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Photo by Ann Patton

Listen up

Cadet 1st Class Eric Hakos banter with callers on KAFA, 97.7 FM, during the station's first Webcast May 1. The Association of Graduates, which supported the move to the Web, expects Academy grads to tune in from all over the world. The 20-watt station will get a boost this summer when its tower is moved to higher ground near the hospital.

CCAF welcomes 66 Airmen into alumni ranks

By Ann Patton
 Academy Spirit staff

Co-workers, family and friends whistled, shouted, called out first names and sang praises to the Academy's newest grads of the Community College of the Air Force during commencement ceremonies Friday at the Community Center.

Sixty-six graduates were awarded 70 Associates of Applied Sciences degrees.

"These are exciting, challenging times," Command Chief Master Sgt. Arvin

Davis said to grads and others in the packed audience. "Airmen are doing remarkable things. I say 'good on you.'"

CCAF offers 67 programs, each requiring 64 credit hours. The college, begun 35 years ago, now has 350,000 alumni.

Chief Davis had many kudos for the graduates, many of whom continued to study and turn in assignments online while they were deployed.

"I am every day grateful for the Air Force's investment in the enlisted corps.

Be proud of your accomplishment," he said.

Chief Davis also emphasized the whole person concept involving the individual and the Air Force's investment.

"Much of our success is rooted in that philosophy," he said. "It's not about promotions or accolades. It's about all of us taking advantage of the resources to improve ourselves."

Tom Cavali, president of the Lance P. Sijan chapter of the Air Force

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Class of 2009 takes another step to future

By Ann Patton
 Academy Spirit staff

Second class cadets now have a clearer view of their Air Force careers after receiving the Air Force Specialty Code they will be assigned to after graduation.

The numbers represent only initial classifications for the Class of 2009, said Master Sgt. Tim Cummings, superintendent of cadet personnel and officer

accessions. With the exception of pilots, he expects movement among the AFSC designations over the next year.

Of the 1,067 assignments, nearly half, or 523, were for pilots under the category of operations.

Of the 687 cadets going into operations, 30 will be navigators, 58 will go into space/missiles, and 57 into intelligence. The remainder with operations AFSCs will go into air battle management, airfield operations and weather.

Forty-eight two-degrees will have AFSCs under logistics, which includes aircraft maintenance, munitions and missile maintenance and logistics readiness.

Members of the Class of 2009 will fill 188 slots under acquisitions. Fifty-three have been designated acquisition managers, and 50 as engineers in the fields of aeronautical, astronautical, computer, electrical and project engi-

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2008 Community Assessment Survey: Helping our community improve

By Chief Master Sgt. Arvin Davis
Academy Command Chief Master Sergeant

By now, if you're one of the 1,000 Team USAFA active duty personnel that received an email asking you to complete the 2008 Air Force Community Assessment Survey, don't look the other way or delete it. Energize yourselves and complete the survey; it's completely anonymous and it only took me about 30 minutes to complete.

So, what's in it for you? Plenty! If you've ever wondered why programs are run a certain way or other base support processes don't seem to go as advertised and you seem helpless to do anything about it, this survey is for you. It's designed to improve community satisfaction, readiness, family readiness, health, spiritual and economic well-being and safety for our entire Air Force Academy family. It also contains supplemental questions asking about risk behaviors such as alcohol consumption, family maltreatment and drug use we use as indicators to lean forward on other issues

impacting your health and welfare.

As senior leaders, we use the survey results to assist us in community planning to enhance yours and your families' quality of life, readiness, and retention here at the Academy. Did I mention it's completely anonymous and your name and email are not linked to your responses?

By the way, we also mailed 1,000 spouses a postcard asking them to complete the survey, as well. Fortunately, all spouses can take the survey which is located at <http://spouseafcasurvey.com/>. The access code is "SpouseAFCA".

Let's work this year to beat our last survey response rate from 2006. It was 40 percent for active duty and 11 percent for spouses. So far, the 2008 Academy response is 97 active duty and 7 spouses. Remember what Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney McKinley recently said to us in his April 2008 Enlisted Perspective, "Caring is free ... our Air Force has for decades invested heavily in quality of life improvements and quality of care — both are important to our mission



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Chief Master Sgt. Arvin Davis

successes."

What's in it for you? Everything! We can do better for ourselves and our community; let's get involved and care to make a difference and help improve our Academy home. Thanks for all you do serving our nation and Air Force every day; it matters to all of us.

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Character Corner Leadership

By Lt. Col. Chuck Boyd
Center for Character Development

Webster's *Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary* defines leadership as "the capacity to lead."

Webster's defines leading as "to direct the operations, activity, or performance of" and "to have charge of" and "to be first in or among."

We are all leaders in some way, shape

or fashion. Our primary purpose at the Academy is to develop the Air Force's newest leaders and create professionals who will one day lead our service and our nation. It is a critical task and one which we should never take lightly.

It is difficult to lead from the rear. Leaders who take a position in the front, who are first among their subordinates and who take charge are usually the most successful in any given task. One critical

component of leading from the front is setting the right example for your people. Individuals often follow the guidance, standards, and example of those senior to them. To be an effective leader, those in authority must display the character and integrity that they demand of their subordinates.

What better way to teach character and honor than to be an example that others can learn from.



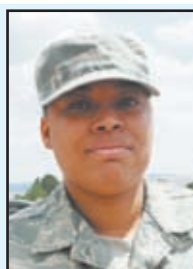
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If you could take a class just for fun what would it be?



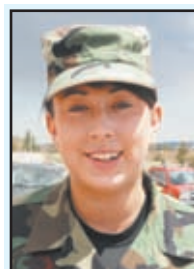
"I just started a photography class. I want to learn to take better pictures."

April Coffin
Daughter of Army member



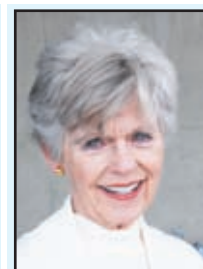
"Something about public health, maybe communicable diseases. That's my field."

Staff Sgt. Kristal Dennis
10th Aeromedical Dental Squadron



"Spanish. It's a language that's really growing, and I'm from California where it's spoken a lot."

Airman Madison Green
10th AMDS



"Cooking. I like to cook and am working on French sauces."

Lynn Wakin
Spouse of Air Force retiree



Air University transformation unifies all officer PME

By Christine Harrison
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN) — After several months of reformation planning, Air University Commander Lt. Gen. Stephen Lorenz activated the Spaatz Center for Officer Education April 29.

The Spaatz Center is now the umbrella organization unifying the continuum of all Air Force officer professional military education, from the basic level of officer training to master's degree programs.

The consolidation of resources at Air University began in February 2007 as a result of Program Budget Decision 720 when Air University lost more than 270 positions.

Under the leadership of General Lorenz, a steering committee synergized the education and support functions for officer PME at: Squadron Officer College, which includes Air and Space Basic Course and Squadron Officer School; International Officer School; Air Command and Staff College; School of Advanced Air and Space Studies; and Air War College.

With the cuts in PBD 720 and the loss of positions, the opportunity presented itself to consolidate, be more efficient and effective, and produce an officer continuum of education all under one leadership center to make a difference over time, General Lorenz said.

“General Spaatz, the first chief of staff, would be proud that we are putting all of our officer education and the continuum of education together,” he said. “The synergy will make us better.”

The Spaatz Center is led by Air War College Commandant, Maj. Gen. Stephen Miller, and ACSC Commandant Brig. Gen. Jimmie C. Jackson Jr. is the vice commander.

