

Academy honors Glenn as T.D. White award recipient

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Marine, test pilot, astronaut and four-term U.S. Senator John H. Glenn, Jr. was honored Wednesday as he became the recipient of the 2008 Thomas D. White National Defense Award.

Named in honor of Gen. Thomas Dresser White, former Air Force chief of staff, it is presented annually to a U.S. citizen who has contributed significantly to the national defense and security. The first such award was presented in 1962.

"It's a great honor, especially when I see the list of people who have gone before," Senator Glenn said and added he personally knows several honorees of past years, including the 2007 recipient, former Secretary of Defense Dr. William Perry.

"They are some of the finest people I know."

Past recipients have also included Senator Barry Goldwater, Bob Hope, Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Senator John McCain and Gen. Colin Powell.

Senator Glenn and his wife, Annie, spent Tuesday and Wednesday exploring the Academy as honored guests. In addition to the tapping ceremony for the award, the couple, who now reside in Columbus, Ohio, enjoyed meals with cadets, civil leaders and Academy leadership, tours of the Cadet Chapel and airfield and visits to the astronautical engineering lab and political science department in Fairchild Hall.

"They're top notch and motivated, and they set examples of what young people should be," the senator said of the cadets.

As a member of the Senate (as is true for House of Representative members and the vice president), he was charged with recommending appointments to all service academies.

"I was responsible to get the very best people we could get," he said, citing the high quality of credentials for applicants as his standard.

The Muskingum College (Ohio) graduate served in the Marine Corps from 1942 to 1965, then became a test pilot before joining the U.S. space program as one of the



Photo by Mike Kaplan

The Honorable John H. Glenn Jr. and Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Samuel Cox mount the name plate for Glenn as the recipient of the T.D. White Award Wednesday in Arnold Hall.

original seven Mercury astronauts. He became the third American in space. On Feb. 20, 1962, aboard Friendship 7 on the Mercury-Atlas 6 mission, he became the first American to orbit the Earth, circling the globe three times during a flight lasting four hours, 55 minutes and 23 seconds.

When astronauts were given special assignments to ensure pilot input into the design and development of spacecraft, Senator Glenn specialized in cockpit layout and control function.

After retiring from the Manned Spacecraft Center in 1964, he returned to space on STS-95, Discovery, as part of a nine-day mission and, at 77, became the oldest person ever to go into space.

He began his Senate career in 1974 and retired in 1999.

His awards include six Distinguished Flying Crosses, 19 Air Medals, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal and the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

Senator Glenn had advice for cadets with eyes toward becoming astronauts.

"NASA's needs change a lot," he said, noting the early emphasis on test pilots and space travel which evolved into an emphasis on carrying research projects into space.

"Keep close touch with NASA on what their needs will be in the future," he recommended.

The senator, now 88, and his wife stopped frequently to chat with cadets and staff during their visit, and both very apparently relished their visit.

Their one regret: "We wanted more time," he said.

Vice President Biden to speak at graduation

Vice President Joe Biden will be the guest speaker for this year's graduation ceremony, the White House announced April 17.

This will be the vice president's first visit to the Air Force Academy in this role.

Graduation for the members of the Academy's Class of 2009 is May 27, starting at 10 a.m. in Falcon Stadium.

Further details will be provided as they become available.



'59ers revel, renew friendships, share stories

By Ann Patton
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When then Secretary of the Air Force James Douglas addressed the Academy graduating Class of 1959, he applauded the advances in science and technology the new graduates would enjoy in the future.

It was the last time the class came together as a whole.

A half century later, well more than three-fourths of the 157 surviving members of the Class of

1959 returned to the Academy for their 50th reunion April 13 through 15 to visit with cadets, renew old friendships and, well, party.

"It went wonderfully," said event organizer retired Lt. Col. Jim Brown. "We had a great time, and the class was pleased as they could be."

Retired Maj. Gen. Pete Todd said it was the best reunion the class had ever had.

"It was a happening," he quipped.

Also attending were 33 Air

Training Officers who served in upperclassmen roles for the first classes.

The Falcon Heritage Forum, entitled "The Class of 1959: Fifty Years of Excellence," preceded and dovetailed with the reunion, allowing '59ers to meet and share experiences with cadets.

Class members, spouses and other guests enjoyed receptions and small get-togethers, meals with cadets and a dance.

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Sex Signals:

Improv sheds light on miscommunication

By Scott Prater
Schriever Sentinel

In *Sex Signals*, an April 14 presentation hosted by the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, actors Amber Kelley and Chris Byer delivered a comedic, engaging and educational program entitled "Are you getting the signal?"

The actors took audience members through a few scenarios that involved pick-up, dating and sexual situations. Their intent was to not only clarify the definition of rape, but to challenge audience members to think about how they might handle situations and educate Airmen about gaining consent before initiating the sex act.

In the first scenario, Ms. Kelley and Mr. Byer spoke of the different roles people assume, and the expectations presented by society.

He portrayed an aggressive man in a bar pick-up scene. Described as a common stereotype, men are expected to aggressively pursue the women they desire.

The actors then spoke about the preceding scene and asked the audience about how behavior is interpreted.

Men desire women who are sophisticated but sexy, quiet and subservient in social situations. Women are to be virgin-like or they risk being viewed as promiscuous. The main idea here was to indicate how mixed messages are sent during the dating or pick-up act.

Audience members were asked to raise "stop" cards when they felt uncomfortable while watching the scene. Mr. Byer explained that even

though some audience members raised their signs, the actors kept going on with the scene. This feature of the presentation was designed to show the audience how the "stop" statement can be easily ignored.

The actors went on to describe how people can interpret signals in varying ways. When the woman asked the man if he had a breath mint, he immediately formed an idea that she wanted to make out with him, whereas her intent was simply to get a breath mint.

Sexual innuendo, dress and attitude can be construed in many different ways by many people, which can lead to more confusion and ambiguity, according to the presenters.

The actors spoke about how men and women face conflicting pressures when it comes to sexuality. Women are seen as either prudish or promiscuous based on how they dress and act, and men constantly fight the misconception that they are always looking for sex.

In another scenario, Mr. Byer portrayed an Airman accused of rape.

When confronted, he vehemently denied raping his date and described the scenario according to his perspective. He elaborated on all of the signals he received, which led him to believe his behavior was justified, and admitted that he did have sex with his accuser.

The conflict in this scenario occurred at different points throughout the event. Alcohol was involved. His date was receptive to his advances, and even made advances herself. He heard the word "stop" several times, but noticed his date kept reinitiating contact.

The key point of the situation occurred during the sexual act however, and he admitted he heard the word "stop" at that point.

The actors explained that this case did meet the definition of rape: anytime someone's choice is taken away from them.

The audience then was prompted to deliver suggestions on how to avoid a rape situation.

"Whose job was it to gain consent in this scenario?" Mr. Byer asked. "How do you make sure you gain consent? Can you really gain consent from someone who has consumed alcohol?"

Finally, audience members were informed that most rapes don't get reported because of the uncomfortable reporting procedures and the stigma attached to the act. They said people also most often think of rape as performed by a masked perpetrator in a dark alley, but that most rapes occur between people who know each other.

The actors explained that even though gaining consent from potential sexual partners can be awkward, destroy the mood or hinder the sexual act, it's an important step in making sure a rape does not occur.

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Byer wrapped up the presentation by informing attendees about ways they could report sexual assault.

Unrestricted reporting locations include the SARC office, the chaplain and medical victim advocates.

To find out more about Sexual Assault Awareness Month, call the Air Force Academy's Sexual Assault Response coordinator at 333-9578.

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Character Corner A big-league breakthrough

By Col. John Norton
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Playing sports is one of the best ways of learning and practicing character. "Sportsmanship" is synonymous with character, or "choosing to do the harder right"—not taking the easy way out or going along with the crowd (when the crowd is wrong). For a few special athletes, the sportsmanship they displayed under tough circumstances changed our very society.

Jackie Robinson, the first African American major league baseball player, was just such a man.

In 1947, Mr. Robinson braved resistance and insults from baseball fans and even his own teammates to pave the way for so many players who followed.

As # 42 went on to be the National League Rookie of the Year and MVP that year he eventually played in five World Series, leading the Brooklyn Dodgers to the World Championship in 1955. Mr. Robinson's accomplishments have since been widely

celebrated, but an episode from his rookie season involving his teammate, Harold "Pee Wee" Reese, is another, lesser-known, example of great character.

