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Photo by Dave Armer

Changing of the guard

Cadet 1st Class Jonathon Reynolds of Cadet Squadron 18 salutes Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins during the Cadet Wing Change of Command ceremony Tuesday at the noon meal in Mitchell Hall. With his appointment as Cadet Wing Commander, C1C Reynolds is now Cadet Colonel Reynolds. The outgoing cadet wing commander, Cadet 1st Class Ian Helms of CS-22, presented C1C Reynolds with the gold saber he's holding as a symbol of his new authority and responsibility. Cadet Wing commanders change command three times a year. They are selected based on leadership, among other criteria, as determined by cadet peers and Academy senior command.

Heritage coat test suits Academy in February

By Butch Wehry
 Academy Spirit staff

Here's your chance to provide the Air Force feedback on the new Heritage service dress coat.

The Academy is one of three locations that will conduct a fit and wear test of a new Air Force Heritage service coat.

Feedback is needed to determine whether the uniforms will soon be on the shelves in clothing sales stores.

"The fit test will be conducted from Feb. 11-15 in the Arnold Hall banquet room," said Col. Gayle Staten, Academy manpower and personnel director.

Individuals who participate in the

fit test will be asked to try on a service coat and complete a survey. Measurements will be taken on each participant and the data collected will be used to select wear test participants.

People selected for the wear test will be issued a service coat and will be required to wear it on a regular basis in the performance of their normal duties between June and September 2008.

"Wear test participants will be required to keep a journal recording their experiences with the uniform such as fit and comfort problems, cleaning and even comments from others," Colonel Staten said. "They will also participate in regular online surveys to

provide decision makers with feedback on the coat."

Participation in the fit test does not automatically mean a person will be selected to wear test the Heritage coat.

There are some rules with this testing.

Individuals who would like to participate in the Academy fit/wear test must not have a permanent change assignment with a return date earlier than Dec. 31. Personnel also should not have a projected/planned date of separation earlier than Dec. 31, 2009.

If you are interested in participating in the fit test, register on the AF Uniform office Website at AFclothingoffice.org

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Air Force officials salute top cadet

By Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph
 Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force officials honored the 2007 Cadet of the Year in a ceremony Jan. 3 at the Pentagon. The Cadet of the Year Award recognizes the most outstanding cadet in an Air Force commissioning program. Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Gen. Duncan McNabb presented the award to Air Force Academy graduate, 2nd Lt. Brandon Dues, the seventh Airman to receive the award since its inception.

"Lieutenant Dues excelled in academics, athletics and military performance while at the academy, and was ranked number one of 991 cadets in his class for military performance,"

said General McNabb. "Winning this award makes him number one of more than 4,600 cadets in the Reserve Officer Training Corps and Air Force Academy."

The Cadet of the Year award was established in 2000 by the private British Air Squadron organization in tribute to the U.S. military's support of the United Kingdom. The recipients' names

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ACADEMY CHIEF'S CORNER

Professional behavior a military staple

By Chief Master Sgt.
Robert Altenbernd
10th Security Forces Squadron manager

When the unit compliance inspectors look at us shortly, they'll inspect more than how our programs are managed and how we do the daily job. They'll notice our military customs and courtesies, specifically our professional behavior.

It shouldn't take a major inspection to motivate us to behave professionally. It's something we should live and breathe every day, no matter what unit we are assigned to world wide. It's a huge part of our culture.

Military customs and courtesies go beyond basic politeness; they build morale, esprit de corps, discipline and mission effectiveness. Customs and courtesies ensure proper respect for the military members and build the foundation for self-discipline. One of the key areas of our customs and courtesies is professional behavior.

Here are some examples of professional behavior we need to promote and mentor our Airmen on every day:

Always show proper respect for the flag and the national anthem. In uniform and outdoors, military members face the flag and salute during the raising and lowering of the flag. All vehicles in motion should come to a stop at the first note of the music and the occupants should sit quietly. Anytime we are given the opportunity



Chief Master Sgt. Robert Altenbernd

to pay tribute to our flag, it should be an honor we look forward to.

The salute is a courteous exchange of greetings, with the junior member saluting the senior member first. A salute is also rendered to the flag as a sign of respect. Airmen who need to salute or need to return a salute may do so anywhere, any time. The salute is an important part of our culture. Do it proudly.

Extend the same courtesies to all the service branches. We have friendly rivalries, especially among the service academies, but military courtesies are constant. The same applies to all friendly armed forces of the United

Nations. Salute all commissioned officers and pay the same respect to the national anthems and flags of other nations. This applies here with our many international instructors, students and visitors.

The military, like the civilian sector, functions better when people practice good etiquette or manners. Saying "please" and "thank you" help an organization run smoother because people respond more enthusiastically when asked courteously to do something. They also appreciate their efforts are recognized when thanked. Use proper telephone etiquette by professionally and politely answering it with your rank, name and organization. Take a message if the individual is not available and ask if you can help.