“We were not handed this from the Air Staff or from our parent [major command]. The Spaatz Center solution was built from the creative genius of our faculty and staff at Air University,” General Miller said during the activation ceremony. “Team-work is the essential nature of this new center construct; one team developing, delivering and supporting diverse educational programs across our various schools that develop officers from second lieutenant to colonel.”

As part of the reorganization, many of the academic resources from individual schools are now more readily available to all Spaatz Center institutions, said Col. Michael Pipan, special

assistant to the Spaatz Center commander.

“From the time an officer enters Air and Space Basic Course to the time he graduates as an O-6 from Air War College, there is a continuum so the right education is delivered at the right time, with the right content,” Colonel Pipan said. “Along with that, too, is an effort to institutionalize the process for inputs to the curriculum.”

The Spaatz Center for Officer Education has an academic council, which comprises school commandants, deans and chief academic officers. The council will establish the integrated curriculum and provide oversight of the curriculum input re-quests from various agencies.

The Education Support Squadron was also activated April 29, and that staff assumed the responsibilities for plans and programs, budget, scheduling, personnel, development and training, Air Force Fellows program and interns, and assessments of all the schools under the new umbrella center.

Col. Michael Guillot, ESS com-

mander, said this squadron is where a lot of the efficiencies were developed in the reorganization. The ESS was created by combining the same kinds of functions from all of the schools that make up the Spaatz Center, he said.

In addition to identifying duplicate positions in each school, Colonel Guillot said the reorganization developed a support squadron that has depth.

“The intent is to always have a backup for that kind of function,” he said. “We will always have two or more people with access to the portfolio of an organization.”

No change comes easily, and Colonel Guillot and his team are prepared for the challenges of establishing the ESS.

The ESS comes from a consolidation of personnel taken from each of the Spaatz Center schools.

The activation ceremony also included the inactivations of the 35th and the 38th Student Squadrons in the Air and Space Basic Course School. The 35th Student Squadron earned four Organizational Excellence Awards and one Outstanding Unit Award in its history. The 38th Student Squadron, whose lineage traces back to an original student squadron at Squadron Officer School in the 1950s, educated more than 17,800 Airmen, international officers and Department of Defense civilians.



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Association, presented Tech. Sgt. Amy Justice, 10th Medical Support Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Samuel Perez, Jr., 306th Flying Training Group, with the William H. Pitsenbarger awards.

The individual awards carry a \$500 scholarship from the AFA and another \$250 from the AFA Sijan chapter as well as a complimentary one-year membership in the chapter.

Senior Airman Pitsenbarger served as a pararescueman in Vietnam. By age 21, he had 300 rescues to his credit. He was killed in action and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Sergeant Justice received a degree in

health care management and Sergeant Perez a degree in aviation management.

The CCAF also recognized the Academy's Education Center for its support and direction in higher education for the Academy's enlisted corps.

Staff Sgt. Cynthia Cumberbatch, with the Superintendent's Commander's Action Group, received her degree in information management.

"It took longer than I wanted but I finally knocked it out," she said proudly.

She anticipates the associate's degree will give her a jump start on a bachelor's in business administration.

Sergeant Cumberbatch completed her course work at Pikes Peak Community College and Regis University.

Senior Airman Tim Ahrendsen received his degree in allied health science. A member of the 10th Medical Operations Squadron, he completed course work partially through Air Force experiences, plus studies at Western Carolina University.

"This is definitely a starting point for more degrees," he said and added he is looking to pursue a bachelor's and master's degree.

The path to Tech. Sgt. Julie Waltz' degree in human resources management spanned 12 years and deployments to Kuwait, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

"This summer I'll start back in," the member of the Directorate of Personnel said of her next goal, a bachelor's degree

in human services.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Duggins had double reasons to celebrate. Not only did the member of the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron receive his degree in fire science on Friday, he welcomed a new baby, William, into his family the Monday before.

Sergeant Duggins completed courses through Troy University.

William and Sergeant Duggins' wife, Cathi, were on hand for commencement to congratulate the husband and dad.

"This will be a great example for Airmen and co-workers I supervise," he said of his degree.

Sergeant Duggins has plans to work on a bachelor's degree in resources and technical management.

The following Academy people received their Community College of the Air Force degree:

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Master Sgt. Scott Anderson
Master Sgt. Mark Crespo
Staff Sgt. Cynthia Cumberbatch
Staff Sgt. Michael Duchesne
Master Sgt. Keith Erb, Jr.
Master Sgt. Kimberly Gresens
Master Sgt. Dean Miller
Tech. Sgt. Julie Waltz

Commandant of Cadets staff

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Master Sgt. Steve Honda
Tech. Sgt. Donald Ledbetter
Tech. Sgt. Michael Lindenberger
Master Sgt. Dennis McGowan
Master Sgt. Pernel Parker
Master Sgt. Steven Yoder

10th Air Base Wing

Tech. Sgt. Linda Sanderson
Master Sgt. Fabian Pollard
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10th Civil Engineering Squadron

Staff Sgt. Aaron Duggins

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Staff Sgt. Angela Beverly
Master Sgt. Karla Jeremiah-Griffith

10th Medical Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Timothy Ahrendsen
Master Sgt. William Farnand
Staff Sgt. Chemika Hawthorne
Senior Airman Nicole Pollard
Staff Sgt. Linda Shanks

10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

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Staff Sgt. Jacques English
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First Virtual Uniform Board attracts Airmen response

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The first Air Force Virtual Uniform Board received about 800 uniform change requests via the IDEA Program Database System since its release in March.

Airmen were able to submit uniform change requests via the IPDS between March 5 and April 14. The Uniform Enterprise Working Group — acting as nonvoting advisors — began reviewing ideas April 28 to provide comments.

The 98th Air Force Uniform Board will convene over the next two weeks to review the submissions and advisors' comments. The board will then cast votes to decide if ideas or suggestions

from Airmen should be implemented, disapproved or recommended for further evaluation by subject matter experts.

"The Uniform Board voting membership is made up of officers and enlisted Airmen who represent the diverse composition needed to make recommendations for future dress and appearance standards," said Lt. Col. Charles Arnold, chief of Air Force Uniform and Recognition Branch at the Pentagon.

Members of the board evaluate each recommendation and vote on behalf of their major command. The votes are consolidated into an overall board

recommendation and forwarded to the chairman of the board and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force for review.

"The Air Force Manpower Agency developed a voting module within the IDPS which allows board members to log in to the Virtual Uniform Board from locations around the globe," said Colonel Arnold. "AFMA also provided the major commands an automated central collection mechanism to allow them to review, determine eligibility, and forward ideas to the central board...all from the confines of their own offices and the IPDS program."

Chairman of the Board Lt. Gen. Dick Newton and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley will add their votes to those of the board and act as advisors to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley on final disposition of uniform board recommendations. General Moseley will then consider inputs and release his final decision in a message to all Airmen.

Airmen can continue to submit recommendations during and after the first Virtual Uniform Board. Some issues will be processed out of cycle; however, most will be considered during the next uniform board.

Future

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neering. A total of 23 cadets will go on to serve as behavioral scientists, chemists and physicists, with the remainder under acquisitions as analysts and financial, contracting, cost and acquisition managers.

The remaining AFSC assignments are in the category of base support. Forty cadets will serve as civil, electrical, mechanical, general, communication/information and environmental engineers. The largest category, for a total of

61, includes assignments in communication and information.

The remainder under the base support category will serve in services, public affairs, personnel and security forces.

Cadet 2nd Class Janice Contreras from Edmond, Okla., received her first choice in airfield operations and is pleased.

"I can go to any Air Force base with a runway," she said.

She expects the career field in airport management will serve her well, whether in the military or as a civilian.

