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33 selected for promotion

Congratulations to the following majors who were recently selected to promotion to lieutenant colonel:



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- Stephen Scherzer
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- Eric Leshinsky
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- William Ziegler III
- James Thompson
- Christopher Maddox

Congratulations to the following captains who were recently selected for promotion to major:



- Jeremiah Crowley
- Michael McCoy
- Trinh Peterson
- Todd Shugart
- Richard Williams



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Photo by Dave Armer

An Astro anniversary

Cadet 1st Class Ian Helms, Cadet Squadron 22, fabricates an antenna bracket for FalconSat 5, part of the Department of Astronautics small satellite engineering program. The Department of Astronautics celebrates its 50th Anniversary today with facility and classroom tours including discussions of past and current activities. The day will culminate with a gala affair at Doolittle Hall with a reception, dinner and presentations.

Acute Care Clinic Opening April 1

By Maj. Brian Barnett
Element Chief, Emergency Services

A major change will take place at the Air Force Academy Hospital April 1 when the Emergency Department closes and an Acute Care Clinic opens.

This new appointment-based clinic will be available to cadets, active duty and other TRICARE Prime/TRICARE Plus enrollees 24-hours-a-day. Other eligible Department of Defense patients will be given appointments on a space-available basis.

For 95 percent of patients currently treated at the Academy ED with non-

emergent medical concerns, there will be no noticeable change in service. In fact, these patients will be able to make an appointment at a scheduled time in the ACC, instead of waiting to be seen.

Here are some recurring questions and answers received by the 10th Medical Group:

What if I have a medical emergency?

Patients who believe that they have a serious medical emergency or that the absence of medical attention would lead to loss of life, limb or eyesight should call 911 or seek medical care at the nearest emergency department, as the Academy ACC will not provide emergency serv-

ices after it is opened. The 911 calls on base will get the same ambulance response they get now, but for true medical emergencies the ambulance will be directed to the nearest off-base emergency department.

How do I make an ACC appointment?

To make an ACC appointment, patients should call the Military Health Care Access Line at 457-CARE (457-2273). During duty hours, patients with non-emergency conditions will be given an appointment with their primary care manager. If the PCM has no available appointments, patients will be given the

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Academy drivers urged to exercise caution

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Be aware of your surroundings and slow down.

There is good reason for the warning. While vehicle accident totals on Academy roadways for the first quarter of the year are down from 2006 and 2007, the number of major vehicle accidents (with more

than \$10,000 damage) are up from last year.

Tragically, during the last quarter of 2007, there was also a fatality resulting from a vehicle accident in the Community Center parking lot.

The primary cause of accidents this quarter: wildlife on the road, --barely exceeding icy roads as the main contributor to driving mishaps. Deer, elk and bears are an integral part of the Academy's

lush landscape and share human space, which includes roads.

Jeff Thoma, Chief of plans and programs for the 10th SFS, said hitting one of these very large animals "can result in significant damage to vehicles and/or personal injury." He added drivers should not give in to "tunnel vision" by focusing on the road conditions, but they should

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Game On!

UCI begins Monday

By Col. Paul Ackerman
Vice Superintendent

This is the moment we've all been working toward—an opportunity to demonstrate our quest for excellence. The Academy's Unit Compliance Inspection starts Monday.

Everyone has pulled together to train, exercise and review functional checklists over the past several months and now it's time to demonstrate to the inspection team that we're ready. So on Monday, come to work with the same high standards you do every day—and come with your game face on and ready to play—because there may be someone looking over your shoulder and asking questions about your job.

The inspection team of more than 150 inspectors from the Air Force Inspection Agency and Air Education and Training Command arrives Saturday—but the advance team is already on base preparing for next week's start.

The inspectors will evaluate our compliance with instructions, policies and programs. This will include a major accident response exercise and a mobility deployment process that focuses on our installation deployment office and unit deployment managers.

We will be briefed on our performance March 18 at 9 a.m. in Arnold Hall. These results will be reported to the Inspector General, who reports to the Air Force Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force.

Some of you have asked why we have to do inspections like this—"they take up so much time" and "seem to pull people away from their primary mission." First, compliance inspections are required by law. AFIA conducts these inspections for Air Force-level Direct Reporting Units. The inspection focuses on the applicable Common Core Compliance Areas and Special Interest Items listed in Air Force Instruction 90-201.

But more importantly, inspections test our mission capability and they help us hone our training programs and practices to ensure we are ready to execute our mission.



So, be confident about your work, be proud of how you do your job, and show the inspectors your accomplishments and awards. Look sharp and be sharp. Render appropriate courtesies in and out of your work area. Take an extra look in the mirror to ensure you are projecting the high standards we demand every day. Be a team player and show a sense of urgency throughout the inspection.

Thanks again for all the months of hard work and dedication preparing for this inspection. Practice is over—it's game time! The entire Academy team has demonstrated that we are ready. Now is our time to show the Air Force just how good we are.

Remember that it will take ALL of us—working TOGETHER, we'll do an OUTSTANDING job!



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Character Corner For whom the swords clanged

By the Academy Spirit staff

In any field of competition, the desire to win can sometimes be overwhelming—so overwhelming, in fact, that a person would be willing to sacrifice practically anything to win.

But what is a person to do when the only thing between them and a victory is their personal integrity? For one cadet, the decision was like second nature.

Cadet 3rd Class Peter French, a member of the Academy fencing team, was facing an opponent at a recent match. The score was tied, and Cadet French tried to hit his opponent's leg.

"I hit short on the floor, and the referee gave me the touch," said the Cadet Squadron 31's systems engineering major from Austin, Texas. "I told the referee I hit the floor and he annulled the touch. My opponent scored the next point and beat me 5-4."

The Academy is an incubator of strict adherence to standards of value and

conduct and personal honesty and independence, but this cadet's conduct reflects leadership of tomorrow with a generous dash of gallantry.

It could have been tempting to let the incident go by the wayside.

"No," said Cadet French this week. "I acknowledged my error quickly as to avoid any confusion, so I didn't really have any time to think about cheating."

He comes from parents who always encouraged sportsmanship and integrity.

"They taught me that cheating to win was not true victory," he said. "Fencing has certainly helped developed my character. However, my parents deserve the credit for guiding my integrity."

There reportedly was applause when he made this gesture.

"My opponent thanked me immediately, and his coach—whom I've known for some time—thanked me after the bout," Cadet French said. "If I won by cheating, my reputation would be very

damaged, and it wouldn't be a true victory."

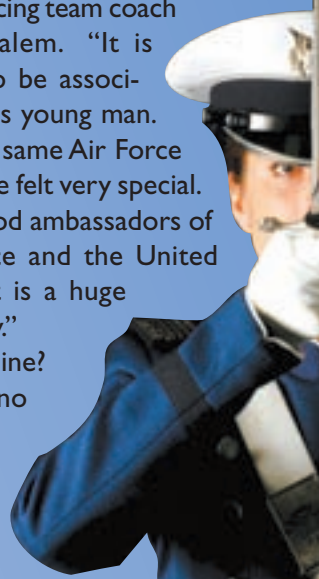
This newspaper interviews a lot of military people who go without applause.

The cadet is not a newcomer to international competitions. Prior to attending the Academy he traveled to Germany for the 2006 Junior Men's Epee cup and finished 15th.

"I am a very proud coach," said Academy fencing team coach Mr. Abdel Salem. "It is wonderful to be associated with this young man. Wearing the same Air Force warm-ups, we felt very special. We were good ambassadors of the Air Force and the United States. That is a huge responsibility."

