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Cadet 2nd Class Andrew Kacura-Miller, Cadet Squadron 32, helps prepare appointees to start their journey down the long blue line during inprocessing for basic cadet training Thursday. On their first day, cadets are issued clothing, receive their room and squadron assignments and swear an oath of allegiance to support and defend the Constitution and faithfully discharge their duties as cadets. BCT emphasizes the fundamental concepts of military organization: drill, ethics, honor, Air Force heritage and physical training.

# Airmanship program receives new trainer

The T-53A trainer aircraft has GPS, moving maps and digital instrumentation

Maj. Ricardo Aragon, 306th Operations Support Squadron Powered Flight Programs manager. "Once at full capacity, the powered flight program will potentially expose up to 750 Academy cadets annually to powered aviation in their junior and senior years before they go on to their various careers in the Air Force. In addition, each cadet will be provided up to nine flights before they have a chance to solo the aircraft on a 10th flight, if they perform well enough." Instructor pilots from the 557th will use the new trainer to teach cadets powered flight operations. "The T-53A is going to be a real good lead in for what cadets do once they finish the Academy," said Lt. Col. Jeff Bakken, 557th FTS commander. "It has a full GPS, moving maps and all kinds of digital instrumentation, which is actually quite a step forward from even some of our primary trainers in the Air Force right now". The acquisition process for the new trainers was relatively quick, according to Colonel Bakken. Once requirements were written, the Air Force



#### **By Gino Mattorano** Academy Spirit Editor

The 557th Flying Training Squadron got a new set of wings Monday with the arrival of the first T-53A trainer aircraft.

The first two aircraft, which cost approximately \$250,000 each, arrived this week and the remainder will be delivered between now and May. 2012.

Until now, cadets have trained in aircraft leased by the Air Force, but the Air Education and Training Command purchased 25 SR-20s, Air Force designated T-53As, which are produced by Cirrus Aircraft in Duluth, Minn.

"The Air Force purchased the new aircraft as an acquisition program to replace leased Diamond DA-40 aircraft (Air Force variant is T-52A) currently used for the powered flight program here at the Academy," said

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Lt. Col Jeff Bakken, 557th Flying Training Squadron commander, taxis the Air Force Academy's first T-53A trainer to a parking spot Monday. The aircraft is the first of 25 new T-53As that will help prepare cadets to be Air Force pilots.

started looking at aircraft that best fit other Air Force training aircraft has the needs of the Academy.

"You don't go out and buy a fleet of 25 new airplanes with these capabilities if you aren't going to continue," said Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, Academy superintendent. "So I think this is a good sign for all of us."

The T-53A also has something no

– a parachute.

"In the event the aircrew needs to deploy the parachute, the plane will come down and land itself in about a three point attitude," said Colonel Bakken. "If that happens, your chances are extremely good of just walking away with a scratch or two."



# **Resiliency preparation** it's not just a spectator sport

#### By Chief Master Sgt. Todd Salzman Air Force Academy command chief

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In the last twenty-eight years I can't think of a more stressful time in my career. Airmen are fighting on multiple fronts, feeling the effects of force shaping and budgetary constraints and an economic downturn. Their emotions are stretched to the limit as they try to balance service, their personal lives, and their relationships. To overcome this emotional rollercoaster, some turn to drugs and alcohol while others turn to suicide to end their depression. What is frightening to me is the number of programs and agencies going virtually unused. What is absolutely terrifying is that some Airmen have adopted a persona suggesting warriors don't show weakness, and for some, asking for help is just that -a weakness. Our leadership has gone to great lengths to put resources in place to ensure Airmen have the skills needed to make it through these tough times. So why do Airmen continue to fall victim to the pressures of the day? I believe it's because they have not embraced a culture of Proactive **Resiliency Preparation.** 

A culture embracing Proactive Resiliency Preparation is simply Airmen actively looking for opportunities to strengthen themselves. It's not waiting for events to occur. It's realizing the time to harden themselves is before they're faced with a problem. Today we routinely send Airmen to stress management classes after we determine they're stressed out, or anger management after they have punched their hand through a wall or worse yet assaulted their loved ones. The help is welcomed but late to need. We need to change the culture, that presents these programs as tools Airmen may use to seek help. I submit that if an Airman is vertical and converting oxygen into carbon dioxide in today's world- they need these programs. To fully transform this proactive culture our officers, NCOs, SNCOs, and civilian leadership have to take an in-depth look at their Airmen (and their peers for that matter) to ascertain their current state of resiliency. It means not waiting for Airmen to ask for time to attend Dads 101, anger management, a marriage enhancement retreat, or parenting class. A proactive leader knows what's happening in their Airmen's lives and takes steps to build resiliency. They have personally internalized the four pillars of the Comprehensive Airman Fitness model and have balanced the mental, social, physical, and spiritual aspects of it. More importantly they know when an Airman is out of balance. This small investment in time can be the difference between a successful Airman and an unsuccessful one.

