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"Welcome"

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In welcoming you to the Air Force Academy, we are opening a new chapter in the history of the United States Air Force. It is a new chapter because you, as the first class of this academy, will establish tradition and patterns which will be followed by future classes.

Here you will prepare to assume the highest of responsibilities – leading [Airmen] in the application of air power to defend your country.

Give your heart to the job. Give it serious and concentrated thought. Prepare yourself that you can continue to grow from the foundations you form here. With this effort you can accept with confidence the responsibilities that will be yours, never fearing to find yourself wanting.

Do your best in each step, in each mission, regardless of the level of the task to be done, and you will never lack for personal satisfaction through a lifetime of service to God and your country.

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Statistics for the Class of 1975

Entry Date:	5 July 1971	General Officers:	27
No. Entered:	1404	POW:	0
Grad. Date:	4 June 1975	On War Memorial:	0
No. Graduated:	756	Thunderbird Pilot:	2
Pilots:	485	Act. Duty/Ret. Mil.:	497
Navigators:	90	Active Guard/Res.:	1
Astronauts:	1	AOG Members:	362

Awards and Decorations:

Air Force Cross:	0	Legion of Merit:	87
Defense Distinguished Service Medal:	0	Distinguished Flying Cross:	8
Distinguished Service Medal:	7	Bronze Star:	25
Silver Star:	0	Purple Heart:	3
Defense Superior Service Medal:	35	Air Medals:	193