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Photo by Bill Evans

Site survey

Cadets 2nd Class Bryan Johnson, left, and Charles Eskridge compile survey data during a class exercise at the Field Engineering and Research Laboratory course this week in Jacks Valley. For more on FERL activities, see Pages 12-13.

Falcon football second in nat'l academic prowess

From Athletic Communications

The Air Force Academy football team has the second-highest multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) of any team in the Football Bowl Subdivision, according to a report issued today by the NCAA.

The program's 988 ranks second only to Rutgers, who had a 992, among the 120 FBS football playing schools. The multi-year APR is for the 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years.

Air Force's number is easily the best within the Mountain West Conference. TCU is second with a 968 while Utah is third at 949. Colorado State is fourth with a 945 followed by BYU (940), New Mexico and UNLV (934), San Diego State (931) and Wyoming (928).

The Academy is also the highest ranking service academy, as Navy posted

a 973 and Army a 964. The remainder of the top five nationally shows Rice third with 987, Northwestern fourth at 986 and Duke fifth at 983.

"This is hands down the finest accomplishment in all of college football," said Air Force head football coach Troy Calhoun. "There should be no hesitation to identify educational achievements along with character development in major conference intercollegiate sports."

"The Air Force Academy is a very challenging leadership school; and yet, the determination and perseverance of these cadets with the support of our outstanding faculty and staff moved them beyond the necessary standards of the Academy," said Coach Calhoun, a 1989 Air Force Academy graduate who played and coached at the Academy, and has also coached at Ohio, Wake Forest and the NFL. "It's remarkable that a team can

have its members take over 18 semester hours of the nation's most demanding curriculum, prepare to serve our country, and still balance participation as a Division I athlete in a major conference."

Each year the NCAA honors selected Division I sports teams by publicly recognizing their latest multiyear APR. This announcement is part of the overall Division I academic reform effort and is intended to highlight teams who demonstrate a commitment to academic progress and retention of student-athletes by achieving the top APRs within their respective sports. Specifically, these teams posted multiyear APRs in the top 10 percent of all squads in each sport.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility,

retention and graduation and provides a measure of each team's academic performance.

Top 5 Football Bowl Subdivision Schools

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Feeding camels is tiresome, yet important task

By Tech. Sgt. Kevin Wallace
100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

RAF MILDENHALL, England (AFNS) — When my 3-year-old asked me why I was going to the desert in 2004, I said, "Daddy has to go feed the camels," and that was enough to sustain his curiosity.

My 7- and 8-year-olds didn't buy it.

Despite their doubt and his bewilderment, I went forth and tried my best to help by supporting ground and air operations in Iraq in an expeditionary maintenance squadron. This was my first deployment, and though it seemed difficult at the time, it was perhaps the easiest mission I'll ever endure.

After a mere 100 days in the theater, I returned to my assignment in Okinawa, Japan, as a changed man. While others went about their daily grinds, I had gone to a foreign land to serve something greater than myself.

After a few years, and a forced retrain, I found myself working in the public affairs office at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The 436th Airlift Wing is responsible for port mortuary operations, and I got more than an ample opportunity to be a part of the well-oiled machine that returns America's heroes with dignity, honor and respect.

Some days at Dover AFB were harder than others. Still, our mission was an important one, and I was just glad I got to come home to my family every night.

My 3-year-old was then a 6-year-old and had no idea what Daddy did at work. He'd practically forgotten that I'd ever left a few years prior.

Then another set of orders came. Daddy was off to Afghanistan to serve an in-lieu-of tasking with the 101st Airborne Division.

When I explained that, once again, I had to go feed the camels, his reply was much different.

"Why do you have to go feed the camels, Daddy?" he asked. "Why can't other people feed them?"

I explained that many fine Soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky., were already in Afghanistan, but they were getting tired. That's why they asked the Air Force for some help and Daddy had to go help them, so some of them could go back to their children.

He stared me straight in the eye with a piercing gaze of disbelief. I could see that he questioned why these camels were more important to me than he was.

My heart skipped a beat, but I stuck



Photo by Senior Airman James Bollinger

An Afghan man tries on a pair of glasses and observes the area around for the first time in many years, during a medical outreach program May 15.

to my story. What he imagined was not the case at all, and I knew with time he'd understand.

So, off I went to serve 214 days with the Combined Joint Task Force-101 in the eastern provinces of Afghanistan. I got well-acquainted with a lifestyle and mission that few Airmen ever experience.

In fact, aside from Airmen in the tactical air control party, pararescue, combat control, special operations weather, psychological operations and public affairs career fields, you'll rarely ever find an Airman embedded with an infantry unit well outside the perimeter of a base.

In that mountainous terrain, I experienced emotions and saw things that will resonate with me for the rest of my life.

How do you explain that to a 6-year-old?

It's easy — you don't.

You simply say you are off to feed the camels.

In reality, however, I knew I was going to face a brutal enemy on his terms and in his terrain. By providing food, shelter and education to generations of Afghans, we hoped to remove hunger and oppression, to feed the future of a country in need.

For 234 years, America's security has rested on the shoulders of those who were willing to answer the call when and where it came. For that same amount of time, I imagine parents have tried to find ways to explain this to their children. For me — well, I simply say I'm off to feed the camels.

I continued to serve at Dover AFB until I got orders to Royal Air Force

Mildenhall, England.

We've been here about seven months and have enjoyed the country so far. But, being in a highly-deployable career field, I knew I would get the call again eventually. Last week, a message came saying it's my time to go to again.

Now my 3-year-old is nearly 9, and my 7- and 8-year olds are 12 and 13.

How do I muster a proper explanation to them? Should I simply say that Daddy must, once again, go feed the camels?

They won't buy it.

Still, this past weekend I told them that very thing, and no, they didn't buy it. Nonetheless, I'm compelled to go forward and do whatever I can to help.

Naysayers will tell you that we've been in this war for nine years. Those same naysayers may tell you that we can never win this war.

I disagree.

I wonder if they've ever gazed into the eyes of child who has just been used as a human shield, or mustered the strength not to make eye contact while looking into a room full of abused women, so they could have the willpower to photograph those women's plight. Perhaps then they'd have my same outlook.

I wonder if those same naysayers have ever walked a foot patrol and watched a small girl jump from rock to rock, swiftly navigating across her backyard — that field of land mines where she was just playing — to simply ask for a chocolate bar. If they had, maybe they would finally stop questioning whether or not we should be involved in a war half a world away. Maybe that would be enough for them to personally start chipping in.

The bottom line is that these people need us.

I don't know if my children will ever understand the choices I live by, or have forced them to live with. I don't know if they'll ever agree with the sacrifices I continue to make in a dream that someday I can help quench that seemingly endless thirst for water and hunger for food in Afghanistan. I guess in the foreseeable future, I'll never know.

What I do know is there are people waiting for me. So, this autumn I'll answer their call.

We are making sacrifices today for a better tomorrow. We must continue to believe that.