When Robinson joined the team during spring training in 1947, his teammates were not in a welcoming mood. He was shunned by most of his teammates in the club house, who signed a petition stating they would not play if Jackie was kept on the team. The great Brooklyn shortstop Mr. Reese opposed the petition and was the first to shake Jackie's hand. He made it a point to play cards with Jackie, effectively ending the team's "uprising."

When the season began, fans initially reacted as the players did—racial slurs were shouted whenever Jackie appeared, even in his home stadium.

Things really got out of hand in Cincinnati during the first road trip. When Mr. Robinson took the field, fans roared their disapproval and it grew to a fever pitch. Then a figure appeared from the Dodger's dugout and trotted out to join him. It was Mr. Reese, who stood next to Mr.

Robinson and silently put his hand on Jackie's shoulder in solidarity. The crowd calmed and that moment became a turning point in Robinson's rookie year—a breakthrough in the acceptance of minorities in major league sports.

Jackie Robinson's resolve, and "Pee Wee" Reese's support, became symbols in the early civil rights movement that eventually changed the fabric of America's culture—their character made history!

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

—Jackie Robinson



Air Force officials modernize 'dormant' mentoring program

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle
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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — As Air Force officials continue to modernize the processes to meet 21st century mission requirements, manpower and personnel force development officials have taken a hard look at the service's mentoring program to increase its effectiveness.

"Our mentoring program has existed on paper for many years, but without the right tools to exercise the program, it has remained dormant," said Col. Harrison Smith, deputy director of force development. "With the advent of deliberate force development, the need for focused mentoring has reemerged."

The revised Air Force Instruction 36-3401, Air Force Mentoring, will include the Air Force mentoring program's goals and benefits, expectations of the mentor and mentee and an electronic development tool that enlisted, officer and civilian members can use.

"My Enlisted Development Plan" provides a modern, web-based approach for enlisted Airmen to manage their career development. Available via the Air Force Portal, MyEDP is a "one-stop-shopping" electronic toolkit that enables Airmen to designate their mentor or mentee, collaborate with peers, and track their professional career progression. Air Force officials plan to roll out the officer and civilian versions of this program by fall 2009.

"We believe this is the right time to emphasize MyEDP, a product that more than 145,000 Airmen have already put to use," Colonel Smith said. "Here we are adapting to an emerging new generation of 'millennial' Airmen and

leveraging new technology to meet our Air Force needs."

Chief Master Sgt. Angela Marsh, Air Force enlisted force development chief, said MyEDP allows members to grant mentoring privileges to mentors they designate.

"A mentor can access the mentee's MyEDP career information, providing a great starting point for a mentor to share knowledge, experience, and guidance, based on current, relevant career input from the Airman," the chief said.

MyEDP features discussion forums that are especially popular with junior enlisted Airmen and NCOs, and an avenue for peer-to-peer mentoring to occur. Forum topics range from uniform wear to assignment information to advice on mitigating conflict with supervisors.

"The forums allow enlisted Airmen to communicate with both their peers and more experienced enlisted personnel, all over the Air Force," Chief Marsh said. "I often see command chiefs, first sergeants and other senior non-commissioned officers participating in the forums, answering questions and offering advice based on their experiences."

A 2008 Air Force Audit Agency survey found 44 percent of Airmen were not aware the Air Force had a mentoring program, and 54 percent said they had been neither a mentor nor a mentee. However, one senior enlisted Airman said the statistics do not accurately reflect the significant informal examples of daily mentorship.

"In my Air Force experience, you're being mentored every day," said Chief Master Sgt. Patti Hickman, a reservist and former command chief of the 459th Air Refueling Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. "Whether asking about family, asking about promotion and educational goals or offering

advice for a range of life issues, that's mentoring, and most of us do it daily on some level."

According to the January 2008 White Paper "On Learning: The Future of Air Education and Training," continuous learning focuses on the development of Airmen from before accession through retirement or separation and beyond. The concept fits into the "continuum of learning" and views professional growth as a continuous, life-long process of training, education, and experiential learning with a specific outcome: the development of Airmen who can individually recognize the right skills, knowledge and aptitude they need to accomplish assigned tasks and missions.

Chief Hickman said the concept resonates with her. Despite plans to retire in the near future, she said she still relies on the mentors who have inspired her since the beginning of her career nearly 30 years ago.

"I have mentored many Airmen and yet I just talked to one of my own mentors today," she said. "You can mentor and be mentored at any point in your career; I just don't have a piece of paper that says 'I am your mentor.'"

Air Force officials recognize today's Airman is less inclined to paperwork and much more tech savvy than in years' past. Many are more comfortable using technology to communicate and share information versus having face-to-face conversations.

"While we don't want to replace face-to-face interaction, we do see online tools such as MyEDP as a way to facilitate and enhance the mentoring process," Chief Marsh said. "It comes as no surprise that MyEDP's most popular features include online mentoring capabilities and discussion forums."

NEWS BRIEFS

Caselot sale, employment

The Academy Commissary caselot sale is set for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 13, 14 and 15 in the commissary parking lot. Savings will be from 15 to more than 60 percent while quantities last. Anyone interested in working at a commissary can apply online at: www.usajobs.gov. Search for announcement # 244594. For more information, call Janice Davis at 333-2227, extension 3111.

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The Academy Health and Wellness Center has a new Migun thermal massage bed. This equipment presents everything needed to feel like you have just been to the spa. Also new at the HAWC is a state-of-the-art Bod Pod, which measures body fat, muscle mass and resting metabolic rate with a 99.9 percent accuracy rate.

Call 333-3733 for an appointment. Additional information on other classes and programs such as the Fresh Start tobacco cessation program and The Lighter Side of Cooking class is also available. Finally, one-on-one consults for weight gain, weight loss, hypertension, cholesterol, nutrition, and diabetes mellitus are available.

Tuskegee dinner

The U.S. Air Force Academy Tuskegee Airmen Club will hold the 2009 Tuskegee Airmen Dinner with social beginning at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Arnold Hall Ballroom.

Guest Speaker is Dr. Granville Goggs is an original Tuskegee Airman. Cost (at the door) for the event is as follows: cadets, \$15; airman basic through technical sergeant, \$20; master sergeant and above civilians, \$25. Military and civilians: business attire/coat and tie.

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"Talk about cutting the rug," Mr. Brown, the reunion's self-proclaimed "head cat herder" said. "I had to throw them out at 1:30 in the morning."

As predicted, heavy, wet snow pummeled the Front Range that weekend, leaving nearly a foot of the white stuff in some areas and moving one of the highlights of the reunion into Arnold Hall—dedication of the Harmon Memorial, dedicated to the Academy's first superintendent Lt. Gen. Hubert Reilly Harmon. Under blowing snow, hardier class members attended the unveiling outside.

For well over two years, members of the Class of 1959 had imagined, planned and financed the memorial which is next to the Cadet Chapel. With its walkways, benches and native landscaping, the memorial features a sculpture of General Harmon as its centerpiece and depicts him as a scholar, leader and teacher.

Involved with the memorials planning also was General Harmon's son, Kendrick, a '59 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy.

"He was a loving and very caring father. This sculpture refreshes my memory of him," he said during the dedication. "He would be overwhelmed by the affection bestowed upon him."

Mr. Harmon said his father envisioned the Air Force Academy having a stronger emphasis in liberal arts and the humanities than other service academies at the time.

"He would be thrilled," the son said of the Academy's current curriculum.

The Air Force was only eight years old when its Academy opened.

The first class entered July 11, 1955 and was housed in the beginning at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo. When its permanent home opened for the first time, cadets marched from the gate on Northgate Blvd. to the Terrazzo, signifying occupation of the permanent site.

At the last Class of 1959 reunion romance met military when retired Col. Jay Mitchell, now living in Albuquerque, N.M., married his wife Barbara. The couple chose the date so classmates could attend.

He recalled his days at the Academy and its lessons of integrity, for which he had on occasion paid a high price.

"It has always been a guiding force in my life," the now-master cabinet maker said. "I don't even have to think about it now."

