

Prep School graduates largest class ever

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

The Academy Preparatory School graduated 200 cadet candidates during commencement exercises Monday in Arnold Hall.

"It was the largest number of graduates in Prep School history and the most entering the Academy ever," said Prep School Commander Colonel Todd Zachary.

The number of entering cadet candidates to the school last summer was 235.

"They came together as a team early," Col. Zachary said of the class, noting the high degree of team spirit, expressed in such ways as homework help or being available when another was simply having a bad day.

Those receiving appointments during graduation exercises will enter the Academy June 25 to begin basic cadet training with the Class of 2013.

Prep School and Academy graduate Larry Funk, Class of 1968, the class' exemplar, spoke to the new graduates, parents and friends.

The Vietnam veteran pilot addressed the issues of ego and ambition in relation to serving as Air Force officers.

"Ego, like ambition, is a double-edged sword," he said.

While good ego can translate to a can-do attitude in such areas as academics, he said ambition may get in the way of true service.

"The pursuit of excellence is a lifestyle," he said and added service is not to serve an individual ego but to serve the values of honor, dignity and freedom.

"Keep ambition and ego in perspective," he said. "Do not strive for acclaim. Accept rank or valor for what it is. It is your job."

New Prep School grad Philip Daniel Adjanba eyed the Air Force as a career early in life.

"I have wanted to be here since I was a toddler," he said.

The resident of Charlotte, N.C., wants to become involved in flying, astronautical engineering and math.

While at the Prep School, he enjoyed being involved in the Academy community by helping with the Academy Youth Center and Community Center Chapel. He credits his sponsors, retired Col. and Mrs. Mark Fitzgerald, for his involvement.

Wisconsin residents James and Tricia Kons traveled to see their son graduate.

"I am really very excited," Mr. Kons said. "For him to come from Wisconsin to come to this Academy is incredible."

"It was a good experience," graduate Ariel Miller said.

It was her first time being away from home for any length of time. Having a good squadron for support helped a lot.

The Louisville, Ky., resident wants to major in physics with a goal toward research.

"The Air Force has lots of opportunities in that area," she said.

The highlight of former Cadet Candidate Miller's Prep School stay was the transition exercise just prior to graduation.

"I was really glad I went through it. It was something to remember," she said.

Prior to the presentation of diplomas and appointments, the Prep School honored its top achievers for the year.

The top performers for academics were Amanda Rodriguez for English, David Salinas for math, Ryan Aceves for science and Kim Cory for best overall in academics.

Hannah Bergstrom was honored as top performer in military training and Andrew Kacura-Miller for character development. Ilma Calite received top honors as female athlete and Matthew Underwood as top male athlete. Cole VonOhlen was honored as overall outstanding athlete.

The overall top performing cadet candidate is Scott Rice.

Gridiron guru gets teamwork lesson Air Force Academy style '06 grad killed in Afghanistan

By Ken Carter
Editor

Most would agree there's very little a two-time Super Bowl winning NFL head coach could be taught about the critical nature of teamwork.

However, Mike Shanahan, head coach of the 1998 and 1999 Super Bowl Champion Denver Broncos, might disagree after his personal experience concerning a tandem jump over the Academy Airfield Monday.

In very short order that morning, Coach Shanahan was given a medical exam, a jump briefing, equipment explanation, aircraft exit strategy and the opportunity to fulfill a dream of more than three decades ... all from the Academy members serving as his

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Photo by Master Sgt. Justus Hanks

Lt. Col. Aldru "Dawg" Aaron, 98th Flying Training Squadron commander, top, performed a tandem jump with Mike Shanahan Monday at the Academy. Coach Shanahan is well-known as having served as head coach for the two-time Super Bowl winning Denver Broncos.

By John Van Winkle
Academy Public Affairs

A 2006 Air Force Academy graduate was killed in action May 20 near Kabul, Afghanistan.

First Lt. Roslyn Schulte, 25, died from wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. She was assigned to Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan in Kabul in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*.



Roslyn Schulte

"The Air Force Academy is deeply saddened by this tragic loss. Our most heartfelt sympathies and condolences go out to the Schulte family. Our thoughts are with them during this very difficult time," said Lt. Gen. John Regni, *Air Force Academy Superintendent*.

Lieutenant Schulte is the 10th Air Force Academy graduate, and first female, killed while supporting *Operations Iraqi Freedom* and *Enduring Freedom*.

She deployed to support OEF from her home station, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, where she was an intelligence officer assigned to the 613th Air and Space Operations

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Honor of distinction

Mitchell Hall cook earns unique national title for exceptional series.
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Army veteran speaks out

Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey visits Academy leadership and departments during recent whirlwind visit.
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Cadet Jamboree

2009 event is bigger, brighter, better than ever. Hot air balloons added to the mix for the Class of 2012.
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Energy Savings Tip of the Week: Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration, and hard braking) wastes gas.

Patriotic evening overwhelms with emotion

By David Cannon
Academy Director of Communications

There wasn't a dry eye in the house May 12 at Pikes Peak Center as our Air Force Academy Band, teamed with the Colorado Springs Chorale, wowed a packed house in a patriotic tribute for Armed Forces Day.

The opening piece, *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copeland, was well worth the price of admission.

Fred Correll's professional narration was well worth the price of admission.

Listening to the chorale, under the direction of Don Jenkins, was well worth the price of admission.

Seeing the introduction of U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Marvin Cardo of the 4th Infantry Division Band and guest conductor for *American Salute* was well worth the price of admission. The 4th ID Band is moving

to Fort Carson.

Seeing a young, but very experienced officer, 2nd Lt. Jason Plosch take the stage and conduct *Gardens of Stone* was well worth the price of admission.

Watching Wild Blue Country wow the audience with two great numbers was well worth the price of admission. Knowing that WBC recently retired from Thule AB, Greenland in support of the 21st Space Wing and Air Force Space Command makes one proud to be associated with such a great and professional organization.

Watching Lt. Col. Larry Lang's mastery of music and stage presence was well worth the price of admission.

Enjoying seeing members of the audience stand and sing along with their service song was well worth the price of admission.

Enjoying the OUTSTANDING videos produced by Master Sgt. Janusz

Masztalerz was well worth the price of admission. I cannot begin to describe how much the videos added to the program!

Watching all the pieces come together under the masterful production of Senior Master Sgt. Larry Hill was well worth the price of admission.

Any single one of these components made the *Emblem of Freedom* concert worth the price of admission.

But seeing, hearing and feeling the synergistic effect and emotional appeal of music come together for a fast moving two hours – Priceless!

I've been to many Air Force Band concerts. Our Academy Band's recent performance was the best concert I've been to – ever, anywhere.

A simple 'thank you' for a job extremely well done just doesn't seem enough.

Not a dry eye in the house.

101 Critical Days of Summer nearly upon us

By Ken Carter
Editor

Summer is nearly upon us ... at least that's what the calendar and often delusional sunworshippers are saying.

We've all heard about the hazards associated with summer activities like swimming, boating, motorcycling, rock climbing, etc. And, surely, we should all take heed – especially during the dates between Memorial Day and Labor Day, also known as the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

However, recent observations have convinced me safety consciousness is more a

lifestyle than a time of year.

For example, the following behaviors are not recommended during any season:

- Rushing down a flight of stairs at night without stopping first to turn on a light. The trip can go much faster than planned.

- Using just a few drops of lawnmower fuel to prime the charcoal on the grill before lighting.

- Waiting until 30 minutes before having to be at work to leave home in the morning—the whole time knowing it's a 30-minute drive.

- Text messaging with one hand and drinking hot coffee with the other while driving ...

- Changing lanes 11 times in a quarter mile along Academy Blvd. for no apparent reason without signaling.

- Kayaking in a swift, shallow river not knowing the difference between a pedal and a paddle.

- Thinking oneself "safe" on a motorcycle because you're wearing a brightly colored vest that could cause you to be mistaken for a circus clown ... the whole while not having a clue what

counter-steering means or how it can save your life.

The point is there's ample opportunity to get injured, or worse, even when we do things well and smart. Why factor a little bonehead judgment into the process and suddenly make the likelihood of personal injury inevitable?

I have a friend in the travel agency business who frequently quotes the statistic that 95 percent of all accidents happen within 25 miles of home ... "So travel," he says.

Personal safety doesn't have to be a profession, it's certainly no joke, and, it should be a way of life.