Bottom line?

There's no such thing as too much integrity.



Character Matters airs Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on KAFA radio, 97.7 FM.

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What would be your perfect vacation?



"To be in Huntsville, Ala., with family and friends and spend time on the lake and floating down the creeks."

Mr. Nathan Brockway
CH2 M Hill contractor



"New England would be my favorite vacation spot during the summer because it is beautiful, green, has great seafood, and friendly people and you have the benefit of a beautiful ocean."

Cadet 2nd Class Jennifer Gulbransen
Cadet Squadron 7



"I'd go on a bike tour through Italy. Italy is a beautiful country, I'd bike, read, eat the food and enjoy the scenery."

Mrs. Caroline Walker
Air Force spouse



"I'd tour Thailand, China, Malaysia and other Asian countries. Asian societies represent the recent past. Other than our military, Asia may have the last warrior class."

I'd like to tour and experience the cultures."
Capt. Jonas Gonzales
Peterson Air Force Base

Caution

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also scan roadsides for the presence of wildlife, which may be ready to cross roadways.

“If you see an animal trying to cross the road, stop and let it cross, and make sure to flash your headlights to alert oncoming traffic,” he added. Vehicle versus wildlife encounters occur most frequently along Stadium Boulevard, but these accidents are also common on other Academy roads.

All Academy drivers should be aware of the new, reduced speed limits near the North and South Gates. These lower speed limits have been put in place for safety reasons; slower speeds through base entry points will give drivers sufficient time to stop in the event the operational final denial barriers are activated.

“If drivers are not driving the posted speed limit when the barriers go up, there is potential for severe injury,” Mr. Thoma said. “They deploy fast and will stop a vehicle almost in its tracks.”

Recently, 10th Air Base Wing leadership has seen a dramatic increase in speeding violations across the installation. Most violations occur during peak traffic hours as people arrive and leave for work.

The biggest concern for safety is with the increased number of drivers that are cited for exceeding the posted speed limits by 25 mph or more. Speeding in excess of 25 mph over the posted limit will result in a 30-day suspension of base driving privileges.

For vehicle violations on a military installation, military members receive

point assessments based on the number of miles over the limit. Civilians will receive the same point assessment, as well as a minimum \$50 fine.

If drivers absolutely have to use their cell phones while in a vehicle on the Academy, they should pull off to the side of the road, place the vehicle in “park” and turn on their flashing lights to make them more visible to other drivers.

“Using a cell phone, even with a hands-free device, is still dangerous because it breaks your concentration,” Mr. Thomas said.

Three points will be assessed against installation driving privileges for each violation, and accumulation of 12 points within a 12-month period will result in a six-month suspension of on-base driving privileges.

The 10th SFS also reminds drivers to follow the proper guidance for the many



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Encounters with deer, elk and bears account for the largest number of major traffic accidents on the Academy.

proximity gates on the base. Drivers must proceed one vehicle at a time through drop arm barriers. There have been three major accidents involving the drop arm barriers around the base.

March usually produces the greatest accumulation of snow.

“Take it easy, and drive according to road conditions rather than the posted speed limit,” Mr. Thoma urged.

UCI Tip of the Week

By Maj Matthew Alley
Chief of Inspections

The UCI is here! The inspection team will arrive this weekend, and inspections will begin Monday. This is where all the hard work from the last several months pays off. Now it is time to shine.

During the UCI, inspectors are not only going to be running checklists to evaluate compliance with instructions within your organization. The very first item in the list of inspectable areas is “Standards.” There is no schedule for the inspection of “Standards” because this inspection will be going on all week, 24/7.

Inspection of standards covers their evaluation of customs and courtesies, appearances, professionalism, etc. And all week long, every inspector will be keeping their own notes on how

well we present ourselves in these areas. Are officers and staff cars addressed/saluted appropriately? Are uniforms worn properly and does dress and appearance look sharp? Are inspectors treated with respect and professionalism? Are corrections made in an appropriate manner and in a timely fashion?

The inspectors will come away with a strong sense of the overall professionalism of the Academy based on the observed customs, courtesies and appearance of civilians, cadets and all active duty military members, and we will be graded accordingly.

The importance of first impressions through appearance, presentation and attitude cannot be overemphasized. And the great first impressions we give the inspectors must be reinforced with consistency throughout the UCI, and maintained as our daily standard. This is our time to impress the inspection team and show them that we are the Air Force’s Academy, a premier institution committed to a standard of excellence second to none.

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Academy wins top Air Force safety awards

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

While it is a challenge to keep the safety word fresh and relevant, the Academy has won two top safety awards.

The 2007 Secretary of the Air Force Safety Award is for the most effective overall safety program.

An awards board considered combined effectiveness of safety programs, efforts to further Operational Risk Management implementation and integration, safety program management, direction, administration, and innovation, mission and operational tasks the commands' organizations perform in the award period.

"This is the highest safety award of the Air Force, and reflects on the outstanding efforts of all commanders, safety professionals, unit safety representatives and individuals to keep the Academy safe in ground, flight and weapons safety programs," said Lt. Col. Chris Froeschner, Academy safety director.

Also considered was command safety inspections and staff visits, quality of mishap investigations, reports, and analyses, noteworthy achievements in mishap prevention in all applicable functional areas and mishap experience.

The Academy will also receive the 2007 Colonel Will L. Tubbs Memorial Award for Category II ground safety which recognizes the most effective ground safety program among major commands and direct reporting units with less than 30,000 people.

"The challenge here is that we need to not only pass the safety mindset of personal risk management and operational risk management on to the cadets, but allow them to run a somewhat parallel safety program within the cadet wing," said Colonel Froeschner. "Our outstanding Commandant of Cadets Safety professionals do a superb job of managing the day-to-day safety programs."

The Academy safety office tailors and personalizes safety issues to Academy people to make issues more immediate and relative.

"We work hard to keep the safety message relevant and timely," said the colonel. "While we attend both the Superintendent's and 10th Air Base Wing staff meetings, we also check the pulse of the cadet wing and monitor

where our mishaps are happening to keep trends in check and inform our Academy family of hazards and other safety issues we identify."

There are Friday Safety Updates to point out trends to inform cadets, civilian and military personnel and even Air Academy High School students and Forrest City housing personnel of what is going on.

Recent examples have been an explanation of the pop-up barrier operations at the North and South Gates and where and when safety officials see a spike in wildlife strikes.

Academy safety officials work to get regular feedback from commanders, unit safety representatives, civilian and military personnel and cadets.

They emphasize timely weekly safety update emails that usually have a humorous twist or funny video attached. Their strategy is to send out Friday Safety Updates to commanders and unit safety representatives to allow them to put their own personal message on the update before sending it to their people.

A quarterly safety package has relevant articles that can be used on bulletin boards or for weekly use by commanders and unit safety representatives. Safety is a commander's program, and they try to give commanders as many tools as possible to keep the message current, fresh, informative and as entertaining as possible.

"We have had great success with every segment of the Academy," the colonel said. "Lt. Gen. John Regni, Academy Superintendent, regularly states that safety is his number two priority, just behind developing officers of character. This top-down approach to safety has permeated through leadership, our offices, the safety professionals at cadet wing safety, 306th Flying Training Group and 10th Medical Group through unit safety representatives and on to the individual."

That doesn't mean everything is a rose garden.

"Our biggest challenge is usually the cadets," said Colonel Froeschner. "That is why the cadet wing hired two safety professionals to directly facilitate the CW safety program. We have, in the past, been fortunate in that the preponderance of our military and civilian personnel have been older, more mature airmen and workers."

