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Majors Night

Cadet 4th Class Nathaniel Shanks from Cadet Squadron 40 pushes buttons and ignites flames during Majors Night activities Wednesday evening in Fairchild Hall. Instructors and peers alike look on with some responding to the instant noise. See more on Majors Night in the Sept. 19 issue of the *Academy Spirit*.

CSAF sets uniform wear policy; Academy Superintendent weighs in

WASHINGTON (AFP) – As of this week, Airmen worldwide are required to wear a combination of the blues uniform each Monday. At a recent four-star conference, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz discussed the issue with other senior leaders.

"We all agreed that part of our image, culture and professionalism is instilled in our blues," General Schwartz said.

In an official Academy Uniform of the Day Policy and Fitness letter dated Tuesday, Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni said, "As you well know in this training environment, we have had a policy where cadets and those around them wear all combinations of uniforms throughout the year, and blues are worn as the uniform of the day Tuesday through Thursday. Since the

entire Air Force will now be wearing blues on Monday, we should as well."

The letter goes on to say, "Effective immediately, the uniform of the day for all Academy personnel is blues Monday through Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be 'warrior days' in recognition of our fighting forces and the lengthy war we are all engaged in."

Firefighters, those who work outdoors performing maintenance, SERE, CATM, K-9, etc. were noted as exceptions to the new Academy policy. Furthermore, those conducting airfield operations will continue to wear flight suits, while fitness instructors in the athletic department will wear their fitness uniforms while conducting classes and coaching. "Areas not specifically mentioned that warrant an excep-

tion should be referred to our vice superintendent for consideration," General Regni said.

Prior to Sept. 11, 2001, blues were the primary duty uniform for most Airmen.

In the health and wellness arena, General Regni reminds everyone of his previous emphasis on fitness. "You have heard me say for several years that, 'Fitness is in at the Academy.'

"I expect all members of Team USAFA to check their reflection and ensure we consistently live and promote our core values of Integrity, Service and Excellence," General Regni said. "Wear all our uniforms proudly—service dress, other combinations of our blue uniforms, Airman Battle Uniforms, mess dress—look sharp, be sharp!," the letter concluded.

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CSAF, Air Force leaders chart service path

Fellow Airmen,

Last week Acting Secretary (Michael) Donley and I hosted a strategic summit with leadership from across the Air Force. This meeting was the latest in an ongoing dialogue with senior leaders as we chart the way ahead for our great institution.

We are still discussing many long-term issues, but we did reach conclusion on several near-term initiatives. Hopefully you have read about some of the key decisions such as halting the move of maintenance personnel into

operations groups and refocusing our uniform efforts to solve current ABU and PT uniform problems. All of the decisions were made in keeping with our “back to basics” approach, and this principle will continue to guide us in the coming months.

In that same spirit, we refined our mission statement to better reflect what we do for the Nation. It is simple: “The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace.” My first Vector outlines how Air Force Global Vigilance, Reach and Power capabilities in air, space and cyber-

space are foundational to the Joint fight. Articulating what we do—what we bring to the Joint fight and how eager we are to serve—is important for every Airman to know and understand.

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101 Critical Days of Summer wrap up

By Lt. Col. Bryan Cessna
Academy Director of Safety

Labor Day marked the end of the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign for 2008. The men and women of the Air Force Academy had a very safe summer. We did not have a fatality during this critical season—well done!

Your actions this summer exemplify the solid Wingman practices and highlight the idea of “Airmen taking care of Airmen.”

Unfortunately, our Air Force lost 16 Airmen during the same period.

Although our numbers were down from the previous two years, the loss of a single Airman is tragic.

Of our 16 fatalities, four were related to sports and recreation activities and five were motorcycle accidents. These two areas contributed to more than 55 percent of the total. I mention these two areas specifically

because Team USAFA can't let its guard down now that summer is over. Colorado offers countless opportunities to get out and enjoy the recreational activities the Rocky Mountains have to offer. Additionally, the temperatures may be getting cooler but there will be many beautiful days to ride your motorcycles around the area.

Throughout the Air Force, three pedestrian accidents occurred late in the summer season. One was caused when a driver got out of his vehicle to check the damage after contacting a concrete barrier and was hit by a tractor-trailer. The other two were a couple hit by a hit-and-run driver while walking near their home. My point here is accidents can happen with no warning and each of us must be both prepared and vigilant at all times for the unexpected.