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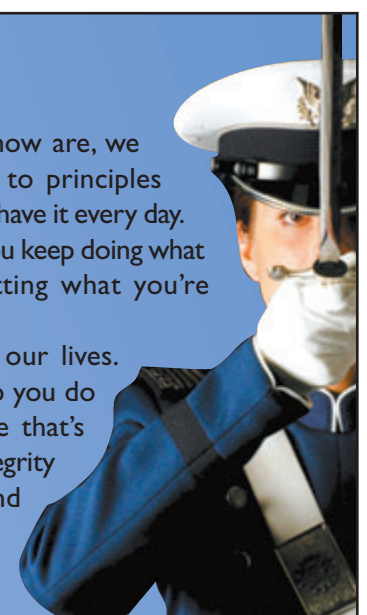
and environment. Many of us would say that we were brought up to be who we are. The nurture versus nature argument has been around for ages and will probably continue without conclusion.

Many people who have had a powerful impact on the world had a specific sense of purpose. People like Mother Theresa, Gandhi and Victor Frankl all had the sense of doing what's right regardless of the consequences for them personally.

We call that integrity. Why do we do what we do? We all have different reasons. If we're to

maintain the great force we now are, we must have integrity. Integrity to principles beyond ourselves and we must have it every day. As Dr. Stephen Covey said, "If you keep doing what you're doing, you'll keep getting what you're getting."

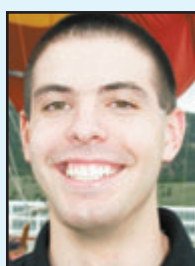
We all have purposes in our lives. What's your purpose? Why do you do what you do? Find a purpose that's aligned with the principle of integrity and you'll find success beyond your dreams.



Catch Character Matters by tuning your FM dial to KAFA, 97.7, or on the Web at <http://usafa.org/KAFA.aspx>, Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

What was your favorite part of Cadet Jamboree XIV?

"I was looking forward to *Reel Big Fish*. I've been aware of them since I was 8 and I'm a fan."



Cadet 4th Class
Geoffrey Pamerleau
Cadet Squadron 3

"I just love taking photos of the cadets having a great time out here and am looking forward to getting some great shots for the *Polaris* year-book."



Arnie Spencer
Cadet Wing Media
staff photographer

"Providing joy for the cadets and hopefully opening some doors between the Academy and the local balloon club."



Al Lowenstein
Hot Air Balloon
Owner

"I was most excited about getting to go up in a balloon."



Cadet 4th Class
Meghan O'Neill
Cadet Squadron 13



Mitchell Hall cook served with top award

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Michael Hoza lives in a silent world, but his disability hasn't slowed him down.

An Air Force employee for more than 30 years, Mr. Hoza has been honored with the Air Force Special Act or Service Award and Performance and Sustained Superior Performance Awards.

He has also been named recipient of the Air Force 2009 Outstanding Department of Defense Employee with a Disability Award. Col. Todd Robison, 10th Mission Support Group commander, presented Mr. Hoza the award and a coin May 13 in the Mitchell Hall kitchen where he is a cook.

"It's a big honor," Mr. Hoza explained through Kendall Newell, interpreter with the Sign Language Network Inc. "I want to share it with my family and friends."

He began working on the Academy as a janitor in the field house and dorms, moved to Mitchell Hall as a waiter and became a full-time cook this year. It is a position he readily and easily adapted to, using only written and visual instructions.

He quickly learned to operate food prep equipment such as griddles, fryers, steam kettles, conventional and convection ovens and automatic meat slicers.

Mr. Hoza prepares hundreds of pounds of frozen and fresh vegetables, plus sauces and gravies and over 400 box meals daily. He also assembles 4,500 salads and prepares specialty salads for salad bars and fruit trays for special occasions.

Mr. Hoza became a Jacks Valley veteran during annual field feeding operations.

"He was instrumental in helping other food service workers prepare and serve over 18,000 hot meals daily under austere field conditions," Frank Barfield, director of cadet food services, said. "He loves to cook and



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Mike Hoza oversees bubbling vegetables on the dinner menu at Mitchell Hall where the staff serves more than 12,000 meals a day for hungry cadets.

jumps at every opportunity to do so."

Recently, Mr. Hoza was selected to prepare prime rib and grilled steaks for numerous special functions, assignments he was chosen for based on his positive attitude, dedication to duty, integrity and commitment to quality service.

"Michael understands the mission, and he never complains or waivers from his responsibilities," Mr. Barfield said. "He is a self-driven, highly motivated worker who requires limited supervision."

Mitchell Hall employees work in a fast-paced environment. They have to, with more than 12,000 meals to prepare each day. Working cooperatively is a must, and Mr. Hoza excels at it.

"He is very nice and does everything to help other people," said co-worker Kiem Guffin. "He has a great sense of humor and always has jokes and laughter."

She also said that Mr. Hoza is very knowledgeable, knows everything going on and lends his assistance in many areas of Mitch's operations.

Clen Rollins, Mr. Hoza's supervisor, said he enjoys
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NEWS BRIEFS

Chief Davis retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony will honor Chief Master Sergeant Arvin Davis, Academy command chief master sergeant, and his family at 9 a.m. June 5 in the Arnold Hall Ballroom.

A reception follows the ceremony at noon at the Falcon Club. To RSVP, visit <https://einvitations.afit.edu/Davis351/anim.cfm>.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Denise O'Connor at 333-7693 or e-mail: denise.oconnor@usafa.edu.

Hydroxycut recall

Health officials are asking people to stop using Hydroxycut products immediately. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration published a warning advising consumers to immediately stop using Hydroxycut products.

Hydroxycut products have been linked to 23 cases of serious liver injuries, including damage requiring liver transplant and one confirmed death. If you have used any Hydroxycut products and experience any of the following symptoms contact your physician immediately.

Symptoms may include: loss of appetite, nausea, fatigue or weakness, vomiting, brown urine, light-colored stools, yellowing of the skin or whites of eyes, seizures, heart problems, and muscle damage.

For more information contact Staff Sgt. Costinel Stefan at 333-3733 or Maj. James Weinstein at 333-5305.

Safety first

From May 29 through July 28, there will be a road construction project to repair the South Gate Blvd road surface from I-25 to Tri Bridge Intersection at Pine Drive.

The construction will require the complete closure of one side of traffic lanes while diverting the traffic flow over onto the remaining roadway making those lanes two-way traffic. The work will include weekends in to complete the project on schedule.

In the interest of safety, South Gate Blvd will be closed to bicycle traffic during this time. Bicyclists have Academy access via the North gate.

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JAG to implement new hours of operation

Academy Spirit staff report

The Academy Legal Office, located at 8034 Edgerton Drive on the second floor of the 10th Air Base Wing headquarters near the south gate, is implementing new hours of operation for its legal assistance schedule next month.

Beginning June 2 walk-in reporting times will be 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and noon-1 p.m. Thursdays.

Power of attorney and notary hours will remain 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays.

No appointment is necessary for legal assistance, power of attorney and notary hours.

"Even though our hours are changing, our services will remain the same," said

1st Lt. Valerie Nolan, assistant staff judge advocate.

Air Force Judge Advocate Generals provide legal advice on several topics. JAGs help individuals facing financial problems by answering questions regarding bankruptcy, consumer fraud, tax assistance and identity theft.

The legal office provides answers to real estate legal questions like sales contracts and landlord tenant relationships. Legal office also gives family law advice to individuals facing divorce, child custody concerns and adoption. Also, JAGs answer questions regarding name changes, citizenship and many other issues.

"JAGs do more than answer your questions during legal assistance," said Lieutenant Nolan. "We also prepare

certain legal documents. JAGs prepare simple estate plans that include a will, a health care power of attorney and a living will."

Paralegals prepare general or specific powers of attorney and are available to notarize documents. The Academy Legal Office prepares and executes legal documents on the same day.

"This saves you time by making an extra trip to the legal office unnecessary," Lieutenant Nolan said. "Clients often walk home with a completed estate plan after only a few hours in the legal office."

Unlike a civilian lawyer, JAGs do not charge customers for preparing an estate plan or answering a legal question. Military members, retirees and their families are eligible for free legal services

through the legal office.

Even though JAGs don't charge for their services, they provide competent legal opinions and documents equivalent to a civilian lawyer's legal opinions and documents.

Like a civilian lawyer, JAGs must be graduates of an American Bar Association accredited law school and certified to practice law in at least one state. Furthermore, they receive special training in order to address issues that are unique to the military.

