



Class of 2025

Commitment Dinner Dining-In

August 10th, 2023

Never Quit, Never Settle

Schedule of Events

Take Seats

Head Table Members Enter

Posting of the Colors: USAFA Cadet Honor Guard

National Anthem: In The Stairwell

Invocation: Maj. Dianna Watkins

Introductions

Toasts

Dinner

*6 oz. Beef Tenderloin Steak laced with Au Jus and
Steak Sauce, Tortellini with Pesto Sauce, Caesar
Salad, Bundtinis*

Guest Speaker Remarks: Mr. Mike Matte

Commandant Remarks: Brig. Gen. Gavin P. Marks

Playing of the Air Force and Space Force Song

Head Table Members Depart

Dismissal of the Mess

Toasts

*Toast: To The Colors Of This Great Nation. To Her We
Drink, For Her We Pray, Our Voices Silent Never, For Her
We Fight - Let Come What May. The Stars And Stripes
Forever!*

All: To The Colors!

Toast: To the President of Botswana.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the President of Guyana.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the President of Indonesia.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the President of Kosovo.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

All: To the Prime Minister.

Toast: To the President of the Niger.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the President of Panama.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the President of Peru.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the President of the Philippines.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the President of Romania.

All: To the President.

Toast: To the President of Senegal.

All: To the King.

Toast: To the President of Sri Lanka. All:

To the President.

Toast: To the President of Taiwan.

All: To the President.

*Toast: To His Majesty, the King of
Thailand.*

All: To the King.

Toast: To the President of Tunisia.

All: To the President.

*Toast: To our Commander-in-Chief, the
President of the United States.*

All: To the President.

*Toast: To the Chief of Staff of the United
States Army.*

All: To the Chief.

*Toast: To the Commandant of the Marine
Corps.*

All: To the Commandant.

Toast: To the Chief of Naval Operations.

All: To the Chief.

*Toast: To the Chief of Staff of the United
States Air Force.*

All: To the Chief.

Toast: To the Chief of Space Operations.

All: To the Chief.

Toast: To the Superintendent.

All: Here, Here.

Toast: To the Commandant of Cadets.

All: Here, Here.

Toast: To the Dean of the Faculty.

All: Here, Here.

Toast: To the Director of Athletics.

All: Here, Here.

Toast: To the Class of 2025.

All: Psycho!

*Please fill your glasses with water as we perform our final toast to our comrades killed
in action, missing in action, or prisoners of war*

Guest Speaker



Mr. Mike Matte

Mike Matte is a small town "coach's kid" from northern Illinois. As an undersized quarterback and point guard on winning football and basketball teams he realized that his ability to run long distances was his pathway to a college scholarship. He received a congressional appointment to the Air Force Academy where, for four years he was able to continue his running career while going through rigorous military and academic training. This leadership schooling instilled in him the self discipline, character and integral principals that he has utilized throughout his life.

After graduation, Mike spent his active duty military years running B-52 flight-line weapons squadrons with up to 200 aircraft technicians.

Today, Mike is a seasoned CEO who throughout his career has been rigorously focused on surrounding himself with talented individuals. Mike, a marathon runner and all around athlete, stays both mentally and physically fit and believes that both are necessary to maintain laser focus.

Mike has led the operational and financial turnarounds of over 40 companies and business units ranging from 5 million to 500 million in annual revenue. Mike is an avid runner who trains an average 360 days per year to complete over 400 road races including 7 marathons with a Boston qualifying personal best of 2 hours and 48 minutes.

Mike Matte delivers high energy and his programs have strong, bold content. His style engages listeners. His personal stories, education and business experiences combined with over 30 years of athletic and military training fortifies Mike with the perfect tools to captivate and motivate audiences.

Air Force Song

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em now, Give 'em the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Space Force Song

We're the mighty watchful eye,
Guardians beyond the blue,
The invisible front line,
Warfighters brave and true.
Boldly reaching into space,
There's no limit to our sky.
Standing guard both night and day,
We're the Space Force from on high.

Special Thanks

The Class of 2025 would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who put their time and effort into making our Commitment Dining In memorable:

Mr. Mike Matte, Guest Speaker
Major Dianna Watkins, Chaplain
USAFA Cadet Honor Guard
Mitchell Hall Staff
Mitchell Hall Coordinator
Mitchell Hall Food Services
USAFA Association of Graduates
USAFA Class of 2025 Parent Spirit Mission Committee

Commitment Dinner Committee:

Officer in Charge: Major Kayla Hill
Noncommissioned Officers in Charge: TSgt Timothy Carroll
& TSgt Jermain Williams
Protocol Specialist: Mrs. Christine Lane
Class President: C2C Caleb Kavanaugh
CIC: C2C Kieran McCauley

Special Note:

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 on your Commitment! You have worked so hard to get here and we are very proud of you.
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