Your safety staff will continue to stress to everyone to use personal risk management techniques daily. Take a

minute to assess the risks associated with any daily activity and apply a couple mitigation techniques to reduce or eliminate those risks.

For example, if someone must use a weed-eater to trim the grass, mitigate the risk of injury by wearing long clothing and eye protection. Taking those types of simple, common-sense steps for any activity may prevent the next serious mishap.

As the weather cools and fall approaches, think back to those summer months and continue the excellence Team USAFA exhibited in being safe. Your safety staff released a Fall Safety Campaign Wednesday and your unit safety representative and commander have copies for use. The staff here can also provide you with this information.

Call 333-3205 or e-mail: usafa.se@usafa.edu with any questions or comments. Enjoy your weekend and as always—Be Safe!!!

Character Corner The Easier Wrong or Harder Right?

By Capt. Dan Kenny
Center for Character Development

Picture this: you pull into a local drive-thru restaurant for lunch. It's during peak hours — the lunch rush. It takes seemingly forever to get your food. When you finally get to the cashier window, you pay your money and take your change. Without counting your change, you pull away and drive home. You arrive home, go inside and count the change before putting it into your wallet or purse. You notice there are two \$5

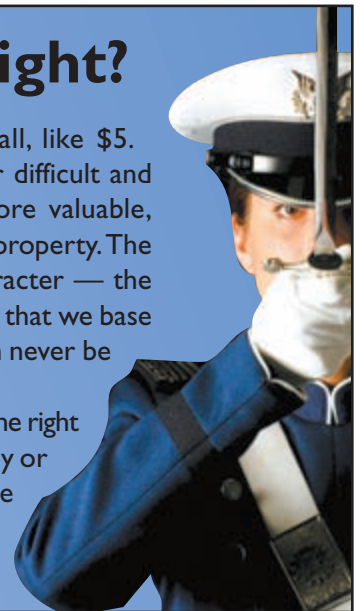
bills stuck together. The fast food restaurant cashier has overpaid you by \$5. What do you do? You're home, shoes off, ready to relax for the afternoon. What do you do? This happened a few months ago to my wife. When she counted the money and realized she was overpaid, she got back in the car and drove back to the restaurant to return the money, even though she was tired and just wanted to relax.

Throughout our lives, we face these decisions — the easier wrong versus the harder right. Sometimes these decisions are easy and can

involve something relatively small, like \$5. Sometimes choices can be rather difficult and can involve something larger, more valuable, such as high-dollar contracts or property. The important point here is that character — the core ethical and moral foundation that we base these types of decisions on — can never be conditional.

We should always strive to do the right thing whether it is popular and easy or unpopular and difficult. If it's the right thing to do, then do it!

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1st Lt.
Nelson Mitchell
HQ USAFA

“Getting up and getting ready for work. The whole process is mundane.”



Staff Sgt.
Sarah Sandifer
306th Operations
Support Squadron



Priority #1 — Developing officers of character

By Capt. Uriah Orland
Academy Public Affairs

“Make no mistake, the mission here is not athletics, not airmanship, not academics — but building officers of character,” Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. John Regni, said.

This clear guidance is why the Academy’s No. 1 strategic goal is: “Focus on leadership and character development.”

“It’s impossible to overestimate the importance of character and leadership in our business — the profession of arms,” said Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins. “Our core values, the cadet honor code, learning values-based leadership, and treating people with respect and dignity — these are the foundations of officer development here. Regardless of individual academic majors, athletic or airmanship achievements, or Air Force Specialty Code, after they leave here, every graduate must get these right.”

On the hill, one can see this goal in action with the honor code prominently displayed on the Terrazzo. Air Officers Commanding and Academy Military Trainers exemplify internalizing the Air Force core values, and faculty members continuously stress the importance of integrity in class through enforcing plagiarism policies and by setting personal examples. In addition, the Center for Character Development conducts regular character seminars and classes for the cadets. However, these are only part of the equation in accomplishing this goal.

Every Academy organization is involved, either directly or indirectly, in developing the future leaders of the Air Force and the nation.

“When cadets see me and how I do my job and carry myself, professionalism



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

is the key,” said Staff Sgt. Justin Lane, installation patrolman, 10th Security Forces Squadron. “When we do dorm patrols and conduct our business in a professional manner, exemplifying the core values, they are respectful in return. We are setting the example now for the enlisted force so when the cadets graduate, they will hopefully carry that respect over onto active duty.”