Proactive Resiliency Preparation is a mindset Airmen must embrace to defend themselves against the pressures

of the day. Unfortunately, there are those reluctant to get into an Airman's personnel life. I've even been told "I can't make anyone go to these classes or helping agencies". That may be so but I think it a weak argument when one puts into perspective the personal battle some Airmen are, or may become, embroiled in. Don't we owe them tools so they have a fighting chance to be successful? In my mind, it is no different than pre-deployment preparation. For example, we mandate Airmen attend combat skills training to ensure competence with personal weapons and small unit tactics. We also mandate combat lifer saver training to enhance survivability on the battlefield. All of these required activities are put in place to ensure the successful completion of the mission. So why wouldn't we ensure our Airmen are prepared to handle the pressures felt both in the deployed location and in garrison? I see no difference in the requirement.

But make no mistake; I am not advocating a new program. I am merely advocating a culture shift demonstrating that personal resiliency is so important we're willing to go to great lengths to properly prepare ourselves for any challenge. Imagine a team where every member attended stress and anger management class. Not only are they able to cope on a personal level, but can provide support to members on their team. Will it be hard? Yep. But, to be frank, we have no choice. If we don't take the reins and lead our Airmen through resiliency preparation, then we accept the fact Airmen will continue to cope with stressors in a manner that isn't the best for them, their families, or the Air Force.

Preparing our Airmen to be resilient is no longer a spectator sport. We can no longer present programs and "hope" our Airmen show up. That time is gone. I present the following challenges. First and foremost, all Airmen (officer, enlisted, civilian) must stop and take an honest look at the Comprehensive Airman Fitness model and determine where they stand. If they discover an out of balance condition then they must immediately take steps to correct it before they take another breath. For supervisors and leadership, my challenge is much tougher. You must ascertain what is going on in your Airmen's lives and discuss where they stand in the Airman Comprehensive Fitness model. That means every supervisor needs to make immediate plans to conduct a performance feedback session right now! Only then will you be able to truly understand your Airman's resiliency, and then develop a comprehensive plan to help regain balance and strengthen their resiliency. This team approach is absolutely paramount to developing a culture of Proactive Resiliency Preparation. The success of our Airmen, and ultimately the mission, absolutely depends on individual resiliency and the ability to handle the pressures of the day. More to follow.



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# Medical Group welcomes new commander

Col. Timothy Ballard, right, accepts the 10th Medical Group guidon from Col. Rick LoCastro, 10th ABW commander, during the group's assumption-of-command ceremony Wednesday at the Falcon Club. Colonel Ballard comes to the Academy from Joint Base Elmendorf - Richardson, Alaska, where he was commander of the 673rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

## Senate Confirms Panetta as Defense Secretary

#### **By Lisa Daniel** American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate voted unanimously June 16 to confirm Leon E. Panetta as the next Secretary of Defense.

Panetta received broad bipartisan support following his June 9 confirmation hearing before the



Leon E. Panetta

Senate Armed Services Committee in which he said his foremost mission as defense secretary would be to protect the United States and ensure it has the "best-trained, the best-equipped and the strongest military in the world."

President Barack Obama nominated him earlier this year to replace outgoing Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates. Panetta, who currently serves as CIA director, is a former Congressman from California who has worked in government for four decades, including as President Bill Clinton's budget director.

Obama has nominated Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan, to replace Panetta as CIA director.

Panetta's confirmation comes one day ahead of the president's scheduled address to the nation to outline his plans to drawdown U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

In his hearing before the Senate committee, Panetta called Gates "one of the greatest secretaries of defense in our nation's history" and said he would carry on Gates' initiatives.



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# From CAS to Class ... of '15: JTAC joins Long Blue Line

#### By Don Branum Academy Spirit staff

Nearly 13,000 Air Force Academy applicants vied for about 1,150 slots in the incoming class, competing in academics, leadership and physical readiness to make the final cut and join the Long Blue Line on Thursday.

For one member of the Class of 2015, you can add one more obstacle: the Taliban.

Senior Airman Andrew Dane, a joint terminal attack controller with the 19th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Campbell, Ky., completed his application process while deployed to the 807th Expeditionary ASOS at Forward Operating Base Wilson, near Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan.

The Traverse City, Mich., native joined the Air Force straight out of high school.

"I initially joined to go into pararescue," he said. "I wanted to help people out."

Airman Dane's family has a history of military service: his cousin is a major in the Army and a West Point graduate, his mother served in the Army, and his grandfather on his father's side served in the Royal Navy.

After spending  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years of the past two years deployed, Airman Dane decided he wanted to change direction: leading airstrikes from the cockpit of an A-10 Thunderbolt II, rather than calling in support from the ground. He said Maj. Peter Terrebonne, the 19th ASOS operations officer, approached him about applying for the Academy through the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program after getting word that the Academy was looking for enlisted applicants.

"He said, 'You're the first person I thought of. Are you interested?" Airman Dane said. "I said. 'Heck, yeah."

With help from Major Terrebonne and the Academy Admissions office, Airman Dane navigated the application process from FOB Wilson. He conducted his interview with his admissions liaison officer via Internet video chat and received the endorsement of his commander, Lt. Col. Stephen

Lloyd, who was back at Fort Campbell. Airmen who apply through LEAD receive endorsement from their unit commanders rather than a congressman or senator.