"Drop by the legal office and take advantage of the services we provide," the lieutenant said. "Let us make your life a little less stressful by answering your legal questions. We look forward to seeing you during our new hours."

New Uniforms: Comfortable, functional are goals

By Col. Steve Gray

77th Aeronautical Systems Group
Human Systems Program Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) — Officials from the Uniform Program Office here continue to work for Airmen, researching and purchasing uniforms that provide more function, protection and comfort.

The Air Force chief of staff recently met with office personnel for an update on clothing issues Airmen face as they support global mission requirements. Gen.

Norton Schwartz said addressing current and near-term uniform needs takes precedence over introducing long-range new initiatives.

"It is paramount that we provide fully functional and appropriate uniforms for our Airmen as they carry out our worldwide, joint mission," General Schwartz said. "It's critical that we respond to Air Force uniform needs since they affect every Airman, every day — so we need to get it right."

Changes are also in the works for the Airman Battle Uniform. "Too hot" is how many Airmen described the current ABU. After working with other services and

industry textile experts, Air Force officials will field a lighter weight fabric for the ABU coat. Called the Improved Airman Battle Uniform, the ABU coat will be updated with a durable, lighter weight, and more comfortable fabric.

To further reduce weight, the IABU design will remove the inner coat liner and interior pockets. The lighter weight IABU will replace the current ABU coat for both summer and winter wear. Prior to production, the Air Force Uniform Office staff will verify the fabric can be consistently manufactured to avoid color

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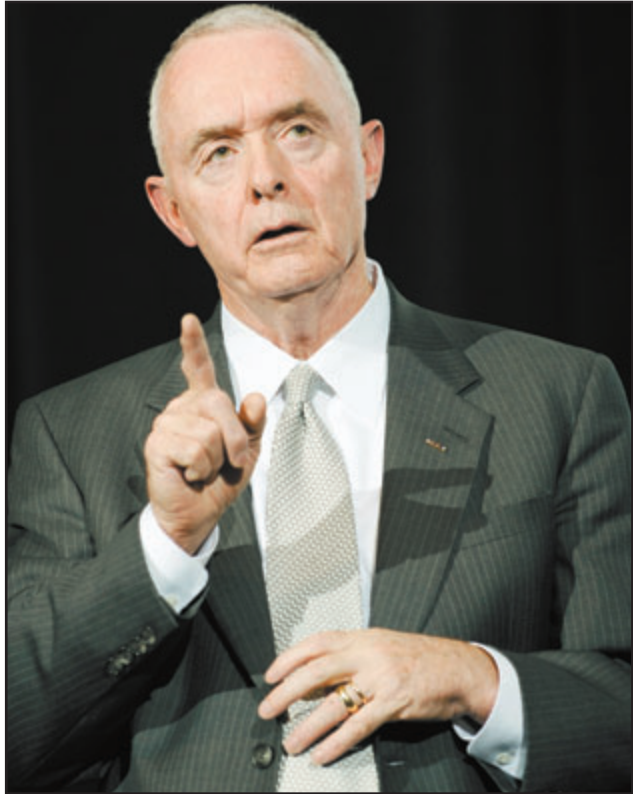


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Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey visited Academy leadership and departments during a whirlwind visit to the base May 7.

Mr. McCaffrey was guest speaker for the 2009 Ira C. Eaker Distinguished Lecture on National Defense Policy.

"The nature of the armed forces has not changed because of satellites," said the 1964 West Point grad during an interview. "We're very proud of the education the Academy gives but, most of all, what cadets are bringing to the fighting force, which is your characters and leadership abilities. That's going to be your gift to America for five years or so."

Currently an adjunct professor with the U.S. Military Academy, the NBC and MSNBC military analyst said that "graduating cadets are going to have an adventure the likes of which you can't believe. Some of them will be with Afghanistan's Provincial Reconstruction Teams. Some will fly high performance aircraft. They'll do cyber warfare and make a shining contribution to national defense."

Mr. McCaffrey noted the bonds forged between Academy cadets and cadets from all points on the face of the earth.

The 67 year-old said his generation is filled with gratitude for those who joined the military when the United States is at war. He said America will never again have a service unique conflict.

"The Air Force is a fundamental to the nation in terms of a military context," he said. "Future grads will understand a foreign country's operations, culture and history. Knowing a foreign language has become like learning how to swim."

He's been to Cuba's Guantanamo Bay, the Iraq Abu Ghraib detention center and other holding areas searching for U.S. military values, and believes the United States hasn't lost its moral high ground.

"One of the things that the international community admire about us is the American values," the general said. "Grads must still live out the values they learned at the Air Force Academy along with values that came from parents, coaches and religious leaders. We come from a society of good people who pay their taxes, work hard and don't break the law."

KAFA 97.7 FM to air graduation updates

To keep up to speed on graduation related activities and events, tune into KAFA 97.7FM for any last-minute schedule changes. Starting today, the latest information will be provided at the top and bottom of each hour.

According to KAFA Advisor Dave West, the station will also provide live graduation-day coverage beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

"KAFA will have all the information spectators need to get into Falcon Stadium, including what can and can't

be brought in, traffic flow updates and parking information will also be announced," he said. "Interviews with friends and family, former graduates, current cadets and special guests are also on the agenda."

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“coaches” for the day.

The 98th “coaches” had his undivided attention.

Desiring to sky dive during his college days, but finding it cost prohibitive then, Coach Shanahan took the plunge from 11,000 above ground level strapped to the chest of Lt. Col. Aldru “Dawg” Aaron, 98th Flying Training Squadron commander. The commander has some 1,200 jumps total to his credit—about 125 of which have been tandem. “Coach Shanahan was an excited, eager student as most are. He took instruction very well and did an outstanding job,” Colonel Aaron said.

“I was going to do this one time in college but never got the opportunity,” Mr. Shanahan said. Post jump he referred to the experience as “one of the funest things” he’d ever done. “He [Colonel Aaron] made it easy on me. The problem is now I’m going to bug him to do it again. No wonder you guys do this all the time.”

As is always the case, personal safety was emphasized throughout the entire process.

“We give the training in segments so we don’t give

our students information overload,” the commander said. “We share just the pieces needed to be known for that phase of the jump at the time they’re needed.”

Colonel Aaron is quick to share the overall success of the day with Mark “Vern” Moss, 306th Flying Training Group program manager, who got Coach Shanahan lined up for the jump in the first place as well as with Master Sgt. David Fremin the unit’s enlisted superintendent and program manager for tandem jumps.

Fear wasn’t part of the vocabulary for the 56-year-old Shanahan whose free fall lasted between 40 and 45 seconds reaching speeds of approximately 125 mph.

Mr. Shanahan praised those from the 98th who’d coached him from arrival, through briefings, freefall and landing. “They do such a great job of instruction you really feel comfortable. They go through all the safety situations ... they really made me feel at ease.”

Concerning his wife’s reaction to his jump, and she not being present to watch, Coach Shanahan explained the family was finishing moving into a new home Monday that had originally been planned for May 1. Neither

their 29-year-old son nor their 27-year-old daughter knew of dad’s plan to take the plunge ... but coach was eager to share the video footage with his family after the fact.

Master Sgt. Justus Hanks, also from the 306th FTG, and Mr. Chad Henderson, 98th FTS, served as primary and secondary videographers respectively. “I probably have 700 or so video jumps,” Sergeant Hanks said. “Every jump has something new. We’re constantly checking camera settings as videographers to make sure everything is perfect. One little bump in the airplane can destroy the settings ... everything today came out pretty good.”

Sergeant Hanks’ thoughts were substantiated during the video review with Coach Shanahan in the commander’s office following the tandem jump. “Skydiving with Coach Shanahan will be something I’ll always remember.”

Coach Shanahan refers to himself as an Air Force Academy fan speaking highly of the football program here and his personal relationships with two Falcon coaches.

Grad

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Center there.

“Losing Lieutenant Schulte has been a tragedy felt by everyone here and across the Air Force. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with the family of this heroic Airman. She was taken from us while serving her nation honorably, and the Airmen of the 613th Air and Space Operations Center will forever be proud of her,” said Col. Terrence O’Shaughnessy, 613th AOC commander.

While at the Academy, she was captain

of women’s lacrosse team, a member of Cadet Squadron 7, and a political science major. Lieutenant Schulte graduated with both military and academic honors.