After all, if we don't help now, it'll be our children telling their children in the future that they're off to feed the camels.

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FalconSAT-5 completes environmental testing Fitness program revision rewards excellent Airmen



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Cadets prepare for thermal and vibration testing at Kirtland Air Force Base, N. M., on the engineering model of FalconSAT-5. Under the FalconSAT program, three models of each satellite - an engineering model, a qualification model and a flight model - are constructed and tested annually over the span of three academic years.

From the Department of Astronautics

The U.S. Air Force Academy's FalconSAT-5 small satellite cleared its final testing hurdle this week before it leaves for Alaska in July.

A team of Astronautics faculty and staff conducted a final round of environmental testing on the satellite at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., on June 2 and then briefed program status and test results to senior leaders from the Department of Defense Space Test Program and Air Force Research Lab.

This testing was necessitated by an anomaly discovered during functional testing in March 2010 and subsequently

repaired. The environmental reverification of FalconSAT-5 clears the way for shipment in mid-July to the Kodiak Launch Complex on Kodiak Island, Alaska and then launch vehicle integration as one of six experimental payloads aboard an Orbital Sciences Minotaur IV booster for the STP-S26 mission. Launch is now set for early-September.

FalconSAT-5 is an experimental satellite designed, built, and tested by cadets and faculty in a multi-disciplinary senior capstone design class. The satellite has four payloads to analyze space weather phenomena while characterizing the effects of onboard plasma and cold-gas thrusters.

By Beth Gosselin
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Based upon service-wide feedback, Airmen who earn an "excellent" on the new fitness test will now only have to test once a year according to a new revision to the Air Force Fitness Program.

"We believe this will recognize fitness excellence and serve as an incentive for more Airmen to improve their fitness," said Col. Joan Garbutt, the chief of military force policy division.

The revision, which takes effect the same day the new program kicks-off on July 1, allows those Airmen who test in all four components of the test and receive an overall score of 90 or better to test only once a year. The four components of the new fitness test include a 1.5-mile timed run, abdominal circumference, push-ups and sit-ups. Prior to this revision, all Airmen were required to test twice a year.

Approximately one of every five fitness scores documented in 2009 was "excellent" for those Airmen who tested in all four categories, said Capt. Sean Brazel, the chief of officer promotions, evaluations and fitness policy.



"Factoring in these numbers, we forecast a reduction in the fitness testing workload when this new policy takes effect," the captain added.

Airmen must test under the new standards to qualify for this change. Therefore, only Airmen who test after June 30 will be able to earn the opportunity to do their fitness test once a year.

Airmen who score an "excellent" but were medically exempt from testing in one or more of the four components will still need to test twice a year. In other words, Airmen must successfully complete all four components of the fitness test to qualify for the once a year testing.

"We believe this is another step in the right direction towards cultivating a fitter Air Force," Colonel Garbutt said.

Wing hosts base picnic

The USAFA base picnic is today, 10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Falcon Stadium. Events include performances by the Academy Band, demonstrations by the 10th Security Forces Squadron's military working dogs, as well as a dunk booth, pony rides, kids carnival, kids fishing derby, car and bike show, tug of war, three-on-three basketball, flag football and, of course, food! There will be several prize drawings, including a grand prize of a 42-inch flat screen television. Tickets are available through unit first sergeants.

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10 ABW holds deployment networking summit

By Academy Spirit Staff

Nearly 120 people attended the Deployment Networking Summit held June 3 at the Falcon Trails Youth Center.

The summit, which featured information booths, door prizes, food and beverages, was designed to enhance

communication and decrease anxieties between deploying and returning service members and their families, said Tech. Sgt. Lisa Taylor, Readiness NCO with the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The event was also designed to help strengthen the Academy mission, Sergeant Taylor said.

Senior leadership was present to help answer any questions or concerns regarding deployments, separations and reunions.

"It was another great gathering that builds fanatical pride and takes care of our deployers," Col. Rick LoCastro, 10th Air Base Wing commander. "It was great to see a packed house, so many families,

people from every branch of service, and kids everywhere. This was another grand slam for the families of the Academy."

The Academy currently has almost 100 Airmen deployed in support of ongoing operations, and more than half of those come from the 10th Air Base Wing.

JAG corps announces law school programs

From Academy Judge Advocate Office

Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP) and Excess Leave Program (ELP) are being accepted from Jan. 1 through March 1, 2011.

"Our Air Force missions are constantly changing, and commanders deserve to have access to legal advisors with a broad background of military experiences," said Maj. T. Shane Heavener, Chief of the Accessions Branch, Professional Development Directorate, Office of The Judge Advocate General. "The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a Corps of officers whose military experience complements their legal training providing commanders with the highest caliber of legal support."

According to Major Heavener, Air Force JAGs do more than just provide legal assistance. In addition to prosecuting and defending clients brought before courts-martial, JAG officers routinely participate in nearly every facet of the Air Force mission including developing and acquiring weapons systems, ensuring availability of airspace and ranges where those systems are tested and operated, consulting with commanders about how those systems are employed in armed conflict, and

assisting commanders in the day-to-day running of military installations around the world.

"Every facet of every Air Force mission is bound by elements of the law," Major Heavener said.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers. The FLEP is an assignment action. Participants receive full pay, allowances, and tuition. FLEP applicants must have between two and six years active duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the day they begin law school. The FLEP is subject to tuition limitations. Positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. The Air Force Institute of Technology establishes the tuition limit. Academic Year 2010 was set at approximately \$16,000 per year, but this amount may change year to year.

The ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. ELP participants do not receive pay and allowances but remain on active duty for retirement eligibility and benefits purposes. ELP applicants must have between two and ten years active duty service and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

Applications for FY11 FLEP and ELP will be

accepted from Jan. 1 through March 1, 2011. Both the FLEP and ELP programs require attendance at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States, or a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates. To be considered for FLEP or ELP, applicants must complete all application forms, applied (acceptance is not required at the time of application for FLEP/ELP) to at least one ABA accredited law school, received their Law School Admissions Test results, and completed a Staff Judge Advocate interview by Feb. 15 2011. Officers must provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. Selection for both programs is competitive.

Applications meet a selection board in early March, and selections are made based on a review of the application package using a "whole person" concept. AFI 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, Chapters 2 and 3, discuss the FLEP and ELP. For more information and application materials, visit <http://www.airforce.com/jag>, contact the Academy base legal office at 333-7277, or contact Capt. Laura DeSio, HQ USAF/JAX (laura.desio@pentagon.af.mil or 1-800-JAG-USAF).



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Old Glory serves as signature and symbol of pride

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

From its supposed creation by the hands of a poor Colonial seamstress to flying on the moon and hurtling in space, Old Glory, our flag, remains as our national signature.



tailor as well. Legend has it that in June 1776 George Washington, George Ross (uncle of Ms. Ross' late husband) and Robert Morris of the Continental Congress visited her home with sketches of a proposed flag Washington had made on paper. Originally, the design was for six pointed stars, but Ms. Ross suggested five as she demonstrated how in a single snip she could make a five-pointed star.