"This was my first choice," Cadet 2nd Class Kim Kreke, a social science major, said of her AFSC in acquisitions.

Cadet 2nd Class Jasmine Pettie, from Baton Rouge, La., and a civil engineering major, will serve as a civil engineer on active duty.

She has seen Air Force operations on other bases and was impressed.

"I enjoyed working with the people in the squadron and their camaraderie," she said.

Cadet Pettie is looking forward to seeing how her major will translate in

Air Force operations.

"I like the entire process of intelligence," said Cadet 2nd Class Phil Rose, who is also pleased with his AFSC in intelligence.

"It was what I was hoping for," said the military strategic studies major.

An aeronautical engineering major, Cadet 2nd Class Randy Rogers will also serve as an engineer on active duty, a slot he is clearly looking forward to.

"I am very pleased, and it is the one reason I came here," he said. "This is one more step to my dream."

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Cadets take design to Pratt & Whitney

From Department of Aeronautics

EAST HARTFORD, Conn., — Twelve cadets taking Aeronautic Engineering 483 Aircraft Engine Design presented their preliminary engine design to nine Pratt and Whitney engineers at the corporate headquarters in East Hartford, Conn. April 28-29.

This presentation was the highlight of the capstone design course.

“When the cadets present their designs to professional jet engine designers, the excitement level associated with ‘getting it right’ skyrockets above the typical end-of-course assignment,” said Dr. Aaron Byerley, AE 483 instructor and Aeronautics Department head.

The visit also provided a means by which the aeronautics department could obtain valuable external assessment of its propulsion-related program, an essential component in its quest for “continuous improvement.”

“This program continues to deliver cadets with an exceptional appreciation for jet engine design by exposing them to real issues,” Bill Rosenkrans, chief engineer, Systems Design and Component Integration at Pratt & Whitney, said.

The cadets also left a positive impression with personnel at the aerospace giant.

“One item that comes across and differentiates the cadets from peers at other universities is poise and leadership skills. They speak for each other and display comprehension typical in more mature teams,” added Gary Roberge, chief engineer, Advance Programs and Technology at Pratt Whitney.

One reason for the cadets’ success is the long-term involvement of Frank Gillette, known as the “father of the F119 engine” which powers the F-22. Mr. Gillette has visited the Academy for the last 13 years and has served as a professional mentor to both Academy cadets and faculty.

“Mr. Gillette is one of my exemplars, both from a professional and personal perspective. The aero department is extremely fortunate to have him as a close friend and mentor,” said Doctor Byerley.

While 10 of the cadets were aeronautics or mechanical engineering majors, two were actually systems engineering management majors who were integrated into the two-engine design team. The systems engineering management majors were in charge of project management, interface and version management, and the life cycle cost model.

In addition to the design presentation, other trip highlights included a visit with retired Gen. Bill Begert, vice



Courtesy photo

Members of the two “aircraft engine design” teams pose in front of the PW4000 high bypass turbofan engine at the Pratt & Whitney training facility in East Hartford, Conn. The PW4000 is used to power the Boeing 747, 767 and 777 and Airbus A300, A310 and A330. The cadets are accompanied by Dr. Aaron Byerley (far left), aeronautics department head and Aeronautic Engineering 483 course instructor, and Mr. Frank Gillette (far right), the “father of the F119 engine”.

president of business development for military sales and a 1968 Air Force Academy graduate. The cadets also

spent a day touring the Pratt & Whitney manufacturing, test and training facilities.

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Academy grad breaks own world aviation record

By 1st Lt. Lisa Spilinek
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — An Air Force Reserve pilot deployed here broke his own world record for hours spent flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon when he surpassed the 6,000-hour milestone May 2.

Lt. Col. Michael Brill, a pilot assigned to the 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and Academy Class of 1979 graduate, has been breaking world aviation records since 1993 after he became the world's first pilot to fly 3,000 hours in the F-16. In August 1998, he became the first pilot to fly 4,000 hours and, in November 2002, he was the first pilot to attain 5,000 hours.

"The sustained effort required to spend 6,000 hours flying the F-16 is phenomenal," said Brig. Gen. Burt Field, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, under which the 421 EFS falls. "Six thousand hours equates to 250 days in the cockpit, not counting all the time in ground ops before and after the flight. That is an incredible amount of time in a high-G [force], high-speed, high-stress arena.

"Flying fighters is mentally and physically challenging. The environment, threat, systems, weapons and the mission set are constantly changing and require a disciplined program of study and practice to remain on the cutting edge," said the general who graduated with the colonel in 1979 from the Academy. The

two attended F-16 training together at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, in 1980.

Despite the challenges of flying the F-16 almost constantly since 1980, Colonel Brill said he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I love to fly. I don't remember ever wanting to do anything else. There is a communication between me and the machine. Flying an airplane is like being on a roller coaster that you can steer," said the colonel, who grew up on various Marine Corps bases, but calls Virginia home.

Colonel Brill, who is deployed from Hill AFB, likened the evolution of the missions F-16 pilots fly and the development of precision-guided weaponry to the strides that have been made with computer technology over recent decades.

"It's been a constant challenge, nothing has stayed the same. The development of the aircraft and missions requires constant emphasis and effort to go to the books. In aviation, the precision weapons that we use now compared to those in the past are more of a revolution rather than an evolution."

Colonel Brill has personally experienced these changes while flying nearly 225 combat hours and more than 65 combat sorties. His combat experience includes three tours in support of Operation Northern Watch, two in support of Operation Southern Watch, two in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and one in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photo by Senior Airman Julianne Showalter

Lt. Col. Michael Brill, a 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron pilot at Balad Air Base, Iraq, climbs into an F-16 Fighting Falcon before flying a combat mission over Iraq. Colonel Brill broke the world record he previously set for F-16 flying hours when he surpassed the 6,000-hour milestone.

Additionally, he led the first F-16 strike into Afghanistan following Sept. 11, 2001, a 10-hour mission he described as an "eye-opening experience."

The more recent combat missions he has flown since arriving in Iraq in March have been a lot "quieter," because fewer munitions have needed to be dropped, an indication that the war on terrorism is being won, the colonel said.

Many of the missions flown by pilots in Iraq are reconnaissance missions where information is gathered using high-tech cameras to identify potential ground threats.

"Our primary mission [as flyers providing close-air support for ground units] is to make noise. We are up there

to let the bad guys know what we're capable of and to keep them hunkered down. This allows the [ground personnel] to work to establish good relationships with the people who are helping us. The impact of the airpower is knowing that the airplane overhead gives people on the ground an umbrella of safety that is basically irreplaceable," Colonel Brill said.

His active-duty assignments have taken him to Holloman AFB, N.M.; Hill AFB; Nellis AFB, Nev.; and Kunsan Air Base, Korea.