Originally from St. Louis, Mo., Lieutenant Schulte came to the Academy after graduating from John Burroughs School in St. Louis in 2002. School officials there are addressing the student body about the loss, according to the high school’s director of communications, Ellen Bremner.

Funeral plans are underway.

Cook

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working with him.

“He’s very energetic and easy to get along with,” he said and added Mr. Hoza is especially quick to catch on to new tasks.

A science and astronomy buff, Mr. Hoza has accumulated more than 2,500 hours of sick leave but rarely calls in sick.

He has always enjoyed working around cadets.

“They are very friendly, and they

can understand me very well,” he said.

What are his favorite foods to cook?

Chicken dishes and steaks, but he “doesn’t mind” doing vegetables.

What are his favorite foods to eat?

“Chicken-fried steak. I like pork chops a lot, too,” he explained.

Off work Mondays and Tuesdays, Mr. Hoza indicated cooking is indeed hard work.

“I get very tired. My feet hurt at the end of the day.”



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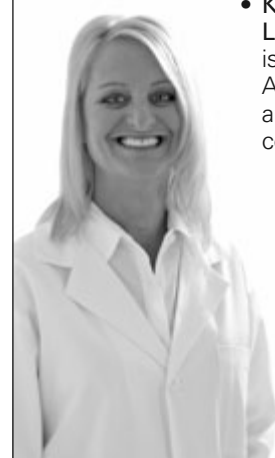
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HIGH-SPIRITED | Fun was on the agenda when members of the Class of 2009 recently completed their last day of Academics.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Dewitt

MOVIN' ON UP | Tech. Sgt. Ryan Devine, 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, flight chief public health, receives a congratulatory hug from his oldest daughter, Rosalie, during the master sergeant promotion party celebration at the Falcon Club May 15.



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

PACKING OUT | Class of 2009 members are movin' on up ... and out. Many have sorted and packed their personal belongings in preparation for departing for their first duty assignments.



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE | Academy Prep School students ended their school year with an exercise in Jacks Valley last week, just prior to their graduation ceremony held here Monday.

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Academy honors newly promoted full professors

By Capt. Susan Bettison

Department of Mathematical Sciences and
Maj. Greg Bennett
Dean of Faculty Staff

Academy senior leadership gathered recently during a ceremony at the Falcon Club to pay tribute to the dean of faculty's newest professors recently at a reception co-hosted by Brig. Gen Dana Born, Tim Born and the Academy Research and Development Institute.

Dr. David H. Sacko, Dr. Katherine Silz-Carson, and Dr. Brent J. Talbot join the distinguished group of 69 USAFA full professors who have reached the pinnacle of their professions.

During the course of the event, General Born said, "Being promoted to a full professor is a distinct accomplishment, worthy of the same respect as a military promotion. These individuals have garnered a world-class reputation in their academic disciplines and have an extended record of excellence in teaching, scholarship and service."

Dr. Sacko, from the Department of Political Sciences has been at the Academy since 2002. He started his education at Middlesex County College and then obtained his undergraduate degree from the East Stroudsburg University, his master's degree from Binghamton University, The State University of New York, and his doctorate from Pennsylvania State University.

He co-authored a book in 2007 on the international relations titled *The Unipolar World: An Unbalanced Future*. He has also conducted research for the Institute of National Security Studies and currently is researching security threats to the security of Central Europe.

Dr. Silz-Carson has been here for almost 12 years and works in the Department of Economics and Geosciences. She obtained her undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of New Mexico and her doctorate from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Dr. Silz-Carson's current research interests include experimental and environmental/natural resource economics.

She is particularly proud of an article that recently appeared in the *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* (the top journal in the field of environmental/natural resource economics), entitled; "Necessary Conditions for Demand Revelation in Double Referenda." She co-authored the article with two of her colleagues from the United Kingdom.

She has received more than \$133,000 in research grants and has taught 11 distinct economics courses. Her husband, Steven, is currently completing his master's degree in Education at the University of Colorado Springs.

Dr. Talbot has been a part of the Academy faculty for more than 14 years;

his first seven years were spent in the Department of Political Science and the last seven in the Department of Military Strategic Studies. He also served three concurrent years as deputy director,

Institute of National Security Studies. He garnered his undergraduate and master's degrees from Brigham Young University and his doctorate from the

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Visiting professors who were honored for their contributions to the Academy mission during the 2008-2009 academic year:

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Dr. John L. Barkdull, Political Science Dept.	Hamilton College (NY)
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Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

He also serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Denver, where he teaches U.S. Foreign Policy and Issues in International Security. Further, Dr. Talbot serves as the program chair for the Colorado Springs World Affairs Council. He and his wife Laura have four children: Katie (26); Brian (24); Emily (22); and, Benjamin (19).

Dr. Talbot, Dr. Sacko, and Dr. Silz-Carson gather at a congratulatory cake in their honor for achieving the status of full professors.

Leadership also celebrated the contributions of visiting and endowed chairs that provide additional depth to the faculty team, honoring distinguished professors from other universities and members of government agencies like the National Security Agency and Department of State visit the Academy for a year or more.

Less than a week prior to this event, the Commission for Higher Learning granted the Academy a full 10-year accreditation and cited 16 commendations for the institution. One of the areas specifically cited by the accreditation team was the strength and vitality of the visiting professor program.

The team felt it significantly enhanced the overall academic experience at the Academy by infusing researchers and academicians with diverse instructional styles, which ultimately benefits cadets and assigned faculty alike.

Thunderbirds practice; traffic flow changes

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, will turn heads skyward during several flights over the Colorado Springs area from Monday through Wednesday.

Tuesday morning at 8 a.m., the team will practice flyovers of the Air Force Academy Stadium as a rehearsal for the graduation day hat toss, weather permitting. At 2 p.m., the team will practice their aerial performance over the Academy.

Stadium Blvd. will be closed from Tri Bridge on the south to Parade Loop on the north from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Drivers will be unable to access Stadium Blvd from Academy and Community Center Drive.

Furthermore, access to the Santa Fe trail in this area will also be closed. Personnel traveling across the Academy are encouraged to use Pine Drive to avoid delays.

Wednesday, the Falcon Stadium event cordon will open at 7 a.m. for public access. At 10 a.m., following the start of graduation, Stadium Blvd will again be closed from Tri Bridge on the south to Parade Loop on the north to prepare for the Thunderbirds post-graduation demonstration. During this time drivers will be unable to access Stadium Blvd from Academy and Community Center Drive. Access to the Santa Fe trail in this area will also be closed. Those traveling across the Academy should use Pine Drive to avoid delays.

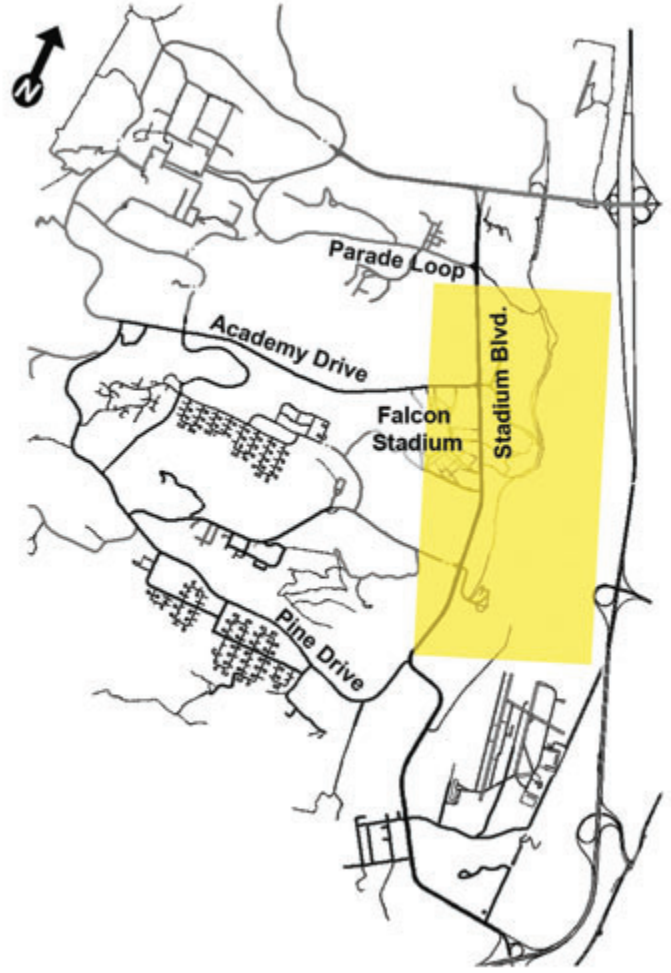
For the safety of the general public certain roads will be closed around

Falcon Stadium during the performance practice on Tuesday and the performance Wednesday. These closures are mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure the performance area is free of all personnel.