Although the truth of her involvement remains unresolved, Mrs. Ross was thought by some to have sewn the flag in her parlor and completed it in time for July 8, 1776, as the Declaration of Independence was read aloud.

The "Betsy Ross" flag shows 13 stars in a circle on a blue field, signifying no one state is higher than another. As states were added to the Union, so were stars to the flag. The 50th star was added July 4, 1960, for Hawaii which entered the Union in August 1959.

The meaning of the colors of the flag follows the same for the Great Seal of the United States instituted by the Congress of the Confederation. White implies purity and innocence, red for valor and hardiness and blue for vigilance and perseverance.

Capt. William Driver, a Salem, Mass., shipmaster is considered the source of the nickname "Old Glory" in 1833. As he set

off on a voyage in 1833, which would climax with the rescue of the mutineers of "The Bounty," friends presented him with a flag of 24 stars. As it was unfurled, he reportedly cried out "Old Glory!"

Following three decades of state and local celebrations, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 was officially established by proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson in May 1916. President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 as National Flag Day in 1949.

The U.S. Flag Code and Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007 provide a guide for handling and display of the American flag. No federal agency has the authority to issue "official" rulings legally binding on civilians.

"There is no protocol police or protocol jail," said Col. John Linn, Academy protocol commander.

Contained in the Flag Code is the requirement the flag should never be dipped to any person or thing and is flown upside down only as a distress signal. It should not be used as drapery or covering a desk, platform or decoration in general.

In addition, the flag should never be used for advertising purposes. That includes such articles as boxes, napkins, cushions or anything else intended to be discarded after use, and no advertising sign should be attached to the staff or halyard. Only military personnel, firefighters, police officers and members of patriotic organizations

may use the flag as part of a uniform.

The flag is to be left unmarked, without insignia, letter, word, number or drawing, and it is never to be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding or delivering anything. It should never touch the ground, and when no longer fit to serve as a symbol it is to be destroyed by ceremonial burning.

Colonel Linn gave some simple tips to the position and manner of display.

"Think 'stage right,' and you will almost always get it right," he said of the placement. Stage right appears visually to be on the left as audiences view the stage.

"The most common mistake is getting flags out of order," he added.

The U.S. flag has the highest position, either vertically or stage right of other flags. Flags of states and territories are displayed by the date they entered the Union.

Colonel Linn said generally only one flag should be displayed at a time but there are "no hard and fast rules."

During posting of the colors and playing of the National Anthem, military members render salute if outdoors and in uniform or stand at attention when indoors, and civilians place their hand on their heart.

Academy protocol officer Becky Hureau said a change in federal law last year now permits veterans and service members not in uniform to render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the National Anthem.

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AF officials announce remotely piloted aircraft pilot training pipeline

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Staff officials will institutionalize the remotely piloted aircraft pilot career field by establishing undergraduate RPA training.

According to Lt. Gen. Philip Breedlove, the deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements, the first URT class will begin in October 2010.

“This change is just another step in solidifying our commitment to, and the importance of, this capability to the joint community,” General Breedlove added.

After successful completion of the course, RPA pilots will become part of the 18X career field. Graduates will also receive RPA incentive pay equal to aviation career incentive pay and carry a six-year service commitment.

In October 2009, Air Force officials established the 18X career field in an effort to create a professional cadre of RPA pilots to meet joint warfighter requirements.

The 18X career field is a rated Air Force specialty code, and selection standards will be rigorous, to include physi-



ological and academic requirements, said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kwoka, the RPA career field manager.

Future RPA pilots will be selected from accession boards or from an undergraduate flying training board. Training includes initial flight training at Pueblo, Colo., RPA instrument qualification, and a fundamentals course at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, followed by training at one of the Air Force’s RPA formal training units.

“The Air Force will ensure that all RPA pilots are fully trained to employ the RPA in the national airspace and operational environments,” Colonel Kwoka said.

The first opportunity for active-duty members to be selected for URT will be the January 2011 board. Air Force Personnel Center officials will announce the application window this summer.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lakisha A. Croley

Air Force cadets ‘hang’ with Fire Dawgs

Cadet 1st Class Jeff Larkin descends from a tower platform using high-angle rescue techniques taught by 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters Saturday at an air base in Southwest Asia. Twenty cadets are visiting the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing this month to experience military life downrange.

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By Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Zannetti
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MANHATTAN, N.Y. (AFNS) — The U.S. Air Force received top honors June 3 at the Public Relations Society of America's annual Silver Anvil Awards Ceremony at the Equitable Tower in New York City. This is the first time the Air Force has received the PRSA's most esteemed, "Best of Silver Anvil" Award, recognized as the civilian community's established icon of "best of the best" public relations practices.

The Air Force received the 2010 Silver Anvil award for its winning submission, "A Solemn View: Public Affairs Provides a Window to American Service Members' Ultimate Sacrifice," a program to facilitate media coverage of "dignified transfers," where servicemembers killed in combat are returned to American soil with dignity, honor and respect. In addition, the Air Force won a Silver Anvil Award in the Issues Management, Government subcategory.

More than 400 people were in attendance for the event including Undersecretary of the Air Force Erin C. Conaton, who accepted the award on behalf of the U.S. Air Force. Also attending were Col. Les A. Kodlick, director of Air Force Public Affairs, and Col. Robert Edmondson, Air Force

Mortuary Affairs commander,

"I want to thank the Public Relations Society of America for recognizing the Air Force Office of Public Affairs and its tremendous record of success in this no-fail mission," said Ms. Conaton. "It is a solemn process that ensures dignity, honor and respect for the fallen, and also provides care, service and support to family members, while allowing the media to give the public considerate insight into the human cost of war. The work that Air Force Mortuary Affairs and Public Affairs do with dignified transfers, and the media's coverage of them, is important to the Air Force, the Department of Defense and the nation."

The Air Force was selected as the best amongst 134 public relations programs nominated for the award. The award honors organizations, both civilian and government, who successfully addressed a contemporary public relations issue with exemplary professional skill, creativity and resourcefulness. The Silver Anvils are regarded as the preeminent achievement of public relations, the highest watermark of success for any practitioner.

After an 18-year ban on media coverage, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced a new policy in 2009 allowing media to cover dignified transfers with permission from family

members. With little lead time, a group of Air Force public affairs professionals took the lead and developed a people-focused media program in 27 days that honored the fallen and cared for their families, while simultaneously providing the media the opportunity to cover this solemn process and provide the public a clear view into the human cost of war. In the first year of the new policy, 471 dignified transfers were conducted at Dover AFB with more than half covered by the media.

"This program is a great success," Colonel Edmondson said. "The award is not only special because it recognizes public affairs, but recognizes and preserves the dignity and care for the families. It's incredibly satisfying to see our public affairs professionals when they are on the ground doing the mission and then getting recognized for their hard work."

