHAEL C. GOULD
SUPERINTENDENT**



Lt Gen Michael C. Gould is Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. He directs a four-year academic, military training, athletic and character development program leading to a bachelor's degree and commission as an Air Force officer.

The general is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Class of 1976. His career encompasses a wide range of assignments, ranging from head football coach of the Air Force Academy Preparatory School, to serving as Air Force aide to the President of the United States.

He has held numerous command positions at the group, wing and numbered air force level, and was commander of Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center during 9/11. Prior to his return to the Academy, he was Director of Operations and Plans, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. General Gould is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in the T-38, T-41, KC-10, C-5, C-17, C-21, C-141 and KC-135R.

The general's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

**VICE SUPERINTENDENT
Colonel Tamara Rank**



**DEAN OF FACULTY
Brig General Dana Born**



**COMMANDANT OF CADETS
Brig General Richard Clark**



**COMMANDER
10TH AIR BASE WING
Colonel Thomas Gibson**



ACADEMY ATHLETICS LEADERSHIP

**Athletic Director
Dr. Hans Mueh**



Dr. Hans J. Mueh is in his sixth year as the director of athletics at the Air Force Academy. A retired Air Force brigadier general, Mueh was vice dean of faculty for two years prior to his retirement from active duty in the summer of 2004. Mueh was heavily involved in Academy athletics before becoming director of athletics. He was the Academy's faculty athletics representative from 1996-2004 and was a long-time member of the board of directors for the Air Force Academy Athletics Association.

Since becoming the director of athletics, Mueh has led the Academy to some remarkable feats. In 2006-07, the Academy was one of only three schools (Michigan State and Boston College) to reach post-season play in football, men's basketball and ice hockey. It marked the first time a service academy has ever had a team compete in the post-season in all three sports.

In addition, under Mueh's watch the men's basketball team has played in an NCAA tournament and the National Invitational Tournament's Final Four. Mueh hired current head coach Jeff Reynolds and helped him continue Air Force's winning tradi-

tion last season. The ice hockey team has won back-to-back conference championships and made two straight appearances in the NCAA tournament. Mueh was on the selection committee that hired current head coach Frank Serratore and led the Academy's move into the Athletic Hockey Association. The women's basketball program has shown steady improvement and last year won an Academy Division I record 10 games.

The football program, the Academy's flagship sport, went through a major overhaul. Mueh led the transition from the retirement of the legendary Fisher DeBerry after 23 years at the helm to hiring current head coach Troy Calhoun, a 1989 Academy graduate. Calhoun's impact was immediate, leading the Falcons to a 9-4 overall mark and a second-place finish in the Mountain West Conference in 2007. The Falcons qualified for their first bowl game in five years, playing in the Armed Forces Bowl last year.

Mueh has been just as successful behind the scenes with the administration of the department. Mueh restructured the department with an internal/external model that has streamlined resources and made the department more effective from top to bottom. In addition, he has the department on course to become a federally chartered non-profit organization which will lead to more fund-raising opportunities.

Mueh has also been active within the conference and the NCAA. He was recently selected to be part of the NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet and has been active on the NCAA's academics/eligibility compliance cabinet, the men's golf committee and the region 7 postgraduate scholarship committee. Mueh has been equally active within

the conference on various leadership committees. He is currently on the awards and recognition committee and has previously served on the joint council executive committee, and committees on championships, television and sportsmanship.

Before assuming his duties as vice dean at the Academy, Mueh was permanent professor and head of the department of chemistry at the Academy, a position he held since October 1987 where he oversaw the annual design and instruction of 25 undergraduate courses for 1,500 cadets annually.

Mueh was born Jan. 8, 1944, in Celle, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1951. He entered the Air Force in 1962 as a member of the Academy's eighth graduating class, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1966. While at the Academy, Mueh was a two-year letterwinner in soccer as a goalie. He still holds the Academy record for saves in a game with 30, accomplishing it twice in 1965 against North Carolina and Benedictine. In his junior and senior years, Mueh helped the Falcons to the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Soccer League championship and quarterfinal berths in the NCAA tournament.

Following graduation, Mueh completed two assignments in intelligence before attending the University of Wisconsin where he earned his master's degree in chemistry in 1970. He later earned a doctorate degree in chemistry from Wisconsin in 1976 as a distinguished graduate. He has also completed Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College.

