



AOG Board of Directors 24 July 2026 Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA

I. Call to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Almand '90

II. Duty of Care

Cathy Almand '90

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Cathy Almand '90

i. Draft Minutes - 24 April 2026 Board Meeting

Christopher Walker '88

ii. Provisional Minutes - 5 May 2026_E-Vote_AOG

2025 Audit and IRS Form 990

Christopher Walker '88

iii. 2.5 Monitoring Report - Asset Protection

Mark Hille '97, President & CEO

iv. 2.6 Monitoring Report - Investment Management

Mark Hille '97, President & CEO

v. 2.13 Monitoring Report - Annual Audit Report

Mark Hille '97, President & CEO

vi. Constitution to Cadet Wing Motion Response

Mark Hille '97, President & CEO

vii. Financial Report

Katie Willemarck, CFO

viii. "One Thing" Commitments

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ix. Follow-up from April Engagement Strategy Inquiry

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IV. Staff Reports

i. President & CEO

Mark Hille '97, President & CEO

ii. Alumni Relations - Reunions Report

Chris Bennett '93, Interim EVP of Alumni Relations

iii. Grad Survey Report

V. Class Advisory Senate

AJ Ranft '73 for John Cinnamon '91

VI. Break

VII. Committee Reports

i. Nominating Committee

Nathan Dial '10

ii. Governance Committee

Lee Krauth '72

iii. Audit Committee

William “Trapper” Carpenter '73

iv. External Communications Committee

David “DT” Thompson '85

VIII. Working Lunch

IX. Director Proposed Motions

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i. Director Merideth - Diamond Anniversary Planning

Denny Merideth '73

ii. Director Merideth - Resolution for Endorsement

Denny Merideth '73

X. Executive Session

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Article V, Section 8, C - When considering matters pertaining to nominations for directors or committee members or involving the employment, promotion, discipline, or dismissal of an officer, employee, member, or agent of the AOG.

i. Motion on Governance Matter

ii. CEO Evaluation and Compensation Procedure



AOG Board Motion Submission Form

- Date Submitted: March 25, 2026 (Updated June 22, 2026 & July 8, 2026)
- Submitted By: Director Merideth
- Meeting Date: July 24, 2026 (Updated from April meeting)

Motion Information

- Motion Title: Diamond Anniversary Celebrations
- Director Merideth moves that the Board encourages the CEO in collaboration with the Board and with appropriate USAF Academy offices to conduct planning to blend Diamond Anniversary Year Celebrations in 2029 commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the USAF Academy on April 1, 1954, and the 70th Anniversary of the graduation and commissioning on June 3, 1959 of the first class of the USAF Academy. The CEO is to brief the Board on the planning and costs at the April 2027 BOD Meeting.

Purpose / Rationale

The purpose is to formalize the planning process to honor USAFA's heritage, highlight the Academy's evolution, and celebrate the legacy of the Class of '59 while engaging current cadets, alumni, and the broader Air Force community. Creation of a theme will tie events throughout the years leading up to the year of commemoration that highlight legacy, transformation, and the future.

Supporting Documentation (if applicable)

N/A



Financial or Operational Impact (if any)

Time and effort for the study and presentation.



AOG Board Motion Submission Form

- Date Submitted: June 22, 2026 (Updated July 8, 2026)
- Submitted By: Director Merideth
- Meeting Date: July 24, 2026:

Motion Information

- Motion Title: Resolution of Endorsement for U.S. House of Representatives H.R. 9106 Robert Lodge Medal of Honor Act
- Director Merideth moves for Board approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 9106 THE ROBERT LODGE MEDAL OF HONOR ACT

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the United States' highest military decoration, reserved for members of the Armed Forces who distinguish themselves through conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force Academy Association of Graduates exists to support the Academy, serve our graduates, and preserve the magnificent heritage of the Long Blue Line; and

WHEREAS, Major Robert "Bob" Alfred Lodge, USAF Academy Class of 1964, embodied the Academy's core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do throughout his legendary military career; and



WHEREAS, Major Lodge flew 186 combat missions, shot down three enemy MiG-21s, and earned five Silver Stars—distinguishing himself as the single most decorated Silver Star recipient in the entire history of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, as the Chief of Fighter Tactics for the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Major Lodge revolutionized F-4 Phantom combat tactics, integrated critical beyond-visual-range radar modifications, and planned the air-to-air strategies that allowed American aviators to reclaim the skies over Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 1972, while leading a combat mission during Operation Linebacker, Major Lodge's aircraft was severely crippled by enemy forces deep in hostile territory; and

WHEREAS, possessing highly classified war plans, fighter operational tactics, and intelligence that would have catastrophic consequences if compromised under enemy interrogation, Major Lodge deliberately chose to ride his aircraft to his death rather than ejecting into enemy hands; and

WHEREAS, Major Lodge's ultimate sacrifice to protect his nation and fellow aviators represents the absolute highest pinnacle of military valor, for which he was posthumously honored by his alma mater with the 1975 Jabara Award for Airmanship; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation H.R. 9106, the Robert Lodge Medal of Honor Act, has been introduced to waive statutory time limits and authorize the President to posthumously present Major Lodge with the Medal of Honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the United States Air Force Academy Association of Graduates formally registers its unyielding endorsement and support



for H.R. 9106 to honor one of our most heroic graduates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon all USAF Academy graduates, chapters, and the broader defense community to actively advocate for the swift passage of this bill; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Air & Space Forces Association, and the leadership of the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services.

Purpose / Rationale

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This resolution formally registers the USAF Academy Association of Graduates' endorsement of H.R. 9106. As an organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of the Long Blue Line, advocating for Major Bob Lodge '64 ensures that the ultimate sacrifice of one of the Academy's finest tacticians and heroes is permanently etched into American history.

Strategic Alignment

- **Preserving Heritage:** Major Lodge is already part of the bedrock of USAFA history—buried at the **Academy Cemetery** and recognized as a **Jabara Award winner**. This resolution directly fulfills the AOG's core pillar of preserving graduate heritage.
- **Bipartisan Legislative Action:** Because federal law limits Medal of Honor presentations to a five-year window, a specific legislative act via H.R. 9106 is required to grant the necessary waiver for a graduate who went down with his jet over 50 years ago to protect classified tactical parameters.



- **Cadet Inspiration:** Formally recognizing Major Lodge's "Service Before Self" provides a profound historical anchor for current and future cadet wings at the Academy.

Financial or Operational Impact (if any)

Minimal financial impact and no significant operational impact.