Get return callers information and ensure you pass it on. Address civil service employees appropriately; "Mr.," "Mrs.," "Miss" or "Ms." and their last name unless requested to do otherwise. Always address a superior formally.

Common courtesy helps maintain discipline and to accomplish the mission. Give the senior person the place of honor on your right when walking, sitting or riding. Unless told otherwise, rise to attention when a senior official enters or departs a room.

The bottom-line is use common sense. Be considerate of others and have your subordinates do the same. It will help the mission and pay off during the March UCI.

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Character Corner Character in command

By Maj. Sheilagh Carpenter
Center for Character Development

The Academy character seminar designed for the second-class cadets, Leaders in Flight Today, emphasizes servant leadership and how vital it is to "practice like you play."

Sometimes we are all tempted to take shortcuts, to do something we know to be just a little bit wrong.

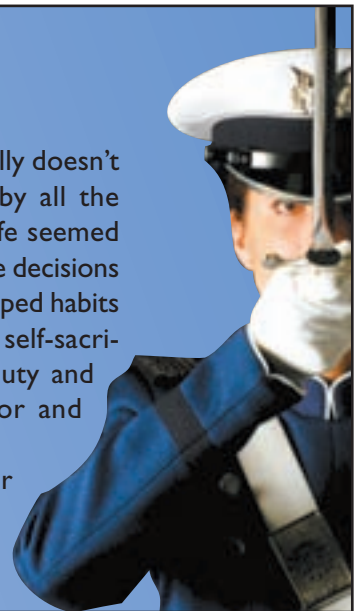
We all need to remember our character

is a summation of every choice we ever make, both the great and, even more importantly, the small.

President Ronald Reagan said it best: "The character that takes command in moments of crucial choices has already been determined by a thousand other choices made earlier in seemingly unimportant moments. It has been determined by all the 'little' choices of years past — by all those times when the voice of conscience was at war with the voice of temp-

tation, whispering the lie that 'it really doesn't matter.' It has been determined by all the day-to-day decisions made when life seemed easy and crisis seemed far away — the decisions that, piece by piece, bit by bit, developed habits of discipline or of laziness; habits of self-sacrifice or self-indulgence; habits of duty and honor and integrity — or dishonor and shame."

May we all resolve to make our best choices in this new year.



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Tech. Sgt. Larry Harris
10th Medical Operations Squadron



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Diamond Hills Services



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Staff Sgt. Stephanie de Jesus
306th Flying Training Group



"Slow down. Drive in a lower gear. Snow driving experience doesn't guarantee good driving. The type of vehicle doesn't mean a person instantly becomes a better driver either."

Mr. Brad Milliman
Commandant of Cadets staff

Wheels go up for flying training squadron

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

The Academy's 306th Flying Training Group activated the 1st Flying Training Squadron at the Pueblo Airport Industrial Park during ceremonies Dec. 14.

Formerly Detachment 1 of the 306th FTG, which was stood up in October last year, the squadron will oversee the Air Force's Initial Flight Screening program under the command of Lt. Col. John Tomjack.

"It is the gateway to Air Force aviation," Col. Bernard Schwartze, 306th FTG deputy commander, said of the squadron.

The IFS program determines the suitability of Reserve Officer Training Corps, Officer Training School and Academy graduates as pilots and combat systems officers.

They are screened for attitude, aptitude, adaptability and motivation as professional military aviators.

Students spend four days in the classroom and have 25 hours of flying time in 19 flights, two of which are solo, for a total of 30 training days.

Colonel Schwartze, Academy Class of 1981, expects 950 students to pass through the program for this fiscal year.

"They must do well in a constrained environment," he said of the stringent curriculum. "It can be very stressful."

The squadron has two missions: command and control for students and oversight of the contractor.

"The challenge has been working logistics and doing it with almost no manpower," Colonel Schwartze said of the two-year process for activating the squadron.

The organization is now about 75 percent manned.

Doss Aviation, Inc., headquartered in Colorado Springs, provides maintenance, logistics support, lodging and security as well as flight instructors and fire protection.

The initial one-year contract with Doss has options to extend it for 10 years. Total cost at that point is antic-



Photo by Maj. Jeff Yost

Capt. Tom Banker and an Initial Flight Screening student conduct a pre-flight briefing at the 1st Flying Training Squadron.

ipated to be \$178 million.

Doss also provides aircraft maintenance and towing for the Academy soaring program.

The company has 30 two-seater Diamond Air DA20

aircraft, which have 125 horsepower, a high-mounted stabilizer and a range of 5547 nautical miles. Eventually the number of aircraft based in Pueblo will increase to 45. Operations will use Fowler and Fremont County airfields as auxiliary sites.

The squadron's 200,000 square foot main facility will house dormitories, kitchens, dining rooms, classrooms, a chapel, a gym, a barbershop and conference rooms.