More than 800 Silver Anvil Award entries were considered, including Fortune 500 companies such as Volkswagen of America, General Mills, American Airlines, Xerox Corporation, Starbucks and Sprint. Awards were presented in 59 categories and subcategories honoring individual accomplishment, tactical excellence and achievement in specialized practice areas.

"Receiving the Silver Anvil is a huge testament to the skill, expertise and profes-



Photo by Senior Airman Erik Cardenas

Col. Les A. Kodlick, director of Air Force Public Affairs, presents remarks after receiving the 2010 "Best of Silver Anvil" Award June 3 during the Public Relations Society of America's annual Silver Anvil Awards Ceremony at the Equitable Tower in New York City.

sionalism for every Public Affairs professional in the Air Force," said Colonel Kodlick. "It's those Airmen who touched this mission, who were involved and whose involvement was with great distinction. At the end of the day, they were honoring the fallen, those who paid the ultimate price, with respect to their families. I couldn't be more proud of our team."

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From 438th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan — A 1974 Academy graduate dusted off his flight suit to bring his knowledge of air power applications to the Afghanistan National Army Air Corps.

Christopher Campbell, a retired colonel and native of Lexington, Ky., is currently the program manager for the Military Professional Resources Inc. Combined Air Power Transition Force support program at the Kabul International Airport, serving on an indefinite deployment.

In this capacity, Mr. Campbell is part of the CAPTF advisory team responsible for training Afghanistan National Army Air Corps personnel how to properly maintain and operate their fleet of Russian-made Mi-17 Hip and Mi-35 Hind E helicopters, An-32 cargo planes and Italian-made C-27 Spartans.

“The experience of assisting in the reconstruction of the government of Afghanistan, and in particular the Afghan National Army Air Corps, has been nothing short of a fantastic and extremely fulfilling experience,” Mr. Campbell said.

Grad advises Afghan airmen

Since his arrival in February 2009, Campbell has helped the Afghans double their Mi-17 fleet, re-energize their Mi-35 gunship program and bed down their first western-designed C-27 aircraft. He manages a team of 12 American contractor mentors and 16 Afghan translators and drivers supporting the mission of CAPTF, NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan and the International Security Assistance Force.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Campbell was the senior mentor to the Parliamentary Affairs Department of the Afghan Ministry of the Interior from February to September 2009. In addition to his program manager duties, he currently serves as mentor to the Army Air Corps chief of staff.

“The receptivity of the Afghans, both military and civilian alike, for what the United States and the Coalition are trying to do, is remarkable,” Mr. Campbell said. “After more than three decades of war, the average citizen wants it all to be over. He seems to appreciate that we do too. But he is also afraid that we will leave his country high and dry. The Afghans are good people and want to raise their children in peace. We are helping them develop the defensive capability to do just that.”



U.S. Navy photo/Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class David Quillen
Several Mi-17 Hip helicopters and Mi-35 Hind E gunships take off from an airfield in Kabul, Afghanistan, during a Victory Day celebration April 28. Retired Col. Christopher Campbell, a 1974 Air Force Academy graduate, has helped the Afghan National Army Air Corps double the size of its Mi-17 fleet and re-energize its Mi-35 gunship program.

The Afghanistan National Army Air Corps has flown more than 5,000 sorties, delivering 33,000 passengers and 739 tons of cargo throughout Afghanistan, in the past year. The Corps also delivered 27 tons of ballot materials to support the Afghan presidential election, rescued more than 5,000 villagers displaced by floodwaters, stood up three forward operating bases and hosted several high-ranking

officials — including the secretary of defense, the ISAF and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan commander and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

At present, the Afghan National Army Air Corps has 46 military aircraft and more than 3,000 assigned personnel. Those numbers are expected to grow to 154 aircraft and more than 8,000 personnel by 2016.

‘94 grad lands U-2 safely, receives award

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — A pilot who recovered a crippled U-2 during a night training mission received the Air Force’s most prestigious flight safety award here June 1.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presented Lt. Col. Joseph Santucci, the 99th Reconnaissance Squadron commander at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., the Koren Kolligian Jr. Trophy for outstanding achievement in airmanship and flying proficiency.

The award honors the Air Force pilot who has demonstrated superior skill in coping with a serious in-flight emergency with potentially grave consequences.

General Schwartz described award winners such as Colonel Santucci as possessing “airmanship, extraordinary skill, alertness, ingenuity ... and even a touch of luck.”

During a U-2 aircraft training mission on Feb. 12, 2009, Colonel Santucci encountered an in-flight emer-

gency at about 52,000 feet in a situation that looked bleak, General Schwartz said.

When Colonel Santucci turned off his autopilot on descent, the nose of the aircraft violently pitched forward. He immediately grabbed the yoke, but the plane continued to dive. Only by pulling the yoke tightly to his chest was he able to keep the plane level.

Holding the manual control with both arms, he began a slow descent and, coordinating with his chase car pilot and the supervisor of flying, he was able to safely recover the U-2 aircraft.

The award is named for 1st Lt. Koren Kolligian Jr., an Air Force pilot declared missing in the line of duty when his T-33 Shooting Star aircraft disappeared off the California coast Sept. 14, 1955.

Koren Kolligian II, nephew of Lieutenant Kolligian, as he has in the past, attended the ceremony.

He said the trophy has “brought his family together in a wonderful way,” enabling them to pay tribute to the tradition of the Air Force.

Colonel Santucci said he was humbled by the award,

and credited his squadron mates with helping him through the ordeal safely.

The incident was indicative of the dedication, skill and courage that all Airmen exemplify every day, he said.

“This is not just about me and that night, but about the amazing skills required by our Airmen every day,” Colonel Santucci said. “Effective flying means not just survival in combat or adversity, it’s about every one of our Airmen returning to terra firma regardless of the challenges of weather, technology, or enemy and being ready to fly again.”

The colonel, a 1994 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate with about 700 flying hours in the U2 and more than 2,800 flying hours overall, praised fellow Airmen, U-2 drivers and all combat aviators, saying he was proud to be part of the unique Air Force mission.

“That we offer lethal persistence in airpower despite hostile conditions is what distinguishes us from every other Air Force on the planet,” Colonel Santucci said. “It’s extremely humbling and awesome to be a part of it.”

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Great grandson visits ancestral home

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Nestled in South Douglass Valley is the pioneer homestead of the Burgess family.

Built in the 1870s by pioneer Bill Burgess, the rustic cabin has been preserved and considered to be one of the oldest historic buildings in the Pikes Peak region. It is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Steve Andrews, great grandson of Bill Burgess, got his first glimpse into the ancestral home during a visit to the Academy June 2.

He mused on what life was like back then.

"I would have been in my glory," the dedicated Colorado outdoorsman said with a smile.

An enthusiastic hunter, fisherman and fast-draw and action antique gun shooter, Mr. Andrews, 64, visited the cabin in the 1960s, -70s and -80s but only from the outside.