Colonel Lloyd said Airman Dane was an obvious choice to attend the Academv.

"He was the best senior airman I've had during my tenure as the 19th ASOS commander," Colonel Lloyd said. "He is the kind of big-picture leader and warrior the Air Force needs in any Air Force specialty."

Airman Dane was the lead JTAC during Operation Bakersfield in July of last year, Colonel Lloyd said. Airman Dane supported elements from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and the Afghan army's 1st Kandak, 205th Corps, to kick the Taliban out of a strategic crossroads near Jelawur. In an Aug. 12 Fort Campbell Courier report, Army Staff Sgt. Benjamen Tivao said, "When we got out there on the first day, they hit us with everything they had ... it was non-stop."

During that five-day battle, Airman Dane executed seven "danger close" strafes -- attacks on enemy targets in close proximity to friendly forces -- with no injury to allied troops. In all, he conducted more than 450 close-air support missions during his deployment, including 42 troopsin-contact situations, and controlled more than 200 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance hours to help eliminate 150 roadside bombs and more than 100 weapons caches.

But the Taliban wasn't Airman Dane's only obstacle to acceptance at the Academy.

"I had to take the SAT while I was deployed," he said. "I never took the SAT in high school, because I had already enlisted. I had a week's notice, so I did as much studying as I could."

Patty Edmond, the deputy chief of admissions for the Academy Admissions office, said Airman



SENIOR AIRMAN WILLARD E. GRANDE II

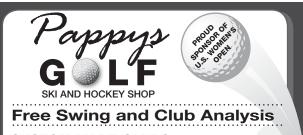
Senior Airman Andrew Dane receives a Purple Heart from Major Gen. Charles Lyon at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, May 8. Airman Dane joined the Air Force Academy's Class of 2015 on Thursday.

> Dane is one of only 10 enlisted Airmen to earn direct entry into the Class of 2015. He gives up a line number for staff sergeant in the process, and he'll have to say goodbye to his friends at Fort Campbell.

> However, he said he looks forward to making new friends here, and he'll try to lend a helping hand to his classmates during Basic Cadet Training.

> "You're stressed, period," he said, recalling his experience in Basic Military Training less than four years ago. "You wonder what you got yourself into, and you kind of freak out about the little things. Hopefully I'll be able to help everyone out as best I can just because I'll have the experience."

> Colonel Lloyd noted that the lack of enemy fire will make the Academy "exponentially easier" than Airman Dane's last deployment.



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# Officials announce E-6 selection stats

# Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE,** Texas — Air Force officials selected 8,545 of 34,257 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant for a selection rate of 24.94 percent.

The average score for those selected was 320.48, with an average time in grade of 5.55 years and an average time in service of 10.61 years. The average score was based on the following point averages: 133.10 for enlisted performance reports, 5.49 for decorations, 73.25 for the promotion fitness examination and 55.64 for the specialty knowledge test.

The technical sergeant promotion list was released Thursday at 8 a.m. CDT on the Air Force Personnel Center's website and Air Force Personnel Ser-

vices website under enlisted promotions. Airmen can also access their score notices at the same time on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight and Air Force Portal.

Those selected for technical sergeant will be promoted according to their promotion sequence number beginning in August 2011.

As a reminder, selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date. AFPC officials will notify Airmen through their military personnel sections if their selection is in question.

For more information about personnel issues, visit the Air Force personnel services website at https://gum-crm. csd.disa.mil.

# Military dogs honored

# Nearby lightning keeps ceremony short

#### **By David Edwards** Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Every dog has his day — or is supposed to, anyway. Sometimes, Mother Nature intrudes.

That's what happened June 17 when the Air Force Academy tried to hold a joint memorial service/retirement ceremony for military working dogs Aghbar and Odys.

Kennel master Chris Jakubin was relating the history of the military's use of service dogs when a bolt of lightning flashed behind him. A second bolt followed minutes later, and a loudspeaker came alive with an announcement to take shelter.

Feeling the squeeze, Mr. Jakubin

best to honor Aghbar's memory. Before the weather put the kibosh on their plans, they managed to share some anecdotes about the German shepherd who inaugurated the dog program at the Academy.

Aghbar lived to the ripe old age of 23 and earned a number of awards during his service to the Academy. Although he wasn't the strongest patrol dog, his bomb-sniffing acumen precisely met the Academy's immediate need, so he was brought on board.

Aghbar also meant business on the football field and didn't take kindly to opponents who showed up the Falcon defense, as was evidenced by another story Mr. Jakubin told. He



boating past the end zone and onto Aghbar's turf. Aghbar promptly bit him.

One of the Academy chaplains delivered a short but moving eulogy for Aghbar that preceded Mr. Jakubin's remarks. As the service concluded, Mr. Jakubin handed McDermott Library archivist Mary Elizabeth Ruwell Aghbar's collar, harness and certification letters from Lackland Air Force Base.

