

Air Force Baseball “Fly, Fight, Win”

Several former Air Force baseball players are currently serving their country in the United States Air Force, while others have either retired or separated from the Air Force. Here is just a sample of what some graduates are doing:

Contact Nick Arseniak at nicholas.arseniak@usafa.edu to be added to list

Class of 1963

Joe Lee Burns -- Fighter pilot and retired Colonel. Currently Aviation Training Specialist (T-38 academics), Boeing Aerospace Operations Training Support Center, Universal City, Texas.

Wilson Parma -- Senior Marketing Advisor, FedEx, Memphis, Tenn.

Class of 1964

Darryl Bloodworth -- Founding partner and senior trial lawyer in a 50-lawyer Orlando, Florida based law firm. Former T-38 instructor pilot.

Allan McArtor -- Chairman of Airbus Americas, Inc. Former Cadet Wing Commander, Thunderbird Pilot, Head of FedEx global air ops, Administrator of FAA, Founder and CEO of Legend Airlines.

Fred Olmsted -- Fighter pilot is retired from FedEx where he was Executive Officer to the System Chief Pilot. Former A-300 and B-727 Captain.

Class of 1967

John McBroom -- Retired Major General Pacific Air Forces director of operations, HQ Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Was Wing Commander of F-15's in Desert Storm.

Paul Hanson -- Retired Lieutenant Colonel Currently Vice President, Quality Assurance/Contracts at Nellson Nutraceutical, LLC. Irwindale, Calif.

Class of 1968

Barney Mills -- Retired Colonel Former Defense Contractor. Resides in Colorado Springs.

Walter “Buck” McCants -- Retired Colonel C-141 pilot, Retired from FedEx and resides in Rock Hill, S.C.

Jim “Mooch” Reese -- Retired Lieutenant Colonel Resides in Dunwoody, Ga.

Vince Rusinak -- Retired Lieutenant Colonel Resides in Colorado Springs and owner of Rusinak Real Estate, Inc.

Class of 1970

Ed Cole -- Retired Lt. Col. F-4 and F-16 pilot. Retired from UPS where he flew 747, 757 and 767s. Resides in College Station, Texas, where he flies an Aero Commander 500/B (twin commander) mostly for fun.

Class of 1971

Jim Brown -- Partner and Pricipal, Brandes Investment Partners in San Diego, Calif., managing over 50 billion dollars. Former T-38 instructor and B-52 pilot.

Class of 1972

Tom Stites -- 1972 team captain is currently a real estate broker in Dallas, Texas, and part time B-737 pilot. Was a pilot for Delta Air Lines for 27 years, flying Captain on the B-737, B-757, B-767, and B-767-400.

Class of 1974

Dan Goodrich -- Retired Brigadier General Defense contractor residing in Melbourne, Fla.

Class of 1975

Larry Bryant -- Retired Lieutenant Colonel Currently Director of Academic Computing and civilian faculty member at USAFA.

David Commons -- Retired Maj. Gen. Senior Reserve Assistant to the Chief of Air Force Reserve. Also, a 767 Captain at Delta Air Lines.

Class of 1976

Mick Erdle -- Retired Colonel President, The Academy Research and Development Institute, Colorado Springs, CO.

Matt Martorano -- Retired as Colonel after 25 years in Air Force. Currently management pilot/check airman on the A300 at UPS Airlines in Louisville, Ky.

Gen. Mark A. Welsh -- U.S. Chief of Staff.

Class of 1978

Richard Newton -- Retired Lt. Gen. Former Assistant Vice Chief of Staff and Director, Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Class of 1980

Karl Apfel -- Former C-141/T-38 Instructor, 777 Pilot - American Airlines. Lives in Flower Mound, Texas.

Jim Best -- Former C-130 pilot, retired Lieutenant Colonel, FEDEX pilot. Lives in Dallas, Texas.

Jim Firth -- Former F-15 pilot, Brigadier General (USAF Reserves), Retired from Delta Airlines. Works for Boeing and lives in Suffolk, Va.

Steve Salek -- Former F-15 pilot, 737 - Southwest Airlines. Lives in Fairplay, Colo.

Deke Winters -- Former F-15 pilot, retired Colonel (USAF Reserves), 777 Pilot - United Airlines. Lives in Reston, Va.

Class of 1982

Jim Dahlmann -- Lieutenant Colonel (Retired). Most of career spent in Special Operations. Currently Chief of Operations Support Division and Chief of Congressional Liaison with the Directorate of Admissions at USAFA.

J.J. Johnson -- Pilot for United. Resides in Medford, N.J.

Joe Romanko -- Pilot for American. Resides in Medford, N.J.