He recalled visiting with his grandfather who knew where strawberries and blackberries grew, deer roamed and grouse huddled.

"He treated it as one big store," Mr. Andrews said of the area around the cabin.

He described his grandfather with affection and, with his typical bib overalls and chambray shirts, as resembling the actor Walter Brennan who played Grandpa Amos McCoy in the classic television comedy series *The Real McCoys*.

"A kid couldn't have better grand-



Photo by Ann Patton

The small cabin at one time housed a family of five, plus occasional visiting extended family members.

parents," he said.

Little or nothing remains inside the cabin which was restored in 1992, save a small pile of firewood, rickety table and rusted iron skillet left on the fireplace hearth.

Mr. Burgess filed claim on his 160-acre homestead in the late 19th century, cleared the land and built the cabin which would be his home for 20 years. It was a bare-bones, no-frills operation, using hand-hewn logs held together with wooden pegs and no nails and natural Colorado materials as caulking. The one-room cabin contains a sleeping loft under the roof.

Adaline Burgess, Mr. Burgess' wife, helped lay the stones for the fireplace chimney. Together they had five children — two boys and three girls.

Life was austere as the cabin's construction as Mr. Burgess, often leaving his young sons alone after Mrs. Burgess took the three girls and moved away, struggled to care for his family with jobs like raising crops, running cattle, cutting railroad ties and ice from Monument Lake and growing an orchard. He also tried mining and panning for gold, and off and on served as a law officer.

Mr. Andrews said he remembers his grandfather telling him on one occasion when the boys were alone in the cabin, local Native Americans came to the front door.

Frightened but both too small to handle a rifle by himself, the boys teamed up to handle the rifle together. The Native Americans left, unharmed.

Mr. Andrews said the Native Americans may have been just begging or "going to do more than that."

The Burgess family has sought to clear the air about the real name of the cabin. Its referral as being the "Capps' Cabin" is a misnomer, Mr. Andrews said since, although the Capps family were cousins and traveled there from their home which was located at the south end of what is now Falcon Stadium.

"We want to set the record straight," Mr. Andrews said.

Various members of the Burgess descendants have carefully collected and recorded family history items, including original homestead claims.

The graves of Leonard and Mary Ann Capp were originally located on what is now the 50-yard-line. They, along with the graves of their three young children, were moved to the Burgess cabin site and now bear headstones.

At well over 6-feet tall and nicknamed "Duke" as in John Wayne, Mr. Andrews has participated with the Gold Canyon Gun Fighters and is a member of the Single Action Shooting Society. During this year's Territory Days he participated in the fast-draw competition.

A Navy veteran and 37-year employee of Mountain Bell, he is proud of his heritage but, as a pioneer, he would have preferred earning his keep as a hunter or trapper instead of agriculture.

"I wouldn't be cut out for farming or ranching with all the daily chores," he said.

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CE cadets build homes for Navajo nation

'Construct first, design later' builds success in the field, classroom

By John Van Winkle
Academy Public Affairs

Academy civil engineering cadets are getting their hands dirty to build homes for the Navajo Nation and gain practical engineering experience in the process. It's all part of the Academy's Field Engineering and

Readiness Laboratory, better known as FERL. This summer Civil Engineering 351 course which exposes cadets to many aspects of civil engineering, including surveying, welding, heavy equipment operation, steel bridge construction, designing and pouring concrete beams, road paving, and more. The course combines 93 cadets from USAFA, West Point, ROTC and the Coast Guard Academy with 23 faculty and 67 engineer mentors from around the

Department of Defense and puts the cadets through 23 different civil engineering functions in a "build first, design later" concept. The bulk of the cadets are at the beginning of their coursework in the civil or environmental engineering major, which makes FERL an invaluable course, said Major Anthony Barrett, a PhD-level instructor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering who is serving as FERL's officer-in-charge.

"When you're in your academic instruction, if you can fall back on a tangible experience, you end up integrating it a little bit more when you're teaching it in the classroom, and so the theory is we get them in at the beginning of their civil engineering and environmental engineering curriculum, get them these tangible hands-on construction and civil engineering experiences, so as they see these through the next two years of the curriculum, and can tie back directly to their experiences here out there, and it enhances those experiences and allow them to internalize it a bit more," said Major Barrett.

The course starts with two weeks at an active duty Air Force base working with that base's engineers, learning hands-on engineering. Then the cadets return to USAFA to begin three weeks of field work in Jacks Valley at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering's FERL site.

"Every single day, no matter what subject you're working on, you can look back at something you did back here at FERL," said Cadet 1st Class Damien Franz, back in FERL for his second time as the FERL commander. "From the concrete beams, you learn about weak axes and you take that into

steel design easy, we have our steel tree here that has all the connections we learn about in steel design class. It really brings the classroom like it allows you to visualize what the instructor's teaching about in class.

"Another example is a three-reservoir problem at FERL, which is one of the most common problems you'll see on a hydro graded review or test at any university," he said. "To actually be able to see it first hand and play with it, mess with it, learn from mistakes out here, it really really does help."

The cadets coming in have little to no civil engineering experience, and will start taking the majority of the courses in their CE or environmental engineering majors this fall. As the cadet flights rotate through the course, they are paired up with one of the engineering mentors to work side by side and learn CE firsthand by getting their hands dirty.

"So you construct stuff now, and in the fall semester of your junior year is when you really learn about what you did here, and why you did this or why did that, so I really think it's one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had at the Academy," said Cadet Franz.

Much of the work during FERL goes to improving and upgrading the FERL complex. "I was here in the summer of '94 was the first FERL, and the only infrastructure out here was two concrete pads and a chain-link fence around some material yards," said Major Barrett.

Since then the site has grown every year. Today, FERL is a 50-acre complex in Jacks Valley with eight pre-engineering buildings, seven classrooms, a kitchen, all utilities, a high speed network, and even a volleyball court and half-court for basketball.

One addition this year is taking the hardback tents that FERL cadets stay in, and replacing those with new hardback billets.

"We showcase engineering in every step," said Captain Jordan Hudack, FERL course director. "All 23 activities serve as a physical reference to what they'll be doing in their academic courses later in their CE or environmental engineering majors."

While most of the work performed at FERL goes to improve the FERL complex, there is one FERL project which is specifically designed to benefit others - the Navajo Hogans.

A Hogan is a traditional Navajo home, which is an eight-sided structure with the main entrance built facing east to greet each day's sunrise.

Cadets and mentors finishing up week two of a three-week span today, to build two complete hogans. The Academy has been building the hogans since the 90s, and has gotten the construction of hogans down to a science.

"The biggest challenge is the fact that they have to be carried on 18-wheelers," said Cadet Franz. "That's why they're divided in half, so if anyone comes down here, they'll see four parts of two houses under construction."