The second half of the event was a retirement ceremony. The family of Col. Tony McKenzie took in Odys. a

FAR LEFT: Aghbar, a Greman shepherd, inaugurated the dog program at the Academy. He lived to the age of 23.

**LEFT:** Odys, a Belgian malinois, retired after eight years of service at the Academy.

Aghbar, worked as a bomb dog.

As the attention shifted to Odys, raindrops began falling and the sky turned ominous. The small crowd that had gathered near the archery range dashed back to their vehicles.

Fortunately, Odys didn't seem to mind that his special day had been cut short. The service ended not a moment too soon, because within 15 minutes of its conclusion, Academy roads looked as if the ocean surf was rolling over them.

There were enough poignant moments to overcome the rotten weath-

and his team of dog handlers cut said that after scoring a touchdown, Belgian malinois who served at the er, however, and it was a case of all's their speeches short and did their a Wyoming player took his show- Academy for eight years and, like well that ends well.



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# Officials seek input to update MWR services

#### **by Terri Moon Cronk** American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Defense Department officials intend to use input gained from customer satisfaction surveys to bolster morale, welfare and recreation programs and meet the up-to-date needs of service members and their families, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy said today.

Officials are electronically sending 600,000 surveys to military installations worldwide, said Robert L. Gordon III, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy. The survey is the first of its kind to collect input from all components of the U.S. military, including guardsmen and reservists, he added.

The survey includes 135 questions that address a range of offerings from fitness centers to libraries, and automotive services to leisure activities.

Officials hope to have survey data returned in about three weeks, Mr. Gordon said.

"If (service members) can turn it around quickly, we can soon understand how we're doing and see how we can get better," he said.

Sent randomly, the survey

takes about 20 minutes to complete, he added, and the answers are kept confidential and anonymous.

"We want to get a sense of exactly what our service members and their families are using (at MWR) so we can tailor it to our multigenerational force," Mr. Gordon said.

The survey does not include data from family members since contact information was not available for them. Because of this, Gordon emphasized that service members should keep their families in mind when filling out the survey.

"Don't just think about yourself," he said. "Think about your families. It's important because we want to make sure your families have access to the very best services that we can provide them."

Mr. Gordon noted the need for survey data.

"In our last survey, we were able to pinpoint that our fitness centers were an area of concern for our service members and families, so we focused on that in terms of improvement across the force, and we intend to do the same with this survey," he said.

"If you get it, please fill it out quickly, and know that your opinion counts and will make MWR better for you and your family members," he added.

# DIAMOND JHARP

The Diamond Sharp Award is presented by Air Force Academy first sergeants to any Academy member who displays outstanding military bearing, core values, customer service or outstanding dress and appearance.



Name: Airman 1st Class

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**Unit:** Directorate

Michael Norton

**Job:** Financial Management

Hometown: Warsaw, N.Y.

Best part of the job: "Fixing problems. The harder the problem the more fun I have fixing it."

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# Global Engagement enhances leadership

Jacks Valley is alive with cadets learning deployment tactics and exercises

**By David Edwards** Academy Spirit Staff Writer

bring good things to life."

part in a deployment simulation designed to enhance leader- couldn't be more different, he said. ship skills.

Master Sgt. Adam Rodriguez, the superintendent of Global GE is a distinguishing feature for him. really focusing on leadership.<sup>3</sup>

The activities in the exercise stay the same, but they are re- He added that changes in the past couple of years have remately 230 cadets involved in each go, between 1,200 and among cadets. 1,300 will have participated by the time Global Engagement ends.

One new wrinkle this year is the incorporation of Unmanned ers and good communicators."

Aerial Systems programs into the regimen.

"Now they have eyes in the sky and can see that in real time with the UAS feed," Sgt. Rodriguez said. "That's a possible A few years back, General Electric adopted the slogan "we integration we're using. We're trying to get the cadets comfortable with the systems."

The Air Force Academy's GE, or Global Engagement, is Cadet 1st Class Nathan Betcher has experienced Global doing good things in the lives of cadets. Every summer in Engagement from a sophomore's perspective and now from Jacks Valley, the sophomore, junior and senior classes take the perspective of a well-defined leadership role, and the two

He also said Global Engagement is unlike any of the com-"This is (their) first real warrior-ethos leadership role," said mand jobs he's held in the Cadet Wing. The uniqueness of

Engagement. "The training is deployment tactics, but we're "It forces you to be an adaptive leader," he said. "It's a cool thing to work through."

peated across six sessions, each called a "go." With approxi- sulted in a greater emphasis on diffusion of leadership skills

"The goal isn't to turn them into a ranger unit," Cadet Betcher said. "The focus now is on making them good lead-

Global Engagement provides upperclassmen the opportunity to practice their leadership skills in a simulated deployed environment.





MEGAN DAVIS



Global Engagement simulates a deployment atmosphere, so the full range of combat experience is covered, including weapons and tactical movements.

The wilds of Jacks Valley offer an ideal setting for the annual fieldwork of Global Engagement. Cadets learn essential skills on the battlefield, one of which, of course, is familiarity with the M-16 rifle.