“Even if personnel don’t see cadets during the day, the cadets see them or the fruits of their labor,” said Vice Superintendent, Col. Paul Ackerman.

From the airfield to the athletic fields, the integration across all Academy organizations is designed to mutually reinforce consistent lessons and messages about character.

“We are working with the faculty and Academy staff to give them some tools and make sure we all have the same vocabulary,” said Col. John Norton, Center for Character Development director. “For example, every summer there is a new

faculty orientation and this year we had a full day where we told the new members about what the mission and vision statements really mean. And, what they really mean is that we all have a role in this. So we gave them some practical examples of how we integrate character and leadership lessons in a PE class or a chemistry class; and it resonated really well.”

Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born summarized the importance of the faculty demonstrating their character every day.

“The most important way we build character in the classroom is by the example we set,” she said. “Every person on the faculty is conscious of the fact that we’re being watched by the cadets in everything we say and do. We accept the premise that character is ‘caught’ as much as it’s ‘taught.’”

In order to better integrate the mission elements, the Center for Character Development will transition into the Center for Character and

Leadership Development as new manning positions are filled. The change will allow the center’s staff to continue the programs they currently conduct, while adding the ability to further develop and assess the effectiveness of Academy training and education.

“The Center for Character Development gets maybe only half a percent of a cadet’s time,” the colonel said. “Because of this, we must effectively integrate our efforts with all mission elements, because commissioning officers of character is the basis of what all MEs do, day-in and day-out.”

In addition to the transition of the center, other MEs are adjusting to better accomplish this goal.

“After the Academy Outcomes were approved, we took a hard look at every program and rewrote syllabi and adjusted operation orders to highlight which outcomes were being focused on during each activity or event,” General Desjardins said.

In the end, all changes are intended to accomplish one thing—to develop officers of character.

“Character goes far beyond merely adhering to the tenants of the cadet Honor Code,” the general said. “It’s about always doing your best, making tough moral choices despite pressures and temptations to the contrary, and showing dignity and respect to the people around you.”

“The four-year Academy experience is really designed to move beyond simply following a set of pre-established rules. Instead, it is about developing an internal motivation to embrace the Core Values of integrity, service and excellence. This occurs when all Academy mission elements are working in concert to systematically reinforce the Academy Outcomes.”

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Academy leadership honors cadet academic Aces

By Capt. Jason Ross
Department of Geo Sciences

Academy senior leaders gathered to pay tribute to a remarkable group of cadets Sept. 4 at a reception hosted by Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born. The reception honored the newest members of the Dean's Aces (4.0 GPA). Of 4,354 members within the Cadet Wing last semester, 22 cadets earned an A in every class including physical education.

All four classes were represented on the list, which included a number of intercollegiate athletes, high-ranking members of the cadet chain of command and scholarship winners/candidates. Five of the 22 Aces are in the Academy Scholars Program. Thirteen different majors were represented led by five cadet Aces from management and four from economics.

Regarding backgrounds, three Aces were awarded graduate scholarships, six participated in varsity athletics, two attended the U.S. Naval Academy last semester as exchange students, one Ace attended the Academy Preparatory School, and one Ace continued the Long Blue Line started by their parents ('78 and '81 Academy grads).

Given this remarkable achievement, many have achieved Aces notoriety before to include now 2nd Lt. Kenneth Grosslin, the Aces event's third quadruple Ace ever, and seven double Aces; 2nd Lts. Kevin Pastoor, Thomas Stuart, Cadet 1st Class Brad Dewees, Cadets 2nd Class Micheal Albert, Nicholas Carter, Rexford Pearce, and former Cadet 3rd Class Robert Durbin.

"The enormous talent represented within the Cadet Wing is particularly evident in this evening's function since



Brig. Gen Dana Born recently hosted a special reception for cadet "Aces."

Courtesy Photo

every cadet was also a member of the superintendent's, commandant's or athletic lists," General Born said. "Earning a 4.0 GPA is a remarkable achievement at any university, and even more remarkable at the Academy, given a cadet's academic load, military training, professional obligations and participation in sports and extra-curricula activities."

"This event was absolutely amazing," said Cadet 2nd Class Thomas Meyer.

Cadet Dewees, 3rd Cadet Group commander, said nine of the 13 Aces attending are from Group 3.

"Getting the opportunity to talk face-to-face with the senior leadership about current issues or their experiences was great, but the food was better," said Cadet 1st Class Brent Whiteman.