The Academy is now starting to get first-term Airmen assigned here who increase the "at risk" demo-

graphic of 18-24 year olds.

"We are working to address those individuals with a bit more eyeball-to-eyeball interaction through the First Term Airman's Course and letting them know that the Superintendent will pay for mandatory motorcycle safety training for those who ride," he said.

ORM provides Airmen and civilians at every level with a sound, mission-enabling tool to ensure risk reduction wherever possible.

All Airmen and civilian personnel are required to get ORM training, and cadets receive ORM training throughout their four years.

Safety Office staffers led a very meticulous ORM of all obstacles on the base's five courses using a "Tiger Team" of experts from the cadet wing, cadets who work the obstacles during basic cadet training, civil engineers, the fire department, and Jacks Valley leadership to identify hazards on the obstacles and how to reduce risks.

"We helped the Pentagon to write guidance on obstacle courses and were told our ORM process was the best they had seen," said the colonel. "As a result, we received the first Air Force Chief of Staff approval to reopen our courses in time to prepare them for a very successful BCT that had a marked reduction in injuries to cadets on all obstacles."

Their modus operandi isn't all that complex.

"We take emphasis areas as we see them bubble up from neglect in the form of a mishap either locally or at another base, or anticipate or receive emphasis areas through observations and feedback," Colonel Froeschner said. "For example, from the Superintendent's observation of heavy mountain snow, he mentioned that this spring will promise to be a very treacherous one for whitewater rafting when we get snow runoff."

The office will take that and build articles for the spring package and Friday Safety Updates to ensure the word gets out on what could be a real hazard for the unprepared adventure seeker.

"I am still searching for a good video to go with that update," said the colonel.

The Academy has won both the SECAF Safety Award and the Tubbs award for Ground safety in the same year only once before, in 2004. The Safety Office won the SECAF award in 2000, 2001, 2003, and 2004, and won the Tubbs award in 1999, 2004, and 2005.



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Academy research efforts go international

Cooperative research and development agreement in Singapore first of its kind

By Julie Imada
Dean of Faculty research writer

Singapore's Nanyang Technological University may seem worlds away from the Academy. But thanks to a new cooperative research and development agreement between Nanyang and the Academy, the world has gotten a lot smaller.

The agreement, signed Feb. 28, by Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born, Director of Research Lt. Col. David Bell, Nanyang's Chair of the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Professor Lam Khin Yong and the Dean of the College of Engineering Professor Pan Tso-Chien, will allow a foreign university to work collaboratively with the Academy on various multi-disciplinary research efforts. It is the first international CRADA to date and both General Born and Colonel Bell hope more opportunities for such partnerships will develop in the future.

"This collaboration not only benefits both of our institutions' faculty and student bodies, but is an important step in furthering the goodwill between our two countries," General Born said during her visit to Nanyang.

The agreement will allow both institutions' students and faculty to utilize research facilities, offer publication and grant research opportunities and offer cadets' new cultural experiences and opportunities.

"When the delegation from Nanyang came to the

Academy in September of 2007, we learned that we share a range of common disciplines including studies in basic sciences, engineering, humanities and the social sciences," General Born added. "We will continue to build on that shared foundation through suitable and collaborative research projects."

The areas of research included in the agreement include mechanics and structural integrity, computational modeling and aerodynamics, laser and optics research, space physics and satellite systems, as well as learning sciences and problem-based learning.

"The Academy can help to develop the scientists and students who will help lead Singapore's future scientific endeavors," she said.

The benefits to the Academy are also an important part of the endeavor and General Born said cadets and faculty will benefit from exposure to advanced graduate research opportunities, as well as exposure to Singapore's rich culture and history. "These cadets will be better future Air Force officers as a result of this collaboration."

Several Academy faculty members also attended the CRADA signing including director of the Center for Aircraft Structural Life Extension Lt. Col. Scott Fawaz, director of the Aeronautics Research Center Dr. Tom McLaughlin, director of the High-performance Computing Research Center Dr. Keith Bergeron and director of the Laser and Optics Research Center Dr. Randy Knize.

The group was given behind-the-scenes tours of different research departments and projects including miniature computerized rovers, flight simulators, computer technology projects and capabilities, as well as Nanyang's research efforts in unmanned aerial projects and in aerodynamics.



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Brig. Gen. Dana Born, Dean of the Faculty, and Academy faculty members receive a behind-the-scenes tour of one of Singapore's Nanyang Technological University's research departments during a visit Feb. 28.

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Clinic

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opportunity to schedule an appointment in the ACC.

After duty hours and on weekends, patients will schedule an ACC appointment by calling 457-CARE. Appointments will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

What happens if no ACC appointments are available?

In the event that PCM and ACC appointments are unavailable, patients may be given the option of being seen in a civilian urgent or acute care clinic. Patients may instead be given an appointment for the next day with their PCM. Current use of the ER suggests that the ACC will have sufficient appointments to meet normal demand.

Where will this new clinic be located?

The ACC will continue to operate in the current ED location until the completion of a new, \$3.2 million clinic facility scheduled to open in June 2008. The renovated clinic, adjacent to the family practice clinic and accessible from the hospital's main lobby, will be specifically designed for acute care. The ACC will share a check-in desk with the family practice clinic.

What kind of medical personnel will I see in the ACC?

The ACC will be staffed by military and civilian Family Practice physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners, as well as military and civilian nurses and medical technicians. Emergency-medicine trained physicians will not be available.

The 10th Medical Group's commitment to providing top quality health care for each patient remains unwavering. While emergency care will no longer be provided at the Air Force Academy, we will continue to partner with nearby military and civilian facilities to meet the needs of our patient population by providing timely and convenient access to medical care.

Sijan Drive to close for construction

By Academy Spirit staff

Sijan Drive will close for repairs, and parking will be diverted to the lower Sijan parking lot during construction beginning March 14.

"Parking is going to be difficult but concessions have to be made," said Mel Peppers, construction inspector with the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron.

A temporary gate will be set on east Faculty Drive to coincide with the event.

The project involves paving, landscaping, curbing, lighting and steps. Completion is anticipated by the end of May.

The project will eliminate some regular parking spaces along Sijan Drive but allow for increased handicap parking.

Rocky Mountain Asphalt is serving as primary contractor for the project.

Drivers should be aware of increased delivery truck traffic through the Charlie 1 gate by the tennis courts.

Mr. Peppers urged drivers to be especially careful during the construction.

"Be patient," he said. "This is



Courtesy photo

Workers have started on construction projects on Sijan Drive. The cadet area thoroughfare will close to parking and traffic March 14.

in the cadet area and very sensitive safety-wise."

Phase 3 of the cadet area road repairs is expected to commence

June 3 and involve overlays on the Sijan lower lots.

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Force protection crucial to Academy security

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

When it comes to force protection, there may be no such thing as crying “wolf!” once too often.

Mr. Paul Ceciliani, Academy antiterrorism officer, received several reports of suspicious activity over the past year, and two have not been cleared up. “One of the reports identified a person driving a black SUV with Texas license plates taking pictures of Charlie-1, an entry control point leading into the cadet area,” said Mr. Ceciliani.

When the suspicious person was approached by a contractor observing the activity, the person drove off at a high rate of speed.

This was not reported to the 10th Security Forces Squadron until a day later, so SF and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations couldn’t obtain any further information on the incident.

Another incident happened at the Academy Hospital.