Class of 1983

Col. Raymond Kozak -- Director, Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

Maj. Gen.(S) James K. "Kevin" McLaughlin -- Director, Space and Cyber Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Bert Szymkowicz -- Retired Lieutenant Colonel FedEx Express MD-11 Captain/PCA/LCA.

Class of 1984

Col. Steve Seroka -- Colonel, F-15C Pilot. Chief of Staff, USAF Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas NV.

Class of 1985

Tom Coleman -- Prep school instructor and football coach. Retired USAF and C-141/C-5 Command Pilot.

Class of 1986

Bruce Hawkins -- Navy GOV civilian working for the Naval Satellite Operations Center (NAVSOC), Point Mugu, Calif.

Col. Bob Holba -- C-17 Pilot, Chief AMC Aircrew Standardization & Evaluation Division HQ AMC/A3V, Scott AFB, Ill. Previously: Commander, 437th Operations Group, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

Jim Passaro -- Director of Defense Space Programs for Integrity Applications, Inc, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Also head of Air Force baseball Alumni group.

Class of 1987

Bobby Johnson -- Resides in New Jersey and working as a director for SunTrust in the Capital Markets Trading Department in New York City.

Class of 1988

Greg Harris -- United Airlines Pilot, First Officer on the Airbus A-320. Has logged over 10,000 flight hours in 14 different aircraft and has landed on every continent in the world--Antarctica 8 times. Resides in Parker, Colo.

Col. Nicholas Volpe -- USAF Reserves assigned to HQ AETC/A6 in Cyberspace Operations. Also employed by Hewlett Packard and resides in San Diego, Calif.

Class of 1989

Brig. Gen.(S) Pete Gersten - Wing Commander 432d Wing / 432d Air Expeditionary Wing, Creech AFB, NV. Commander of the USAF RPA Program

Rick Wynn -- Former F-16 pilot. Currently a program manager for CAE, responsible for building C-130J simulators for the USAF. Based in Tampa, Fla.

Class of 1991

Karl Hall -- Retired in 2015 as a Lt. Col. and currently flies 737s for United Airlines as a First Officer.

Class of 1991

Lt. Col. Mark Grotelueschen -- Staff of Air Forces Africa at Ramstein AFB, Germany. Author of two books on World War I.

Mike Kazlauskis -- Head coach, Air Force baseball, USAFA.

David O'Keeffe -- Export Marketing Manager, XCG John Deere (John Deere Construction & Forestry Division), Xuzhou, Jiangsu, China.

Class of 1992

Lt. Col. Brandon Baker -- Commander, 9th Operations Group, Detachment 3, Andersen AFB, Guam.

Lt Col. Steve Carson -- HQ US European Command J-5.

Layne Kasper -- Managing Partner of Kasper & Associates merger and acquisition firm.

Troy Simon -- CEO, Greeley Medical Clinic, Greeley/Loveland/Windsor, Colo.

Daron Stewart -- CEO, McDowell Home Health, Danville, Ky.

Class of 1994

Lt Col John W. "Trey" Chastain, III -- Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (4 AMXS/CC), Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

Maj. Rob Giannoni -- C-37A Pilot, MacDill AFB, Fla.

Lt. Col. Jeff Krusinski -- Chief, Enlisted Force Management, HQ U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Lt. Col. Rob Lisch -- Deputy Director for the Commander's Action Group, United States Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

Lt. Col. Mike Manor -- Director of Operations for the 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.

Lt. Col. Vern Mullis -- Director, Commandants Issues, USAF Academy.

Jeff Rengel -- Anesthesiologist at St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, MN. Formerly medical director of anesthesia, Wright Patterson AFB.

Class of 1995

Alan Barker -- Operations manager for the Indianapolis Air Traffic Control Center.

Lt. Col. Glenn Harris -- Air Force Global Strike Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

Lt. Col. Steve Sanders -- Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Commercial Airlift Division, Scott AFB IL.

Class of 1996

Maj. Jason Allen -- C-17 Evaluator in AF Reserves at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Wash. Also a 737 first class officer at Alaska Airlines.

Lt. Col. Jason Rudd -- Florida Air National Guard, 601 AOC Deputy Strategy Division Chief / F-15C pilot Tyndall AFB, FL

Class of 1997

Lt. Col. Drew Allen -- Director of Operations, 445 Flight Test Squadron at Edwards AFB, Calif. F-22 & F-16 instructor/evaluator test pilot.

Maj. Mike Bruhn -- Deputy Chief, Expeditionary Medical Operations Division at the Office of the Command Surgeon, HQ ACC/SG, Langley AFB, VA.