The general public is reminded not to stop along Interstate 25 to watch the performances. The public may view the performances from open areas on the Air Force Academy by presenting a valid

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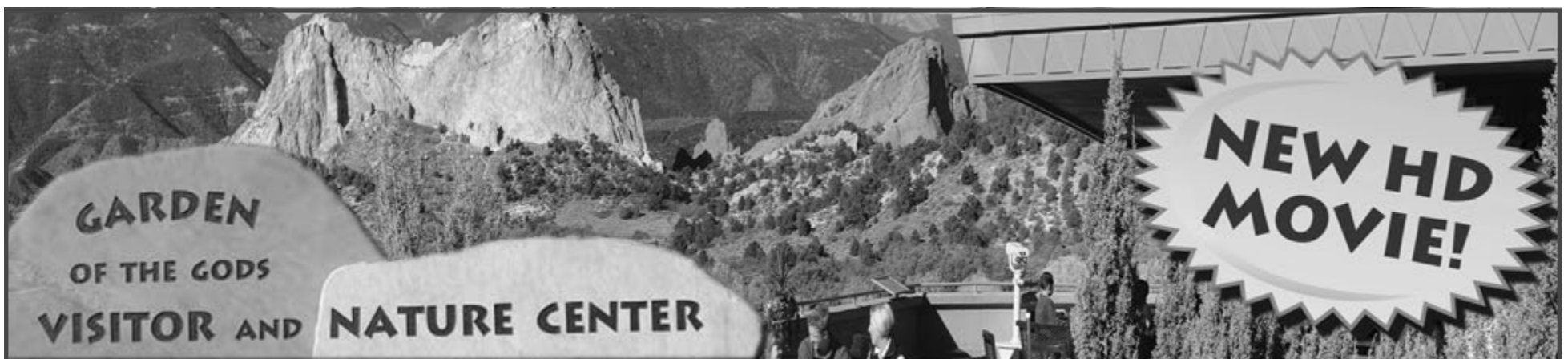
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Assignment Vietnam: Returning remains is job one

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Past Vietnam recovery specialist Master Sgt. Greg Meinert returned to the Academy in mid-April from scouring jungle sites.

"This has been going on for a very long time, not only for the Vietnam War but back to WWII," said the Academy aircraft flight equipment noncommissioned in charge. "They have a lot of information about missions and their successes."

He was on one of five teams that went to Vietnam.

"I was on a smaller team with 11 members," he said. "Once we got there we went off to different locations to begin our work. While at the sites, we had anywhere from 25 to 100 Vietnamese working with us."

He went on two recovery sites, first to the province of Bihn Dinh and the other in Binh Phuoc Province.

"Overall it was a very successful mission," said the senior NCO. "We were able to locate remains right away. We had only been digging for a few hours when we found our first tooth. The other teams had success also, which is good since that is the reason we go onto these missions. When you have success like that right away, it just makes you want to dig harder, work longer to find more."

This time he was in a guest house, a little more bearable than field conditions.

"It was still not what we are used to



Courtesy Photo

Master Sgt. Greg Meinert digs at a Vietnam site. Dirt is put into buckets and sent to a screening section.

but it was nice," Sergeant Meinert said. "I still had to deal with all of the critters and insects that will get into your room. I had to make sure everything was covered because if not I would wake up to ants trying to take my food. Towards the end I got used to the gecko's chirping, they would actually help me fall asleep."

Unlike his first deployment to Vietnam, this time he had no "close calls."

"But you still have to be careful," he said. "We came across a lot of ammunition and shrapnel. You have to be careful of the wild life, critters and insects. If you saw a local running away from something, it probably was best if you did too. You would never know what you might find digging in

the dirt, we came across snakes and centipedes, red ants. I have never been bitten so much in my life."

He found the Vietnamese nice, eager to speak to them and always saying hello.

"I was impressed on how helpful they were, they made this mission a success," Sergeant Meinert said. "I would go running in the morning and they would come over and run with me. They were as curious about us as we were about them. We even taught them how to throw a football. I got to learn about their culture, try their food. It was an experience I will never forget."

Times have changed since the 60s Age of Aquarius and the Vietnam conflict.

"We live in a society now that

accepts the military and what we do," said the sergeant. "That hasn't always been the case. There was a time in this country when the uniform wasn't respected. That was a shame on our government and our people. They were only doing what was asked of them to do so we can enjoy our freedoms of today. When you see any veteran, talk to them and thank them for what they have done. I do it every chance I get, because without them we would be able to enjoy are freedoms of today, and remember 'Until they are Home.'"

At the repatriation ceremony they had Vietnam Veterans who came to show their respects.

"That shows the camaraderie and brotherhood that exists in the military," he said. "This is the most satisfying experience I have been associated with. When you can bring home a fellow American who was lost at war, words cannot explain. "Just knowing they brought closure to a family who had lost a loved one makes it worthwhile." The NCO further explained knowing that their father, brother, or uncle is home with them brings more meaning to the family when they go to the cemetery to visit, and they know their loved ones are there. "But it didn't hit me until I saw the caskets.

"When they put the American flag over the caskets and walked them onto the C-17, it gave me chills. It made me feel proud to be in the military and to be part of such an important mission," he said.

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CHILLIN' OUT | While many cadets played games, rode rides and crowded the live music stage, many others were content to simply visit with peers and enjoy from a distance.

Cadet Jamboree bigger, brighter, better than ever

By Academy Spirit Staff

Academy Concerts pulled no punches Wednesday evening by delivering a knock-out 2009 Cadet Jamboree, the biggest in the event's 14-year history.

Some 80 cadets from the cadet entertainment club and members of the cadet wing helped support with load in, game support and clean-up.

A host of entertainment featured four bands including: the cadet band JELLY JAM & the COSMIC CLAMS; Chris Daniels & the Kings, a fast paced, cover and original band from Denver; RECYCLED PERCUSSION; and, the evening's headliner, Reel Big Fish. "Cadets have been requesting this group for three years," said Cultural Arts and Entertainment Director Candyce Thomas. "It's a great feeling to be able to deliver."

This was the 10th time the ever-growing event was held on the Terrazzo.

"Prior to the 1996 Cadet Jamboree, there was always a small party held for cadets during what was then called 'Dead Week.' It was held in the banquet rooms in Arnold Hall," Ms. Thomas said. "When I first started doing the Cadet Jamboree then, I quickly recognized there was significant potential for future growth. We moved the next couple Cadet Jamborees outside to the quad near Arnold Hall. Eventually, I asked permission to hold it on the T-ZO with the thought we'd get the attention of the entire cadet wing ... which is exactly how it's played out. The festivities have grown to where it's become impossible to use the word 'dead' to describe the week anymore."

Among the cadets sprawling across the Terrazzo the same comment was overheard repeatedly throughout Wednesday evening. "This is a blast having the balloons here and I can't wait to hear Reel Big Fish," was the common theme from the Class of 2012 members.

The band line-up required using two stages for the first time ever. Another new twist included having hot air balloons tethered to lift cadet passengers over the Terrazzo and a 'balloon glow' at dusk to end of evening.

"Robert Harrelson, chief executive officer, cadet activities, and his staff are invaluable to this event and went way above and beyond in their support for every request the entertainment office had for them," Ms. Thomas said. "I was exploring a new idea for the Jamboree and found that the commercial route was prohibitive monetarily for what I wanted to do."

Then Ms. Thomas saw an article in the Academy Spirit in October of 2008 relating to what she wanted to accomplish. She contacted Al Lowenstein in New

Mexico after reading the article about his son, Cadet 1st Class Ryan Lowenstein, he and his dad are both avid hot-air balloonists.

"Al jumped right on board, contacted a number of people in his club, and the hot-air balloon idea became reality," Ms. Thomas said. "The Lowensteins have helped take the Cadet Jamboree to new heights."

Many others weighed in as well to make the 2009 Cadet Jamboree the best ever.

Scott Butler with Gravity Play was a huge supporter of the event according to Ms. Thomas, supplying all the game activities.