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# Deputy SecDef outlines new cybersecurity effort

#### **by John D. Banusiewicz** American Forces Press Service

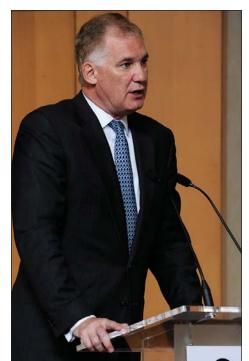
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**PARIS (AFNS)** — Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn III outlined a pilot program June 16 in which the government helps the defense industry in safeguarding the information their computer systems hold.

In a keynote address at the Center for Strategic Decision Research's 28th International Workshop on Global Security, Mr. Lynn described Defense Industrial Base Cyber Pilot in which the Defense Department, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, shares classified threat information and the know-how to employ it with participating defense companies or their Internet service providers to help them in defending their computer networks from attack or exploitation.

"Our defense industrial base is critical to our military effectiveness," Mr. Lynn said. "Their networks hold valuable information about our weapons systems and their capabilities. The theft of design data and engineering information from within these networks greatly undermines the technological edge we hold over potential adversaries."

Current countermeasures have slowed exploitation of U.S. defense industry networks, but haven't stopped it, the deputy secretary said, leading to DIB Cyber Pilot's establishment last month with a handful of defenseindustry companies, all of which vol-



DOD PHOTO BY TERRY MITCHELL Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III addresses the participants of the 28th International Workshop on Global Security in Paris, June 16.

unteered for the program.

"By furnishing network administrators with this threat intelligence, we will be able to strengthen the existing cyber defenses at defense companies," he said.

Mr. Lynn emphasized that the government will not monitor, intercept or store any private-sector communications through the program. Rather, he said, threat intelligence provided by the government is helping the companies themselves, or the Internet service providers working on their behalf, to identify and stop malicious activity within their networks. The pilot is voluntary for all participants, he added.

Mr. Lynn expressed the hope that DIB Cyber Pilot could serve as an example of how a larger effort aimed at protecting the nation's critical infrastructure -- its power grid, transportation system, financial system and other components -- might work.

"Although this pilot breaks new ground on several fronts, we have a long way to go, and a lot of work to do, before our critical infrastructure will be fully secure," he said. "But by establishing a lawful and effective framework for the government to help operators of one critical infrastructure sector defend their networks, we hope the DIB Cyber Pilot can be the beginning of something bigger. It could serve as a model that can be transported to other critical infrastructure sectors, under the leadership of the DOH."

Meanwhile, Mr. Lynn said, attacks on military networks pose a growing threat.

"Information technologies have revolutionized how our militaries organize, train and equip," he said. "They are at the core of our most important military capabilities: communications; command and control; navigation and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. But for all the military capability that information technology enables, it also introduces vulnerabilities."

Network exploitation, the theft of data from both government and commercial networks, has been the most prevalent cyber threat to date, Mr. Lynn said.

"This kind of cyber exploitation does not have the dramatic impact of a conventional military attack," Mr. Lynn said. "But over the long term, it has a corrosive effect that in some ways is more damaging."

Though exploitation has been the most common type of attack, the deputy secretary said, network disruption has emerged as a second cyber threat. In this type of attack, he explained, intruders seek to deny or degrade the use of important government or commercial networks.

A third type of cyber attack, destruction, is the most dangerous because it uses cyber tools to cause physical damage, Mr. Lynn said.

"This development, which would mark a strategic shift in the cyber threat is only just emerging," he said. "But when you look at what tools are available, it is clear that this capability exists."

The threat of a terrorist group gaining disruptive or destructive cyber capabilities may be the greater and more immediate concern, Mr. Lynn added.

"We have to assume that in cyber, as in other areas, if terrorists have the means to strike, they will do so," Mr. Lynn said.





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# A taste of deployment

Cadets get real-life view of leadership in Operation Air Force program

#### **By Cadet 1st Class Shaina Thompson** Cadet Squadron 08

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Approximately 60 Air Force Academy cadets hit the ground here June 18, seeing deployed operations firsthand and meeting deployed Airmen.

Cadets may participate in Operations Air Force between their sophomore and junior years at the Academy.

The program sends groups of cadets to Air Force bases for three weeks, where they follow officers in different career fields to gain an understanding of career responsibilities and interact with enlisted members to gain an unabashed view of leadership.

This glimpse of what many cadets refer to as the "real" Air Force is meant to develop the future officers and help them determine which career fields to put on their preference sheets. But some cadets who want even more experience apply to go on operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. If selected, they can visit a deployed location for a month and experience how the Air Force operates downrange.

Cadet 2nd Class Stephen Johnson of Cadet Squadron 17 is one of those broadening his perspective through the Deployed Ops program.

"With all the activity in the Middle East, I want-



ed to see for myself what's really going on," Cadet Johnson said. "Being able to talk to the professionals who are working in this environment allows me to better understand what's really happening."

The cadets can experience many different Air Force specialty codes, shadowing different officers each week. Cadet Johnson said he'd already met a multitude of people on base in the first two weeks of the program.