Retired Col. Wayne Pittman, Dayton, Ohio, has missed only two reunions since graduating. He attended the latest with his wife Karen, whom he met on a blind date while a cadet.

"I get to see people I don't see except at reunions," he said. "We go back a long way."

Mrs. Pittman reflected on the years her husband was on active duty.

"I ironed a lot of blue shirts," she reflected.

Brig. Gen. Al Gagliardi shared his cadet days with present cadets during

the Forum, remembering studying under the covers with a flashlight, the \$23 a month pay and how cadets frequently relied on dates to pay for evenings out.

He also recalled marching to all meals.

"Everything was oriented toward discipline," he said.

Retired Col. Max Miller settled permanently in Colorado Springs.

"I've never cut the umbilical cord," he said with a smile.

The former Vietnam era combat pilot related that in some areas Academy life is more difficult and in others easier but in the important ways it has stayed the same.

"The Academy is still a very good institution and the best in the country," he boasted.

Roshi Wiley Birch traveled from Massachusetts to attend the reunion. For the last 30 years he has served as a Buddhist monk. The highlight for him was meeting and chatting with cadets.

"I am always blown away by them," he said. "It's hard to believe we were like that."

He and Mr. Miller told cadets spirit missions are nothing new but for the Class of 1959 they were pretty much ad hoc. They recalled moving an F-100 from the airfield to a superior officer's front door, blocking it.

Retired Lt. Col. Bill Gold from Spokane, Wash., enjoyed meeting with old friends.

"They may have changed but not

me," he joked.

Mr. Gold also enjoyed seeing how cadets are progressing and interacting with them.

"I'm confident the world will be a whole lot better with them out there."

The class reunion was also a family reunion for Marty Lofton, Jr. and his daughter Cadet 2nd Class Elizabeth Lofton. It was his first class reunion to attend.

The choice to come to the Academy fell on his daughter.

"It was her decision," he said. "You have to want to do it or not."

When asked if her father had rendered some advice before entering, Cadet Lofton replied quickly, "I wish he had."

Cadet 1st Class Robbie Glenn, Cadet Squadron 9, enjoyed interacting with the '59ers. While other service academies have centuries of history, the Air Force Academy is relatively new.

"It is important we get in touch with our heritage," he said.

Cadet 1st Class Maverick Lewis, CS-4, said he especially enjoyed talking with Mr. Gagliardi who held command posts at Laughlin, AFB, Texas.

"It was great to pick his brain at the commander level," he said.

General Todd said the class is presenting an engraved set of second lieutenant's bars to each member of the Class of 2009.

"It's a link across a half century," he said. "This will close the loop, and the cadets seemed really jazzed about that."

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Local recruiting supervisor 3-peats as “Blue-Suiter”

By Molly Malcolm
Academy Spirit contributing writer

A local Air Force recruiting supervisor stationed in Colorado Springs assigned to the 367th Recruiting Squadron has been selected as one of Air Force Recruiting Service’s top recruiters.

Master Sgt. William Malcolm is the only AFRS Airman in history to achieve the Recruiting Service’s highest award three times; and he accomplished it in three different positions and assignments.

Sergeant Malcolm, currently assigned as an enlisted accessions recruiting flight chief, is responsible for supervising eight recruiters who recruit in Colorado Springs, Pueblo, southern Colorado and Western Kansas.

Each fiscal year, select Air Force recruiters earn top honors in their field as “Operation BlueSuit” winners for their efforts in recruiting a diverse, high-quality volunteer force to fill career fields critical to the Air Force in accomplishing its missions. The highly-coveted AFRS recognition program began in 1979 to help bolster production in critical recruiting programs. The competition was originally designed to enhance enlisted recruiting efforts during the traditionally slow months of February through May. It proved so successful that officials expanded it to include officer accessions recruiting.

Winners are nominated by their recruiting groups and selected based on their performance in meeting assigned recruiting goals, leadership qualities and other professional traits. AFRS officials recognize Blue Suit winners and their spouses in events in Texas each year.

During their five-day stay in downtown San Antonio, the recruiters and their spouses attend lunch-



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Brig. Gen. A.J. Stewart, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, Master Sgt. William Malcolm, Molly Malcolm, and Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clark, AFRS command chief, attend a recent award luncheon in San Antonio.

eons, briefings and dinners at several well-known local restaurants and establishments. Some of the highlights include a Blue Suit Awards luncheon, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce reception, attending an Air Force Basic Military Training tour and graduation ceremony at Lackland Air Force Base and more.

Sergeant Malcolm was previously selected to Operation BlueSuit in fiscal year 2003 for his work as an enlisted accessions recruiter while assigned to

Buffalo, N.Y., again in fiscal year 2006 as an officer accessions recruiter while assigned to Albuquerque, N.M. and, most recently, in fiscal year 2008 for his work as an officer accessions flight chief in Colorado Springs.

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Thousands honor remaining Doolittle Raiders

By Navy Lt. Jennifer Cragg
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Among the thousands of people, young and old, honoring five of the nine surviving Doolittle Raiders at the 67th Reunion in Columbia, S.C., April 16 to 18, was a granddaughter and a member of the Class of 2010.



Cadet 2nd Class
Wildner

Academy Cadet 2nd Class Helen "Meg" Wildner, granddaughter of Doolittle Raider Lt. Carl Wildner, navigator on the second B-25, will graduate from the Academy in 2010. She reflected on the importance of the raid.

"Personally, the Doolittle Raiders are definitely important to our history," she said. "It was a huge morale boost. Even after Pearl Harbor, it was an encouraging fact that we could stand up for ourselves and persevere."

"When you talk to the Doolittle Raiders, they don't necessarily consider themselves these huge heroes; they were just doing their jobs," said Cadet Wildner.

April 18, 1942, the Doolittle Raiders, led by then-Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, became the first to bombard Japan following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Early on, everybody thought leaving the flight deck of the carrier was the biggest challenge of the trip," said retired Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, Colonel Doolittle's copilot. "As it turned out, it was the easiest thing, and I had a special advantage because I was sitting next to the best pilot in the world. I admire all of the guys; I especially admire the man I was sitting next to, a fine man and a great pilot."

Colonel Cole grew up idolizing Jimmy Doolittle and as a teenager watched him conducting flight testing. He was amazed at his luck to fly with his hero.

"I was amazed, dumbfounded and proud," said Colonel Cole. "I was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio where they had the first test base. I used to watch Colonel Doolittle."

Colonel Cole said that he doesn't consider himself a hero and was "just doing my job."

Of the thousands who gathered during the three-day event, many came to pay their respects for the raiders' symbolic act that took place only a few months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Some of the attendees commented that this would probably be the last time the raiders would participate in a reunion in Columbia. Previous reunions of the Doolittle Raiders in Columbia were organized by members of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation.

Ken Breivik, public affairs director for the Celebrate Freedom Foundation, who

coordinated both the Doolittle Raiders' 67th "Where Victory Began" reunion, as well as the group's 60th reunion said, "We consider Columbia the home of the Doolittle Raiders."

To pay tribute to the raiders, a visible reminder of the length of the USS Hornet's flight deck was displayed from the doors of Columbia's Aeronautics Commission Hangar adjacent to an Air Force B-1 Lancer bomber, which displayed the official Doolittle Raider crest. The crest reads "Toujours au Danger" or "Always into Danger."

As hundreds of spectators gathered at the hangar April 17, four Doolittle Raiders — Colonel Cole, retired Maj. Thomas C. Griffin, retired Lt. Col. Robert L. Hite and retired Lt. Col. Edward Saylor — and retired Staff Sgt. David J. Thatcher passed the official Doolittle Raider crest to the aircrew of the 34th Bomb Squadron's flagship B-1.

Participating in the official passing of the crest was Brig Gen. James Kowowski, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command (Provisional), who commented on the respect that these men receive.

"President Kennedy was quoted as saying that you can tell the character of the nation not only by the men that it produces, but by the men that it honors," said General Kowowski.

For the raid 67 years ago, the Doolittle Raiders were drawn from the World War

II version of the 95th, 34th, 37th and the 89th reconnaissance squadrons of the 17th Bomb Group.

Col. Carl "Buck" Shawhan, 28th Operations Group commander at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., oversees the present-day 34th and the 37th bomb squadrons.