In 1990, Colonel Brill became an Air Reserve Technician, which is basically a full-time reservist position. He has been

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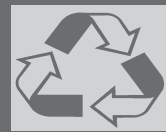
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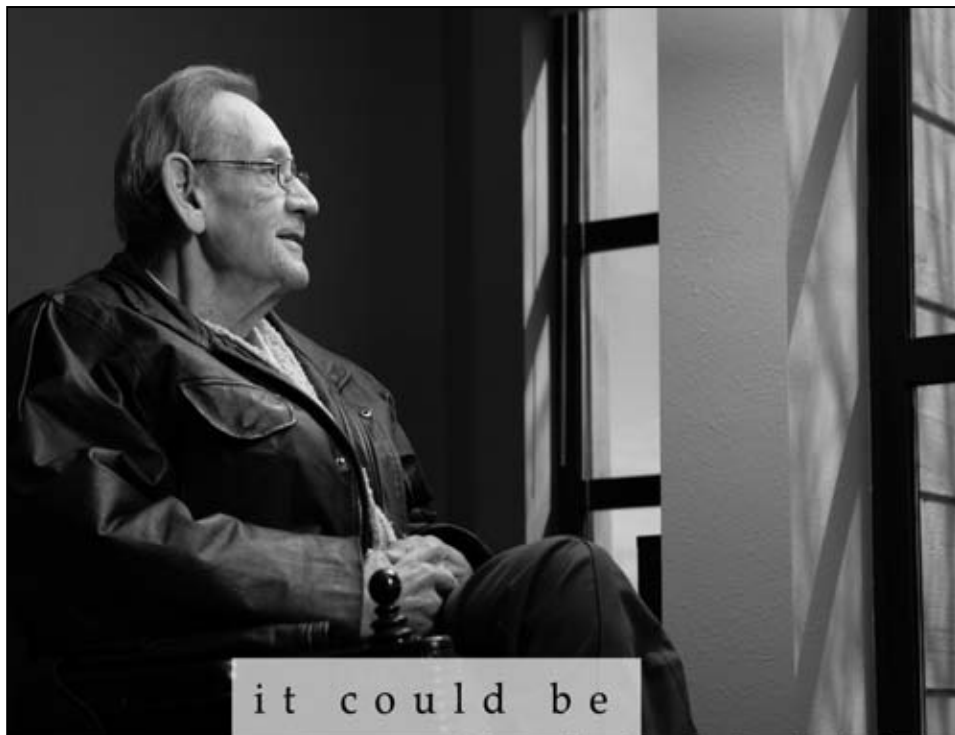
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assigned to the 419th Fighter Wing at Hill AFB since and is the chief of the safety office.

His status as a deployed reservist is an example of the Air Force's integration of personnel who are active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard.

"The Air Force has been over here in Southwest Asia for 17 years," General Field said. "To accomplish our mission, we have needed the Guard and Reserve every single day of those 17 years. They bring experience, judgment and maturity to the fight in a variety of different mission sets and you can't tell them apart from the active-duty [Airmen] by their appearance, dedication, pride or job performance."

Reserve Airmen do not move to new locations at the same three to four-year frequency that active-duty Airmen move; their long-term presence at a base is another way reservists positively impact Air Force operations.

"We give continuity to active-duty personnel because of our longevity in a location," Colonel Brill said. "We help facilitate programs and provide cradle-to-grave support. We bring a stabilizing influence to a rapidly changing world. It's the very nature of total force integration. We are seamlessly integrated with our active-duty counterparts."

Along with program support, Colonel Brill said he enjoys supporting another, even more precious Air Force asset, the service's newest flyers.

"The opportunity to pass along my ideas and philosophy is profound," he said. "The

energy new pilots have fires me up, too. It's very synergistic."

"These kinds of accomplishments, [reaching 6,000 flying hours,] achieved by sustained effort over time, give our next generation Airmen a goal to shoot for and an example to emulate," General Field said. "There is opportunity in the Air Force to pursue your dreams, whether to fly fighters for 6,000 hours or to excel in the myriad of other career fields required by the Air Force to provide the airpower for America."

Pilots alone cannot accomplish the Air Force's mission, Colonel Brill said.

"The fact that I've flown 6,000 hours of incident-free flying is a testament to an amazing machine and our dedicated maintenance support Airmen," the colonel said.

"Everything we do in the Air Force is a team effort," General Field said. "(Colonel Brill) has been working with a great team for years, first while on active duty, then in the Reserve, including the crew chiefs, backshops, pilots, [petroleum, oils and lubricants] and the rest of the Airmen we need to generate sorties and execute our mission. He shares this accomplishment with all those Airmen who have been a part of every mission he has flown."

Though Colonel Brill is the only person ever to surpass the 6,000 flying hour mark in an F-16, he's already looking to the future.

With five years left until his retirement, Colonel Brill said he doubts he'll be able to hit 7,000 flying hours, but is willing to give it a try.

"If they want to throw that many sorties at me, I'll take them," he said. "I never say no when they ask me to fly. I love it."



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Heritage luncheon

Grand Master Jhoon Rhee, the "Father of American Tae Kwon Do," talks with Academy people at the 2008 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon Wednesday at the Falcon Club. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated each year in May to commemorate the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to the United States.

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Holloman prepares for Raptor

By Airman 1st Class Rachel Kocin
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFPN) — After retiring the F-117A Nighthawk, officials here are now preparing for the arrival of the F-22A Raptor.

With the new aircraft come many transition projects.

“One of the projects we have going on is phasing out tools used exclusively for the F-117,” said Chief Master Sgt. James Harris, chief of the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. “Then phasing in and getting our support section spun up with the F-22 equipment and tools.”

To help with the transition, a self-help project called the West Area Revitalization Team is currently performing numerous upgrades to the base’s infrastructure, said Maj. Bryan Bobeck, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintenance operations officer. These upgrades include replacing floors, painting, building offices and completing roofing jobs.

“There is a lot of work that has to be done, and it’s kept our folks employed and has actually helped the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron with taking some of the burden of all the work orders,” said Major Bobeck. “That has been a huge effort that has saved thousands of dollars and has helped the MXG improve not only the appearance of its facilities, but its functionality as well.”

Since there are no jets on Holloman, officials said the maintainers will fill their time training while they wait for the F-22 to arrive.

“There will be formal training, computer-based training, and on-the-job training,” said Chief Harris. “The biggest portion will be on the job training.”

Initially, an F-22A cadre from Langley Air Force Base, Va., and other bases will conduct the training. The goal is for the cadre to train future F-22 trainers at Holloman AFB.



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After recently retiring the F-117A Nighthawk, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., is now preparing for the arrival of its new aircraft, the F-22 Raptor.

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Sesame Street coaches kids through parent's deployments, returns

By John Kruzel
American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFP) — Following a workshop that helped children cope with a military parent's deployment, the familiar, furry denizens of *Sesame Street* are starring in a new program focusing on multiple deployments and on family adjustments upon a parent's return.

Sesame Workshop, the makers of *Sesame Street*, have released *Talk, Listen, Connect: Deployment, Homecoming, Changes*, a video workshop that aims to aid children in understanding and unbundling the tangle of complex emotions many feel in the midst of a mother's or father's tours of duty away from home, and even broaches the difficult subject of dealing with a parent's debilitating war injury.

"This follow-on DVD to talk about the changes, dealing with new medical injuries — living in the 'new normal' — is tremendously important," Army Col. Loree Sutton, chief of the newly-created Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, said during the workshop launch at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial here.

More than 80 percent of those surveyed said the first installment of Sesame Workshop's military outreach effort, which covered all phases of deployment, was incredibly effective, said Gary Knell, president and chief executive officer of Sesame Workshop.

"And they really wanted us to also go to the next step to deal with two issues," he added, referring to multiple deployments and changes, especially mental or physical injuries parents suffer while deployed.

To help keep the program authentic to children's experience, an advisory committee composed of members of military families and advocacy groups, child psychologists, educators and other experts offered perspective to *Sesame Street* creators throughout production.

The show's creators also vetted the program through "real world" military families and adapted it according to their feedback, said Jeanette Betancourt, vice president for content design at Sesame Workshop's education and outreach division.

In the original script, for instance, writers used broad strokes to paint an effusive reunion between Elmo, a red, furry and perpetually 3-year old character, and his fresh-from-the-front-lines father. After seeing a rough cut of the scene, the advisors recommended tweaking the script to reflect a greater emotional range.

