



# Monthly Newsletter

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## Announcements

Welcome to another issue of your WOL newsletter! As always, we have many things in the works for everyone. We have a few notable events coming up such as WOL elections, ALO videos, and how to get on your local Senator's nominations board. We are also in the very early stages of creating a pipeline program to further increase the diversity at USAFA. If there are specific things you want to see from your alumni org, [let us know](#).

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!

We know that many of you are doing amazing things in the WOL community inside and outside of the Air Force. If you would like us to highlight you, or anyone that you know that are doing great things, just [email us](#) with a picture and a quick recap of what should be highlighted. Nothing is too small! If you recently had a child, gotten into grad school, or have been volunteering in the community, let us know!

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**WE WANT YOU!**

# CADET SPOTLIGHT

## C2C Anthony Neil

C2C Anthony Neil is currently the Group 2 Superintendent. It comes as no surprise, or at least it shouldn't, that yet another WLC member is not only doing well at the Academy, but in a position of leadership. C2C Neil is an amazing young cadet, as are most of our WLC

members, but he will be the first to tell you that he did not arrive at USAFA overly prepared. Anthony Neil was born in Kingston, Jamaica where he spent most of his childhood in what we would describe as poverty. His transition from the Jamaican school system to America was a difficult one, but



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perseverance, unsurprisingly, is in his DNA. Anthony's transition into the Academy, as anyone could imagine, was an even tougher experience than his previous one from Jamaica to America. Now we get to the point of why WLC is important. Anthony mentions Manzi Masozera, Geraurd Sanders, and Danallen Lee as upperclassmen who took him by the hand and made

sure he did not fail. It should come as no surprise that these three people were in WLC and are now alumni.

In our interview, Anthony said, “WLC reminded me that I am not alone in my experience as a Black cadet.” Is this not the exact reason we have a Way of Life Committee? USAFA can be a new and foreign place to many who

look like us, and an embracing arm can be the difference between someone leaving, and someone excelling. Just as WLC members continue to uplift each other, we as WOL members must reach back and help cadets as well as our graduate community just as we did when we were cadets.

## AOG Election Results

Congratulation to our AOG Board of Director candidates for running an honorable race. Unfortunately, none of our members were elected this year, and the AOG missed out on 3 absolutely phenomenal candidates. On a brighter note, we picked up a lot of momentum this year. We must keep it going so that during the next election in 2 years, WOL comes out victorious. How do we win? We have voting power which means we all need to become a member of the AOG in order to create an Alumni Association that is supportive of our needs.

## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

### Alumni giving true insight to what it is like being Black in the Air Force

Recently, Maj Daniel Walker sat down with David Martin for a 60 Minutes interview which you all can access [here](#). Major Walker spoke candidly about his experiences within the Air Force as an F-22 pilot. The problems within the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Air Force, and the United States at large will not be solved unless we are willing to speak about the issues honestly and openly. In the same way that WLC members within the cadet wing are pushing for change



and supporting each other, our WOL members such as Maj Walker are continuing to help others every day.

### Sep 2021 WOL Elections

Ladies and gentlemen! Our current team has worked extremely hard to revitalize our organization and we are nearing the time to pass down the torch to members that are energetic, hardworking, and team players. If you are interested in running for President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary, please be on the look out for a registration email! All other subcommittee positions are application only.



Our most recent prolific figure is Kathryn Smith '82. Please [watch](#) Nkozi Stewart and Ms. Smith discuss everything from her struggles in basic swimming to her journey to becoming a lawyer. It is people much like Kathryn Smith who have paved the way for so many of our alumni, such as Daniel Walker, to exit from the Air Force and still serve a purpose and our people within the realm of law. You will undoubtedly enjoy this candid and refreshing conversation from one of WOL's finest.

# STAY IN TOUCH!



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