"As Airmen, we understand the significance of the original acts the Doolittle Raiders performed in World War II," said Colonel Shawhan, "and the original Doolittle Raiders were the first airmen to strike against Japan in World War II, flying their B-25 in a surprise attack against Japanese mainland."


He said while it was a different time and era, he is awed by their ability to carry out such a bold raid 67 years ago.

"When they took off, they had no idea they would ever see their families again," said Colonel Shawhan. "They had no idea what kind of impact they would have."

He said this sneak attack had a substantial impact strategically on Japan's defenses and was an uplifting moment in U.S. history.

"Zoom forward to the future, 2001, after 9/11, when the United States was attacked, people were ... wondering about our ability to defend ourselves," said Colonel Shawhan.

He added that the modern-day Doolittle Raiders were one of the first to attack against the Taliban in Afghanistan a month after Sept. 11.



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Principles of Science and the Scientific Method

A Knowledge Outcome

By Col. Mike Van Valkenburg
Department of Chemistry

Why is a cow called “a cow”?

As one of my great chemistry faculty members has taught me and thousands of his students, “Because your mother told you so! It just is.”

We who speak the English language know that a four-legged mammal grazing on grass, with certain observable “cow” characteristics, is a cow. We consequently learn, or develop the knowledge of many other words. An ever increasing knowledge set allows individuals and our society as a whole to develop the skill of communication to expand ideas and thought. These skills can subsequently lead to simple questions of why things are the way they are and allow us to address these questions through an organized thought process.

This easily understood, common process can be seen within one of the key Air Force Academy Outcomes for our graduates.

“Commission leaders of character who embody the Air Force core values ... grounded in essential Knowledge of the Profession of Arms and the Human and Physical Worlds,” one of which is the Principles of Science (knowledge) and the Scientific Method (the process).

First, why should our cadets and others for that matter, study science? Looking beyond our graduates, to include all citizens, some knowledge of science is important to our society. Taken from the 1997 issue of *Discover*, noted author and evolutionary biologist Jared Diamond suggests five reasons why it is important



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Understanding the benefits of science strengthens society.

for the public (and non-science majors at USAFA) to understand science.

All of us have to be able to think scientifically and understand some science since each day we face decisions that hinge on it.

Some of our cadets and others reading this article will possibly become policy-makers in government or business, making decisions that affect the well-being of many. They often decide what to do and how much money to spend on important science-related issues.

The public decides whom to vote into office. We all bear the ultimate responsibility for those key science-related decisions. It is important that all of us have just enough sense about science to select those who will make better, more scientifically informed decisions.

Even if one believes that science is irrelevant to the common American, a strong scientific enterprise is vital to our

economy, education system, and society. This ultimately requires the support and understanding of the knowledgeable general public.

An informed citizen should understand some basic science concepts to better understand scientific communications in the media.

The study of science develops and encourages a variety of skills including accuracy and precision, critical and innovative thinking, and provides a foundation of strong

research skills such as good observation, record keeping, and the pursuit of excellence. All of these traits can be transferred to other challenges in our cadets’ careers and to our lives in general.

These skills connect the knowledge of science with the employment and improvement of our scientific knowledge base. Understanding and appreciating the fundamental connection between these two parts, the knowledge and the process, is critical. It is a cyclical process, both the knowledge and the process parts depend on the other. As we both perceive and practice science today – expanded by utilizing a common thought process – we increase society’s working knowledge of our physical world. Technological development in our modern society relies on it. Thus, entering a very technical “business” like the Air Force requires our Academy



graduates to have firmly established knowledge of important scientific concepts and the skill to use a process of further inquiry, commonly known as the scientific method.

A modern definition of the scientific method is, “the process by which scientists, collectively over time, endeavor to construct an accurate, reliable, and consistent representation of the world.”

This method has four general steps: making observations; formulation of a description or hypothesis to explain these observations or phenomena; use of the hypothesis to predict other phenomena, or the results of new observations; and finally, conduction of experiments or tests to support predictions or theories. As John Locke, a famous English philosopher said:

“The improvement of understanding is for two ends: first, our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver that knowledge to others.”

The success of the Air Force, our military, and the improvement of our society hinge on this statement. It is our cadets’ duty to aspire to these thoughts and continually strive to achieve this USAFA outcome, both at the Academy and further in their careers and lives. The same can be said for all of us.

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Child abuse over the top, yet under reported

By Kristin Larkey

Family Advocacy Outreach manager

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and many don't realize how common it is.

Within the Air Force, approximately 700 incidents of child abuse were reported nationwide during Fiscal Year 2008. This number only reflects the incidents of child abuse that were actually reported, so in reality, this number is likely to be much higher.

In El Paso County, the statistics are even more alarming.

According to the El Paso County Department of Human Services, the number of reports to their child abuse hotline hit a record high of 11,010 in 2008. Last year, six children in El Paso County died as a result of child abuse or neglect.

You can possibly help save a child or family by knowing the risk factors and warning signs.

It can also be very uncomfortable to watch an adult mistreating an out-of-

control child in a public place.

There are, however, ways to help!

Strike up a conversation with the adult to direct attention away from the child. Say something like: "Children can wear you out, can't they?" "My child has gotten upset like that too." "She seems to be trying your patience; is there anything I can do to help?"

Divert the child's attention by talking to him or her.

Praise the child and parent at the first opportunity.

If the child is in danger, offer assistance. For example, if the child is left unattended in a grocery cart, stand by the child until the parent returns.

Avoid negative remarks or looks. These reactions are likely to increase the parent's anger and could make matters worse.

To report suspected child abuse, call the Family Advocacy Program at 333-5270 or the Department of Human Services Hotline at 444-5700.

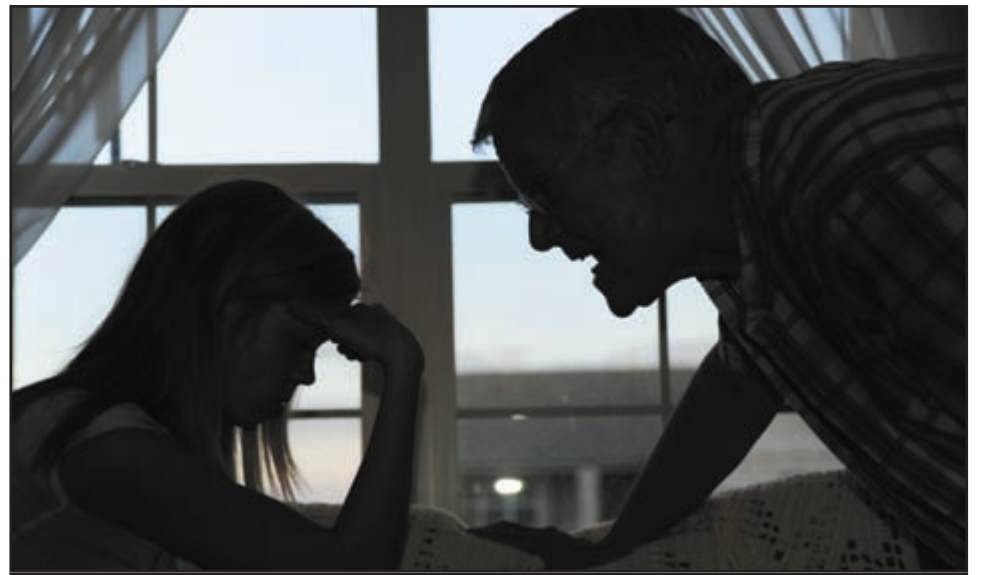


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Cadet-designed rocket launches successfully

FalconLaunch VII sets speed, altitude records

By Drew Hamilton
White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — Air Force Academy cadets helped support Air Force space programs with the launch of a rocket from White Sands Missile Range early April 17.

The FalconLAUNCH VII, a boosted dart rocket designed and tested by the cadets, left the ground at 5:17 a.m. with a pair of test payloads on board. Burning off more than 100 pounds of fuel in less than five seconds, the rocket was designed to then release an unpowered dart that would coast to an altitude of approximately 355,000 feet.

Radar data shows the rocket's boosted dart section reached an altitude of 354,724 feet. This set world records for both altitude and speed of university-built rockets.