“A technical sergeant reported he observed a person taking pictures of the main entrance to the hospital,” Mr. Ceciliani said. “When the sergeant approached the suspicious person, he quickly left the area and hopped in a vehicle waiting for him driven by a white female. The sergeant did report the inci-



Academy antiterrorism officer Paul Ceciliani displays a mock pipe bomb made for use in Academy exercises.

dent to SF, but too late for SF to react and catch the suspicious person.”

Both incidents highlight the need for Academy personnel to report suspicious activity immediately to SF at 333-2000 or 911.

“We use several means to get the word out on current force protection issues,” said the security officer. “We use the base paper, mass emails, AFOSI Eagle Eyes, AT training and exercises and

our local Web page. Additionally, the ATO office provides unit and Mission Element ATOs more sensitive information they can share with their leadership to keep them informed of current threats.”

There are no indications that “unfriendly” have visited this open base.

“But we continually work with local, state and federal law enforcement agen-

cies to obtain the latest intelligence and threat information,” he said.

There are several possible terrorist surveillance techniques used to obtain information. Some of them include:

- Unusual or prolonged interest in security measures
- Discreet use of still cameras, video recorders or note-taking at non-tourist locations
- Dry runs—attempting to gain access to secure facilities or bypassing security screeners
- Questioning security or facility personnel

“There are many others, but the bottom line is, if you feel the activity is suspicious, report it,” said Mr. Ceciliani. “The threat of another terrorist attack in the United States is real, but there is no credible information to indicate when and where the next incident will take place.”

It’s an effort where there’s room for all.

“We all play an important role in fighting this global war on terrorism,” he said. “For most, it’s staying vigilant and reporting suspicious activity. Don’t be afraid to get involved and please don’t feel foolish that what you’re reporting is nothing. In today’s environment, we can’t be too careful. President Bush said, ‘A terrorist has to be good one time, but we have to be good all the time.’”



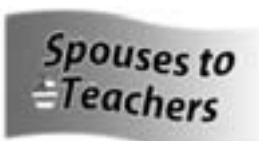
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Astronautics shines at Space Exploration Conference

By Lt. Col. Lynnane George

Deputy Head, Department of Astronautics and

Cadet 1st Class Kevin Nastasi
Cadet Squadron 3

The Department of Astronautics had a great turnout at the 3rd Space Exploration Conference at the Denver Convention Center Feb. 26-28.

The event kicked off with cadets volunteering at "Education Alley." Education Alley is a symposium for K-12 students to learn about space from college students, employers, universities, research labs and government institutions.

The cadets and Lt. Col. Lynnane George, Department of Astronautics Deputy Department Head, manned a display booth that attracted more than 800 excited and enthusiastic kids. The cadets also had the opportunity to dress in an inflatable astronaut suit, as well as talk to kids coming through to visit other booths.

A highlight on Feb. 26 was an opportunity for the cadets to speak in a private setting with leaders involved in NASA and the astronaut program. Cadets met Bruce McCandless, one of the 19 astronauts selected by NASA in April, 1966. A veteran of two space flights, Mr. McCandless logged over 312 hours in space, including four hours of manned maneuvering unit. He flew

as a mission specialist on STS-41B Feb. 3-11, 1984, and STS-31, April 24-29, 1990. Another astronaut on the panel was Clay Anderson, who spent a five-month tour of duty working aboard the International Space Station. He launched to the Station June 8, 2007, aboard Shuttle Atlantis with the crew of STS-117.

One additional entertaining highlight of the conference was Lockheed Martin's talking, interactive robot, Sprocket D. Robot. Cadets enjoyed challenging him with riddles and found out that he spoke seven different languages.

One of the cadets who spoke with Sprocket, Cadet 1st Class Victoria Castro, Cadet Squadron 15, said, "The conference ignited a new drive and enthusiasm about spaced based operations. The projects everyone was working on reminded me how exciting space was. I especially liked Sprocket the robot."

After packing up the department's Education Alley booth, department members and cadets, led by Staff Sgt. Mike Wickersheim, moved to the industry side to display FalconSAT 2 and 3, both launched in 2007, as well as FalconSAT 5, planned for launch from Kodiak Island in 2009.

The "Future Exploration Leaders" Reception and panel, held Feb. 27, was organized especially for space-interested undergrads throughout Colorado.

The panel included Department of Astronautics Professor and Head, Col. Martin France. Other speakers included Alan Ludwig, Whitney Bradley and Brown, Inc; Kelly Snook, Aerospace Engineer and Planetary Scientist, NASA Ames Research Center; Pat Schondel, Vice President, Business Development for Space Exploration, The Boeing Company; and Tim Pickens, President and Founder, Orion Propulsion. All had interesting points to make and noted that the space community is unique and special with a single purpose and focus.

Colonel France noted that partnerships between organizations and the military are key to the development of space now and in the future. He said "Today's commercial and civil space systems stem from military roots" and pointed out the need to have an "air traffic controller" for space. He finished his session by challenging the audience to "set your sights high!"

"It was extremely interesting to engage in conversations with space systems developers and engineers who had many great ideas such as the new life support systems for our future astronauts," said Cadet 1st Class Emmanuel Delacruz, CS 1.

"I enjoyed talking with representatives at each of the displays," said Cadet 1st Class Todd Small, CS 20 "I learned a lot by asking about their personal experiences and hearing their stories

from the space industry. For example, I got to meet one of the space operators who worked through most of the Skylab problems. Plus, Sprocket the robot was awesome!"

The event provided a great opportunity to see the space industry, mingle with industry leaders, show off what is done at the Academy, meet engineering and science majors from other schools and provided an excellent networking opportunity.

"It was a great experience to be able to attend this conference," said Cadet 1st Class Gavin McCorry, CS 35. "Being able to speak with representatives of the space industry and NASA really let me know how much is out there and how exciting of a field I am getting into. Also, being able to speak with astronauts - individuals who have been to space was interesting. There were some pretty sweet displays like Sprocket D. Robot."

Cadet participants of "Education Alley" included: Cadet 1st Class Tausha Beins, Cadet Squadron 31, Cadet 1st Class Kevin Nastasi, CS 3, Cadet 2nd Class Kevin Mauer, CS-27, Cadet 3rd Class Ryan Gauntt, CS-18, Cadet 2nd Class Matt Gabso, CS 38, Cadet 2nd Class Ozzie Ortiz, CS 21, Cadet 2nd Class William Harrison, CS 8, Cadet 2nd Class Justin Lovuolo, CS 28, Cadet 3rd Class Damien Preston, CS 38 and Cadet 3rd Class William Percoski, CS 40.