"Kevin Cordtz, a talented artist who supports many Academy Concerts events and who was present at SnoFest 2009, does the logo each year for the Cadet Jamboree poster and brings great peals of laughter as he does cadet caricatures," she said. "Mitchell Hall is always supportive with the evening meal and creating a picnic atmosphere."

Like all great plans for events in Colorado Springs ... there was a contingency plan for inclement weather.

"We were prepared to move as much of the event into the Arnold Hall Ballroom and patio area as possible if needed," Ms. Thomas said. "Thank goodness, that wasn't needed!"

The 2009 Cadet Jamboree also required logistical support from the Academy's Fire Department, the base safety staff, security forces, and the Arnold Hall Theater staff. "As always, it was a superb team effort," Ms. Thomas said. "In a couple short weeks, coordination for the 2010 Jamboree will be underway. It'll be no easy task to top this year's event, but, like every year, that's our goal."



HOT WHEELS | Cadets have been enjoying Miniature three-wheeled cycle races at the Jamboree for years, and the Class of 2012 was no exception.



LIGHTER THAN AIR | Hot air balloons on the Terrazzo during Cadet Jamboree XIV made for a unique sight with vendor/participants traveling from as far as Albuquerque, N.M. to participate.



JUST BEAT IT | Recycled Percussion performed everything from classic rock to jazz to punk to funk.



UPS AND DOWNS | Cadet 4th Class Kaitlin Werling proved once again that flexibility is the key to airpower while flipping and falling on the bungee ride.



DETERMINATION | This game was a test of strength, speed and balance and Cadet 4th Class James Beilby from Cadet Squadron 32 overcame his opponent.

Inaugural *Clash of the Titans* challenges competitors in speed, strength, endurance

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

10th Security Forces Team #2 rushes to claim gold

Armed with grit and determination, squadrons from the 10th Air Base Wing pitted their best athletes against one another during the inaugural *Clash of the Titans* competition May 15 at the Preparatory School track and football field.

During the event organized by the Academy Fitness Center and Health and Wellness Center, 17 teams vied for prizes in pull-ups, crunches, push-ups and a relay race. The competition culminated with a tug-of-war in an intense double-elimination challenge.

The 10th Mission Support Squadron finished first in push-ups, the 10th Security Forces Team #2 first in crunches, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron first in pull-ups and the 10th Dental Squadron first in the relay.

The double-elimination tug-of-war saw the 10th SF Team #2 take first place overall; 10th CE finished second; and, the Direct Reporting Unit finished a strong third.

Before the tug-of-war competition, the Team Wow was honored with a first place win in the HAWC's biggest loser competition to shed pounds. The six-member team lost a combined total of 99 pounds. Tevita Mafi, with the 10th Medical Operations Squadron, was named top overall loser with a total loss of 37 pounds. Twenty-nine teams competed over 12 weeks and received



Photos by Ken Carter

Following the official *Titans Challenge* tug-of-war competition where the Security Forces Team #2 claimed the top spot, 10th Air Base Commander Jimmy McMillian, in front wearing blue shirt, spontaneously called for all competitors 45 and older to square off against one another just for fun.

advice in nutrition and fitness during the program.

"It's something to have fun with, build camaraderie and help, in essence, fitness," said 10th Air Base Wing

commander Jimmy McMillian. "It's also Armed Forces Appreciation Day."

Each team was required to include members of various ranks, plus a civilian and at least one woman.

Scores for crunches and push-ups were totaled on the number completed in one minute. Pull-ups were scored solely on number completed, and the relay race, about 1.5 miles total for seven team members, was based strictly on the fastest time.

The Community Center Chapel contributed food supplies for a cookout for hungry athletes after the competitions, and representatives from In Balance Massage Therapy stood ready to treat sore muscles.

Teams came loaded for bear in terms of competition.

"They're very serious about it," said Dirk Spaulding, HAWC health technician.

"I've been giving it my all today, and I'm having a blast," said Jacob Foran, help desk technician with the 10th Communication Squadron.

He eagerly volunteered for his

squadron's team.

Senior Master Sgt. Terry Best-Rennahan, superintendent with the 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, served as senior cheerleader and team leader for her team. The pull-ups were her Waterloo. Try as she did, the bar proved too much.

"I gave it my all," she said with a smile. "I didn't give up."

Teams also sported uniforms, some with squadron emblems, others tailored for the event, including the 10th MDSS shirt asking "Who's your daddy?" on the front and "We'll find out" on the back.

The "Tired Titans" team from the 10th Medical Support Squadron represented the oldest team members on average. They, too, sported team wear, with member names such as Snuggles and El Supremo emblazoned on the back.

Squadron commander Michael Burke said the team members may not have been the most competitive, but they possessed other superior attributes.

"We are still the best looking and the most stylish," he joked.

His team finished #13 of 17.



The *Titans Challenge* included a sit-up competition to determine who could do the most in one minute.

Baseball

Air Force dropped a 6-2 Mountain West Conference baseball game to New Mexico Friday at Falcon Field. Despite getting a solid complete-game pitching performance out of starter Alex Truesdale (2-9), the Falcons missed several scoring opportunities in the loss. Truesdale held the nation's top hitting team to just seven hits, while

striking out six.

Track and Field

Sara Neubauer earned all-conference honors in the discus throw, while adjusting her Academy record in the hammer throw, as the Air Force track and field team concluded the third day of action at the Mountain West Conference Track and Field Championships

May 15 in Laramie, Wyo. Naubauer was one of three all-conference honorees for the Falcons during the third day of action. Kimber Shealy (pole vault) and Robert Drye (hammer throw) also claimed all-conference accolades during their first outdoor championship meet. Highlighted by eight all-conference selections, the Air Force track and field team wrapped up action at the MWC

Championships Saturday. The men finished fourth, while the women placed seventh. The seventh-place team standing for the women is tied for the second-best finish in program history, while the 62-point output is the best ever.

Golf

In his final competition of the

Falcons wrap up season versus New Mexico

By Nick Arseniak
Athletic Media Relations

Air Force dropped a 19-6 Mountain West Conference baseball game to New Mexico Saturday at Falcon Field ending the season with a 14-37, 3-18 record, while the Lobos improved to 37-18, 15-8.

New Mexico plated runs in eight of nine innings and racked up 24 hits on the day. The Lobos broke open a 9-6 ballgame with eight runs in the eighth inning. Brian Cavazos-Galvez did most of the damage, going 5-for-5 with three homers, six runs and four RBIs. Seven Lobos notched multiple hits in the game.

Air Force had nine hits in game. Nathan Carter and Ben Ausbun led the way with two hits each. Jack Lupo added a triple and two RBIs.

New Mexico reliever Daniel Grubbs (3-1) picked up the win with three innings pitched. Lobo starter Edwin Carl pitched three innings, allowing

two runs off four hits.

Air Force starter Jake Petro (3-5) took the loss in his final career start. Petro struck out five in three innings pitched. The Falcons used seven relievers in the game. Jason Griggs, Adam Teach, Evan Abrecht, Michael Ceci, Michael Ruvolo, Andrew Loyd and Aaron Kurcz pitch in relief. Kurcz struck out four in 1.2 innings pitched.

New Mexico jumped ahead 5-0 when the Falcons plated two runs in the third to make it a 5-2 game. After trading runs in the fourth, New Mexico scored two in the top of the fifth to go up 8-3. Air Force rallied back with three runs in the bottom of the inning to make it a 8-6 game.

UNM then scored a run in the seventh and exploded for eight runs in the eighth. The Lobos then tacked on two more runs in the ninth.

Prior to the game, Air Force honored its four members from the Class of 2009: Casey Allen, Jason Griggs, Jake Petro and Adam Teach.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Falcon short stop K.J. Randhawa stops a ground ball and readies to throw to first.

Have gun, will travel: Cadet earns national title

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Cadet 1st Class Brian Vickers has been awarded the National Rifleman Association's Second Team All-American for Standard Pistol; Second Team All-American for Air Pistol, First Team All-American for Free Pistol and First Place, Individual Aggregate Championship in March and appointment to the National Pistol Development Team pending approval of the national head coach.