On board the dart was an avionics package that recorded the rocket's performance and will be collected by a recovery team for analysis. Also on the dart was an experimental fin tip supporting Air Force Research Laboratory's Future Responsive Access to Space program. The mounting of the fin tip on FalconLAUNCH VII will provide data on the fins performance at subsonic, transonic and supersonic speeds. (At the time of this writing the rocket and payload had not been recovered.)

For their capstone project, FalconLAUNCH cadets are required to build and launch their own rocket with the goal of sending a scientific payload

into space in support of Department of Defense research.

While there are several different capstone projects, FalconLAUNCH is one of the Academy's most complex and challenging capstone projects.



CIC Brad DeWees



CIC Ozzie Ortiz

As a two semester course the program gives cadets majoring in fields like aeronautical engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and computer engineering a chance to 'learn space by doing space' as they employ the skills taught at the Academy in a developmental environment.

"The big picture with FalconLAUNCH is to learn the system engineering process," said Cadet 1st Class Brad DeWees, FalconLAUNCH VII program manager.

Working directly with WSMR test officials from

Army, Air Force and Navy offices, the cadets got a taste of rocket science first hand.

"When we first started I thought of it as putting a rocket together, but it's a lot more than that. Learning what it's like to manage a program like this has been a great experience and it's the sort of thing you can only learn from a program like this," Cadet DeWees said.

Like many other test programs FalconLAUNCH required that the cadets not only design and build a new rocket, but also solve all the problems that come up throughout the system engineering and testing process.

Early in the project the team had trouble just finding out how to build a rocket, often having to go back to the archives of earlier space missions for solutions.

"That was kind of cool, going through the old 1970's NASA documents," said Cadet 1st Class Ozzie Ortiz, a fin design specialist.

As the program went on the cadets had to solve many more engineering problems. "It's amazing how many little brushfires we've had to put out. I can think of two times in the last month that the shot was cancelled, and we've still managed to push through," Cadet DeWees said.

The FalconLaunch program's end-goal is to provide the Air Force and Department of Defense with a cost-efficient, operationally responsive method of delivering small scientific and engineering payloads into lower earth orbit.

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Chaplain lights path to emotional 'freedom'

By Chaplain (Capt.) Gary Davidson
Cadet Chapel Staff

Tears flowed from her aged eyes as she hesitantly asked if I was a rabbi. I responded "yes" and asked how she recognized me. She mentioned that she once briefly met me while I was stationed at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

"Perhaps," I said, "we should talk after we finish here."

The "here" I was referring to was the Marian House Soup Kitchen in downtown Colorado Springs. On that particular Sunday afternoon in August 2007, I volunteered to serve food to the hungry and homeless.

During my shift, several men, women and children from different cultures, races and religions streamed into the soup kitchen for a warm and filling meal. Standing behind the counter, I ladled peas and carrots onto plates that were already heaped with meatloaf, gravy and mashed potatoes.

There was a quiet urgency in the German-accented voice of the elderly female volunteer who wanted to talk to me. It was obvious something was deeply troubling this woman, which was why I was willing to talk with her.

After our shift ended, I motioned for the woman to join me in a private room at the back of the soup kitchen. We sat down opposite each other at a wooden table, and I asked her how I could be of help.

"Rabbi," she said, "it's not easy for me to tell you my story, but I've been carrying this burden with me for over 60 years." As Elsa — not her real name — softly spoke, tears began to once again stream down the wrinkled skin of her face. "You see, I grew up in Germany during World War II. When I was a teenager, I was a member of the Hitler Youth Organization as were so many other young people at that time. It's hard for me to admit but I remember watching the Jews in my town get brutalized almost every day.



Chaplain Davidson

When I got a little older, I took a job working for a company that provided shovels and pails for the German war effort.

"For a long time, I didn't know where those shovels and pails went to ... but years later, I found out." Taking my hand in her own, Elsa sobbed: "Those shovels and buckets were sent to the labor and concentration camps. The Jews of those labor and concentration camps were forced to do heavy slave labor using the shovels and pails I provided them. As you know, rabbi, many of those people died ..."

Elsa's voice trailed off.

After weeping for several moments, she tried to compose herself but could only manage a hoarse whisper: "I feel I'm responsible for the deaths of those Jewish people! I've carried this burden with me for over 60 years and I haven't told anyone but my husband and daughter. I have trouble sleeping at night because I keep thinking about those poor Jewish people who were beaten and worked to death. I don't know what to do about the pain that's been in my heart all these years, but I wanted to tell you because I've seen you before, you're a rabbi and I trust you. Rabbi, what do I

do?" she gently sobbed.

How does one answer a question like that?

Being Jewish and indirectly traumatized by this dark period of history, my knee-jerk reaction was to angrily reproach her for being at least partially involved in the deaths of 6 million of my people. But when raw emotion gave way to reason, I felt sympathy and compassion for this tortured soul. I reminded myself that she genuinely didn't know what her shovels and pails were being used for and that she was truly remorseful for the harm she unknowingly caused.

After thinking for a few minutes, I looked deeply into Elsa's eyes and said: "Elsa, if you want to start the process of freeing your soul from this burden, you need to tell your story to as many people as possible. Tell them about your painful memories about growing up in Nazi Germany and share the horrors of the Holocaust. Let people know what you did and the remorse you feel. Share your story at high schools, colleges, military bases — anywhere you can. And if an organization pays you to talk, donate that money to a Holocaust victim's fund or to an organization that teaches about the Holocaust. Your freedom will come once you unburden your soul with the truth."

Elsa exhaled heavily and then carefully breathed in the air as if it was her first pure breath in more than 60 years. Her tears of remorse seemed to slowly transform into tears of hope. A small but noticeable glint of excitement appeared in her eyes. "Rabbi" she said with a hint of a smile "I feel a little better already ... and I'm going to do just what you said."

Several months later, I was pleased to learn that Elsa and I were asked to jointly speak at a Holocaust Remembrance Service at a local Air Force base. Just prior to the service, Elsa and I hugged, and I noticed a fiery look of determination in her

eyes. We were excited to be reunited and to work together as a team to educate others about the Holocaust.

I spoke to the audience first, telling them the facts about Hitler, Nazi Germany and the slaughter of millions of innocent people. Once finished, I returned to my seat and held my breath as Elsa ascended to the podium. Speaking clearly into the microphone, Elsa introduced herself and said: "Everything the rabbi just said is true. I know it is because I was an eyewitness to the Holocaust."

For the next 20 minutes, Elsa boldly told her story about growing up in Nazi Germany, watching the daily brutalities carried out against the Jews and her regrettable involvement in supplying buckets and shovels to the slave laborers. As I looked at the reaction of the audience members, I noticed that many were spellbound by Elsa's words. I also heard an occasional gasp from the crowd or saw tears flow down the faces of some of the attendees in reaction to Elsa's chilling account.

When finished, she received a standing ovation. No one was prouder of Elsa, though, than I was. I hugged her, and she asked, "How did I do?"

With a big smile, I told her she did great. "How do you feel?" I asked her. "I feel free," she said with a tear in her eye.

I have not seen Elsa since then, but I'm certain she's still telling her story to whoever will listen.

Elsa's story will probably not be made into a Hollywood movie, nor will it be the subject of a best-selling book. It's just one of countless unknown, intimate accounts about the Holocaust. But it's a unique and touching story that was told to a group of caring Airmen at an Air Force Holocaust Remembrance Service. These stories need to be told, but just as important, they need to be heard ... heard by you, heard by me and heard by anyone else who cares about humanity.

JCS chairman says Holocaust Remembrance Day important

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The top U.S. military officer called on service-members to use Holocaust Remembrance Day observances this week as an opportunity to reflect on the responsibilities of life, reminding them that the decisions they make matter.

"The story of the Holocaust, however ghastly, offers us an opportunity to reflect on the responsibilities in life," said Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"It's a chance to remember that what we do, or choose not to do, really matters," he said.

Admiral Mullen pointed to the example of Tibor Rubin, a Hungarian-

born Holocaust survivor who went on to join the U.S. Army and was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions during the Korean War.

"He lost his family to the Nazis and later managed to survive his own ordeal in a concentration camp," Admiral Mullen said, referring to Corporal Rubin's two-year confinement at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, before he was liberated by American troops at age 15.

"After liberation, he became an American soldier and fought for his new country in the Korean War," Admiral Mullen said.