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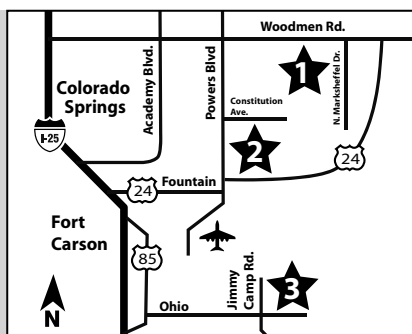
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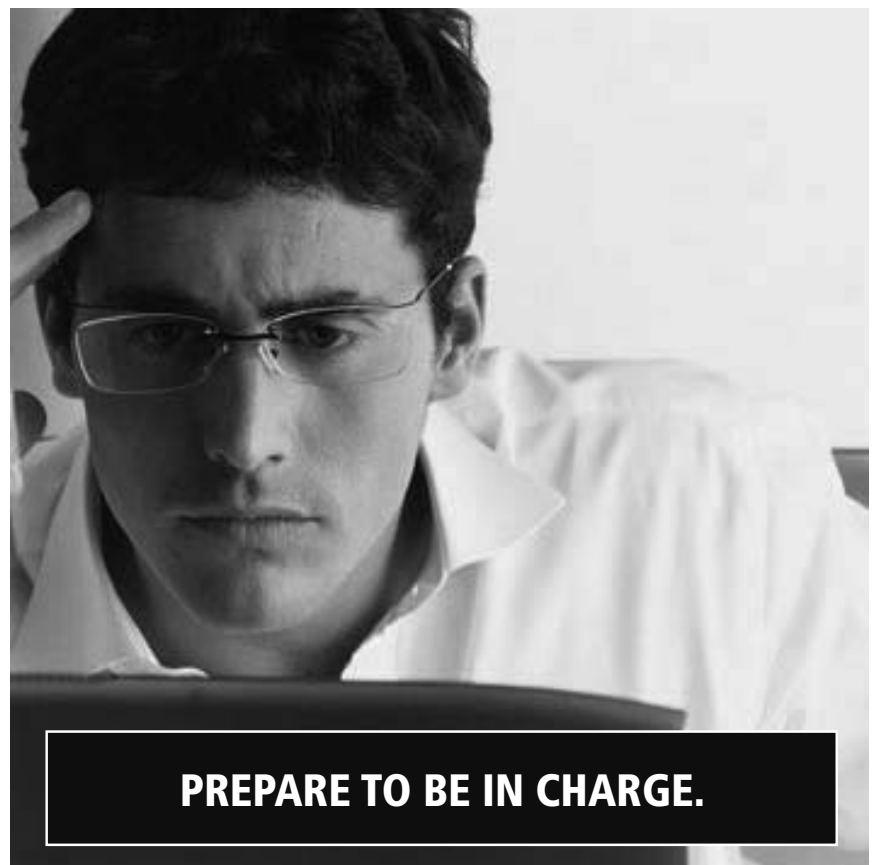
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Global Hawk marks 10-year anniversary

By Airman 1st Class Stacy Sanchez
95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFP) — A Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle landed after an eight-hour mission Feb. 28 that marked 10 years since base officials witnessed its first flight at Edwards Air Force Base.

On that first flight, the aircraft flew for one hour at an altitude of 32,000 feet, and today the Global Hawk has logged more than 20,000 flight hours including 15,000 hours flown in support of the war on terrorism.

The high-altitude, long-endurance unmanned aerial reconnaissance system is designed to provide commanders with real-time imagery of large geographic areas. The Global Hawk can reach an altitude up to 65,000 feet and loiter for more than 30 hours.

The Global Hawk performed its first flight here because of the Air Force Flight Test Center's proximity to Northrop Grumman facility in San Diego and its easy access to restricted airspace.

During its first flight, Tom Bryson, the 452nd Flight Test Squadron deputy manager for engineering support, was a safety chase driver and had the opportunity to see the UAV and its capabilities.

"I had a front-row seat of this amazing aircraft," Mr. Bryson said. "I was



Photo by Jim Shryne

The Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle lands after an eight-hour mission Feb. 28 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The flight marked the 10th anniversary of the Global Hawk's first flight at Edwards AFB, where the aircraft flew for one hour and reached an altitude of 32,000 feet.

totally amazed to see its capabilities."

The development of the Global Hawk has been phenomenal in the short amount of time they have had it here, Mr. Bryson said.

"The significance of 10 years to this point in time is just amazing because we went from an unproven UAV to a very successful first flight here," Mr. Bryson said.

Though still in the developmental stage, the Global Hawk was deployed in

Afghanistan in 2001 to support of the war on terrorism.

"None of us anticipated Sept. 11, 2001, and during that time, the Global Hawk was at a critical stage in its development," Mr. Bryson said. "But the Global Hawk did what it was built to do, and on its first night it saved several lives."

The Global Hawk system is providing vital intelligence to the warfighter, said Lt. Col. Andy Thurling,

the 452nd Flight Test Squadron commander.

"The Global Hawk provides a persistent 'eye in the sky' that saves Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen's lives, and helps them take the fight to our enemies," Colonel Thurling said.

Tom Wayne, 452nd Flight Test Squadron Northrop Grumman deputy flight test manager and Global Hawk pilot, said he was impressed with the aircraft's performance during its first flight and foresees great things for the UAV in the next 10 years.

"At first, I had mixed feelings as a Global Hawk pilot since we are flying the aircraft on the ground as the UAV is up in the sky, but after seeing its capabilities during the first flight here, I was amazed," Mr. Wayne said. "Being a Global Hawk pilot does have its satisfaction because we are breaking new grounds here. I am doing something new in aviation."

Mr. Bryson said Edwards AFB officials have the pleasure of seeing Global Hawk's first, second and third generation, and he is looking forward to see what's in store in the years to come.

"Not only will we still be providing support for the (war on terrorism), but we will also be providing new capabilities for the military," he said. "The future for unmanned vehicles is unlimited."

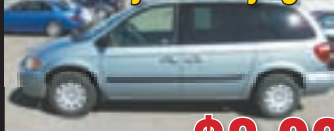
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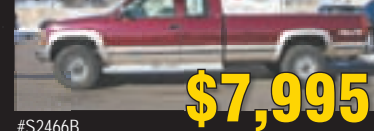
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Air Force blue goes green on energy, environment

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Air Force blue wants to leave a greener footprint with more environmentally-sound energy resources, said the service's senior energy executive during testimony to the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee and Readiness Subcommittee Feb. 29 on Capitol Hill.

"The Air Force recognizes that energy and the environment are tightly linked," said William C. "Bill" Anderson, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

"Not only have we committed to purchase only alternative energy sources, the Air Force has committed to be a leader in establishing a global consortium to tackle the reduction, capture and reuse of greenhouse gas emissions," Mr. Anderson said.

Rising gas and oil prices have forced Air Force officials to evaluate the service's needs and budget to find ways to save money while maintaining the high-ops tempo of today's war on terrorism, he said. One way Air Force officials have done this is to use synthetic fuel alternatives.

"The Air Force is Defense Department's leading consumer of jet fuel and 10 percent of the total U.S. jet fuel market," he said. "To meet our jet fuel

needs of the future, the Air Force is evaluating domestically-sourced synthetic fuel alternatives. We've certified the B-52 (Stratofortress) to fly on a synthetic fuel blend and are on track to test and certify the C-17 (Globemaster III), B-1B (Lancer) and F-22 (Raptor) in this fiscal year, with the entire Air Force fleet certified by early 2011."

Mr. Anderson also addressed DOD's goal for environmental restoration in all federal facilities by 2014.

"The Air Force has established an aggressive internal goal to have all clean up remedies in place at all active installations by the end of 2012, two years ahead of current DOD goals," he said. "We are proactively working with the Environmental Protection Agency to break the paradigm of the inefficiencies of federal facilities agreements."

These are just a few examples of an over-all change across the service to accept more environmentally-sound resources and practices, Mr. Anderson said.

"The increasing costs of energy and the nation's commitment to reducing its dependence on foreign oil have led to the development of the Air Force energy strategy — to reduce demand, increase supply and change the culture within the Air Force so that energy is a consideration in everything we do," he said.

Local kindness

Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Jenkins

(Left to right) Tech. Sgt. Joan Kelly, 10th Medical Support Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Julie Waltz, Directorate of Personnel, Staff Sgt. John Hinnant, 10th Medical Surgical Squadron, Staff Sgt. Amber Hawkins, 10th Medical Operations Squadron and Staff Sgt. Kevin Kelly, Directorate of Personnel, carry a dining room table top into the Airman's Attic storage area. The table was one of several items donated Feb. 29 by The Redistribution Center, Inc., a local non-profit group that benefits mainly military members and wounded soldiers through the donation of household goods, school supplies, clothing, furniture, food and other items.