The city of Pueblo spent \$11 million in half-cent sales tax dollars to purchase the building, formerly the original Sperry building at the airport. The city will also serve as Doss' landlord.

Doss and its subcontractors are providing about 200 jobs to the local community. The Pueblo Economic Development Corporation estimates the IFS will generate over \$21 million in revenue over 10 years.

The 1st FTS previously operated under the 1st Composite Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and on Lackland AFB, Texas, where it conducted flight screening at the Hondo Municipal Airport, Texas.

The Air Force began flight screening in 1952 to reduce attrition during later phases of pilot training.

UCI Tip of the Week

By Maj. Matthew Alley
Inspector General, Chief of Inspections

The recent staff assistance visits conducted throughout the Academy revealed one of our weaknesses, ironically, is our ability to identify and highlight our strengths.

The SAV team was able to identify various strengths within each organization, but had to work harder than they should have to bring them to light.

Some of the criteria for achieving an "outstanding" rating on a Unit Compliance Inspection include "performance that far exceeds mission requirements," and

"programs that are very efficiently managed or of exceptional merit."

There are many personnel and many programs here that meet this criteria.

For many Airmen, the outstanding things we do become the norm and our day-to-day standard, and we fail to recognize there are programs and people around us that truly are outstanding.

Over the next few weeks before the UCI, we should be identifying our strengths, and preparing to highlight and showcase them to the inspectors.

If we have strengths, possible best practices and outstanding performers that go unnoticed by the inspection team, it would be a missed opportunity and no one's fault but our own.



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Cadet

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are engraved on the Millennium Sword of Friendship which is kept on permanent display in the Pentagon. It serves as a symbol of the enduring British-American friendship.

Winston S. Churchill, the grandson of former British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, presented Lieutenant Dues with the Sword of Friendship.

"I have the greatest admiration for the U.S. Air Force, and indeed I am proud to be able to claim that I have shared the dangers of combat with your aviators," said Mr. Churchill. "We're here today to mark the friendship between our two air forces and to celebrate excellence in leadership. The standard is set by all those young men and women who volunteer each year to join the Air Force and strive to attain the highest standards, and Lieutenant Brandon Dues has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership," he said.

Lieutenant Dues attributes winning

the award to his leadership at the Academy and the teamwork of his fellow cadets.

"It's all about teamwork and investing in those around you," he said. "If everyone around you is successful, you'll be successful. The academy was an awesome opportunity to learn that. It was more than a leadership opportunity; it was an opportunity to develop as a person. It takes relentless dedication to excellence. If you're not continually improving and working hard, you can't demand that of anyone under you."

After graduating from the academy in May 2007, the 23-year-old was one of 20 people nationwide accepted into the Pardee RAND Graduate School in Santa Monica, Calif., where he is currently pursuing a doctorate in policy analysis.

He also was accepted into Harvard University's School of Government. Upon completion of his PhD, Lieutenant Dues will attend Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.



Photo by Donna Parry

Winston S. Churchill, grandson of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and 2nd Lt. Brandon Dues, a graduate of the Air Force Academy last May, admire the "Millennium Sword," which is presented to recipients of the Cadet of the Year award. Lieutenant Dues was the 2007 recipient. The sword is kept on permanent display in the Pentagon.

"After this, the future is wide open," Lieutenant Dues said. "I'm very blessed to have a lot of opportunities available to me. I'm hoping to be a fighter pilot, and the F-22 (Raptor) would be great, but we'll see how that works

out. Hopefully, I'll continue the success that I've had early on. I know there will be some good days and some bad days, but I love it because every day I get to work with some of America's finest."

Coat

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not-later-than Jan. 18. You will be asked to provide contact information as well as your current size for these following uniform items: service coat, blue trousers/slacks, women's skirt and women's tuck in shirt.

"The Air Force Uniform Office will use the data of

all personnel who complete the survey to select approximately 200 Academy people to participate in the fit test," Colonel Staten said "Their aim in selecting participants will be to ensure a broad range of body types and coat sizes".


All Air Force Personnel are highly encouraged to participate in the survey. Those selected will receive an email from the uniform office requesting the partici-


pant return to the website to schedule an appointment for the fit test between Feb. 11 - 15.

Individuals who will not be present that week cannot be considered for the fit and wear test.

Academy contacts for the Heritage service coat fit and wear test are Tech. Sgt. Corey Blackburn at 333-1602 or corey.blackburn@usafa.af.mil and Maj Karen Burke at 333-3750 or karen.burke@usafa.af.mil.

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Air Force names Sijan award winners

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — Air Force leaders recognized four Airmen with the service's 2007 Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award.

The award was first given in 1981. It was named in honor of the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor. Captain Sijan was shot down over Vietnam Nov. 9, 1967, and evaded capture for 45 days despite severe injuries. He later died while in a Vietnamese prisoner-of-war camp and was presented the Medal of Honor posthumously for his heroism.