Leslye Arsht, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy, said the first



Photo by Richard Termine

Sesame Street's Elmo and his dad tape a segment in 2006 for "Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families Cope with Military Deployment," a previous outreach program for military families created by Sesame Workshop.

treatment failed to capture the emotional complexity of the reunion.

"In the original version, they had [Elmo] all excited and enthusiastic and happy. It's sort of what you expect if you really don't know how hard it is when somebody's been gone for a while and you're so anticipating their returning," Ms. Arsht said. "And yet there's this (worry), 'Is he going to be the same?' You know, all those mixed emotions."

The creators heeded the feedback and re-wrote the scene to be more three-dimensional and true-to-life, through what she described as "powerful adjustments" in the script. The effects of such realism are evident, she said. "You cannot watch these DVDs without crying."

Ms. Arsht said the anxiety arises, in part, because children feel ambivalent about the growth and progress they make in the midst of their parent's absence.

"The child has been growing; they can do things they couldn't do before. They don't know whether to be proud about that, or to think that the dad's going to feel bad that he didn't get to see that happening," Ms. Arsht said, describing a common reaction of 3- to 5-year olds, the show's target demographic.

According to statistics, some 700,000 children of military members are under the age of 5. Through *Sesame Street's* lovable characters, the program manages to teach young children about painful subjects in a medium that speaks to them.

In one scene, Rosita, a cheerful, bilingual blue monster from Mexico, sees her servicemember father

return home in a wheelchair after an injury he suffered during deployment.

"Initially she's angry. Her emotions emerge. And what *Sesame Street* is able to do is turn the conversation to what is the same, what the parent can do," Ms. Arsht said. "If he can't kick the ball, which he couldn't, he can catch the ball."

"It's elementary," she continued. "But it carries a much bigger message than the words themselves convey."

Elmo and Rosita are the best venues for relaying such tender messages because they are trusted by young audience members, said Barbara Thompson, the director of DoD's military community and family policy office and an advisory board member.

"The children will listen and resonate with their message," she said. "Sesame Workshop captured the right message and how to say it in a very sensitive way. It's a well-done resource for our families."

Sesame Workshop, a nonprofit education effort, has been doing these special projects since its inception in 1968. The group has done outreach projects on subjects like early literacy, asthma, lead poisoning, going to the doctor and school readiness.

Performed in English and Spanish, the workshop will not air on television but will be distributed free to schools, child care programs and family support centers, thanks to a gift from Wal-Mart stores and other sponsors. The DVD kit or downloadable video is available on the Military OneSource Web site at www.militaryonesource.com.

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Study of Iraqi birds to help reduce aircraft mishaps

By 1st Lt. Lisa Spilinek

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) — One of the Air Force's greatest airpower adversaries doesn't wear the uniform of another country; it wears feathers.

Both deadly and expensive, aircraft accidents and mishaps caused by collisions with birds have cost the service approximately \$35 million each year since 1985, according to Air Force safety records.

"Bird strikes have a very negative impact on the mission," said Capt. Andrew Baumgart, a 23rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot. "In the best case scenario, they will cause additional maintenance man-hours for minor repairs, inspections and cleanup. In the worst case scenario, they can cause the loss of a multimillion dollar warfighting asset. Either way, it has a very negative impact on our ability to generate more sorties and continued air coverage for our guys on the ground."

To better understand their winged rivals, Air Force safety personnel have for years shipped feather, blood and tissue samples from bird strikes and bird depredation efforts to be analyzed at the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Feather Identification Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Sometimes the remains of whole birds were also shipped to the laboratory to be studied from locations in the United States, but never from Iraq — until now.

Members of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Safety Office here sent their first shipment of whole bird carcasses, obtained through bird depredation efforts, to the Feather Lab Saturday, said Tech. Sgt. David Young, the 332nd AEW noncommissioned officer in charge of flight safety, who is deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

The sergeant heads up the Balad AB Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard program through which trained volunteers shoot birds that pose threats to aircraft. The Feather Lab experts will examine the more than 40 birds shipped from Balad AB to determine what species live in the vicinity.

The shipment represents a win-win situation for the Smithsonian and the busy air base, where multiple types of aircraft take off and land 24/7.

"Sending (the birds) to the Smithsonian will help establish what the species are here and their migratory routes. We don't have that kind of data here," said Sergeant Young, who added that 124 bird strikes had been recorded on Balad AB aircraft from October 2006 to October 2007.

The data on the shipped birds will be compiled and evaluated by the Smithsonian laboratory experts and provided to the Balad AB Safety Office. Understanding the types of birds that live near Balad AB's extremely busy runways will help the safety personnel take actions to reduce their nesting habitats in order to bring down the bird populations around the airfield. Additionally, if mission requirements permit, flights could be scheduled to avoid peak hours of bird activity," said Lt. Col. Ken Ekman, the 332nd AEW Safety chief, who is deployed from Shaw AFB, S.C.

The Smithsonian will benefit from the whole bird shipment because of the 620,000 bird specimens that it currently has, only eight are from Iraq and those represent only four species, said Dr. Carla Dove of the Smithsonian's Feather Lab.

"Whole bird samples are the basis of all taxonomic and systematic research on birds. The birds are skinned, stuffed with cotton and kept in the museum collection forever," she said. "Having these specimens available for study will be a great benefit to our identification program and to the study of birds of that region.

Photos by Senior Airman Julianne Showalter

Right: A northern wheatear is one of many types of birds that calls Balad Air Base, Iraq, home. Even small birds can pose a threat to flying aircraft because they can be sucked into engines and render them useless.

Below: Tech. Sgt. David Young takes aim at a group of gulls to reduce the number of birds at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Collisions between flying birds and aircraft can severely damage aircraft and endanger the lives of pilots.



When specimens are catalogued into our collections, they are available for researchers all over the world to come to study, or to borrow for examination."

Another benefit of receiving whole birds is that experts can match unknown specimen feathers to whole bird samples.

"Whole specimens benefit the bird strike identification program tremendously," Dr. Dove said. "When we receive a bird strike sample, we immediately wash the feather because it usually has blood, tissue and other 'snarge' attached. Once the feather is back to its original shape, we compare it with whole bird samples that we have preserved in the collection for a perfect match. Today, we prepare the birds with spread wings and as flat skins so we can find every feather without having to manipulate a specimen that was prepared in a traditional manner with the wings tight against the body."

"I plan to also use these specimens (from Balad AB) to obtain the DNA sequence to add to our database," she said. "That way, even if we get a small blood or tissue sample that does not have feathers, we can possibly get an identification using the DNA."

While some of the types of birds sent from Balad AB are yet to be determined by Dr. Dove and the rest of the identification experts at the Feather Lab, they have been able to identify some by photographs taken by Sergeant Young. These include white wagtails, white-cheeked bulbuls, falcated teals, Egyptian nightjars, black-headed gulls, blue-cheeked bee-eaters, white-breasted kingfishers, golden orioles, stone curlews, shrikes, European rollers, spur-winged plovers and red-wattled plovers. The rest will be identified after arriving in D.C.

In the end, the science behind identification will help the safety personnel at Balad AB to understand the local area airpower challengers better.

"By understanding the exact species of birds that cause problems to aircraft and flight safety, we can

begin to do things to prevent the damage from occurring. You must know what the species of birds are that are causing problems before you can do anything about it. It's just like any kind of pest management," Dr. Dove said.

"The same is true for bird problems on airfields. The flight safety group will use the data to understand the movements and migratory patterns of birds and to know which bird species are causing problems. Species identification is the first step in bird strike prevention," she said.

For pilots, the experience of hitting a bird can be troubling.