Once the hogans are complete, these homes are declared surplus property. Via the DoD's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, the Southwest Indian Foundation takes ownership and eventual possession of the hogans. The foundation arranges transport of the hogans to the Navajo reservation, which is located in the northwest corner of New Mexico and adjacent areas of Arizona.

When the dust settles on this year's FERL, the Academy will have donated 31 homes to the Navajo Nation.

Cadets and a Navy Seabee pour and smooth a concrete walkway between the FERL billets



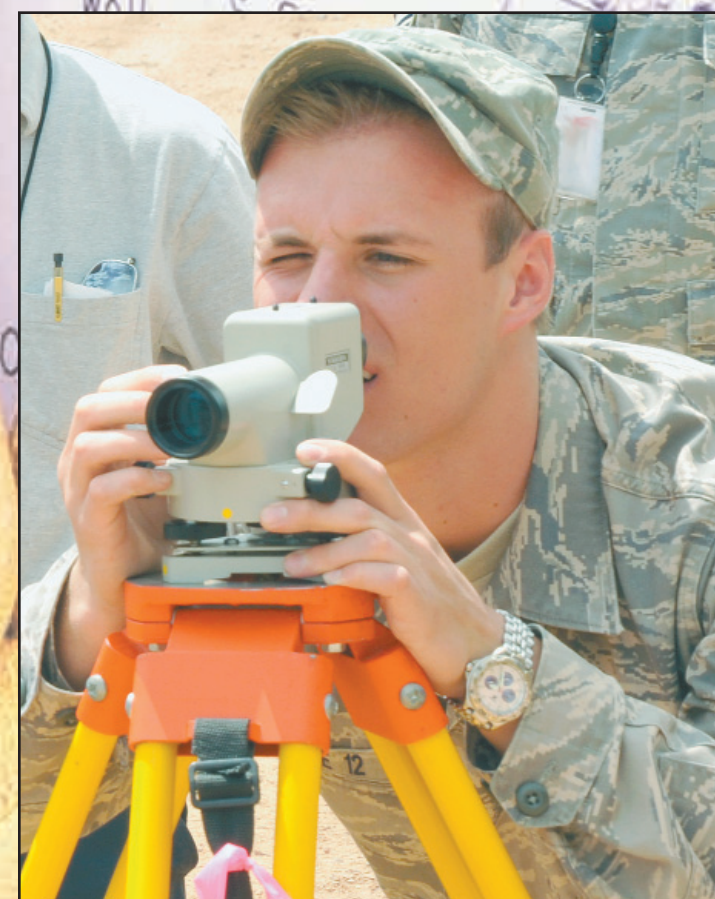
Above: A civil engineering mentor works with two cadets during construction of a Navajo home. FERL pairs up 93 cadets from USAFA, West Point, ROTC and the Coast Guard Academy with 23 USAFA faculty and 67 engineer mentors from around the Department of Defense to teach hands-on civil and environmental engineering. Photos by Bill Evans



Right: Cadet 2nd Class Casey Habluetzel adjusts the rebar during concrete beam pouring.



Above: Cadets and CE mentors continue construction on one half of a Navajo Hogan. The Hogans are built in halves to allow transport via an 18-wheeler to the reservation. Right: Cadet 2nd Class Stephen Caple surveys a worksite to determine changes in elevation, during a timed exercise.



Airmen complete CE projects in Afghanistan

By Tech. Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson
U.S. Air Forces Central Command
combat camera team

ZABUL PROVINCE, Afghanistan (AFNS) — Airmen assigned to the Zabul Provincial Reconstruction Team help Afghan government officials here with reconstruction, health and social projects to improve lives for Afghan citizens in the region.

“The Afghans here are taking ownership of projects and making decisions to meet the needs of the people here,” said Capt. Matthew Joseph, the Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul lead engineer. “We have been here for three months now and we are off, running and making progress for Zabul.”

Currently, the Zabul team is leading 14 projects including reconstructing a bridge near Tarnak, hospital improvements, perimeter wall repairs, school construction and improvement, emergency road repairs, trash services, nursery security upgrades, and digging irrigation wells. These projects, coupled with several other operations led by Afghan government officials, are organized and prioritized to best benefit the people here.

“Our partners here are helping us to better serve our community and surrounding districts through the projects we agree to and prioritize,” said Zabul Provincial Governor Mohommad Asraf Naseri. “Working together, we can make a difference for Afghans in Zabul.”



Photo by Staff Sgt. Manuel J. Martinez

First Lieutenant Keith Yelk, Class of 2007, checks construction progress of an outpatient clinic at the S.Malakhi Provincial Hospital May 27, in Qalat City, Afghanistan. Lieutenant Yelk is a civil engineer assigned to Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul.

Projects like Strong Food, a program for malnourished children, are helping ease a mortality rate that affects 191 out of 1,000 Afghan children under the age of 5.

“Strong Food provides an easy-to-eat nutritional supplement made from locally-available foodstuffs,” said Maj. (Dr.) Luis Otero, the PRT Zabul chief medical officer. “It helps keep children out of the hospital and with their families. This program is a bridge to future programs by (U.S. Agency for International Development) to help prevent malnutrition in the first place.”

Other projects include Clean Water,

which provides Afghan families with chlorine to kill bacteria in local water; working with the Zabul Province Women’s Affairs program to develop a facility that addresses maternal needs; and Village Medical Outreach, a program that helps Afghan doctors address health concerns in local villages. The PRT mission gives servicemembers a chance to help with all aspects of Afghan society.

“Working with government officials, we get a chance to address the negative and positive influencers in the local government,” said Tech. Sgt. Jason Logan, the Zabul PRT intelligence NCO in charge. “Addressing those influencers

and reducing the negative people’s effectiveness gives us a better chance to help the governor’s staff and get the right projects working in the right villages that need them.”

In an effort to prioritize and coordinate reconstruction projects in Zabul Province, Airmen and Soldiers have begun facilitating project coordination meetings developed by Afghan leaders in the region to improve communication, plan as a team and help build trust and accountability for Afghan citizens and government officials.

“These meetings are great because it’s Afghan leaders making key decisions for Afghan people,” said Army Staff Sgt. Mindy Vorpahl, the PRT Zabul civil-affairs team lead. “We are in the process of working ourselves out of a job. The more Afghan government officials can choose projects that best meet the needs of their people and address real issues as a community, the less they will need us. That is a very good thing.”

As Afghans and Zabul PRT members continue to work on projects, the future looks bright.

“We’ve seen signs of progress and Afghan ownership in the process,” Captain Joseph said. “We can do all the projects we want for the people of Afghanistan, but if we don’t help them gain the capability and capacity to do it themselves, they will not make the necessary progress to achieve real change for their country.”