Cassandra Nordin, Airman's Attic director, gets help unloading a box of donated items from Ranya Kelly (back left), The Redistribution Center, Inc., founder and president, and Karen O'Nans (right), The Redistribution Center, Inc., volunteer. The Airman's Attic is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 472-7923.



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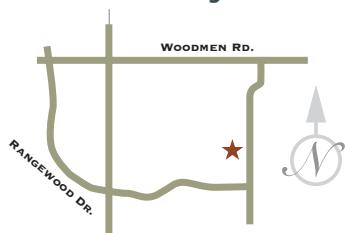
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New tanker to bring increased capabilities to warfighter

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force officials here announced Feb. 29 the selection of the Northrop Grumman Company to replace the aging KC-135 Stratotanker fleet. After months of reviewing and evaluating proposals from vendors, the source selection team chose Northrop Grumman to produce up to 179 of the new air refuelers.

The new tanker, called the KC-45A, is expected to enter the test phases in 2010 with the first mission-capable aircraft ready by 2013. The new tanker will bring increased airlift, force protection and most importantly, air refueling capabilities to the warfighter, said Lt. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, military deputy in the office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition at the Pentagon.

Throughout the selection process, Air Force officials evaluated proposals based on the vendors' ability to meet nine key performance parameters and five evaluation factors.

"The performance parameters are the specific requirements we have for the aircraft, and the evaluation factors are how we grade the vendors on their ability to meet those requirements. The KC-45A must meet all of the key performance parameters," General Hoffman said.

The capabilities of the new tanker add increased operational flexibility for the air mobility world. The ability to provide aerial refueling for both boom-and-receptacle and probe-and-drogue



Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Strang

Numerous KC-135 Stratotankers sit on the flightline at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Air Force officials announced the selection of the Northrop Grumman company to replace the aging KC-135 Stratotanker fleet. Up to 179 of the new air refuelers, called the KC-45A, is expected to enter the test phases in 2010 with the first mission-capable aircraft by 2013.

aircraft in the same sortie is one example.

Currently, for most KC-135s to conduct probe-and-drogue refueling operations, a boom-drogue adapter must be attached to the boom before takeoff, preventing them from refueling receptacle-equipped aircraft in the same sortie.

"The new tanker will also be able to refuel two probe-equipped aircraft at the same time, a capability that's available with only 20 of the KC-135 fleet," General Hoffman said. "The KC-45A will have the capability to carry an air refueling pod on

each wing. When wing pods are installed, the aircraft can provide fuel to two Navy or allied fighters at the same time, cutting almost in half the amount of time it takes a four-ship formation to cycle across the tanker."

Another advantage of the KC-45A is the ability to receive fuel, a capability only a handful of the current tankers possess, the general said. Being able to receive fuel means it can accept reserve fuel from another tanker allowing it to remain in the air longer.

The new tanker also will have increased cargo space for passengers, pallets and medical evacuation, as well as increased force protection measures against surface-to-air missiles, allowing it to traverse and land in high-threat environments.

"The KC-45 is a tanker first, but the cargo capacity will be very useful," the general said. "The new tanker will be able to haul people and cargo directly to military airfields instead of having to cross-load onto C-130 Hercules aircraft or C-17 Globemaster IIIs, which is what we do now. It can also download fuel to storage bladders on the ground, which can be used to power ground vehicles instead of having convoys on the road. These are tremendous capabilities for air mobility commanders."

Air Force officials were committed to making a decision that would provide the best overall value to the warfighter and the taxpayers, he said.

"Although the contract will be awarded to Northrop Grumman, the real winners are the warfighter, the taxpayers and the nation," General Hoffman said. "For the warfighters, we are replacing old equipment with modern capability; the taxpayers are getting the best value deal in a very competitive environment; and the nation will maintain the capability to project air power and be responsive to its global responsibilities for decades to come."

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Women's History Month: "Women's Art, Women's Vision"

By Capt. Don Salvatore
Director, Equal Opportunity

March is Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Women's Art, Women's Vision." The National Women's History Project chose this theme to honor the originality, beauty, imagination and multiple dimensions of women's lives. This year's official honorees are painters, muralists, needle workers, and filmmakers (among other things) from different cultural backgrounds and regions of the country. Their individual bodies of work are impressive, but their collective influence on the visual arts is staggering. The 12 honorees will be recognized during a ceremony in New York City at the end of the month.

The honoree living nearest to Colorado Springs is the artist Harmony Hammond. She is a painter, writer and independent curator living in Galisteo, N.M. According to her biography on the NWHP website, Hammond is a "pioneer of the feminist art movement." She lectures and writes on feminist art, lesbian art and the cultural representation of "difference." Her artwork has been exhibited in galleries all over the world. An accomplished author, she earned the Lambda Literary Award in 2000 for her book, *Lesbian Art in America: A Contemporary History*. Hammond's challenging perspectives on feminism, art-culture and society provide an interesting spin on this year's theme.

Although only 12 women were selected to be honored this year, people are encouraged to do some independent research to learn about other influential

female artists. The actress Selma Hayek portrayed one such honor-worthy artist, Frida Kahlo, in the 2002 film, *Frida*. Kahlo filled her paintings with vibrant colors and often used her personal experiences as inspiration for her work. She is credited with rendering shockingly honest interpretations of her feelings on relationships and the injuries she suffered in a tragic automobile accident. The Philadelphia Museum of Art will be exhibiting 40 of Frida Kahlo's self-portraits, portraits, allegorical and symbolic paintings and still-lives through May 18.

Although this year's theme focuses on women's contributions to the visual arts, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the impact women have had in other artistic arenas as well. The author J.K. Rowling has delighted millions of fans with her wildly popular *Harry Potter* series. Screenwriter Diablo Cody recently earned the Best Screenplay Oscar for the 2007 film *Juno*. Female architects are consistently featured in the television series *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, providing creative, insightful design ideas. These achievements will help open doors for future generations of women interested in the arts.

Support for and awareness of women's contributions to music is also becoming increasingly apparent, with female performers earning more and more of the popular spotlight. Music festivals such as Lilith Fair have bolstered this awareness by showcasing women's influences throughout all genres of music. Female performers Beyonce Knowles, Rihanna and Amy Winehouse released three of the



Courtesy graphic

five albums nominated for 2008 Record of the Year, with Amy Winehouse actually taking the Grammy home. As women continue to earn critical acclaim in traditionally male-dominated genres, it will be exciting to witness how the musical landscape evolves.

Obligations resulting from the Unit Compliance Inspection preclude the Academy from hosting a commemoration luncheon this year. In the meantime, it is encouraged that people support other WHM events in the local area. Keep an eye out for events and displays at Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base and the greater Colorado Springs community. For more information, call the 10th Air Base Wing Equal Opportunity office at 333-4258 or visit the NWHP website at <http://www.nwhp.org/>.

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Cadet for a Day flies high

Ready, set, let's go. Georgina Gonzales puts a smile into her pre-flight.

Photos by Lewis Carlyle



Left, left, left, right, left. The Academy's newest cadet keeps time with her squad mates.

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff writer

Georgina Gonzales, 10, has been to the Academy plenty of times, but never before like last weekend.

The Academy's newest Cadet for a Day, who is from Colorado Springs, was treated to an inside look at cadet life other kids would turn green over.