"I was exposed to the actual duty day and responsibilities of a B-1B (Lancer) pilot, a weapons officer, doctors and surgeons," he said. In addition, he learned "the importance of behind-the-scenes jobs like civil engineering, maintenance and equipment management in a deployed location."

Captain Thea Alli, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing protocol officer, is a 2006 Academy graduate who went through Operation Air Force during her own time at the Academy. Captain Alli was in charge of coordinating where the cadets spent their time on base during this year's program.

"It's a good opportunity for cadets to see what it's really like, and it's good for us to see what the future of the Air Force will look like since they will be lieutenants soon," Captain Alli said. "Some of the things I learned on Ops didn't make sense to me until years later. You take away more than you think."

This experience allows cadets to gain foresight on what they will be doing after graduation. Cadet 2nd Class Keegan Peckham from Cadet Squadron 06 said he has added tools to his leadership toolbox.

"I will take away how important it is to take every opportunity to help those that help you," Cadet Peckham said. "Take care of your people and they will take care of the job."

# Academy cadets get an ISR education

#### By Wayne Amann

Air Force ISR Agency Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — For 90 minutes eight cadets from the United States Air Force Academy were given a crash course June 8, on the "silent warrior" world of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, as part of their Operation Air Force visit to Lackland Air Force Base.

Ops Air Force is a summer program designed to give cadets three weeks to experience, firsthand, everything an operational Air Force base has to offer.

said Cadet 2nd Class Kurt Borecky of Austin, Texas, who's working toward a Marine commission. "Seeing how the Agency interconnects with (the Corps) could have a big effect on my career."

Cadet 2nd Class Anthony Cummings was equally impressed with what the ISR community brings to the fight.

"(This career field) is more important to the fighting mission than I realized," said Cadet Cummings of Peoria, Ill. "This broadened my view of the Air Force and how important intelligence is to the war fighters pulling the triggers."



Cadet 1st Class Jordan Wittman, Cadet Squadron 30, helps Staff Sgt. Matthew Jones lay out bare pallets on the assembly line at the U.S. Army Riggers detachment. Cadet Wittman is here on Deployed Ops, a summer program which sends Academy cadets to deployed locations.

CADET 1ST CLASS

SHAINA THOMPSON

"The missions these cadets will be leading will be heavily influenced by ISR," said '94 Academy graduate Lt. Col. Shane Haughian, commander of Lackland's 319th Training Squadron and primary coordinator for Ops Air Force cadets at Lackland. "Whether it's high-value targeting, real-time support to engaged ground personnel, relief effort support or protecting convoys, ISR is a key, high value and life-saving asset supporting all our mission sets."

During the visit, the cadets received a comprehensive agency mission briefing from Staff Sgt. Lance Allen of the Commander's Action Group covering the personnel, organizational structure and capabilities of this intercontinental organization and its 19,000-plus members.

"I didn't realize there were so many intricate parts to the organization," Academy grad Col. Eric Payne, Class of '87, the Director of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, hosted the briefing. He and Lt. Col. Longinos Gonzalez, Class of '92, Lt. Col. Ken Yee, Class of '94, Maj. Edward Francis, Class of '00 and Capt. Dawn Higginbotham, Class of '07, shared their ISR experiences and answered questions about their careers as officers and the Air Force in general.

Following the briefing, the cadets were given a guided tour of the Headquarters Air Force ISR Agency Heritage Center by Gabe Marshall and Senior Master Sgt. Benjamin Jones from the Air Force ISR Agency History Office, who explained the organization's legacy of service to the nation since its inception as the United States Air Force Security Service in 1948. WILLIAM BELCHER

Senior Master Sgt. Benjamin Jones shows a World War II Enigma Cryptologic machine June 8 to Academy cadets during a tour of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency Heritage Center as part of the cadets Operation Air Force visit.

After lunch with basic military trainees, the cadets received a 59th Medical Wing briefing at Wilford Hall Medical Center and toured the Medical Readiness Training Facility. The day was capped by F-16 Fighting Falcon incentive flights courtesy of the 149th Texas Air National Guard.

This group of Ops Air Force cadets precedes a second group of six cadets scheduled to visit Lackland and the Air Force ISR Agency later this summer.

"The cadets will encounter a breadth of experience not found at the Academy," Colonel Haughian said. "Besides seeing the mission sets that up-to-now they only read about, they, more importantly, get to interact with great enlisted troops and meet the extremely talented young trainees going through Basic Military Training."

The program's message is getting through.

"The Ops Air Force Program brings you to the 'real Air Force' as some call it. It gives you more perspective on what goes on, especially with the enlisted force, what they do and their impact on the Air Force. I've experienced so much in this program. It's awesome."

# **Current and Former Falcons Head to** USA Track and Field Championships

Current and former members of the Air Force track All-America disand field program will travel to Eugene, Ore., for the 2011 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on June 23-26.

Two members of the 2011 squad, one 2006 graduate and one volunteer coach will compete at Historic Hayward Field over the four-day meet.

