

USAFA's Outstanding Squadron 2000

At the US Air Force Academy, Cadet Squadron 33, known as the "Ratz," was named winner of the Air Force Association's Outstanding Squadron Trophy for 2000. CS 33 ranked best among 40 squadrons at the academy in military leadership and academic and athletic achievements.

The squadron was honored at the 41st annual Outstanding Squadron Dinner held in Colorado Springs, Colo., in May. It was sponsored by AFA and the Colorado Springs/Lance Sijan Chapter, with support from USAFA's Association of Graduates through a contribution from TRW. Representing all corporate sponsors at the event was retired Lt. Gen. Patrick Caruana, head of TRW's Space Based Infrared System Low program.

Accepting the trophy for the Ratz were squadron commanders Cadet Lt. Col. Scott M. Charlton (fall) and Cadet Lt. Col. Tracy K. Tinianow (spring).



AFA National President Thomas J. McKee (at the podium) introduces cadet squadron commanders Tinianow (left) and Charlton. (Tinianow was the No. 1 graduate in the Class of 2000.) The Ratz have won the prestigious award on two previous occasions.