"Hitting a bird while flying is difficult to describe. When you're flying 200 to 300 knots, you either never see the bird or you see just streaks of black as they fly by. The unsettling part is not knowing the extent of the damage when you know you've hit one," said Captain Baumgart, who is deployed from Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

"Not too long ago, I hit a (large hawk) on my approach to landing," the captain said. "What concerned me was that I never even saw it. I just felt a dull thud. After landing, the crew said the bird was wrapped around the top of my nose gear. Another six, or maybe nine inches higher, and it would have gone right down the intake, destroying the motor. There was minor damage to the nose gear."

While the Balad AB safety personnel realize that eliminating the threat of bird strikes altogether is impossible, they are doing their best to mitigate the risks of bird strikes occurring.

"Safety is about reacting to mishaps and preventing future mishaps," Colonel Ekman said. "The Smithsonian lacks specimens and data on bird migratory patterns in Iraq. By feeding the Smithsonian info and helping them build their database for species collection, we in turn can be much more preventative in our to actions counter Balad's bird population."

WEBCASTING IN THE MIX FOR KAFA

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

KAFA 97.7 FM has gone global.

The cadet-run radio station streamed onto the Web May 1 in Vandenberg Hall.

"Tune in to KAFA as we rock not only Colorado Springs, but the entire world with our Web-stream at usafa.org!" said incoming station general manager Cadet 2nd Class Michael "Big Mike" Lewis.

Kyle Davidson, marketing/Web manager for the Association of Graduates said the AOG was significant in making streaming possible, a process lasting more than a year. The AOG signed with the service provider to pay for the streaming and set up an area on its website where graduates, cadets and parents can go to listen.

"The graduates were a big part of the reasoning we wanted to do this," Mr. Davidson said. "The cadets can listen to the station at anytime because of their close proximity, but I'm certain there are a lot of graduates who still want to know what's going on here."

He added the AOG is being tasked to provide ways for grads to reconnect, mentor current cadets and pass on their heritage.

"This is an opportunity for graduates to get it from the source in that now they can hear directly from the cadets instead of second-hand through the AOG," he said.

Dave West, KAFA advisor, said the station's purpose is to provide entertainment, news and information to the Cadet Wing and local community, plus providing cadet staff real-world experience in broadcasting.

The station plays primarily alternative rock and offers original programming such as the morning news, Sports Shorts and Character Matters, as well as coverage of special events, all targeted to the cadet age group.

KAFA began its broadcasting life in about 1970 at 89.7 FM on the Academy cable system. It was off the air for a few years in the mid-'80s, then returned to the airwaves in 1989 at 104.5 FM. The frequency changed to 104.3 FM in the '90s, and in 2006 the Federal Communications Commission granted the station permission to change to 97.7 FM.

This year KAFA teamed up with the Academy Command Center to provide immediate information to the base population.

"That has become a new role for KAFA to play, and we are excited to provide that service," Mr. West said. "The Command Post can now take control of the station and relay important information to the base population directly from the Command Center."

He stressed the teamwork is the main reason the station's coverage area will be improving this summer.

"We are moving our transmitter and antenna to just above the hospital," Mr. West said. "This should improve our coverage on the south end of the base."

The project is expected to begin early next month, and the 20-watt station may be off the air from time to time during the move.

Cadet 1st Class Andrew Kemendo, an economics major from Houston, Texas, is turning over his mic and his station manager's job after graduation.

He became interested in radio from listening to

Art Bell in the mid-'80s.

"Since then I have always like the idea of radio. When I got to the Academy and realized there was a radio station, it seemed like a perfect fit," he said.

On the air, Cadet Kemendo, who enjoys the music of Mew for the powerful, complex sound, goes by "Komodo," a take on his name and the komodo dragon.

"It just stuck," he said of his handle.

"If you are really interested in radio, KAFA is a great place to start as we have so many industry standard practices," he said. "Even if you aren't particularly interested in radio, it is a great place to build relationships and learn something completely separate from the military."

Cadet 1st Class Bryce Johnson, aka B-ryce ("B-rice"), a political science major from Marietta, Ga., has always been interested in alternative rock music but never really had an outlet to find all of his music.

Like other cadets, he started as a disc jockey for the station and served in the mill for broadcasting during events like football tailgates and ring dances.

"KAFA has been a great experience for me," he said. "I have learned a lot about planning events, leadership and talking in front of large groups."

Highlights for Cadet Johnson were interviewing Punchline, Autovaughn and the author of *My War: Killing time in Iraq* and attending the College Music Journal conference in New York City.

Cadet Lewis, who favors the Dave Matthews Band, Fray, Dispatch, Incubus, Foo Fighters and Weezer, enjoyed working the station's sound equipment for local bands during a community blood drive and food kitchen for the homeless, as well as

volunteering for the Academy's first *Guitar Hero* competition.

He also takes pride in having interviewed Panic at the Disco before the group was signed by a major record company.

Cadet Kemendo also enjoyed attending the college music conference in New York and checking out large stations in Colorado Springs and Denver.

"It's really great to be able to work closely with and mentor cadets," Mr. West said. "They learn and pick up things so quickly, and it's great to see them grow from nervous, and sometimes awkward, announcers to really skilled and professional-sounding announcers."

This month the station will feature graduation week information and events, as well as pre-graduation and graduation coverage May 28.

Stay tuned.



Photo by Brad Millman

(Left to right) Cadet 1st Class Eric Hakos, KAFA disc jockey, Cadet 1st Class Andrew Kemendo, KAFA general manager, Dave West, KAFA cadet advisor and Johnny Whitaker, Academy Director of Communications, prepare to take the KAFA signal world-wide May 1 at the KAFA studio in Vandenberg Hall.

AFA Cadets excel at Boston Marathon

BOSTON — Eight Air Force Academy cadets competed in the Boston Marathon April 21. The cadets, members of the Academy Marathon Team, placed ninth place overall as a team, outrunning West Point (35) and the Naval Academy (31) in their best performance to-date.

“It was one of the best opportunities I have had at the Academy to gain publicity, and it was great to be able to redeem ourselves against West Point and Annapolis,” said Cadet 1st Class Jesse Mortensen, co-team captain.

Despite losing a close race in the intra-service Academy half marathon last fall, the cadets returned to Boston placing four team members before the first runner from either service academy team. Not only did these eight cadets defeat Army and Navy, but they also recorded four of the five fastest marathon times in Air Force Academy history.

Each of the cadets trained extensively, spending six to 10 hours a week running, in addition to an already busy schedule including classes, extracurricular

activities and military training. Other hurdles the cadets overcame included completing long runs in snowy and windy conditions and finding time to complete up to two 20-mile runs.

Cadets competing in the race ranged from 115th to 2,357th place out of more than 25,000 runners. Seven of the eight cadets finished the marathon with personal bests as Jesse Mortensen, Brad Chronister, Christ Stover, Joe Robinson, Al Vasso, Brandon Hough, Vinny Gillmore and Jake Hall all turned in a great race.

“Our group (marathon team) made some great improvements,” said Cadet 1st Class Joe Robinson, co-team captain. “I am really excited about how well everyone did.”

The most improved times were up to 15-minute decreases over the notoriously tough course of the race, and times ranged from 2:36:15 to 3:09. Every time exceeded the qualifying standard to allow the cadets to run the Boston Marathon again next spring.



Courtesy Photo

Members of the Academy Marathon Team pause for a photo in Boston after completing the Boston Marathon April 21. The team placed ninth overall as a team outrunning West Point and the Naval Academy in their best performance to date.