He was assigned as a private first class to the 1st Cavalry Division's 8th Regiment, where records show an anti-Semitic noncommissioned officer often

assigned him to the most dangerous missions.

For his acts of bravery, including single-handedly defending a hill against North Korean soldiers for 24 hours so his company could safely retreat, Private Rubin was nominated three times for the Medal of Honor. The paperwork was never processed — again, because his bigoted NCO ignored orders to submit it, records show.

In 1950 now Corporal Rubin was taken prisoner again, this time by Chinese troops. He spent 30 months in another prisoner-of-war camp, helping to sustain his fellow prisoners as they began to give up hope.

As Admiral Mullen noted in his Holocaust Remembrance Day message, Corporal Rubin never learned to hate.

"If you feel hate for your fellow man,

you'll only hurt yourself," Admiral Mullen said, quoting him.

Corporal Rubin's actions in Korea finally received their long-overdue recognition when President George W. Bush presented him the Medal of Honor on Sept. 23, 2005 — more than 55 years after the fact.

"But the honor is ours to have had him in our ranks," Admiral Mullen said.

The chairman encouraged service-members to recognize Corporal Rubin and others like him as they observe Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"As we pause to remember the 11 million who perished, let us also pause to celebrate the lives of those who survived — who went on to teach us the great responsibility of life itself," he said. "It matters what we do."

Wings of Blue set for international competition

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

The Academy's parachute team has been selected by the U.S. Army's Golden Knights to compete in the World Military Championships Aug. 17-22 in Lucenec, Slovakia.

The championships are organized and run by the Council International Sport Militaire which runs military world championships in a number of sports, including skydiving with between 30 and 45 countries competing.

Wings of Blue members participating include Cadets 1st Class Brooks Crane, Addison Schenk, James Hickerson and James Miltenberg.

They will march behind the American flag in opening ceremonies.

Academy parachuting coach Bill Wenger will serve as U.S. team leader and coach.

"This is a whole different level of competition," he said, and added, the Academy has typically dominated the nationals.

"But this is two levels up."

Reporting dates for duty after graduation will need to be changed, and funding is still needed for training



Courtesy photo

A Wings of Blue member descends on Falcon Stadium during a home football game.

according to the coach. The competition itself is funded by Department of Defense and Air Force sports.

The Wings of Blue members will compose the four-way formation team, which exits the aircraft at 11,000 feet and has 35 seconds to complete as many points as possible. The team receives the sequence

of formations only just before the jump.

The Academy four plus a noncommissioned officer from the Golden Knights will form the five-man team for the accuracy event, when five jumpers exit the aircraft at 3,500 feet, immediately deploy their parachutes, fly their canopies to a target only three centimeters wide.

The cadets will compete both as a team and individually in the accuracy events.

The team is a composite of the Wings of Blue competition team with 10 seniors. Coach Wenger said all were more than qualified, and selecting the final four members who'd represent the Academy was very difficult.

"This is one of the hardest things we had to do since we had so many qualified cadets," he said.

Coach explained selections by the Golden Knights were made based on individual standings from last year's collegiate nationals in accuracy and the four-way formation, plus which members could best form a cohesive team.

To ready for the international competition, the Academy team will have a pair of two-week training sessions with the Golden Knights.

The team is more than excited about the opportunity.

"They're ecstatic," Coach Wenger said.

Not only will they represent the Academy but the United States as well.

"There is no better feeling unless it is on the awards stand listening to our National Anthem after winning an event," he said.

Joint airpower show proves military might at Air Force Week

By Tech. Sgt. Matthew McGovern
Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AFNS) — Hundreds of Virginia residents saw a joint airpower demonstration firsthand during Hampton Roads Air Force Week Wednesday along the coastline of Virginia Beach.

The event included a simulated rescue where a special forces team called in airstrikes then ran into the Atlantic Ocean to be rescued by Airmen flying in an HH-60G Pave Hawk.

F-22 Raptors, F-15 Eagles, an HC-130 Hercules and Navy F-18 Hornets provided air support for the rescue, dispensed flares and maneuvered over the ocean as more than 500 Hampton Roads-area people watched how American servicemembers conduct a combat rescue operation.

"What's unique about today is we had the opportunity to see the joint forces in action demonstrating what not only the Air Force, but also the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and the Army bring to today's fight," said Gen. William M. Fraser III, the Air Force vice chief of staff. "Today's fight is a complicated fight. The capabilities of all the services allow us to enjoy the freedoms that we do on a day-to-day basis."

Men, women and children of all ages gathered along the beach to witness the joint exhibition.

"It was pretty cool," said 13-year-old Michael Abbruzzese as he and his family came to watch the air demonstration. "I have a lot more respect for aircraft. It was pretty amazing."

After watching the performance, Michael said he may join the Air Force when he gets older.

In addition to the airpower demonstration, many people had the chance to talk to and meet some of today's Airmen. On hand were Air Force recruiters, explosive ordnance disposal members, F-22 maintainers and survival, evasion, resistance and escape special-



(U.S. Air Force photo)

Michael Harris (left), Tyler Simmons and Elise Harris watch as a special forces team member gets reeled into an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter during a joint airpower demonstration as part of Air Force Week April 22 along the coastline of Virginia Beach, Va.

ists. These SERE personnel train the men and women going into harm's way to have the best chance possible to get home safely.

"When I tell people what I do, who I associate with, most of the time they don't believe me," said Tech. Sgt. James Goyet, a SERE specialist from the 1st Operations Support Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Va. "They think that what I do is something the

Army or the Marines would do, but definitely not the Air Force."

Sergeant Goyet said he hopes the audience will

leave knowing that not everyone in the Air Force flies jets, but that there are a whole lot of other jobs that are just as fun and unique as the guys flying the jets.

"I'd like to thank all the people from the Hampton Roads area for the continued support of our military members across all services," General Fraser said. "As the men and women are overseas at deployed locations defending our freedoms, you here in these communities allow the families to do the things they need to do to support all our services' members on a day-to-day basis so they can stay focused on their duties overseas."

Air Force announces second hall of fame class

Athletic Communications

The Air Force Academy announced its second class for induction into the Air Force Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. The six inductees, Jim Bowman, Callie Molloy (Calhoun), Dee Dowis, Terry Isaacson, Ernie Jennings and Ben Martin will be inducted May 1, at the Air Force Academy Falcon Club.

The six inductees represent a former athletic coach and administrator, a track and cross country multiple All-American, two of the football program's most decorated performers, a multiple-sport stand-out and a former coach who held one of the longest tenures in Air Force history.

Inductee quick facts:

Jim Bowman

- Football Coach/Associate Athletic Director – 1958 to 2007
- 1958-1961 head junior varsity football coach
- 1961-1974 head freshman football coach
- 1975 head junior varsity football coach
- In five seasons as JV head coach, compiled a 24-4-1 record
- Coached undefeated teams in 1963 and 1975



- In his 11 seasons as freshman coach, his teams were 37-28
- Member of Falcon staff who participated in 17 bowl games
- Served as a radio color commentator for AFA football and hockey games
- In 1995, was awarded an honorary membership to the AOG (Association of Graduates)
- Personally coached over 1,000 football players
- Helped more than 13,000 cadet-athletes receive Academy appointments

Callie Molloy (Calhoun)

Cross Country/ Track Class of 1991

- Five-time NCAA Division II track and field national champion (3000-meter run, 5000-meter run, 10,000-meter run)
- 1990 NCAA Division II cross country national champion
- Eight-time NCAA Division II track and field All-American
- Three-time NCAA Division II cross country All-American
- 1990 regional cross country champion



- 1990 cross country team captain
- 1991 track and field team captain
- Two-time track and field MVP
- 1990 cross country MVP
- Named track and field outstanding competitor (1989)
- 1991 NCAA Academic All-American
- USAFA Athletic Excellence Award Winner (1990)
- Set Academy records in the 3K indoor, 3K outdoor, 5K indoor, 5K outdoor, 10K
- Ran on three NCAA Division II runner-up cross country teams
- Inducted into the NCAA Division II Track and Field Hall of Fame (2001)