Justin Collins -- Student, Air Force Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Previously operations officer/flight commander, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Maj. David "Heat" Lyons -- Airpower Strategist, Checkmate, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, DC. Previously F-16 Instructor pilot.

Lt. Col. Jay Martin -- Currently assigned to HQ AFRC as the Chief, Personnel Recovery & Agile Combat Support Requirements and is an O-6 select.

Class of 1998

Eric Eldridge -- Air Force Fellow, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, Calif.

Jared Frosch -- Currently working in civil engineering at Randolph, AFB, Texas, as the chief of program development.

Maj. Ryan "RJ" Johnson -- Commander, 2nd Contracting Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.

Maj. Ian Laughrey -- Presidential Operations Coordinator, White House Military Office; Washington, DC. Previously: C-40 and T-1 Instructor Pilot.

Travis Lauritsen -- Vice President, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Maj. Adam "Tosh" Smith -- Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell, AFB, Ala.

Maj. Nate Tarkowski -- Instructor/Advisor, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Class of 1999

Michael Boomsma -- Construction Project Manager, Cordoba Construction, Los Angeles, Calif. and Major, USAF Reserves, flight commander, 701st COS, March AFRB, Calif. Previously: F-15C instructor pilot.

Maj. Jason Davis -- Chief of Weapons & Tactics for the 107th Fighter Squadron, MI ANG.

Maj. Chad Hillberg -- T-6 Evaluator/Instructor Pilot, 80th Operations Group, Sheppard AFB, Texas. Previously: F-16 CJ flight lead and T-37 instructor pilot.

Daniel McBroome -- M&A banker in the energy industry, Houston, Texas.

Maj. Michael Stolley -- MQ-1/MQ-9 weapons school instructor pilot, 26th WPS, Nellis AFB, Nev. Previously: F-16 CJ Mission Commander/Flight Lead.

Class of 2000

Maj. Chris Humphrey -- Senior Budget IMA, MILSATCOM Systems Directorate, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

Maj. Brendan Shannon -- Standardization and evaluation officer for the 309 FS, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Class of 2001

Brad "Pedro" Bashore -- AF Fellow, Georgetown University; Formerly F-15E WIC Instructor, Nellis AFB, NV

Maj. Ryan Carville -- USAF Europe command budget analyst, formerly C-5 instructor pilot and T-34 UPT instructor.

Maj. Kiweeden "IKE" Cornell: F-16 WIC Instructor, Nellis AFB, NV

Maj. David Diehl -- Deceased, April 2013. Pilot at Charleston, AFB.

Maj Gerremy "Bear" Goldsberry: Operational Analyst, BGI-LLC; F-16 Pilot AF Reserves, Arlington, TX, formerly F-16 Instructor, Aviano AB, Italy

Mike Thiessen -- Asst. Head coach/Co-Offensive Coordinator, USAFA Football.

Mike Tufte - Deceased, 2010. Formerly Architect, Denver, Colo.

Class of 2002

Capt. Jim George -- Instructor pilot at USAFA, former C-17 pilot. 19th Air Force T-52 IP (Instructor Pilot) of the year.

Erik Fisher -- Chief, C-17A Evaluator Pilot, 97 OG/OGV, at Altus AFB, Okla.

Capt. Matt Kearcher -- A-10 Pilot, Osan AB, South Korea.

Class of 2003

Capt. Bowie Frost -- Former E-3 pilot. Air Force baseball officer representative.

Maj. Johnny Koegel -- F-15C Instructor Pilot, Kadena AB, Japan

Nick Liegl -- Assistant director of athletics, finance; USAFA.

Dan Petro -- Corporate finance, USAA. San Antonio, Texas.

Capt. Josh Phifer -- F-22 Pilot, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

Capt. Jesper Stubbendorff -- T-1 instructor pilot at Columbus, AFB, Miss. Former KC-10 instructor pilot.

Class of 2005

Special Agent Nathan DeRohan -- Chief, criminal, investigations branch, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Capt. Ken Hodgson - C-130 pilot, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Capt. Tommy Fugler - F-16 Pilot, Misawa AB, Japan.

Capt. Travis Fugler -- KC-135 pilot, Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan.

Reid Lamson -- Air Force Reserve IMA for the 366th Communications Squadron in Mountain Home, Idaho.

Class of 2006

Capt. Clayton Couch -- Weapons systems officer(WSO) flying the F-15E Strike Eagle, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

Capt. Kyle DePierre -- Missile squadron missile combat crew commander, 490th Missile Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Mt.

Capt. Matt Musser - C-130 pilot, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Capt. Josh Oakley - U.S. Army Special Forces Detachment Commander, 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Carson, Colo.