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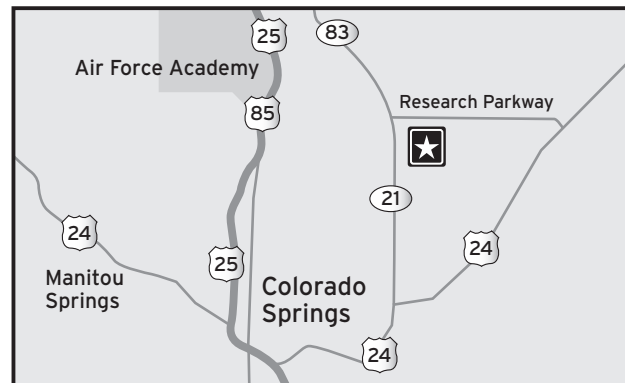


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Swimmer earns academic All-America distinction

From Athletic Communications

Air Force men's swimmer Eric Robinson has been named to the 2010 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America men's at-large team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America and announced Tuesday.



Robinson, a second-team selection, is the first Air Force swimmer to earn Academic All-America honors since

John Dayton in 2003.

Robinson, a rising senior from Lakewood, Colo., carries a 3.98 GPA as a mathematics major and ranks first academically in the Class of 2011 at the Academy. He is a two-time All-Mountain West Conference performer, swimming on the Falcons' school-record setting 800 freestyle relay team in 2009, while earning all-conference honors as a member of the 200 medley relay team in 2010.

Robinson is also a two-time individual conference finalist, reaching the top eight in the 200 free in 2009 and the 200 butterfly in 2010. He holds the fifth-

fastest time in school history in the 200 freestyle, while ranking eighth all-time in the 200 fly.

A first-team CoSIDA Academic All-District selection in 2009 and 2010, Robinson also earned honorable mention Scholar All-America accolades from the CSCAA (College Swimming Coaches Association of America) last season. In addition, he is a two-time MWC All-Academic team selection and MWC Scholar-Athlete, with 2010 honors pending.

To be eligible for Academic All-America consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve,

maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Sports included in the men's at-large category are fencing, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming, tennis, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.

Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 15,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA, covering all NCAA championship sports.

'03 Grad conquers ancient Hadrian's Wall

By Karen Abeyasekera

100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

RAF MILDENHALL, England — Many people have heard of runners "hitting the wall" when they run long distances, whether it's a 10K, half-marathon or full marathon.

Other people, like Danny Franz, take it to the extreme. Instead of "hitting" the wall, he ran it - all 84 miles of it.

The "wall" in question was Hadrian's Wall, which spans England's peninsula between Wallsend, near Newcastle upon Tyne in the east, and Bowness-on-Solway on the west coast.

The 67th Special Operations Squadron special operations MC-130P pilot ran it all in one stretch, alone, and on May 14, finished it in just 19 hours and 24 minutes.

Built in 122 AD by order of the Emperor Hadrian, it took three legions more than six years to build. It was once 15-foot high and up to 10-foot thick.

Hadrian's Wall is 73 miles long and is the largest ancient monument in northern Europe. However, its national trail, known as Hadrian's Wall Path, stretches 84 miles along a riverside route in Tyneside, through farmland in Tynedale, Northumberland, and gradually descending to the pastures of Cumbria before finally ending at the salt marshes of the Solway Estuary.

At 29, the captain from Sierra Vista, Ariz., has served seven years in the Air Force, the last four years and three months at RAF Mildenhall.

So what makes someone decide to run 84 miles when they could have just chosen to run a 26.2-mile marathon?

"A couple of years ago, I started to feel the itch again for long distance running," he said. "I'd already done a couple of 100-mile marathons (in Colorado), and heard the wall was really cool to hike. But when someone mentioned that some British guys had run it, I figured, why not do that?"

One of the people he heard about ran it in a little more than 23 hours, so he decided he wanted to beat that time if he could.

"When I finished, I was told I'd beaten the unofficial record," he said. "When I saw my time was under

20 hours, I was really happy - though I had originally wanted to do it in under 17 hours."

The long-distance runner had never set foot on Hadrian's Wall or its surrounding area before his 84-mile run there, but he'd seen it from above, several times.

"We regularly fly up there doing low-level training, and I've been lucky enough to fly over it about three times recently," the pilot said.

"Last time, I got to fly down Hadrian's Wall so I could see all the terrain around there. It was really steep, with lots of hills. As I was going over, I kept thinking to myself, 'Wow, that's so cool - I can actually see the wall!'"

He took the first steps of the trek at 1 a.m. on Saturday, finishing just before 8:30 p.m. that night.

The pilot had originally planned to sleep in (to get some rest prior to his run) then take the train to Newcastle on Friday during the day. But his plan fell through, as he had to do a check ride, which meant he didn't end up getting the train from Cambridge to Newcastle until much later that day.

The station in Newcastle is 5 miles from where Hadrian's Wall Path begins, so as soon as he got as far as he could by train, he caught a cab from the station to there. Then just started running.

Most people take at least a small case of luggage when they're away from home overnight, usually taking much more than they need.

Not this guy - he travelled light, bringing just the bare necessities for his run.

"I had a backpack with 3 liters of water, six muffins, some energy shots of caffeine and a guidebook. I also had another pouch with an extra liter of water, my phone and wallet," he said.

The pilot said he ran most of the time, but would walk for a few minutes every so often, to give himself a break.

"I set a target pace of 12 minutes a mile, and kept checking to make sure I was keeping to it. In some places I was running a 10-minute mile, so every mile or two I allowed myself to walk for a couple of minutes, to take the load off my legs," he said.

"But I was constantly moving the whole time - if you have a break, you don't tend to keep going afterwards, you kind of just stay there. So it's better, for me at least,

to just keep going," he added.

Captain Franz said his legs were sore and started to cramp up around the 50-mile mark, which was made worse by the constant stopping and starting when going through farm gates.

Running such a long distance all in one go requires strict training in advance. The pilot said he runs almost every day, allowing himself one day off a week.

"If I'm not training, I'll run 3 to 6 miles a day; on weekends, I'll go for a 12-mile run. When I'm training, I do sprints and run farther."

Pushing yourself to run that distance certainly takes a toll on your mind as well as body, he explained.

"To do that distance is more of a mental game you have to play. Physically, as long as I stayed at my 12-minute mile and drank lots of water, I was OK."

During the daytime, the weather was really good, and pretty warm, he said, adding that there were no trees or shelter. He was also running directly into the wind most of the way, which he said slowed him down a little.

"I like the feeling you get miles - and hours - into the run. You get such an adrenalin rush, and it's a pretty euphoric feeling," Franz said.

Around 8:30 p.m. May 14, he finally reached the end of Hadrian's Wall Path.

He said the feeling of having finished was wonderful, though physically he felt really drained.

"It was such an awesome feeling of relief and accomplishment; I couldn't really take it all in at first - it hits you more the next day. I was aching pretty bad in the morning, and found it pretty hard to climb the stairs."

So, with two 100-mile runs, three marathons and now this 84-mile run under his belt, Danny Franz's next goal will have to be big.