Dee Dowis

Football Class of 1990

- Finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1989 – highest finish ever for an Air Force player
- Won the Downtown Athletic Club's Exemplary Player of the Award in 1989
- Honorable mention All-American in 1989 by A.P. WAC Offensive Player of the Year in 1989
- Selected to play in the Hula Bowl
- Broke the school record for most rushing yards in a game with 249 in 1989 vs. San Diego State
- Became the fifth player in NCAA history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards each in a single season
- AFA Male Athlete of Year, 1990
- Led team in rushing twice and passing three times 1989 co-captain



Terry Isaacson

Wrestling/Football Class of 1964

- Air Force's only three-time wrestling All-American (1962-64)
- NCAA runner-up in 1962 (167 pounds)
- Great Plains AAU Champion in 1962
- Mountain Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Champion in 1963
- Posted a career wrestling record of 161 wins, 13 losses
- Three-year football letterman
- Led team in rushing in 1961 and 1963
- Led team in passing in 1962 and 1963



- Led the team in total offense in 1962 and 1963
- Recorded 1,747 yards of total offense in 1963
- Led the team in punting in 1962 and 1963
- Finished eighth in Heisman Trophy balloting in 1963
- AFA Male Athlete of Year, 1964 Helms Football Foundation All-American, 1963
- 1963 football co-captain

Ernie Jennings

Football Class of 1971

- Central Press All-American team in 1969
- Selected to play in the College All-Star game in 1971
- Consensus All-American in 1970
- Set a school record with 15 receptions vs. Wyoming in 1969
- Set a school record with 235 yards receiving vs. Wyoming in 1970
- Finished eighth in the voting for the Heisman Trophy in 1970 – second-best finish ever for an Air Force player
- AFA Male Athlete of Year, 1971
- Led team in receiving yards twice
- Set school records for season and career receiving yards



Ben Martin

Football Coach 1958-1977

- Compiled a 20-year record of 96-103-9
- Known as the "Father of Air Force Football"
- Led Falcons to three bowl games, including the 1959 Cotton Bowl, 1963 Gator Bowl and 1971 Sugar Bowl
- Appearance in the Cotton and Sugar bowl games mark the only New Year's Day bowl games Air Force has participated in
- Martin's 1958 team, his first at Air Force, is still considered one of the top teams in college football history as the 1958 team finished with 9-0-1 regular season record before battling to a 0-0 tie with TCU in the Cotton Bowl to finish 9-0-2
- 1958 team featured the school's first consensus All-American, tackle Brock Strom
- Coached wide receiver Ernie Jennings, a star on the 1970 team, who went on to earn consensus All-American honors and finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy voting



2009 Air Force Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent (TV)	Date	Time	Opponent (TV)	Date	Time	Opponent (TV)
Sept. 5	noon	Nicholls State (No TV)	Oct. 3	TBD	at Navy (CBS C - HD)	Oct. 31	2 p.m.	at Colorado State* (The Mtn.)
Sept. 12	6 p.m.	at Minnesota (Big Ten)	Oct. 10	5:30 p.m.	TCU* (CBS C - HD)	Nov. 7	1:30 p.m.	Army (CBS C - HD)
Sept. 19	5:30 p.m.	at New Mexico* (CBS C)	Oct. 17	noon	Wyoming* (The Mtn.)	Nov. 14	4 p.m.	UNLV* (The Mtn.)
Sept. 26	noon	San Diego State* (The Mtn.)	Oct. 24	2 p.m.	at Utah* (VERSUS - HD)	Nov. 21	1:30 p.m.	at BYU* (CBS C - HD)

Note: * - Mountain West Conference game • All times local to site • (The Mtn.) – Mountain West Sports Network; • (CBS C) – CBS College Sports Network; (VERSUS).

Baseball

Three Air Force pitchers combined to hold Northern Colorado to six hits in a 6-3 non-conference baseball game Tuesday at Falcon Field. The win improved the Falcons to 12-24, while the Bears fell to 9-26. Left-hander Michael Ceci (1-1) picked up his first-career win, scattering five hits and allowing three runs in six quality innings in

the start. Ceci was at his best over his final two-plus innings, retiring the last seven batters he faced. Jake Petro picked up right where Ceci left off with 1.2 scoreless innings in relief, striking out four.

Lacrosse

In its final home game of the season, the Air

Force lacrosse team picked up a 13-6 non-conference victory over Detroit Sunday at the Cadet Lacrosse Stadium. The win marked the third-straight victory for the Falcons, who improve to 6-6 on the year. Meanwhile, the Titans, in their first year of varsity competition, finished their inaugural season with an 0-11 mark. Leading the Falcons was team captain Cadet 1st Class Griffin Nevitt

Cycling Classic rolls around Academy

Courtesy USAFA Cycling Club

The Rocky Mountain Collegiate Cycling Conference selected the Academy to host the final race before conference championships.

The Academy's Cadet Cycling team was charged with organizing and executing the Front Range Cycling Classic, scheduled to be a two-day, three-event, challenge including a time-trial and criterium Saturday and road race Sunday.

"The road race is the "bread and butter" of cycling and is a long race where teamwork, strategy, nutrition, experience and fitness all play a role," said Jim Weinstein, officer in charge of the Academy Cycling Club. "The Cadet Cycling team went into the weekend as the top ranked Division 2 team in the RMCCC. To maintain that ranking and earn the invitation to compete in the national championships, the team needed to perform well."

The cadet team's strongest event was expected to be the team time trial, however, due to weather, all Saturday events were cancelled.

"Sunday's road race went off without a hitch," Weinstein said. "If it wasn't for the amazing plowing and road care work the CE folks did, the race would not have happened. At 4 a.m. Sunday, I surveyed the course. To my amazement, the road crews had been able to beat back the storm! The roads were dry, the snow piled beyond the



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

Don Feeley, in second place, ascends the Pine Drive climb.

shoulder, and the street sweepers were out. Despite more than a foot of snow at the registration tent, the race would go on."

Sunday's course followed the grueling outside loop of the Academy. The hardest part was the climb up Pine Drive according to riders.

The lower categories would do as few as two laps and the highest categories (Men's A and Pro) would do five laps on the 12-mile loop.

"Overall, the Air Force Academy team did well, taking seven top 20 placings in various categories," Weinstein said. "However, the highlight was the incredible teamwork displayed in the Men's A race." On the final lap, three Air Force riders

remained in the pack. Jay ShalekBriski and Adam Kruse were working to set the road team leader, Trevor Johnson, up for a win.

ShalekBriski and Kruse rode hard, sheltering Johnson from the wind. They rode the hill up Pine Drive at nearly 20 miles per hour and set Johnson up perfectly. "The teamwork was outstanding, the win wasn't possible but Johnson finished in third place in Division 2 and solidified his lead as the top rider in the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Conference," the OIC said.

"The support from the 10th Air Base Wing, the Cadet Wing and the Athletic Department was unprecedented," Weinstein said. "People bent over back-

Road Race Results

Men's A:

- Trevor Johnson—10th
- Jay ShalekBriski —17th
- Adam Kruse—19th

Men's B:

- Don Feeley—11th
- JD Ferut—12th
- Harris Butler—13th

Men's C:

- Christopher Reith —12th

Academy women did not compete.

wards to ensure this event happened. The folks in the Academy Safety Office, Security Forces, 10th Medical Group and the 10th Mission Support Group all worked closely to help craft a safety plan; the civil engineers ensured potholes were fixed and roads were tended to during the storm, Global Engagement provided logistical support, and the AD provided support including use of the athletic fields. This was a huge event with more than 350 cyclists, yet there was only a single minor accident."

Event officials cited this as one of the best races of the year on one of their favorite courses. This race used a similar course to the 1986 Professional Cycling World Championships.

"With only one race left, look for Air Force to finish on top of the RMCCC and be poised to bring home several medals at our Collegiate National Championships" Weinstein said.

Falcons down Ohio State in home opener



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

John Deboris hustles through low visibility.

By Melissa McKeown
Athletic Communications

Playing through a steady onslaught of wind and snow, the Air Force lacrosse team defeated conference rival Ohio State, 9-6, Saturday at the Cadet Lacrosse Stadium. The game, which was postponed from Friday afternoon due to weather conditions, marked the first home contest of the season for the Falcons, who improve to 5-6 overall and 3-1 in the GWLL. Meanwhile, the Buckeyes drop to 6-6 overall and 2-1 in the league.