"She was so excited she barely slept," her mother, Sandy Torres, said.

Cadet Squadron 35, the "Weasels," feted the young lady in cooperation with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Georgina has been treated for a life-threatening illness.

Two of Georgina's favorite things about her visit were nearly beating Cadet 2nd Class Kristina Stewart in bowling and taking over the cockpit for a flight donated by the Aero Club. "That was awesome," she screamed after deplaning.

Her brother, Rito, who went along for the ride along with Georgina's twin sister, Marina, kissed the ground after the flight.

"We knew when she was flying the plane because it was shaking," Rito said.

Cadet Georgina's schedule first included a tour of the air traffic control tower and an exclusive air show compliments of Cadet 1st Class Tyler Lowdon of the Academy's aerobatics team, who showed off Cuban 8's, hammerheads, rollers, loops and high-speed passes.

"It's a blast," he said of helping with Cadet for a Day. "I love to make their day special and wish I'd gotten involved sooner."

February 29 was a special day for him personally as well. Cadet Lowdon completed his fifth jump, earning him the coveted parachuting wings.

During her tour of duty, Georgina hung out with her squad mates, sat in the cockpit of a glider, experienced parachuting in a harness at the 98th Flying Training Squadron, tried out flight simulators, visited the Cadet Chapel, the falcon mews and Fire Station #1 and enjoyed a demonstration from the 10th Security Forces Squadron's canines.

Mrs. Torres described Georgina as a "girly girl" but somewhat shy at times.

"She's a real drama queen, too," her mother said and



Cadet 1st Class Tyler Lowdon explains the workings of the sail plane.

noted she is very responsible for a 10-year-old.

Mr. and Mrs. Torres have four grown children who have left the family nest. However, the couple now has four foster children living with them as well as Georgina, Marina and Rito. Five separate buses, no less, transport all the children to school.

After Georgina received her flight suit from the cadets, she didn't sleep in it, but she came close. It rested next to her pillow at night.

"This is so cool, and it's all so well planned out," Mrs. Torres said of the program. "The cadets have been wonderful."

Maj. John Veazey wouldn't argue with her.

"It's great to see what huge hearts these cadets have," he said. "It's amazing how loving they are with the kids."

Major Veazey, Cadet for a Day program reserve advisor, was instrumental in organizing the first Cadet for a Day visits in 2001.

"I've been very lucky to work with the program since then," he said. "It never gets old. It's always a good day to see the dynamics of the different children. Every child is so unique."

He also serves as joint test AF analyst and test control chief for the Joint Air Defense Operations - Homeland and as Academy Admissions Liaison Officer.

Cadet 1st Class Aaron Shanor and Cadet 2nd Class Kristina Stewart, both with Cadet Squadron 35, enthusiastically volunteered for the weekend's activities.

"It is a very proud thing to do for the squad," Cadet Shanor said. "Having a chance to help out was really neat."

He added cadet squadrons frequently compete with each other to host a Cadet for a Day.

"The biggest thing is that it is making an impact on a child," Cadet Stewart said.

Volunteers weren't limited to one squadron, however.

Cadet 3rd Class Lauren McKinnon with Cadet Squadron 40 also volunteered. She said a cousin with a disability inspired her to become involved.

"I wanted to give back," she said. "It's for the kids."

Not unexpectedly, the very best part of Georgina's Cadet for a Day experience was becoming one of the cadets when she received her wings from Cadet Squadron 35.



Georgina (left) and sister Marina cause turbulence for brother Rito.

Falcons blank AIC, clinch third seed in AHA Tournament

Volkening makes 19 saves posting third shutout in last five games

By **Dave Toller**
Athletic Communications

Andrew Volkening made 19 saves and five different Falcons scored in a 5-0 win over AIC in an Atlantic Hockey Association game March 1 at the Cadet Ice Arena. The game, following a 2-2 tie the previous night, was the regular-season finale for both teams.

With the victory, Air Force finished in third place in the AHA. The Falcons improved to 17-11-6 overall and 14-9-5 in the league. AIC finished in 10th place in the league, 8-21-5 overall and 8-17-3 in the league.

The Falcons jumped out early and never looked back against the Yellow Jackets as Derrick Burnett scored at the 3:53 mark to put the Falcons on the board. Five minutes later, Sean Bertsch scored his first career goal for a 2-0 lead.

Owen Kelly gave the Falcons a 3-0 lead with a short-handed goal, his second of the season, and with 13

seconds left in the period, Hajner scored on the power play for a 4-0 lead.

Brent Olson was the next Falcon to light the lamp with his 14th of the season. With 1:43 left in the second period, Olson scored from Scott Kozlak and Josh Frider.

Air Force outshot AIC in every period and 38-19 in the game. The Falcons were 1-for-8 on the power play while AIC was 0-for-4. Volkening made 19 saves in the game for his third shutout in his last five starts.

Air Force and AIC skated to a 2-2 overtime tie Feb. 29 at the Cadet Ice Arena.

Air Force scored first when defenseman Greg Flynn took a shot from the left point that beat Tom Fenton at the 3:01 mark of the opening period.

AIC answered at the 10:30 mark when David Turco split two Air Force defensemen at the blue line and skated in uncontested on Andrew Volkening.

AIC took a 2-1 lead just 29 seconds



Photo by Dennis Rogers

Freshman forward Sean Bertsch works past two AIC players (Saturday) at the Cadet Ice Arena. Bertsch had his first career goal Saturday as the Falcons blanked AIC 5-0.

into the second. AFA quickly answered, tying the game on the power play at the 10:24 mark. Brent Olson fed Josh Frider down low and the junior winger scored his 11th of the season from the top of the crease.

Neither team scored in the third period, but both goaltenders came up big late in the game. With less than three minutes remaining, Volkening stopped a breakaway by AIC's Chad Richardson.

In the first minute of overtime, Volkening stopped AIC's leading scorer, Jereme Tendler, on a two-on-one breakaway with a pad save.

After a penalty on AIC's Chris Campanale, Air Force went on the power play. Frider and Jeff Hajner both had

shots that were denied.

"Sometimes you have to give your opponent credit," head coach Frank Serratore said. "Their coach (Gary Wright) did as fine of a coaching job as I've seen in a long time. They had a great game plan and took away our strengths. I don't feel bad about the tie, because it could have been a loss. They were a difficult team to play against tonight. There was no open ice.

As the No.3 seed, Air Force will host the Bentley Falcons in the AHA quarterfinals at the Cadet Ice Arena. The best two out of three series begins today, at 7:05 p.m. The teams play Saturday at 7:05 p.m. and, if necessary, Sunday at 7:05 p.m.

Peterson reigns supreme in over-30 basketball

By **Dave Castilla**
Intramural Sports director

One thing that has been very clear since the inception of the City Military Intramural Championships is that Peterson Air Force Base is the team to beat in over 30 intramural basketball.

This is the third year in a row that they will hold the title, as they defeated the Air Force Academy 105-94 in the Over 30 Rocky Mountain Intramural Basketball Championship Saturday at the fitness center.

Since there were only two teams involved, the game was played by true National Collegiate Athletic Association rules, with the clock stopping on every whistle.

It was a one-man show in the first half for Peterson, as Lyron Paul totaled 28 points. Derrick Thompson and Rodric Smith provided the Academy's bright spots with 15 and 10 first-half points. The Academy cut Peterson's lead to 3 with 3:34 left on the clock; however, Peterson went on a 9-2 run to take a 52-42 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Academy went on a 19-8 run taking the lead at 61-60 as Thompson had seven points and James Heller chipped in 5. After the Academy took the last lead at 71-68, the tandem of Lyron Paul and Mike Chandler took over by making 20 of the last 35 points to seal the victory for Peterson.