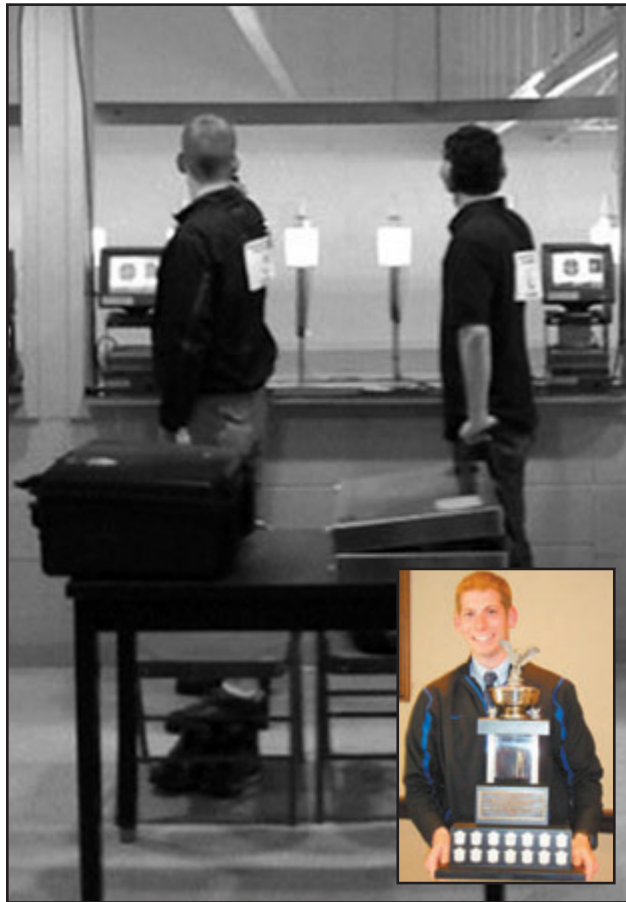
Each of the recent Fort Benning, Ga., events were invitation-only to the top nation-wide 30 shooters. He is now eligible to represent the United States overseas in pistol competitions and has a gold medal and a trophy to prove it.

The shooter had next to no skills with a pistol before arriving at the Academy.

"I had shot a little bit for fun before coming to the Academy but nothing very serious," said the environmental engineering major with Cadet Squadron 31. "I didn't even start in earnest until about two years ago."

Three guns were used in three different events in collegiate pistol.

The first event was "Air Pistol" which uses a pistol that works on compressed air or CO2 to fire a pellet at a bulls eye 10 meters down range. The second event was "Free Pistol" and it uses a .22LR single-shot pistol to fire at a target 50 meters away. The last event is "Standard Pistol" and, unlike the other two pistol disciplines, it is a rapid fire event. A .22LR five-shot pistol was used to shoot five-round strings at a target 25 meters away in as little as 10 seconds.



Courtesy Photo

Cadet Vickers (left) at practice and inset, displays the hardware of success.

Each of the targets was a black and white bulls eye and, with the exception of standard pistol, are the same ones used in the Olympics.

"By and large I didn't practice at the Academy," said the cadet from Durham, N.C. "There is currently no intercollegiate pistol team at the Academy," said

the budding communications and electronics officer. "I got started shooting on a semester exchange to the Coast Guard Academy. When I returned the rifle team was gracious enough to allow me to train on their range when it was not in use and, for that, I'm eternally grateful."

Earlier this year, however, he began training daily with the National Pistol Team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Only great time-management skills allowed for practice.

"Until this year, I had to just squeeze it in when I could but at the start of this year, the rifle team made me a 'manager' of their team so that I could get an intercollegiate academic schedule and thus practice in the afternoons," Cadet Vickers said. "Perhaps most pertinent is the value of focus and self discipline. If I ever really master these, I might be a really good shooter one day."

The governing body for international shooting sports in the United States, USA Shooting, has just overhauled their selection criteria for international competitions and winning collegiate nationals alone no longer qualifies as grounds for selection to the National Development Team.

"In due time, however, I will make the team and be proud to represent the U.S.," said the cadet.

Another competition beckons.

"About two weeks after graduation I'm going back to Fort Benning to shoot in the U.S. National Pistol Competition," he said. "Even after moving to active duty I would like to compete in as many national-level matches as time and funds allow and hopefully be selected for the National Pistol Team soon."

season, Tom Whitney placed 27th at the 2009 NCAA Men's Golf South Central Regional Championship, being held at the par-72, 7,407-yard Karsten Creek Golf Course. Whitney, one of 10 participants competing as an individual, shot a 79 Saturday to bring his three-round total to 229 (+13). With his score, Whitney ranked fifth among the individual qualifiers competing at the

regional. His performance at the NCAA

Soccer

Three teams that advanced to the 2008 NCAA Tournament, including Sweet 16 team California, and a matchup at Cadet Soccer Stadium against service-academy rival Army highlight the Air Force Academy's 2009 men's soccer schedule, released Thursday by

head coach Doug Hill. Following a pair of preseason scrimmages, the Falcons' regular season begins on Friday, Sept. 4 against College of Charleston as part of the NIKE/Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic in Charleston, S.C.

"We are looking forward to a very challenging schedule this fall," said Hill, who will enter his third season as head coach.

Intramural Golf Standings

(Week 2)

Division 1		Division 2	
1. 10th FSCGM	6.0	1. 10th FSCGM 2	6.0
2. 10th MDG I	3.0	2. NSSI	2.0
3. DP	0	3. DFM	1.0
4. LGR	4.0	4. 98FTS	0
5. 94FTS	0	5. 10th CS	2.5
6. DFC	3.0	6. DFCE	4.0
7. DFL	3.0	7. DFP	2.0
8. CWC	2.0	8. DFAS	2.0
9. NSSI 2	4.5	9. PLC	4.5
10. CW 2	3.5	10. CW 1	6.0

DBIDS questions perpetuate; there's answers

The implementation of the Defense Biometric Identification System continues to raise questions among military members and their families.

The following frequently asked questions and the respective answers were provided by officials from the 10th Security Forces Squadron.

Q: WHAT IS DBIDS?

A: Defense Biometric Identification System is an identity suite of systems designed to authenticate DoD Common Access Cards and other DoD produced identification cards to assist with access control for personnel entering military installations.

Q: MUST I ENROLL?

A: Yes. Everyone with a DoD identification card needs to enroll. This includes all active-duty military members and their families, all retired military members and their families and all federal civilian employees. Contractors with DoD Common Access Cards also

need to register in DBIDS. Those with a locally issued Academy contractor access badges do not. The DoD ID card holder must be present to enroll. Dependents must register in person, however, they do not need to be accompanied by the sponsor. Personnel should register all forms of DoD ID cards in their possession at the time of enrollment (aka retired, civilian, dependent ID cards etc...)

Retired military identification cards without bar codes on the reverse/back side cannot be registered in DBIDS. Retired members who have identification cards without bar codes will need to proceed to the Military Personnel Flight located in the Community Center to be issued a new identification card which will be registered in DBIDS at the time of issue.

Those who had previously registered their DoD identification credentials in DBIDS overseas must register at the Academy or Peterson Air Force Base. Anyone who has recently been issued a

new DoD identification card from the MPF will not need to register (completed at time of issue). Failure to enroll may result in being delayed or denied access onto the installation.

Q: HOW DO I ENROLL?

A: All DoD identification card holders will need to complete DBIDS registration at either the Academy Commissary, Pass and Registration Center located near the South gate, or will be enrolled as they receive a new identification card at the Military Personnel Flight located in the Community Center. Pass and Registration Center hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The Academy Commissary hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Active-duty and civilian employees assigned and working within the cadet area can register at Vandenberg Hall, room 3C-22. Dependents will need to register at the Commissary or Pass and Registration Center.

Active duty and civilian employees who work at the Academy Acute Care Clinic, along with patients, can register their CACs at the temporary DBIDS registration booth located near the main entrance. Hours of operation are also 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Members should only go to the MPF to register in DBIDS if a new ID card is needed. If a DoD identification card will expire within 30 days, please go to the MPF.

Those who've enrolled at Peterson AFB do not need to re-enroll here and vice versa.

Q: WHEN MUST I ENROLL?

A: All are highly encouraged to enroll by May 30. The temporary registration stations at the Commissary and the Academy Acute Care are scheduled to close in the near future. The Academy is working closely with Peterson AFB on an implementation date.

For more information, call Brad Wilson at 333-8428.

Uniforms

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variation experienced with the initial ABU rollout. Projected availability date is summer 2010 and will be phased in as current inventories are exhausted.

Also known as the all-purpose environmental camouflage parka, the ABU cold weather parka has been short in supply, forcing extended wear of the battle dress uniform camouflage parka. Working with officials from the Defense Logistics Agency and AAFES suppliers, increased production of APEC parkas is underway. Over 145,000 APEC parkas have been delivered to date, with a total of 400,000 projected to be delivered by the end of 2009.