Between earning the two degrees, Mueh returned to the Academy as an instructor in the

department of chemistry from 1970-72. He also served as assistant soccer coach and played semi-pro soccer with the Aurora Internationals in Denver during those two years, leading the Internationals to the Colorado state title in 1971. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam and served as an intelligence officer in Saigon, Republic of Vietnam and at Nakhon Phanom RTAB, Thailand, in 1972 and 1973.

After earning his doctorate degree, Mueh returned to the Academy in 1976 as an associate professor of chemistry. He remained at the Academy except for a stint in 1985-86 as the special assistant for technical matters at the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon.

In 1986, he assumed the position of acting head, department of chemistry, before being selected for his position of permanent professor and head of the department of chemistry in 1987. As faculty athletics representative, he was active in both the Western Athletic Conference and Mountain West Conference, and was the Academy's representative on the transition team to form the new MWC, the only faculty athletics representative on the team. He competes in golf, racquetball, handball and tennis, and has promoted Air Force Academy intercollegiate sports throughout his tenure, beginning with work as chairman of the hockey eligibility committee, officer representative to the men's golf team and five years as the officer representative to the football team.

Mueh is married to the former Sally Flax of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have three children: Kristine, Kurt and Deborah.

ACADEMY ATHLETICS LEADERSHIP



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Col Billy Walker



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John Coulahan



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William Carpenter



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Support
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ATHLETICS FACILITIES

Few schools in the country have an athletic program as extensive as the Air Force Academy's.

The goals of the athletic program are to enhance the physical conditioning of all cadets, to develop the physical skills necessary for officership, to teach leadership in a competitive environment and to build character. There are three subdivisions of the athletic program: intercollegiate athletics, intramurals and physical education.

The intercollegiate program has 17 men's and 10 women's NCAA-sanctioned teams, facing some of the top competition in the nation. Men's teams are football, baseball, basketball, ice hockey, cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, indoor and outdoor track, lacrosse, rifle, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, water polo and wrestling. The Academy fields women's teams in basketball, cross country, fencing, gymnastics, rifle, indoor and outdoor track, swimming and diving, soccer, tennis and volleyball. In addition, the Academy sponsors two non-NCAA programs; boxing and cheerleading.

The majority of the Academy's men's and women's programs compete at the NCAA Division I level in the Mountain West Conference. The Falcons compete in this conference against teams from Brigham Young, New Mexico, Colorado State, San Diego State, TCU, Wyoming, Utah and UNLV. All sports also compete against non-conference opponents, including many nationally-ranked teams.

The football team competes annually for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, which is emblematic of service academy football supremacy. The Falcons have won the trophy 16 times, which is more than Army and Navy combined. The winner of the annual rivalry visits with the White House to have the trophy presented by the President of the United States.

Falcon Stadium opened on Sept. 22, 1962. The stadium was originally built solely for football, but non-athletic events like the Academy's annual graduation ceremonies are also conducted there. The newest modification to the stadium was completed in the spring of 2006 with fieldturf. Falcon Stadium has a seating capacity of 46,692.

The USAFA Cadet Field House is one of the most impressive buildings in the country. It's a modern, versatile structure with seemingly

endless uses. The \$5.6 million building is five stories high and 396 feet by 426 feet, the size of three football fields laid side by side. The structure is divided into three areas--basketball arena, ice hockey arena and multipurpose area. The three sections have a combined seating capacity of 11,000. Clune Arena seats 5,939. The Cadet Ice Rink has a seating capacity of 2,502, while the multipurpose area seats 1,000 fans for track and field competitions.

The Cadet Gymnasium is not your typical "gym" as the name implies. It is the standard by which multi-purpose athletic complexes are judged across the nation. The building contains an Olympic size pool; water polo pool; gymnastics room; wrestling and boxing rooms; rifle range; squash courts; racquetball/handball courts; a multipurpose area for boxing, weight training, fencing and judo classes; four indoor tennis courts; and three gymnasiums which can be used for such activities as basketball, tennis or volleyball.

The Cadet Gymnasium is used for physical education classes, intramural and intercollegiate practice/competition. The two swimming pools cover almost 20,000 square feet of the facility. The water polo pool (7,154 square feet) is primarily used by the water polo team for practice and competition.

Construction crews began work in August 2010 on the \$3.8-million renovation to the Cadet Track Stadium, the outdoor home of the Air Force track and field team (pictured below, left). Once completed, the Cadet Track Stadium, located at 6,980 feet above sea level, will be one of the premier track and field facilities in the nation.

The department's newest facility is the Holaday Athletic Center (shown above). The Academy broke ground for the new facility on Oct. 1, 2010. The new facility was completed in July 2011.





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