#### WHOM TO WATCH

Air Force will be represented by rising senior Bryce Bergman (400-meter hurdles), 2011 graduate Justin Tyner (3,000-meter steeplechase) and 2006 graduate Dana Pounds-Lyon (javelin throw). In addition, volunteer coach Jenny Simpson qualified for the national meet in the 1,500-meter run.

#### GET TO KNOW THE FALCONS

Bryce Bergman is the 2011 Mountain West Conference champion in the 400-meter hurdles and holds the third-fastest time in Academy history at 51.25. Justin Tyner, who holds the second-fastest steeplechase time in program history (8:37.54), won the West Preliminary title in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the 2011 NCAA Championships, before placing eighth in the national finals. The Academy and Mountain West Conference record-holder in the javelin throw (195'8"), Pounds-Lyon won back-to-back NCAA championship titles in 2005 and 2006

#### THIS LOOKS FAMILIAR

Both Justin Tyner and Bryce Bergman have competed at Historic Hayward Field this year, as the duo ran the course during the West Preliminary of the NCAA Championships. With a time of 8:44.86, Tyner won the West title of the 3,000-meter steeplechase, while Bergman clocked a time of 52.85 in the 400-meter hurdles to place 33rd.

**TYNER EARNS 1st-TEAM ALL-AMERICA HONORS** With a time of 8:40.83, Justin Tyner placed eighth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA Outdoor Championships and earned First-Team All-America honors. Tyner became the first track athlete to garner

tinction for the Falcons at an outdoor meet since Shane Rogers placed 11th in the steeplechase in 2001.

#### **HISTORY 101**

Justin Tyner became the fifth Division I track athlete to earn All-America distinction at an outdoor meet, joining Shane Rogers, Eric Mack (1996), Alonzo Babers (1983) and Jim Murphy (1964). It was the third All-America distinction of the season

Justin Tyner for Tyner, who placed fifth in the 3000-meter run and ran the anchor leg of the Falcons' ninth-place distance medley relay team at the 2011 NCAA Indoor Championships. The program MVP, who also placed third at the 5,000-meter run during the 2010 indoor meet, amassed four All-America awards over his career - a mark that is tied with former pole vaulter Nick Frawley as the most in the program's Division

#### I history. HOW TO WATCH

ESPN2 will air a two-hour block of highlights from the first two days this evening from 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. (Eastern Time) with a re-air on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Universal and NBC will broadcast the final two days of competition, with action being aired 3-4:30 p.m. (Universal) and 5-6 p.m. (NBC) on Saturday and 3-4 p.m. (Universal) and 5-6 p.m. (NBC) on Sunday.

# Rain can't dampen softball action

Hot bats in intramural league play

#### By Dave Castilla Intramural Sports Director

Despite the cold, windy weather, DRU/ FSS and Athletic Department were hot enough to combine for nine home runs, but DRU/FSS edged the AD team with a 22-20 decision in intramural softball action Monday.

The Athletic Department had an early lead and was up 11-4 after two innings. AD's Mark Clifford had a double, a home run and drove in five runs, while Matt Vrana had two RBI's on two doubles.

In the fourth inning, DRU/FSS started chipping away at the lead, starting with Ron Gramlick's leadoff homer, followed later by a two-run shot by Pete Waltz to close the gap to 14-9. At the top of the fifth, DRU/FSS scored another five runs, led by Pete Waltz's three-run homer to center, followed by a solo blast by Tim Richardson to tie the score at 14-14.

AD came roaring back in the bottom of the fifth, scoring five runs - two on a homerun from Vrana, followed by a three-run shot by Mark Clifford to put AD back in the lead at 19-14.

Both teams went scoreless in the sixth, but in the top of the seventh DRU/ FSS caught fire, scoring eight runs. Tim Richardson hit a three-run homer, followed by a single and two RBIs from Pete Waltz. A two-run double from Ron Gramlick wrapped up the first half of the seventh for DRU/FSS, giving AD one last chance. The AD only managed to score one run in the bottom of the 7th to give DRU/FSS the win.



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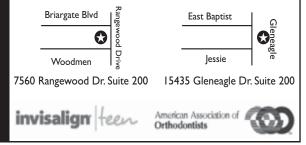
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# Polynesian luau

Base housing residents are invited to a Polynesian luau from 6-9 p.m. today, at the housing office lot, 6556 W. Columbine Drive, in the Pine Valley Housing area. Activities will include island dancing, music and food.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling 867-9688.

# 'Fore' the troops: July 4

Active-duty and retired military members can receive free admission to the U.S. Women's Open on July 4 by going to www.2011uswomensopen. com.

Tickets are available for other days with a 50-percent discount through local King Soopers stores.

### Get tickets for summer fun!

The Air Force Academy's Information, Tickets and Tours office offers discounted prices for attractions across the state of Colorado.

Discounts are available for Elitch Gardens, Water World, the Denver Aquarium, Colorado Rockies baseball, the Royal Gorge Bridge and Train in Cañon City, the Durango and Silverton Train and the Pikes



### Cadet Chapel BUDDHIST

Sundays: 10 a.m. Thursdays: 6:20 p.m.