Senior leadership attending the dinner included Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni, Vice Superintendent Col. Paul Ackerman, Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins, Director of Athletics Dr. Hans Mueh, Vice Dean of the Faculty Col. John Andrew, Command Chief Arvin Davis and their spouses.

Spring 2008 Aces Club

Cadet	Class Year	SQ	Major
Kenneth Grosslin****	2008	20	Mathematics
Lars-Kristian Hinrichsen	2008	19	Management
Kevin Pastoor**	2008	13	Chemistry
Zachary Pierce	2008	26	Foreign Area Studies
Frank Schiavone	2008	36	Management
Thomas Stuart**	2008	36	Physics
Abraham Umanah	2008	3	Economics
Joshua Van Wyngaarden	2008	21	Biology
Brad Dewees**	2009	22	Systems Engineering Management
Thomas Meyer	2009	1	Electrical Engineering
Abbey Rogers	2009	22	Behavioral Sciences
Jared Tuinstra	2009	29	Aeronautical Engineering
Michael Albert**	2010	29	Economics
Nicholas Carter**	2010	9	Aeronautical Engineering
Robert Durbin**	2010	24	Operations Research
Rexford Pearce**	2010	21	Management
Erinn Scott	2010	18	Mechanical Engineering
Brent Whiteman	2010	19	Management
Joseph Fry	2011	27	Economics
Andrew Mills	2011	34	Mechanical Engineering
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Original Air Force Academy faculty member dies

By Capt. Elizabeth Mathias
Academy Department of English

One of the U.S. Air Force Academy's original permanent professors, retired Brig. Gen. Peter Moody, died from natural causes Aug. 23 in Fayetteville, N.C., at the age of 91.

General Moody was among the first permanent professors appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy and was the first head of the Department of English. General Moody served as department head from 1954 to 1967, and as permanent professor from 1958 to 1967.

"Our thoughts are with General Moody's family as they mourn his loss, a loss we feel as well," said Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born. "The Air Force Academy owes much of our academic excellence to his vision of service and scholarship. We



Gen. Peter Moody

will remember him always."

"General Moody established the foundation for the teaching of humanities disciplines at the Air Force Academy," said Col. Kathleen Harrington, permanent professor and English department head. "Cadets continue to learn the life experiences literature affords and the communication skills necessary for leadership because of General Moody's early commitment to the Academy's program."

General Moody was born in Dillon, S.C., April 5, 1917. He graduated from Wofford College in South Carolina and was pursuing a Master's Degree at Duke University at the outset of World War II. He then entered the U.S. Military Academy in 1938 where, as a first class cadet, he taught English in place of faculty members who had been ordered overseas into combat. Upon graduation from West Point in 1942, then 2nd Lt. Moody flew fighters with the 393rd Fighter Squadron on 69 combat missions in Europe.

Lt. Col. Moody was teaching English at West Point when Gen. Robert McDermott, the Air Force Academy's first permanent professor and dean of the faculty, recruited him to become part of the

Academy's original cadre.

General Moody also served as the first vice dean of the faculty and as the chair of the humanities division, as well as chaired several committees, including the committee on curriculum enrichment, which formed the school's academic majors, and the library committee.

General Moody's military decorations include the legion of merit, distinguished flying cross, air medal with 10 oak-leaf clusters, French Croix de Guerre, and various air campaign medals. He completed his master's degree in 1947 and later earned a doctorate from Cambridge University, England, in 1963.

General Moody is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons, Peter Jr., Joseph and Benjamin; two daughters, Judith McDermott and Melissa Hawes; stepdaughter Jacqueline Bradley; two brothers, Jerry and Jack; 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He died peacefully in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville in the company of family and friends.

A funeral service with full military honors will be held at the Fort Myer Old Post Chapel in Arlington, Va., on Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.

Pilots continue treatment for injuries from crash

As of Wednesday two pilots continue treatment in Pueblo hospitals for injuries sustained in an aircraft accident Monday.

The Doss Aviation DA-20 Falcon trainer aircraft crashed near Pueblo Memorial Airport, with two people on board. They were Mr. Levi Brown, instructor pilot, and Air Force 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Schmidt, student pilot.

Mr. Brown is being treated at St. Mary Corwin Medical Center while Lieutenant Schmidt, a 2008 Academy graduate, is being treated at Parkview Medical Center.