The senior officer category winner is Lt. Col. Laura Soule, assigned to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Colonel Soule commanded squadrons at Lackland AFB and McConnell AFB, Kan., and at a deployed location in Southwest Asia. Her unit in Southwest Asia received the Air Force Association's Citation of Honor Award and was selected best medium security forces unit in 2006 by Air Mobility Command. While deployed, she molded more than 200 security forces members and led security operations enabling the generation of 13,000 sorties, 130,000 passengers and 24,000 tons of cargo.

The junior officer category winner is Capt. Stewart Parker, assigned to Pope

AFB, N.C. Captain Parker led a team of combat controllers into combat in Iraq and Afghanistan reaping an impressive list of combat effects. As the critical link to a full array of airpower capabilities, Captain Parker precisely integrated fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft fusing intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance capabilities with timely firepower. The results proved devastating to enemy forces.

The senior enlisted category winner is Master Sgt. William Facio, assigned to Nellis AFB, Nev. Sergeant Facio volunteered and was selected as the first security forces senior NCO to deploy to Iraq for 365 days. While there, he was charged with building and training a 25,000-man Iraqi police force on apprehension, detention, investigation, interview and tactical skills. He also conducted more than 150 combat patrols and led forces in five firefights.

The junior enlisted category winner is Tech. Sgt. Joshua King, assigned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. Sergeant King led an explosive ordnance disposal team during 367 missions supporting the 4th Infantry Division at a forward operating base in Iraq. Sergeant King also supervised his unit's support section ensuring 24 technicians were ready to respond to any emergency at any time.

The Sijan award annually recognizes Airmen who demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley will present the awards to this year's recipients at a later date.



Photo by Dave Armer

Inspiring comeback

Cadet 2nd Class Thomas Avolio is welcomed back by a member of the senior class at Wednesday's noon meal formation at Mitchell Hall. Cadet Avolio resumed his Academy career this week after spending more than a year recovering from an estimated 200-foot fall from Eagle Peak in April 2006. His return to the Cadet Wing followed a 3 1/2 week coma, extensive physical rehabilitation, classes at two universities, numerous medical reviews and finally approval by the Secretary of the Air Force. Seated next to C2C Avolio is Cadet 2nd Class Brett McAuliff, who with Cadets 2nd Class David Blessinger and Joseph Spitz, were lauded at the formation for keeping Cadet Avolio from further harm as professional medical rescue teams attempted to reach them.



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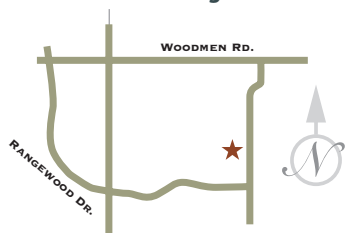
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FalconSat boom deploys on second try

By Col. Martin France
Department of Astronautics

The continuing mission of the Academy's cadet-built FalconSAT-3 satellite moved into a new phase on Nov. 16 – but not right away.

With the satellite passing overhead, in communication with the Astronautic Department's FalconOPS ground station, Crew Commander Cadet 1st Class Joe Robinson gave the command to fire

FalconSAT's 10-foot long gravity gradient boom.

Cadet 1st Class Korey Mundell, Satellite Operations Officer, confirmed the command, while Satellite Engineer Cadet 1st Class Christin Hart kept close track of data sent down by FalconSAT.

The team tracked the rotation of the slowly tumbling satellite as its pitch angle slowly decreased, then deployed the boom hoping that the increased inertia would

slow the rotation like a spinning figure skater extending her arms to slow her rotation.

Anxious minutes ensued as the data stream indicated a slowing rate, but the team had to wait for another pass of FalconSAT, 90 minutes later, to confirm whether the boom had actually deployed.

It was apparent the boom had not deployed based upon the detected rotation rates of FalconSAT-3 and a software discovery. A delay in sending the command to deploy the boom triggered a software safety measure that canceled the command.

On the second try, on Nov. 28, telemetry confirmed that the boom had deployed.

"The successful deployment caps a lot of hard work and progress made by the team this semester," said Crew Commander Robinson. "Sending the command was a great feeling!"

Gravity gradient booms, used on many small satellites, are a passive means of providing attitude stabilization. The boom makes FalconSAT the world's first 3-axis stabilized satellite, built and operated by undergraduate students.

Cadets can now determine the orientation of FalconSAT relative to an Earth reference within one degree, a fact important to its experimental payloads tasked with measuring charged particles and plasma density in low-Earth orbit.

These payloads, provided by the Academy's Physics Department and Space Physics and Atmospheric Research Center, are DoD-sponsored and will help provide information on the space environment and its effects on radio and global positioning system signals transmitted to war fighters worldwide.