**PROTESTANT WORSHIP** Traditional: Sundays, 9 a.m. **Contemporary:** Sundays, 11.a.m.

#### CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Mass: Sundays, 10-11 a.m.; Mondays, 5:45-6:15 a.m.; Tuesdays-Thursdays, 7-7:30 p.m. **Confession and Adoration:** Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. Holy Days of Obligation: 7 p.m.



For more information, contact the ITT office at 333-3348.

## Take an outdoor adventure

The Outdoor Adventure Program has several upcoming opportunities for those who enjoy trekking through the Colorado wilderness.

For information on these and other offerings, contact Outdoor Adventure at 333-2940 or visit their website at http://bit.ly/m8vddh.

Weekend Hut Trip: Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.lostwonderhut. com to learn more about the hut. Cost is \$79.

Hiking on the Academy: Women's casual-paced hiking is held Tuesdays at 9 a.m., with co-ed quick-paced hiking held Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. The hikes are free, but registration is required. Contact Outdoor Adventure for more information.

# Santa Fe Trail closure

A portion of the Santa Fe Trail will be closed weekdays but remain open weekends until Oct. 30 while repairs are made to the Tri-Intersection Bridge on Southgate Boulevard.

Safety hazards caused by heavy construction traffic under the bridge on the trail are forcing the closure of a stretch of the trail about 2 miles from the south trail entrance to the Academy and about 4 miles from the north gate Santa Fe trailhead.

## Youth fire safety camp

The Academy fire department will offer its annual Youth Fire Safety Camp for children ages 8-12 at Fire Station 1 in Pine Valley on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children will eat lunch with Academy firefighters, visit with Sparky and Smokey Bear and receive a group photo and certificate signed by the fire chief.

Contact the fire department at 333-2051 to sign up.

# Family Advocacy offerings

For information on these or other Family Advocacy programs, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 333-5270.

Anger Management: Held Thursdays, July 12 through Aug. 2, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Learn how to manage your anger and how to better relate to others using simple, innovative techniques. Common Sense Parenting: Held Thursdays, Aug. 4 through Sept. 8, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. This skill-based parenting program teaches parents of children ages 5-18 practical and effective ways to increase their children's positive behaviors and appropriate alternatives to negative behaviors. 1-2-3 Magic Parenting: Held Aug. 10 and 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. This class offers parents of children ages 2-12 easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children without arguing, yelling or spanking. This is a two-session course.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Other upcoming Air Force Academy Band events include a performance of the national anthem by Blue Steel at Coors Field in Denver July 2 at 6:10 p.m. and a Stellar Brass concert featuring Dr. Joseph Galema at the Cadet Chapel on July 14 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Academy Band's events page at www. usafacademyband.af.mil/events.

# Pikes Peak or Bust scholarships

Families of servicemembers killed in action while in a designated combat zone may apply for Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade scholarships by July 5.

For more information or to apply, contact Brian Binn at 575-4325 or by email at **brian**@cscc.org.

# **Education Fair**

The base education office will hold an Education Fair July 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Center breezeway.

Representatives from several colleges and universities will present information about their educational programs, suited to meet the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students.

Everyone is invited to attend and explore the next step in their education. For more information, contact the education office at 333-4821.

# **Community Center activities**

For information on Community Center programs, contact the Community Center at 333-2928.

# Holiday hours

Contact the 10th Force Support Squadron at 333-3535 for a list of

closures or reduced hours on July 4.

# Fridays are decal days

The 10th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration Center will issue vehicle registration and Cadet Area parking decals on Fridays only from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Call Staff Sgt. Antonio Jones at 333-2120 for more information.

# Light-cooking demonstration

The Health and Wellness Center will show you how to prepare healthy and delicious summer barbecue fare. The demo is Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the center, 8137 Park Drive. Only 25 slots are available, so reserve your spot quickly if you're interested. To register, call 333-3733.

# Change of command ceremony

Command of the 10th Airbase Wing will change at a ceremony Monday at 10 a.m. at the wing headquarters. Parking will be limited, so the parking lots at Falcon Stadium will be used. Buses will take people from the stadium to the event.

# HAWC sponsoring biathlon

The Academy's fourth annual biathlon will take place July 9 starting at 8 a.m. It includes a 12-mile bike ride and a 3.1-mile run. Refreshments will be provided. Registration deadline is July 1. To register, call the HAWC at 333-3733.

# Water quality report

The 2011 Consumer Confidence Report regarding the water supply has been published and is available. Call Maj. Chet Bryant or Senior Airman Skyler Arnold at 333-4825 for a copy.





**JEWISH WORSHIP** Shabbath: Fridays, 7 p.m.

# **Community Center Chapel**

#### **CATHOLIC WORSHIP**

Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.

#### **PROTESTANT WORSHIP**

Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN WORSHIP Sweat Lodge Ceremony:

Saturday, 2 p.m., at Fort Carson Turkey Creek Recreation Area. More Information: Call 505-435-6367

# Get a little 'wild' with AFA Band

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