Pair of Falcons earn All-GWLL accolades

Gnazzo, Nevitt named to first team

By Melissa McKeown
Athletic communications

A pair of Air Force players were honored May 1 as members of the Great Western Lacrosse League's 2008 all-league team. Juniors Griffin Nevitt and Dan Gnazzo each earned first-team All-GWLL honors. Ohio State led the way with eight all-conference selections, including four on the first team. Notre Dame (four first-team picks) and Denver (two first-team selections) each added six all-league honorees. Air Force placed two players on the all-conference squad, while Quinnipiac and Bellarmine each had one second-team selection.

Nevitt receives the third all-conference honors of his career, earning second-team recognition at midfield in 2006 and first-team accolades in 2007. This season, Nevitt led the Falcons with 24 points on the year, recording a team-best 18 goals and six assists. The team's leading scorer for the second-straight season and the leading goal scorer for the third straight season, Nevitt has tallied at least one goal or assist in 38



Photos by Mike Kaplan

Juniors Griffin Nevitt (left) and Dan Gnazzo were honored May 1 as members of the Great Western Lacrosse League's 2008 all-league team. Both received first-team All-GWLL honors. The awards are Nevitt's third all-conference honors of his career and Gnazzo's second all-conference recognition.

out of 40 games in his career. He was also named to the Pioneer Face-Off Classic team for the third-consecutive season and was one of two Falcons to score a man-down goal this year. In

addition, Nevitt finished the season ranked second on the team with 45 ground balls.

Gnazzo, a three-year starter at the long-stick midfield position, receives

the second all-conference recognition of his career after being named a second-team selection in 2007. This year, Gnazzo led the Falcons with 64 ground balls, ranking among the top 10 in the nation in that category with 5.33 per game, while also registering 23 caused turnovers on the season. Named to the all-tournament team at the Pioneer Face-Off Classic for a third straight year, Gnazzo also gave the team an offensive boost, scoring his first career goal against Brown before finishing the year with three goals and four assists.

In addition to announcing the all-league first and second teams, the GWLL's individual awards (Newcomer of the Year, Player of the Year and Coach of the Year) were released May 1 as well. Player of the Year honors went to Ohio State's Kevin Buchanan, a senior attack who led the league in scoring with 63 points, second in the NCAA. The conference's Newcomer of the Year award went to the Denver attackman Jamie Lincoln, the leading freshman scorer in the nation. Meanwhile, Quinnipiac's Eric Fekete was named the Coach of the Year after leading the Bobcats to an 8-4 overall record and berth in the first GWLL Tournament.

Sports Corp's College Football Kickoff Lunch set for June 25

With less than four months left before the opening whistle and the kickoff of the 2008 college football season in Colorado and spring drills concluded, fans are excited.

So, it's time for the Sports Corp's annual Football Kickoff Luncheon, set

for June 25 at noon at the U.S. Olympic Complex in Colorado Springs. The event will take place in the Sports Center I, and parking is available on site.

The new and expanded guest list of coaches on hand to give a preview of what to see in 2008 features Troy Calhoun (Air Force), Dan Hawkins (CU), John Wristen (CSU-Pueblo), Scott Downing (Northern Colorado), Bob Bodor (Colorado College) and a

coordinator from Steve Fairchild's staff at CSU

Ticket prices: Tables (10 seats) \$250 for Sports Corp members or booster club members from the six schools; \$300 for others; Individual seats are \$30 and \$25, respectively for both groups. For more information or to make reservations, call Caroline Carroll at the Sports Corp (719) 634-7333, or e-mail her at caroline@thesportscorp.org.

INTERCOLLEGIATE

Baseball

April 2-4 at AFA

Falcons 0	San Diego State 15
Falcons 4	San Diego State 5
Falcons 6	San Diego State 14

Track and Field

May 3 at Laramie, Wyo.

Front Range Invitational

Men

Falcons 202

Air Force participates in pro cycling event

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

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) — The U.S. Air Force Cycling Classic sped off to a start Sunday with more than 300 amateur and professional cyclists against a backdrop of the Air Force Memorial and the Washington Monument here.

This was the second year the Air Force hosted the event, formerly the Crystal City Classic, as part of service officials' efforts to build a signature sports event in the Washington, D.C., area.

"Just like the Marine Corps Marathon and the Army 10K, (events) like this reach out to the community and let them see their services," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "The cycling event is a vehicle to get to the greater good, (and) have some fun on a beautiful day here in the Capitol."

Proceeds from the Cycling Classic will benefit servicemembers who sustained traumatic brain injuries while serving in the military.

"There are many people out there in harm's way," said Gen. Duncan McNabb, the vice chief of staff of the Air Force. "These Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen ... are ready to do what they've promised to the nation. This (event) is a way of saying not only do we thank you, but also we appreciate what you do and we'll do whatever we can to make sure we take care of you. I think this race, in particular, really captures that."

The event included an amateur participatory ride which was open to cyclists of all abilities, a professional men's 150K race, and the "Academy Shootout," featuring teams from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and U.S. Air Force Academy. Service academy teams competed in a team time trial for two laps of the 12.5 kilometer course, as well as a sprint competition later



Photo by Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Members of the U.S. Air Force Academy collegiate cycling team compete in the Team Time Trial event for two laps of the 12.5 kilometer course during the U.S. Air Force Cycling Classic held Sunday in Arlington, Va.

in the day.

"This is more than a little competition," said Bill Anderson, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, and a participant in the cycling event. "These three academies have come here to do battle. We've got 15 members from each of the academies. They're intense. I think it'll do great for competition between the academies and also drive some camaraderie. The (cadets) are strong, focused, and they are very, very fast."

While the Air Force team won the timed trials, the

Navy cadets garnered the most total points and won the day's event overall.

"I think the cycling classic is a great opportunity to get the academies together," General Moseley said. "We do a lot together in the real world, we do a lot together in combat, and we work together as a joint team. The academies have a lot of athletic interface, and what a treat it is at the Air Force Classic to (compete against the other academies' cycling teams). I think it's just indicative of the close cooperation and partnership we have across the board."

Air Force hands out end-of-season team awards

Junior Abbey Rogers named the Falcons' MVP

By Valerie Perkin
Athletic communications

The Air Force women's gymnastics coaching staff handed out its 2008 program awards at the annual, end-of-season banquet this past weekend. Junior Abigail Rogers, the co-Gymnast of the Year by the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, was selected as the team MVP, while four other gymnasts received recognition from head coach Doug Day.

Rogers became the first gymnast in Academy history to earn Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Year accolades. An all-conference selection on the balance beam, floor exercise and

all-around, Rogers recorded 13 first-place finishes during the course of the season. She participated in the all-around at the NCAA North Central Regional, was a two-time MPSF Gymnast of the Week and an academic all-conference selection for the second straight year. Rogers, who set personal best marks on every event this season and led the team on the vault, uneven bars, floor exercise and all-around, also led the conference on the floor exercise and all-around.

Brittany Dutton was the recipient of the team's Outstanding Freshman Award. An all-conference honoree on the balance beam and all-around, Dutton earned USA Gymnastics All-America second-team status on the floor exercise and all-around. In just her first year of collegiate competition, she was a participant at the NCAA North Central Regional meet and

tyied for the top balance beam regional qualifying score in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. She also posted the Falcons' second-highest scores on the vault and balance beam.

Sophomore Aftan Boudreaux was named the Most Improved Gymnast. After missing her freshman year with an injury, Boudreaux quickly became a permanent member of the Falcons' uneven bars rotation. In her first year of collegiate gymnastics, she was a scoring member of the uneven bars for Air Force in every meet. She cleared the nine-point plateau in all but two meets and highlighted the season with a 9.650 performance at the MPSF Championships.