The win broke the Falcons' 11-game losing streak against the Buckeyes, with their last victory over Ohio State coming in 1997. In addition, it marks just the second time that Air Force has won three Great Western League games in a single season. The last time was in 1995, the league's second year of competition, when the Falcons finished with a 3-1 mark. Air Force is now guaranteed a spot in the GWLL Tournament, May 1 and 3.

The game appeared it would be low-scoring from the start, with only one goal scored in the opening stanza, a tally from Air Force K.J. Landgraf with just over five minutes to play in the quarter. The Falcons certainly had plenty of opportunities, taking 12 shots

in the period, but Ohio State goalkeeper Brandon Freeman made some solid plays, registering seven saves in the first 15 minutes of action.

Ohio State came back in the second period, taking the lead with a pair of goals from Doug Ruhnke and James Green, but a Landgraf-assisted goal from Ridge Flick with 7:45 on the clock tied the game back up at 2-2. After a quality penalty kill by the Falcons, Flick and Landgraf connected once more to put Air Force back on top. The Falcons iced their halftime lead when captain Griffin Nevitt took a feed from Flick to score with a half second remaining in the second quarter, giving Air Force a 4-2 advantage at the break.

The scoring came much more quickly in the third period, as the two teams combined for three goals in the opening five minutes. Following an OSU score with 11:37 on the clock, a face-off win by the Falcons translated into a score, as defender Bryan Gilbreath assisted Flick's third goal of the afternoon. Another score from Nevitt nearly five minutes gave the Falcons the advantage for good.

The final period belonged to the Falcons, who rattled off three unanswered goals, including a pair from Landgraf, to grab their largest lead of the game at 9-4.

who tallied a season-high five points (three goals, two assists), while Vinny Sandtorv added two goals and two assists.

Track and Field

The Air Force track and field team looks to "divide and conquer" through Saturday, as the squad competes in four events. The majority of the

team will stay close to home, as they head to the Glenn Morris Multis and Jack Christiansen Invitational in Fort Collins. A handful of Falcons will travel to the Brutus Hamilton Invitational in California, while the 4x1600-meter relay team will compete at the prestigious Drake Relays in Iowa.

Player of the week

Air Force's Griffin Nevitt was named the Great Western Lacrosse League Co-Player of the Week for games through Sunday, as announced by the conference. It is the second career weekly conference honor for Nevitt, who shares the award with Notre Dame's Scott Rodgers. It also marks the third conference honor for a Falcon this season.



Douglass Valley's 50th

Douglass Valley Elementary School celebrates its 50th anniversary May 15. The celebration at the school starts with a barbecue at 4:30 p.m. followed by a program and open house. Call 234-4200 or e-mail Teresa Bland with any questions at dreanniversary@yahoo.com

Wine tasting and auction

The Gleneagle Sertoma Club will hold its 5th Annual Charity Wine and Beer Tasting and Auction at Falcon Stadium press box from 5 to 8 p.m. May 9. Your driver's license allows you to enter either gate until 6 p.m. Highlights include specialties from local chefs, a professional auctioneer, an old-time soft drink and ice cream bar, and the beautiful Blue and Silver Room venue. All profits go to Tri-Lakes Cares and other charities. Buy tickets at the door (\$35 for one, \$60 for

two). Call 488-1044 or 471-1088 for more information.

Construction update

There will be partial road closures at Tri-Intersection Bridge on the following dates and times: Monday through May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, northbound (inbound), one lane; May 4 through May 8 northbound (inbound), one lane closed for the entire week, reopening at 5 p.m. May 8. These closures are required to allow the new gas line to be installed under the Tri-Intersection bridge. Call Mo Malone at 333-5414 for more information.

A&FRC offerings

The Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts the following classes during May.

Group pre-separation counseling

Held every Monday (except during TAP week); 2 to 4 p.m.

Separating or retiring from the Air Force in a year or less? This mandatory briefing assists in identifying benefits and services associated with transition and beyond.

Cadet smooth move briefing

May 1; noon to 1 p.m.

This class helps prepare graduating cadets and lessens the stress of upcoming moves.

Medical records review

May 4 and 18; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the DAV review medical records.

Career tracks

May 5 and 6; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This comprehensive two-day course will assist military spouses with assessing and evaluating skills, values, and interests; building an effective 'toolkit' through a career plan, education, and volunteerism; conducting an efficient job search through research, networking, career fairs, interviewing, and resume writing; and, provide employer feedback on what organizations specifically look for in a candidate.

Those interested must register.

Civil service class

May 7; 9 a.m. to noon

Learn how to submit a resume, search for positions, and apply for Air Force Federal Civil Service employment.

Military spouse appreciation day

May 7; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Armed Services Southeast YMCA (2190 Jet Wing)

Get free haircuts, massages, lunch and more. Show military spouses your appreciation for all they do. Childcare will be available with prior reservation. Call 622-9622 for more information.

Mock interviewing

May 13; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sign up for the next best thing to the real thing. We'll offer mock interviews with real HR representatives.

Resume writing

May 14; 9 to 11 a.m.

Learn different types of resume and cover-letter styles and how to improve yours.

TAP seminar

May 19- through 22; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Separating in a year or retiring in two years or less? Call now to reserve your spot in the next available TAP class.

Newcomer's orientation and information fair

May 21; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This is a mandatory orientation for all newly assigned Academy personnel. Spouses are welcomed to attend the event held at the Milazzo Center.

Newcomer's red carpet tour

May 22; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This tour gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals much of what there is to see and do here.

Veterans Affairs benefits briefing

May 26; 8 a.m. to noon

This briefing provides valuable information on VA benefits for separating or retiring military members.

You're hired!

May 27; 8 to 11 a.m.

This 'how-to' e-networking course will cover online networking sites, netiquette, and making online connections. Popular networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and others will also be featured.

Smooth move

May 27; 3 to 4 p.m.

Learn innovative ways to make your move a smooth one. This is a mandatory class for individuals departing the Academy.

Sponsorship training

May 28; 8 to 9 a.m.

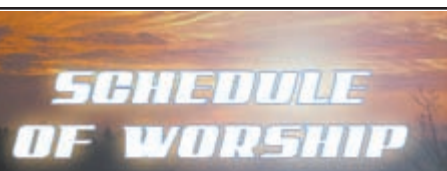
This class is for those who have been assigned to sponsor a newcomer to the area. Contact your unit monitor for details.

Call 333-3444 for information and registration.



Helping families in need

The Dedication of the Healing Garden at the Ronald McDonald House at 311 North Logan Avenue, Colorado Springs Tuesday served as a reminder to families who've lost children that faith, hope and love are alive and well. For more than 22 years, the Ronald McDonald House Charities has been providing families throughout Southern Colorado a supportive, family-centered place to stay while their seriously ill children receive medical treatment at Memorial Hospital for Children. However, the Ronald McDonald House is about so much more than just housing. While the house is incredibly healing on the inside, families will now find a respite outside with the creation of the Healing Garden. For more information contact: Sam Rush-Walton at 719-471-1814 or e-mail: sam.ronhouse@yahoo.com



CADET CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Sunday

Confession - 9:15 a.m.

Mass - 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament - 5:30 p.m.

Confession - 5:30 p.m.

Mass - 6:30 p.m.

Weekday

Mon., Tues. and Thurs. - 6:45 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Sunday

Traditional/Liturgical - 9 a.m.

Contemporary - 11 a.m.

Jewish Services

Friday

Sabbath Service - 7 p.m.

Buddhist Worship

Wednesday

Traditional Mahyana Service -6:30 p.m.

Muslim Prayer

Friday

Salaat ul-Jumman - 12:30 p.m.

All Other Faiths

Call 333-2636 for more information

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Saturday

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.

Mass - 4 p.m.

Sunday

Mass - 9 a.m.

Religious Formation - 10:15 a.m.

(September - May)

Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Live - 6 p.m.

Dinner followed by Religious Education

(September - May).

Sunday

Evangelical - 10:15 a.m.

Gospel - 11:30 a.m.

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Call 333-3733 to register

The Titan Challenge has been designated by 10 ABW/CC as an official function and alternate duty location.

All Appropriated fund (APF) and Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) employees are eligible to participate without charge to leave, based on supervisory approval after consideration of mission requirements, in this activity intended to promote fitness, morale and esprit de corps. Attendance at the Titan Challenge is considered duty time for civilians. There is no charge to leave.

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