Since introduction of the ABU, multiple variants of

the sage green boots include standard issue, cold weather, hot weather, temperate weather, aircrew, and steel toe, and each is certified and fielded to meet Airmen's needs.

The Air Force Uniform Office staff is investigating stain-resistant materials that facilitate boot care. The results of an initial test in March 2009 did not show marked improvement over the current design. As a follow-on effort, a second boot wear test will begin this summer to evaluate alternative concepts from industry.

Beginning in March 2009, fire-resistant equipment is being issued to many Airmen prior to deployment. Specifically, Airmen in ground combat roles receive fire resistant equipment to include the airman battle shirt, a fire-resistant combat shirt worn under body armor, and the airman battle ensemble, a fire-resistant version

of the ABU with different pocket configuration.

Airmen's feedback directly helped lay the groundwork for significant improvements of the physical training gear. The new PT fabric received positive response from test participants and has been approved for production by General Schwartz.

The improved PT running suit redesign includes a thinner, more flexible fabric to address common complaints about fabric "noise," and streamlines the design by removing the collar hood and shoulder vents. The improved design also reduces bulk by decreasing the amount of fabric in the running jacket mid-section and pants lower leg. Additionally, a new liner includes antimicrobial properties and will shed moisture at a faster rate than the current version.

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VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held at the Community Center Chapel from 5 to 7:30 p.m. June 8 through 12. Children 4 years through 5th grade will have a great adventure in the Bayou with "Crocodile Dock!" Registration is open until June 7. To register or volunteer, call the Community Center Chapel at 333-3300.

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 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.

Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality:
Contact Tech. Sgt. Longcrier at 333-6178
Robert.Longcrier@usafa.edu

Newcomer's red carpet tour

Today; 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

Tuesday; 8 a.m. to noon

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

You're hired!

Wednesday; 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

Wednesday; 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

Thursday; 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.

SCORE - Starting Your Own Business

June 2; 9 a.m. to noon

Thought about owning your own business, but you are not sure how to start? This workshop provides answers to key questions!

Bundles for Babies

June 3; 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This free informational class is for expectant moms. Learn about Nutrition, Infant Care, Car Seat Safety and so much more. Classes are open to all ranks and are not limited to a first pregnancy.

Smooth Move

June 4; 9 to 10 a.m. and June 9; 3 to 4 p.m.

Being prepared certainly lessens the stress of an upcoming move. Learn innovative ways to make your move a smooth one. This is a mandatory class for individuals departing USAFA.

MOAA - Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

June 5; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Comprehensive information on resumes, cover letters, job search, networking, career fairs, interview techniques, salary negotiation, benefits packages, the current job market, and other relevant and important transition topics.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Medical Records Review

June 8 and June 29; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Resume Writing

June 10; 9 to 11 a.m.

Learn different types of resume and cover letter styles and how to improve your own.

Heart Link

June 11; 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Must Register by June 9)

The class is intended for couples married five years or less and who want to know more about the Air Force. Sign up to attend this informative session.

Sponsorship Training

June 16 and 30 June; 8 to 9 a.m. both dates.

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

Troops to Teachers

June 17; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This workshop provides information for military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher. Learn how you can make the transition.

Newcomer's Orientation & Information Fair

June 18; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mandatory orientation for all newly assigned USAFA personnel. Spouses are welcome to attend at the Milazzo Center. Call 333-3444 for more.



Elitch Gardens

Elitch Gardens welcomes active military Monday (Memorial Day), free of charge. Service members can enjoy the entire park including unlimited rides, live entertainment, stage shows and attractions. Each active-duty military member can also purchase up to six \$15 tickets for friends and family. Active-duty members can present current identification cards at any ticket window and receive complimentary admission for themselves and up to six \$15 tickets for friends and family. Spouses of military personnel deployed during Monday can still receive the complimentary admission and up to six \$15 tickets for friends and family by presenting a current military identification card. The offer is valid Monday only at any Elitch Gardens ticket window. For more information, call 303-595-4386 ext.162.

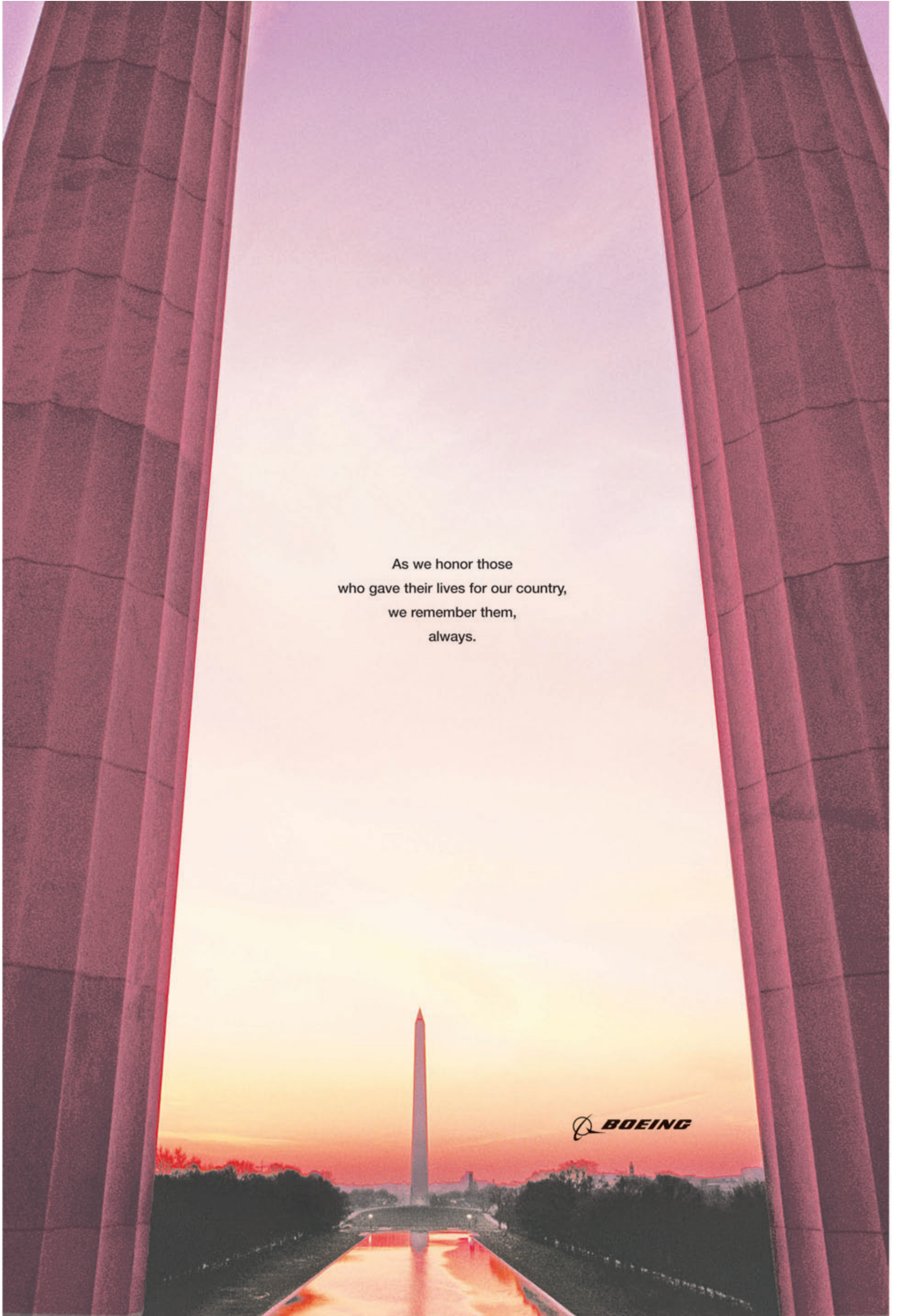


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Flea market

Enthusiastic Academy shoppers turned out despite undesirable weather conditions Saturday to check out the flea market held at the base exchange/commissary parking lot near the recycle bins. According to Jean Hollander, director of Community Center Activities, 15 sellers and many shoppers

turned out for the event. More flea markets are scheduled for upcoming Saturdays including: June 20, July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19, Spaces for those wanting to sell range from \$10 to \$15. For more information, call Ms. Hollander at 333-2928.



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