Capt. Price Paramore -- 39th Medical Service Corps officer, Incirlik AB, Turkey.

Paul Pratt -- Engineer, Bastian Material Handling, Atlanta, Ga.

Capt. Jeff Tetrault -- Integration and sustainment program manager, JSPOC mission system, Peterson AFB, Co.

Capt. Josh Wolfram -- Deputy Budget Officer, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, McChord Field, Wash.

Class of 2007

Capt. Karl Bolt -- Logistics Readiness Officer, MacDill, AFB, Fla.

Capt. Mitch Brown -- Officer in charge, JSTARS Operations Center, Robins AFB, Ga.

Capt. Joe Peterson -- Finance officer, Scott AFB, Ill.

Capt. Jonathan Polston -- Civil Engineer Officer, HQ Air Force Material Command, Wright Patterson AFB, OH.

Capt. Geno Salazar -- C-17 Pilot, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Class of 2008

Capt. Jake Allen -- F-16 pilot, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, South Korea.

Capt. Chay Derbigny -- Aircraft Commander and chief Security Manager in the 319 SOS, Hurlburt AFB, Fla.

Capt. Josh Meents -- Manpower Analyst at the 2nd Manpower Readiness Squadron, Langley AFB.

Class of 2009

1st Lt. Casey Allen -- Graduate school, University of Cincinnati.

1st Lt. Jason Griggs -- Assistant Officer In Charge, 494 Aircraft Maintenance Unit, RAF Lakenheath, England.

1st Lt. Jake Petro -- Commander, financial management flight 341st RSS, Randolph AFB, Texas.

Class of 2010

1st Lt. Matt Alexander --F-16 Pilot, 182nd Fighter Squadron at Kelly AFB, Texas

1st Lt. Ben Ausbun -- Pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas

1st Lt. Addison Gentry -- AWACS Pilot, Tinker AFB, Okla.

1st Lt. Tyler McBride -- F-16 Pilot, Hill AFB, Utah

1st Lt. K.J. Randhawa -- Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Shaw AFB, S.C.

1st Lt. Alex Truesdale -- Pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas

Class of 2011

1st Lt. Nathan Carter -- C-17 Pilot, McChord AFB, Wash.

1st Lt. Parker Mayo -- Finance, Robins AFB, Ga.

1st Lt. Jon McMahon -- RPA Pilot, Creech AFB, Nev.

1st Lt. Brad Pingel -- Space & Missiles, Vandenburg AFB, Calif.

1st Lt. Vai Schierholtz -- Acquisitions, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

Class of 2012

2nd Lt. Evan Abrecht -- RPA pilot training, Randolph AFB, Texas

2nd Lt. Michael Ceci -- Graduate school, University of Maryland.

2nd Lt. Victor Iacobbo -- Civil Engineering, Barksdale AFB, La.

2nd Lt. Adam Hill -- Pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas

2nd Lt. Mike Kazakoff -- Finance, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

2nd Lt. Blair Roberts -- Finance, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

Class of 2013

2nd Lt. Alex Baker -- Pilot training, Vance AFB, Okla.

2nd Lt. David Baska -- Space Operations, Vandenburg AFB, Calif.

2nd Lt. Alex Bast -- Space Operations, Buckley AFB, Colo.

2nd Lt. Ben Bertelson -- Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas.

2nd Lt. Garrett Custons -- Financial Management, Patrick AFB, Fla.

Spent summer of 2013 playing professional baseball for Bluefield Blue Jays, Rookie League affiliate of Toronto Blue Jays.

2nd Lt. Todd Del Toro -- Financial Management, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

2nd Lt. Jack Hourin -- Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas.

2nd Lt. Matthew Robers -- Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.

2nd Lt. Matt Thorne -- Space Operations, Eglin AFB, Fla.

2nd Lt. Matt Zettler -- Civil Engineering, Holloman AFB, N.M.

Class of 2014

2nd Lt. Seth Kline --Financial Management/Laughlin AFB, Texas

2nd Lt. Jake Schomaker --Pilot Training/Columbus AFB, Miss.

2nd Lt. Cameron White --Space Operations/Vandenburg AFB, Calif.

Class of 2015

2nd Lt. Noah Pierce--Acquisitions/Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

2nd Lt. Tyler Saleck--Intelligence officer/Goodfellow AFB, Texas

2nd Lt. Brian Sicher--Financial Management/Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

2nd Lt. David Thomas--Pilot Training/Sheppard AFB, Texas

2nd Lt. Dominic Vicino--Acquisitions/Eglin AFB, Florida

2nd Lt. Ben Yokley--Pilot Training/Vance AFB, Okla.