Fellow sophomore Michelle Denise was named the Falcons' Hardest Worker, competing in every competition during the season. An all-around competitor at

the NCAA North Central Regional and all-MPSF honoree on the uneven bars, floor exercise and all-around, Denise claimed USAG All-America first-team honors on the uneven bars following a ninth-place finish at the USAG championships. She set career-best marks on every event, while leading the team on the uneven bars.

The Falcons' final award went to freshman Lisa Wong, who was named the team's Most Consistent Performer. Wong competed in every team competition, including eight as an all-around competitor. She was a solid competitor on the vault, balance beam and floor exercise, setting career-best marks on two of these three events during the final meet of the regular season. In fact, her vault score was so "consistent" that it only wavered by .275 the entire season.

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Fire, Fire, Fire!!!

In the past few months the Academy has experienced four small fires which were unreported and were reported to the fire department days after the fires occurred. The fire department wants people to know that all fires need to be called in to 911 immediately, even if they are extinguished. This is required to ensure there are no hidden fire areas that are smoldering and could reignite. Additionally, the fire department needs to document the fire cause in order to track fire trends and educate base personnel in correcting any deficiencies that may be discovered. Each of the four fires did result in minor damage, but fortunately no one was injured. For more information related to fire safety, call the fire prevention office at 333-2473.



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.

TAP seminar

People separating in a year or retiring in two years can call the Airman & Family Readiness Flight to reserve a spot in the next available Transition Assistance Program seminar. The class guides people through building a resume, interviewing skills, networking, dressing for success and more. For more information, call 333-3444.

Tax assistance

The Academy Tax Center remains open past the traditional filing season in an effort to further assist redeploying Airmen. While this service is aimed at accommodating deployers, Airmen who have delayed in filing their taxes for other reasons may be seen on a limited basis. If you will receive a refund, there is no penalty for filing your taxes after the April 15 deadline. If you have taxes due, penalties and interest may be assessed. Airman can avoid these fines by submitting an extension request, along with a check for the amount of taxes owed. Even if a refund is anticipated, submitting an extension request is recommended to preserve any actions tied to a "timely filed" return. The Tax Center operates under the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which is designed to assist in the preparation of simple taxes. The tax preparers are prohibited from preparing business taxes, as well as a few other types of taxes requiring specialized expertise. Hours will be limited. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 333-3642.

Qualification Board

The 2008 Air Force Reserve Brigadier General Qualification Board will convene at the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver Sept. 9. Although not a promotion board, it will identify AFR colonels who have the potential to be assigned to a Reserve general officer position and subsequently compete for promotion. AFR colonels who are currently serving in general officer positions when the board convenes are exempt from consideration. All AFR colonels assigned to the Selected Reserve, those serving in the Participation Individual Ready Reserve, those serving on extended active duty under U.S. Code 10211 and 12310 and reserve officers serving on limited EAD tours are eligible if they meet following criteria: A minimum one year time-in-grade as a colonel on July 9; at least 50 points accrued in each of the two most recent retention/retirement years closing out prior to June 15 and at least 50 points in four of the last five retention/retirement years (if the member's R/R date is between Jan. 1 and June 14, these R/R requirements must be met for R/R years closing out between 2004 and 2008; if the member's R/R date is between June 15 and Dec. 31, these R/R requirements must be met for R/R years closing out between

2003 and 2007); date of birth no earlier than July 10, 1954; mandatory separation date not earlier than Oct. 9, 2009; evidence of satisfactory completion of senior developmental education (any method must be updated in the Military Personnel Data System prior to June 9, (Completion of a one or two week orientation or a similar short course does not satisfy this requirement. Contact your education officer for an inclusive list of applicable schools); and a lead officer with a DOS no later than Sept. 9, 2009.

HQ AF/REG will mail letters announcing the board to all AFR colonels who meet the eligibility requirement specified above. If you believe an individual is eligible and they have not received a letter by June 30, call AF/REG at (703) 695-6811.

For more information, call Maj. Rose Hoffman at (703) 695-6811 or Master Sgt. Purvis Alexander at (703) 614-5384.

MOA lecture

The Military Officers' Association of American presents "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" lecture June 6 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. The presentation, given by the deputy director on the MOAA's national staff, is beneficial for those contemplating retirement or separation within three years. The lecture includes comprehensive information on resumes, cover letters, job search, networking, career fairs, interview techniques, salary negotiation, benefits packages, the current job market and other relevant and important transition topics. The presentation is geared toward officers, but those of all ranks, as well as spouses are welcome to attend. All who attend will receive a free copy of the lecture's companion book, *Marketing Yourself for a Second Career*. For more information or to register, call 333-3444.

Fitness runs offered

The Academy Health and Wellness Center offers a weekly 5K run on the Sante Fe Trail Tuesday, May 20 and May 27. Runs start at 3:30 p.m. and run times, drinks and refreshments will be provided. The run is open to everyone and will begin at the Santa Fe Trail entrance by Park Drive. For directions or more information, call the HAWC at 333-3733.



NORAD celebrates 50 years

NORAD will celebrate its 50th anniversary at the NORAD Golden Jubilee Gala Event at the Broadmoor Hotel Monday. A reception will be held at 6 p.m., and dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Guest speakers at the event include Dr. Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Peter Gordon McKay, Canada's Minister of National Defense, and Dan Clark, motivational speaker. Dress for the event is mess dress or semi-formal for Air Force personnel, service dress whites for Navy personnel, service alphas for Marine Corps personnel, service dress white for Coast Guard personnel and dress blues, class A's with white shirt and bowtie or skirt with white shirt and black tie for Army personnel. For tickets, call the Isis Company at 635-7558. For more information, visit www.norad.mil/50.

Armed Forces Week lunch

An Armed Forces Week Luncheon will be held in Broadmoor Hall at the Broadmoor Hotel May 16. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch starts at noon. Guest speaker for the event is General Gene Renuart, NORAD and USNORTHCOM commander. Tickets are \$35 for active duty, reserve component, DoD civilians and public officials. All others are \$55. Attire for the event is duty uniform. People interested in attending can register at www.coloradospringshcamber.org and click on the Calendar of Events no later than today.

Ruff n Ready event

The Memorial Hospital for Children 2nd Annual Ruff 'n Ready Pet & Kid Safety Fair at Bear Creek Park May 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to all families and their pets. Activities and demonstrations include dancing dogs, El Paso County K-9 Unit demonstrations, Bernese mountain dog drafting, agility courses, pet therapy dog training, alpaca obstacle course/petting, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo animals, pet contests, bike safety rodeo, helmet giveaway and appearances by Smokey the Bear, Buster the Bus and Spark the Dalmatian. There will also be information on car seat, window, balloon and backpack safety, as well as music, food, prizes and giveaways. Admission and activities are free; however, donations will be accepted throughout the event. All proceeds benefit the Memorial Hospital for Children Pediatric Unit helping to continue making this care area more child-friendly and family-centered. For more information, visit www.mhchildren.com or call 365-9094.

Rodeo coming

Tickets for the 68th Annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo are on sale. The rodeo is July 9 to 12 with the Academy sponsoring the matinee on July 12. Adult tickets are \$10, \$15, or \$27 depending on seat location. Children's tickets are \$5, \$7.50 or \$12.50. Military personnel and groups of 20 or more receive a \$2 discount. For tickets, visit www.ticketswest.com or call 576-2626. For more information, visit www.coloradospringsrodeo.com or call 635-1101.

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IF YOU KNOW OF ANY INSTANCES OF FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE, REPORT IT TO ONE OF THE HOTLINE NUMBERS

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