

Frequently Asked Questions Gone But Not Forgotten Annual Publication

The Air Force Academy Association and Foundation are introducing a new benefit to better memorialize USAFA graduates and support their families. We are launching a new annual memorial publication in 2025.

Q: Why are you making this change?

A: As the Academy graduate population ages, *Checkpoints* is increasingly insufficient in accommodating the increasing number of obituaries. This has necessitated the creation of a new publication as part of our commitment to remembering all fallen graduates, Air Training Officers and cadets.

Q: What is the purpose of the new stand-alone memorial publication?

A: The purpose of the publication is to honor and perpetuate the legacy of the Long Blue Line through the personal stories of our graduates. The publication is in the spirit of our mission to support the Academy, serve graduates and preserve the heritage of the institution.

Q: What will the annual memorial publication be called?

A: Gone But Not Forgotten will be part of the final name, which is not yet finalized.

Q: Will Gone But Not Forgotten memorial articles appear in *Checkpoints* after 2024?

A: No, but the Association will list basic information on deaths in each issue of *Checkpoints*.

Q: Do I have to wait a full year to read memorial articles?

A: No. If/when memorial articles are sent to the AOG, the tribute is posted to this webpage.

Q: Who will receive the annual memorial publication?

A: A complimentary copy will be mailed to a loved one of the deceased. It is not yet determined if the printed publication will be available at a nominal cost or at no cost to AOG members.

Q: What will the transition between memorial articles in *Checkpoints* and the annual publication look like?

A: There will be a one-year transition period. Memorial articles sent in to run in *Checkpoints* in 2024 will also appear in the inaugural memorial publication. The deadline for Gone But Not Forgotten submissions in the December 2024 issue of *Checkpoints* is mid-October, but any memorial articles about deaths for the remainder of 2024 received by mid-January 2025 will appear in the inaugural 2025 stand-alone publication. Then going forward, the full years' worth of tributes would be published in the next year's volume.

Q: When will the first memorial publication be printed?

A: The first memorial publication will likely be printed in February or March of 2025.

Q: How long can a memorial article be for the 2025 publication?

A: We currently have a 400-word maximum for each memorial tribute and will continue with that limit for the first stand-alone publication. We're doing this because we have already received submissions at that length and don't plan to ask for longer versions for the 2025 edition.

Q: How long can a memorial article be for the 2026 publication and beyond?

A: We will transition to roughly 450- or 900-word options for memorial tributes. Whoever writes and submits the memorial article will have the option to write to either word limit.

Q: What photo should I send in?

A: A recent favorite photo of the deceased, when possible. The photo (head and shoulders, color preferred) should be emailed as a .jpg and sent as a high-resolution image.

Q: How should I contact the AOG about a death notice?

A: Please email Next-of-Kin Support Specialist Terri Davis at deceasednotifications@usafa.org.

Q: Where can I see an example of what a memorial article layout may look like?

A: That is coming soon.

Q: Who should I reach out to with questions, concerns, etc.?

A: Please reach out to David Bitton, assistant director of strategic communications and publications, at 719-247-8745 or use our [Contact Form](#).