FalconSAT-3 was launched in March 2007 aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V booster from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Since then, cadets and faculty have spent hundreds of hours conducting functional tests of payloads, solving software problems, training operations crews and preparing the satellite for deployment of the boom that would signal the beginning of full operational capability.

Cadet Hart was enthusiastic about the entire sequence. Her preparation for the event included a cadet summer research internship with the Surrey Satellite Technology, Limited, in England last summer, where she studied satellite attitude dynamics and control.

"I've been looking forward to this since I was chosen for my summer research experience," she said. "Accomplishing the deployment and getting data from a healthy, stable satellite is amazingly rewarding for me and the whole FalconSAT team."

The FalconSAT-3 boom procurement began in 2001 and ultimately cost approximately \$750,000.



Photo by Col. Martin France

(Left to right) Astronautics students Cadets 1st Class Paul Caruso, Joe Robinson and Korey Mundell man positions at the FalconSat Ground Station in the Fairchild Annex just moments before Cadet Robinson, the Crew Commander, gives the order to deploy the satellite's 10-foot long gravity gradient boom.

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Chutists take nationals with best-ever showing



By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Academy parachutists jumped ahead of nine other teams to reign first in the 2007 National Collegiate Parachuting Championships over the winter break.

The Academy's team vied for 28 top placements and came home with 21 during competition at Skydive Arizona, Eloy, Ariz. It was the Academy's best-ever percentage of wins.

"We had a very strong showing," said parachuting coach Bill Wenger. "There was not an area we didn't excel in."

Cadets 1st Class Jacob Kahn, Erik Towal and Paul Yeagley came in first, second and third respectively in the Overall Master Champion category.

Cadets Kahn and Yeagley finished first and second respectively in Master Sport Accuracy. Cadet 1st Class Ben Worrall placed first in Overall Intermediate Champion and Cadet Towal first in Master Classic Accuracy.

Cadet Kahn was named National Collegiate Champion and winner of the Istel Scholarship.

Academy team members also placed first in the 4-Way Open Formation Skydiving.

Team members competed in the 6-Way Speed Star and finished second and third after the U.S. Military Academy.

The Speed Star was new to collegiate competition this year. Six jumpers start the clock when crossing a line out of the aircraft and end when the formation is complete.

"It is like the 100-yard dash of skydiving," Coach Wenger said.

The Academy was runner-up by a mere eight-tenths of a second.

Not all team members had their best game on for the

competition but nonetheless gave hearty congrats to fellow team winners.

"It showed the character of the team," he said. "It was also a challenge. The team members held up in events even if calls went against them."

Win or lose, all Academy parachutists give up plenty for the team. They sacrificed winter break away from the Academy for this year's national collegiate competition and repeatedly forfeit long weekends, spring break and Thanksgiving for training, demonstrations and competitions.

"All the free time the Academy gives them, we take," Coach Wenger said.

He lacks no amount of pride for Academy team members.

He pointed to West Point as the Academy's fiercest competitor, for example, during the nationals. Members there spend three years on the parachuting team as opposed to the Air Force's two years. Yet, Falcon parachutists still came out on top.

"It's a secondary job," Coach Wenger said of the Academy's diving competitions and demos.

He cited Airmanship 490 as the top priority for Falcon parachutists as well as serving as instructors for other cadets.

"I enjoy my time with the cadets," he said. "Seeing them mature is the key to what it's all about."

The National Collegiate Parachuting League was formed in 1961 and sponsors the collegiate nationals to promote learning, safety, competition, sportsmanship and camaraderie among college skydivers.

Academy jumpers are looking forward to another win, this time to beat their own record of 39 parachutists in formation simultaneously.

They hope to add to that number during training in March in Arizona.

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Cadets 1st Class Jacob Kahn and Paul Yeagley bail out for the 2-Way Vertical Relative Work during the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships.



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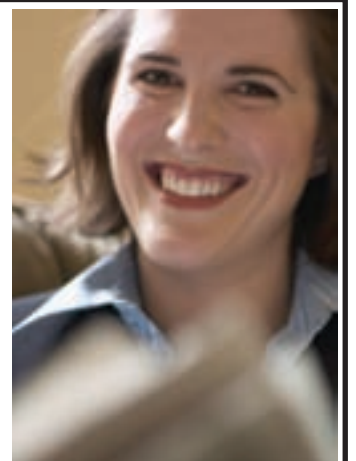
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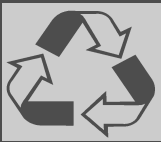
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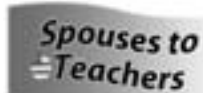
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Armed Forces Bowl experience a winner

By Academy Spirit staff

Despite the game's final score (see story on page 10), the 2007 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl experience on Dec. 31 in Fort Worth, Texas was a memorable event for the Academy faithful.

From parking lot interaction with young fans to aerial shows to mascot shenanigans to pep rallies to cadet wing spirit, the bluesuiter nation was out in full force making its presence felt.



