

THE AIR FORCE CADET WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
COLORADO

12th Squadron Cadet Insignia

The 12th Squadron Emblem, worn with pride by the fighting men of the 12th Cadet Squadron, symbolizes the spirit and dedication of one of the newest of cadet squadrons. Designed by Cadet William R. Povilus, a member of the class of 1963, the insignia has a special significance to the men it represents.

The dominating Polaris, or Star of the North, provides a never failing light to guide us on our flight through life. It also reminds us that there is no goal in life too high to attain.

The aircraft in the background signifies the profession we have chosen as our life's work. Its position in flight is like ours; it is just beginning its mission of defense and protection for its country.

The checkerboard pattern at the base of the insignia has a double meaning. First, the four colors represented are the recurring colors of the four classes at the Academy as the graduating class traditionally hands down its color to the newly entering freshman class. More important, however, is the checkerboard pattern itself, as it is the traditional symbol of our squadron sponsor, the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing, fightingest unit in our modern Air Force.

The insignia, and all it stands for, continues to be a source of pride and an excellent symbol for this, our 12th Cadet Squadron.