For Peterson, Lyron Paul finished with 45 points including eight three's, garnering the MVP plaque. Mike Chandler finished with 23 followed by Anthony Barrett, a former Air Force Falcon, with 20 points. The Academy top scorers were Rodric Smith, another former Falcon with 26, Derrick Thompson with 25 and James Heller with 17.

The championships started with 4 bases: the Academy, Peterson and Schriever AFBs, and Ft Carson. The event was later renamed the "Rocky Mountain Military Championship" and reformatted to include Buckley and FE Warren AFB.

Up next is the intramural basketball championship at Ft Carson March 22 and 23. All teams will play a round-robin format March 22 and will be seeded in the March 23 single-elimination tournament to determine the Rocky Mountain Champion.

In the mean time, Peterson will display the Over 30 Rocky Mountain Military Championship traveling plaque in their trophy case.

Photo by Dennis Rogers

Peterson Air Force Base player Lyron Paul faces off with the Academy's Rodric Smith in the Over 30 Rocky Mountain Intramural Basketball Championships Saturday at the fitness center. Paul ended with 45 points, earning him the Most Valuable Player plaque.





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Troops to Teachers; Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Military personnel can get information on beginning a second career in public education as a teacher and how to make a smooth transition to the classroom.

For more information or to register for a class, call 333-3444.

Nutrition Month observed

In celebration of National Nutrition Month, the Academy Health and Wellness Center offers:

Commissary tours; Monday, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Academy Commissary: A nutritionist-lead tour gives information on how to read and understand nutrition labels and how to make healthy food choices.

5k runs; Tuesday and March 18 and 25, 4 p.m., at the Santa Fe Trail located near the HAWC. HAWC staff will provide refreshments and run times at the turn-around point and end of the run route. Prizes will be awarded to the top two male and female finishers.

For more information, call 333-3733.

Astronautics turns 50

The Academy will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its Department of Astronautics today. Throughout the day, the Department of Astronautics will host facility and classroom tours, as well as discussions of past and current activities. The day will culminate in a gala affair at Doolittle Hall with a reception, dinner and presentations. All current and former astronautics, space operations, engineering science (astronautics track) and systems engineering (space track) majors are invited to attend, as are all current and former Astronautics Department faculty and friends. Seats for the reception and dinner are limited. For reservations, call Dawn Gagnon at 333-4110 or Dr. Ken Siegenthaler at 333-6993.

Toastmasters sought

The Academy is starting a Toastmaster International chapter and is seeking those interested in attending. Those interested must submit their names, and once all the names are collected a demonstration meeting will be scheduled with the regional director. To submit your name or for more information, contact Master Sgt. Angela Evans at angela.evans@usafa.edu or Master Sgt. Donald Comp at donald.comp@usafa.edu.

Cats visit Arnold Hall

The musical show *Cats* will be performed in the Arnold Hall Theater today at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Arnold Hall theater box office at 333-4497 or by visiting a Ticketmaster outlet.

OSC offers auction

The Academy Officers’ Spouses’ Club offers a “Gardening in the Rockies” live auction March 18 at 11 a.m. in the Falcon Club. Those interested in attending must bring a small garden item to donate to the

auction and must RSVP by March 16 at 10 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, contact Deb Coppock at 574-1485 or kedekeka@aol.com.

Living history display

The Academy History Department hosts the 10th Mountain Division Living History Display Group March 19. A 10th Mountain Division World War II veteran will speak to the History 368 class and the LHDG will set up a display in the Cadet Library from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Lt. Col. Nathan Watanabe at 333-3728.

Scholarships offered

The Academy Officers’ Spouses’ Club offers 2008 Merit Scholarships for high school seniors and non-military spouses of 0-3 equivalents and below. Eligibles include dependents or spouses of active duty stationed at the Academy, dependents or spouses of retirees eligible for membership at the Academy Club, dependents or spouses of active duty on remote tours, dependents or spouses of POW/MIA or deceased Academy affiliates and dependents or spouses of civilian employees eligible for membership at the Academy Club. The application period runs through March 31. Applications are available at the Academy Education Office, area high school counseling centers and the Academy Thrift Shop. For more information, call Sally Mueh at 599-0694 or Carrie Oliver at 488-9625.

Lunchtime volleyball offered

A group of volleyball players is looking for other players interested in participating in pick-up games in the Cadet Gymnasium’s east gym. Games are played once a week from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The activity is open to active duty, retired, dependents and contractors. For more information or to add your name to the mailing list, contact Ed Halik at 964-7058 or spooker@aol.com.

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 & Family Readiness Center, 6248 West Pine Loop, or online at

www.afas.org. Applications must be submitted by today. Awards are announced in June 2008. Use of funds is limited to tuition, books, fees or other curriculum-required materials.

Memorial fund

Donations to the Air Force Academy in honor of Mrs. Donna Head should be sent to: HQ USAFA/CMA, Attn: Mrs. Donna Head Memorial Fund, 2304 Cadet Dr., Suite 3200, USAF Academy, CO 80840-5002. Make checks payable to the Air Force Academy.

Nominations wanted

The Academy is seeking nominations for the 2008 Air Force Academy Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented annually by the Superintendent to a military person, civilian or group whose contributions (not as part of their official duty) have had a distinct impact on the morale or well-being of the Academy. Anyone who has contributed significantly and directly to the morale or well-being of the Academy through the generous donation of time, resources or influence is eligible. Nominations must be submitted by April 1 to HQ USAFA/ CMA, 2304 Cadet Dr., Suite 3200, USAF Academy, CO., 80840-5002. Nomination packages must include a single page with biographical data to include name, rank, organization or company, telephone number and mailing address, in addition to a typed narrative justification, not to exceed one page, describing the nominee’s accomplishments. For more information, call Steve Simon at 333-8827.



Running series steps off

The 10th Annual Grand Prix of Running series kicks off March 15 with the “5k For St. Patrick’s Day” run in downtown Colorado Springs. More than 1,400 runners are expected on the flat course that ends in Acacia Park. There will be Irish music and refreshments available at the finish line, plus a “Leprechaun Fun Run” for children 12 years old and younger. Registration for the 5k and children’s run is available at www.csgrandprix.com. People can also register at the Runner’s Roost store at 107 E. Bijou St. The runs will be followed by the 25th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade at noon.

Earth Day opportunity

Volunteers are needed to support Earth Day activities April 19 at Garden of the Gods. A start time is to be determined. Activities include cleaning up the park, 30th Street (along the front of the park) and cleanup of the mesa overview. Lunch will be provided to volunteers, and events promoting Earth Day for children will be offered after the cleanup. Volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves, drinking water and to dress for the weather. For more information or to volunteer, contact Senior Master Sgt. Keith Roche at 554-2506 or keith.roche@peterson.af.mil by April 11.



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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

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Muslim Prayer

Fridays - Noon - Muslim Prayer Room, Chapel Basement

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Catholic Masses:

Saturday
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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)

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March 20	6:00 pm	7:40 am Breakfast
Roman Catholic Holy Thursday Mass		8:00 am Protestant Traditional Service
March 21	6:00 pm	9:30 am Roman Catholic Mass
Good Friday Catholic Liturgy		10:30 am Catholic Brunch
March 22	4:00 pm	11:15 am Protestant Gospel Service
Protestant Contemporary Service (NOTE: Time change this Saturday only)		No Catholic or Protestant Religious Education
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