Background Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Jenkins

Photo by Mike Kaplan

Falcons bowl return a bear

Carney injured in career finale

By Wayne Amann
Academy Spirit Editor

Reserve freshman quarterback Kevin Riley threw three touchdowns and ran for a fourth rallying the University of California to a 42-36 win over Air Force in the fifth annual Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, before a bowl-record 40,905 at Amon G. Carter Stadium and a national television audience on ESPN Dec. 31 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Golden Bears rallied from a 21-0 second quarter deficit to spoil the return of the bluesuiters to the post-season, following a five-year hiatus (the 2002 San Francisco Bowl).

The loss gave the Falcons (9-4) an 8-9-1 all-time bowl record.

"They made quality adjustments," Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun said. "They were healthy, quick and executed well."

Health figured in the outcome for the Falcons when senior quarterback Shaun Carney, who, ironically, began his Falcon career in a 56-14 loss to Cal in 2004, was helped off the field after a severe right knee injury ended his afternoon and playing career with 3:03 left in the third quarter and Air Force up 27-21.

Carney ran right on a third-and-goal keeper when he was tackled by three Cal defenders. His leg buckled awkwardly on the play resulting in ligament damage. The signal caller was missed.

Air Force's first possession resulted in a nine-play, 87-yard drive, capped by a 1-yard touchdown run by Carney.

The Falcons widened their lead to 14-0 when Carney rolled left and hit wide open tight end Travis Dekker for a 7-yard touchdown pass just :50 into the second quarter.

The ensuing kickoff, into a stiff wind, bounced off

a Cal player and was recovered by Falcon Aaron Kirchoff at the Golden Bears' 40 yard line.

Five plays later, tail back Jim Ollis, who carried 16 times for 101 yards, scampered in from eight yards out to balloon the advantage to 21-0.

Cal (7-6 plus 9-8-1 all-time in bowls) responded on its next possession, when Riley, who replaced starter Nate Longshore at quarterback in the second quarter per head coach Jeff Tedford's game plan, hit wide receiver DeSean Jackson on a 40-yard touchdown pass in the far corner of the end zone.

After a stalled Falcon drive, Cal flexed some of the offensive muscle that earned them a #2 national ranking after a 5-0 start, by driving 70 yards in 10 plays, capped by a 5-yard Riley-to Lavelle Hawkins 5-yard scoring pass to make it 21-14 Falcons at halftime.

Senior Chad Hall, the do-everything z-back for Air Force during the regular season, sprinted around right end for a 23-yard gain early in the third quarter, but appeared to fumble at the Cal five yard line. Upon further review, the call on the field was reversed. Air Force capitalized on the reversal with a 29-yard Ryan Harrison field goal.

Cal came back within 24-21 with a 62-yard, eight-play drive punctuated by Riley's third touchdown pass, an 18-yarder to Robert Jordan. Riley completed 16-for-19 for 269 yards.

"We were preparing for Longshore and not Riley," said Air Force senior linebacker Drew Fowler who with Ryan Kemp and Bobby Giannini had a team high nine tackles. "Our defense lives off pressure and Riley excelled today because we didn't get any on him."

Hall ended his Air Force career with 179 all-purpose yards (63 rushing, 36 receiving and 80 in kick returns). Most of his production came in the second half.

"We were moving the ball well so I was a bit of a decoy



Photos by Mike Kaplan

Falcon senior quarterback Shaun Carney is helped off the field by Air Force trainers after suffering a knee injury in the third quarter of the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl.

early," Hall said when asked about Ollis and Carney sharing the load offensively. "The way Shaun reacted (when he went down) we all knew. It was tough because we're great friends."

Carney, who ended his collegiate football career as the Falcons all-time leader in total offense, passing yards and touchdown passes, was replaced by junior Shea Smith.

After Carney's exit, Harrison booted a 19-yard field goal making it 27-21 Air Force.

The Riley-to-Jordan combination clicked again for a 52-yard completion late in the third quarter. Two plays later Justin Forsett ran in from one yard out giving Cal its first lead at 28-27 lead after three quarters.

Forsett, who finished with a game-high 144 yards on 23 carries, scored his second rushing touchdown, a 21-yarder early in the fourth, upped Cal's cushion to 35-27.

An Armed Forces bowl-record 47-yard field goal by Harrison narrowed the gap to 35-30 midway through the fourth stanza.

But, a 1-yard touchdown run by Riley made it a two-possession game with 6:13 to play.

Hall's late 4-yard run wrapped up the scoring.

Paced by Carney's team-high 108 rushing yards, Air Force ran for 312 yards, giving them a 35:07 to 24:53 time of possession advantage. However, that could not negate the big-play passing game of Riley, voted Cal's Most Valuable Player of the game. Carney earned MVP honors for Air Force.