"I also do a lot of triathlon training. My plan is to do an Iron Man competition, fast enough to qualify for the one in Hawaii," he said, explaining that an Iron Man contest involves a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile run.

With as much passion and dedication as this 67th SOS pilot has for fitness and running, it seems his goal of competing in the Iron Man contest will be a walk in the park.

Neubauer, Irving earn regional awards

Air Force senior thrower Sara Neubauer was named the Division I Mountain Region Women's Field Athlete of the Year and her coach, Scott Irving, was named the mountain region's Women's Assistant Coach of the Year, the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Neubauer becomes the second Air Force female to ever earn the regional field

athlete of the year award, joining Dana Pounds in 2006. Accounting for 32 of the team's 59.50 points at the conference championships, Neubauer became the first Mountain West Conference athlete — male or female — to ever earn all-conference honors in all four throwing events.

Irving claimed his second outdoor regional coaching award in as many years after a remarkable season by his athletes. Under Irving's watch this season, the Falcons' female throwers accounted for three

Mountain West Conference titles, as Katie Weber won the javelin throw and Neubauer took first in both the shot put and discus throw

AF adds to volleyball staff

First-year Air Force volleyball head coach Matt McShane completed his inaugural coaching staff June 3, with the hiring of former USAFA All-American setter Louella Maxwell as an assistant coach. Maxwell joins the Falcons' program after

stints as an assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame (2003-06) and Washington University in St. Louis (2007-08).

Known throughout the Academy record books as Louella Lovely, Maxwell is one of five NCAA All-Americans in Air Force history. Despite playing just two seasons, she remains ranked among the Academy's top-10 lists in career assists (3,022) and digs (1,352), while holding program-best marks in career assists per game (10.87) and digs per game (4.93).

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For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg Meinert at 333-8303.

Firefighter Combat Challenge

The Academy Fire Department hosts The Rumble in the Rockies, a regional firefighter combat challenge competition June 19-20 at Falcon Stadium.

Firefighters from the Academy, surrounding communities and adjacent states will meet at Falcon Stadium to practice their firefighting skills on a timed

course. The public is invited to attend, and watch the Academy Fire Department defend its national and world championship titles from the 2009 Firefighter Combat Challenge season. For more information, call 333-2051.

July 4th fireworks

The Academy hosts an evening of family-oriented games, music and fireworks to celebrate the nation's birthday. The celebration is open to all. Events start at 4 p.m. on the Academy athletic fields, with numerous games, vendors and displays on the Cadet Athletic Fields.

The Colorado Symphony Orchestra plays 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., and the Academy Orchestra plays 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., followed by a fireworks display. Attendees can bring cameras, lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas, and sealed plastic water bottles. However, no coolers, barbecue grills, pets other than working service dogs, or fireworks are allowed.

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Father's Day brunch

The Father's Day Champagne Brunch is June 20, 10 a.m., at the Falcon Club. Members who are fathers pay \$10. Cost for other members is \$18.95, for nonmembers is \$23.95 and children 5-10 is \$9.95. For reservations, call 333-4253.

Voyage to Book Island

The Community Center Library's summer reading program, Voyage to Book Island, runs now through Aug. 7. For more information, rules and age categories, call the library at 333-4665.

Fishing permits

Outdoor Recreation offers Academy fishing permits to fish Kettle lakes, Ice Lakes, Dead Man's Lake or any of the lakes on Farish grounds. For more information, call 333-2940 or 687-9098.

USAFA flea market

The next USAFA flea markets are this Saturday, and June 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base exchange parking lot. Cost to sell items is \$10 per space, or \$15 to sell out of a vehicle, and table rental is \$5 per table. To reserve a spot, call 333-2928.

Club member scholarship

Each year, Air Force Services gives away \$25,000 in scholarship money for higher education. All eligible Club members and their families are encouraged to compete for the funds through a themed essay entry.

The topic for this year's program is "What does it mean to be part of the Air Force family?". Cutoff date for submissions is July 1 with final scholarship awards for school year 2009-10 will be announced

by Sept. 17. To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on the topic. Essays exceeding 500 words (excluding title) will be disqualified. For more information, visit the Falcon Club.

Stained glass

The Arts & Crafts Center's next stained glass class is June 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$50, which includes all materials and use of tools. For more information, call 333-4579.

Line Dance

The next Community Center Line Dance is June 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the Community Center (downstairs) Ballroom. The dance will have recorded Line Dance music. Cost is \$5 per person.

Gymnastics instructor needed

Youth Programs is currently looking for a gymnastics instructor. Interested parties should contact Linda Crom at Youth Programs, 333-4169.

A&FRC offerings

The Academy Airman & Family Readiness Center will host the following classes in June. Contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 or 333-3445 with questions or to sign up for a class. Class dates and times are subject to change.

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Career search not going anywhere? Come and learn how to jumpstart your job search engine and take yourself to the next level of motivation.

Smooth Move

Wednesday, 9-10 a.m.

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Resume Writing

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to noon

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Huck Finn fishing derby

The Huck Finn Fishing Derby is Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Schriver Park, 202 Manitou Avenue, in Manitou Springs. This is a free fishing event for children in 5th grade and younger, sponsored by the Manitou Kiwanis International chapter. All equipment is provided and no license required. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be available. For more information, visit www.manitoukiwanis.org

Springs Spree

The 33rd Annual Springs Spree is June 19-20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Memorial Park. Springs Spree is Colorado Springs' oldest community celebration. Over the past 32 years, this celebration has been the region's most anticipated events of the year with up to 70,000 people in attendance, enjoying two days of music, food and free family fun.

Local and national musicians will perform live on four stages all day and into the evening. This year's music will fill four stages and include a variety of genres on such as folk, country, rock, old school, R&B, and even Karaoke. Springs Spree will have more than 10 cultural dance groups along with a handful of street performers.

Other events also include a classic car show, a gravity play kid zone, karate demonstration, human hamster ball rides, and hundreds of food, arts and crafts vendors. For more information, visit: www.springspree.org/.

Get your football fix

Football addicts can get their first fix of full-contact football with the start of the Colorado Springs Flames' 2010 football season. This Flames are part of the Colorado Football Conference, a semi-pro, full-contact league.

The Flames return after two consecutive undefeated seasons with 10 starters on both sides of the ball, and have several up-and-comers who are pushing to start. The Flames will next face inter-town rival the Colorado Springs Cyclones Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Harrison High School memorial football stadium.

This will be this season's military appreciation game, and the Flames are offering free admission to all active duty and retired military personnel.

Free summer concerts

The First and Main Town Center on Powers Boulevard starts its 6th annual free summer concert series, today and each Friday through July 30, 5-7 p.m.

Today's summer concert artist is The Nostalgics. Upcoming acts are provided via the Pikes Peak Blues Community, and include local artists such as: Latigo, Parable Sons, Phat Daddy, Martini Shot, George Whitesell & His All Stars, Brickyard and Arch Hooks. For more information, visit www.firstandmaintowncenter.com/.



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