"We fired every piece of ammunition we had at them and didn't have anything left in the arsenal," Calhoun said. "When you have kids with big hearts, you have a chance to be competitive. We have a special school and a phenomenal group of seniors."



Falcon senior tailback Jim Ollis reaches for the goal line while California defensive back Brett Johnson pushes him out of bounds.

Acee honored

Eleven-year Air Force lacrosse coach Fred Acee is the recipient of the Frenchy Julian Service Award from the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association and the Creators Award from the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association. The first award is for outstanding and continuous service to the sport and the second is for achievements

in advocacy, leadership, education, honor and service to the game.

Conduct All-American

Falcon senior team captain Clark Conduct was named a third-team All-America selection by the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches. He's the 15th Falcon to receive this recognition, and just the third to be lauded higher than honorable mention. Conduct

led Air Force with 62 goals this season ranking him among the nation's top-25 scorers.

Volunteer officials needed

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Racquetball tourney returns

The Academy Fitness and Sports Center presents its annual DoD singles and doubles racquetball tournaments. Singles is Jan. 26 and 27 and doubles is Feb. 16 and 17. Entry fees are \$15 for singles and \$30 for doubles teams. All

players (18 years and older) receive a shirt while the top three in each category get more prizes. For more information call Dave Castilla at 333-4078 or email dave.castilla@usafa.af.mil.

Sports camp nears

The 2008 Falcon Sports Camp "Early Bird" registration period ends Jan. 21. To register on-line visit www.goairforcefalcons.com or call (719) 333-2116.

AF grounded by Utah in MWC opener

By Nick Arseniak
Athletic Communications

The Air Force women's basketball team lost its Mountain West Conference opener to Utah, 60-50, Wednesday night in Clune Arena.

The Falcons are now 0-24 all-time against the Utes. "Every year is different," Air Force head coach Ardie McNelly said. "So, I don't look back at that stuff."

What did get her attention was Utah's guard tandem of Leilani Mitchell and Morgan Warburton who combined to score 44 points. Mitchell scored a game-high 24 points to go with six assists, while Warburton netted 20 and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds.

"We couldn't stop them," McNelly admitted. "They were a little bit quicker. They turned the corner on us to get to the basket. We were late on some rotations."

Air Force (6-7, 0-1 MWC) hung tough with the Utes trailing by just four at the half, 26-22. The bluesuiters

crept within one point, twice early in the second half, but could not re-capture the lead.



One reason was the loss of team scoring and rebounding leader Alecia Steele to injury with :49 left in the opening stanza. Steele, a senior who finished with a team-high eight rebounds plus six points, re-aggravated an ankle injury suffered earlier in the season against Denver. She did not return in the second half. Her playing status is day-to-day.

"That's basketball, people are going to get hurt," McNelly said. "That gives other people an opportunity. I thought Kim Kreke, Chasmine Jones and Dana Loveless really stepped up."

Kreke, along with Pam Findlay, led the Falcons with a career-high 11 points.

"They were pressuring me a little more so I couldn't take the outside shot," said Findlay who also had six rebounds and three assists. "I tried to post up in the second half. My teammates aren't used to me posting up, so it probably threw them off a bit."

Jones tied a career high with six points and Loveless grabbed five rebounds. Freshman Raimee Beck scored seven points and had a team-high four assists and three steals.

Utah (12-3, 1-0 MWC) shot 50 percent from the field (22 for 44) while Air Force shot 41 percent (18 for 44). Each team



Photos by Dave Ahlschwede

Falcon junior guard Brooke Cultra shoots above Utah's Kalee Whipple. Cultra netted eight points in the 60-50 loss.

grabbed 28 rebounds. Air Force dished out 12 assists to Utah's 10.

The Falcons came into the game leading the MWC in 3-point field goal percentage (39.2) and free throw percentage (72.2) but were held to 33 percent (2 of 6) from beyond the arc and hit just 60 percent (12 of 20) from the free throw line.

Air Force returns to action Saturday at UNLV.

Falcon senior Pam Findlay dribbles by Utah's Morgan Warburton. Findlay and Kim Kreke tied with a team-high 11 points in defeat.

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Luncheon honors Dr. King

The 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration Luncheon is Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Falcon Club. The guest speaker will be Col. Jimmy McMillian, 10th Air Base Wing commander. Cost is \$12 for club members and \$13 for non-members. For more information or for

tickets, call Capt. Sabine Peters at 333-4985, Master Sgt. Alvena Salley at 333-8618, Senior Airman Ashley Thompson at 333-3107 or Master Sgt. Trelve Thibou at 333-5056.

OSC luncheon coming

The January Officer's Spouses' Club luncheon is Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. in the Falcon Club. The event includes a cooking demonstration by Chef Mike from the Falcon Club. For more information or to RSVP, call Deb Coppock by Jan. 20 at 574-1485 or e-mail kedekeka@aol.com.

Welcome home on horizon

The Academy Airman and Family Readiness Flight and the 10th Air Base Wing host a welcome home event Jan. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Milazzo Center. The event, open to all Academy members and their families, recognizes Academy Airmen who have returned from deployment since July 2007. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at 333-3444.

Quarterly Awards

The Academy's Fourth Quarter Awards Luncheon will be Jan. 24 at noon in the Falcon Club. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$11 for non-members. Dress for military is uniform of the day and smart casual for civilians. To RSVP, call a unit first sergeant by Jan. 18.

National Prayer Luncheon soon

The Academy's National Prayer Luncheon will be Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Falcon Club. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Cecil Richardson, Deputy Chief, Air Force Chaplain Service. Cost is \$5 and dress is uniform of the day. For more information or for tickets, call 333-3300 or contact a unit first sergeant.

HAWC offers classes

The Academy Health and Wellness Center offers:

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Heart Link arrives

The next Heart Link program is Feb. 6 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Milazzo Center. The program is for Air Force spouses, especially those new to the military. Heart Link provides information about Air Force life, a greater awareness of the Air Force and Academy mission, customs, traditions, protocol and the resources and services available from key base agencies. A complementary lunch and refreshments will be served. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 333-3444.

Air Force Ball nears

The Air Force Association, Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Headquarters Air Force

Space Command and other local units, host the annual Air Force Ball at the Broadmoor Resort Feb. 15. Tickets will be available soon. For more information, visit the Sijan Chapter website at www.afasijan.com. The Broadmoor offers a special room rate of \$155 for the evening. For reservations, call the Broadmoor at (719)577-5775 and use group code AFB08.

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-AF Civil Service class; Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m.-noon: Provides information on how to prepare and apply for a civil service career.

-Career tracks; Jan. 29-30, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: 2-day course assists military spouses with assessing and evaluating skills, values and interests; building an effective "tool kit" through a career plan, education and volunteerism; conducting an efficient job search through research, networking, career fairs, interviewing and resume writing; and gives employer feedback on what organizations specifically look for in a candidate. People must be registered to attend.

For more information or to register for a class, call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at 333-3444 or 333-3445.

AFAS grants available

The Air Force Aid Society is accepting applications for the General Henry H.

Arnold Education Grant Program, which provides \$2,000 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; stateside spouses of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies. Applications are available at the Academy Airman and Family Readiness Center, 6248 West Pine Loop or online at www.afas.org. Applications must be submitted by March 7. Awards are announced in June 2008. Use of funds is limited to tuition, books, fees or other curriculum-required materials.

Paralegals sought

The Air Force wants motivated Airmen for retraining into the Paralegal Career Field. There are immediate openings for Airmen in the junior enlisted ranks, and some senior NCO positions. Paralegals provide support to commanders, first sergeants and other key personnel on a broad spectrum of legal matters. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Barbara Lamb at 333-3642 or Master Sgt. James Pautler at 333-3940.



Father/Daughter dance coming

A Military Father/Daughter Dance will be Feb. 15 from 7-10 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The event is open to all military ID card holders — active duty, reserve, guard and retired. Tickets are \$20 for E-5 and below and \$30 for all others. There is a \$10 fee for each additional family member in attendance and children younger than 3 are free. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 11 and include a light dinner, dancing and a memory DVD. Photos will be taken and available for purchase the night of the event. Dress is mess dress or class A for military, business attire for retirees and civilians and party dresses for daughters. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Southeast Armed Services YMCA at 622-9622.



CADET CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Sunday

Reconciliation 9:15-9:45 a.m.

(or by appointment)

Mass - 10 a.m.

Weekday

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

Wednesday

Catholic Adoration - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Mass - 6 p.m.

Protestant Services:

Sunday

Traditional - 9:00 a.m.

Hill Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Jewish Services

Fridays - 7 p.m.

Buddhist Worship

Wed. - 6:30 p.m. - All Faiths Room

Muslim Prayer

Fridays - Noon - Muslim Prayer Room, Chapel Basement

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Saturday

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.

Mass - 4 p.m.

Sunday

Mass - 9:30 a.m.

Religious Formation - 10:45 a.m.

(Sept. - May)

Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Saturday

Contemporary - 6 p.m.

Sunday

Traditional - 8 a.m.

Gospel - 11:15 a.m.

Religious formation - 9:30 a.m.

(Sept. - May)

Military Academy Pagan Society

Third Thursday - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

(For more info, call TSgt. Longcrier at 333-6187.)

For more information, call 333-3300.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Jenkins

Spirit visit

Sophomore Falcon defensive back Devon Ford, Academy mascot "The Bird," and University of California quarterback Cory Smits and fullback Zach Smith, visit with Air Force Master Sgt. (Ret) Arthur Williams at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center Dec. 29. Air Force and Cal players, mascots and cheerleaders, toured the facility prior to the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl Dec. 31.