Their single-engine trainer aircraft was based out of Pueblo Memorial Airport, and operated by Doss Aviation under contract to the U.S. Air Force. The aircraft is part of the Air Force's Initial Flight Screening

program. This program introduces basic aviation skills to and screens new officers for pilot and combat systems officers career fields.

Since this crash involved a civilian aircraft, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Air Force are investigating the accident.



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Parents' Weekend success reflects team effort

By Ken Carter
Editor

Unlike other Air Force bases that host airshows or open houses, the Air Force Academy opens its gates once a year for parents and family members of the more than 4,000 cadets to come and learn what the Academy's all about.

Nearly 9,000 guests visited their cadets Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. Many attended classes, a Cadet Wing parade on Stillman Parade Field, an information fair at Arnold Hall, various organizational open houses and took a tour of Jacks Valley. The weekend was highlighted by a Falcon football home-game victory.

Since Sept. 1, parents have written and called to say how much they enjoyed time with their cadets and all Parents' Weekend related activities. One commented, "I was able to participate in class as if I belonged there, but didn't have to do the homework!" She described her family's experiences with the flight simulator, the well-organized tour of Jacks Valley and the excellent bus system throughout the weekend.

No one knows better what it takes logistically to receive this kind of response than Sue Christensen from the Academy's Plans and Programs office.

Hard work, thoughtful communication and planning, and organizational support are always key.



Photo by Ken Carter

Visiting parents explored Academy organizational displays and spoke with unit representatives in the Arnold Hall ballroom Aug. 29.

"It takes months of planning and coordination to pull off this event," Ms. Christensen said. "This year we hosted nearly 9,000 parents and family members of our Cadet Wing, from all cadet classes. It's a lot of work but worth it to see all the smiling faces and excited people who come out for Parents' Weekend."

Organizations from across the Academy played vital roles. "Personnel from DF, CW, AD, the Air Base Wing, Prep School and the USAFA DRU all came together to ensure Parents' Weekend activities came off without a hitch," she said.

According to Ms. Christensen, among the many organizations offering exceptional support was the Dean of the Faculty staff.

"They played an invaluable role by

managing an information table and 'Lost Parents booth' at the base of the Core Values Ramp Aug. 29. They assisted more than 100 parents and guests in finding and meeting up with their cadets. They answered questions, provided refreshments and acted as hosts to the many guests throughout the day," she said.

Success doesn't just happen overnight.

"We start coordinating the schedule of events early in the year and post it on the Web site for the new appointee parents to review and to assist them in making their travel arrangements," Ms. Christensen said. "Meetings begin in earnest in June, immediately following graduation, and continue right up to Labor Day."

Any event of this magnitude comes with its share of logistical challenges.

Among them is ensuring correct information gets to parents. Academy Plans and Programs does this by providing detailed information on the Academy Web site, as well as overseeing the Parents' Weekend hotline and the Parents' Weekend mailing to fourth-class cadet parents. The office provides an advance brochure, a schedule of events, Academy maps and base parking passes. It also works with cadets to ensure they are communicating with their guests prior to arrival.

With challenges also come rewards. Ms. Christensen said knowing parents and guests enjoyed their visits and feel the various activities and tours were helpful in learning more about the Academy is plenty of reward.

No significant changes are anticipated in the 2009 Parents' Weekend, however, the aim is to continue to improve the information fair with more vendors. "We also hope to provide more and varied cadet clubs and performing groups at Arnold Hall to showcase the opportunities cadets have to broaden their talents during their time here," Ms. Christensen said.

Anyone with comments or suggestions for Parents' Weekend 2009, (Sept. 4-7), may e-mail: special.events@usafa.edu.

Parents' Weekend 2009 information will be posted on the USAFA Web site by the end of 2008.

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JAG corps announces law school programs

Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are being accepted from Jan. 1 through March 1, 2009. Interested officers are encouraged to compete.

"Our Air Force missions are constantly changing, and commanders deserve to have access to legal advisors with a broad background of military experiences," said Col. Robin Moro, the chief of the professional development division in the office of the judge advocate general. "The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a corps of officers whose military experience complements their legal training, providing commanders with the highest caliber of legal support."

Air Force JAGs do more than just provide legal assistance. In addition to prosecuting and defending clients brought before courts-martial, JAG officers routinely participate in nearly every facet of the Air Force mission, including developing and acquiring weapons systems, ensuring availability of airspace and ranges where those systems are tested and operated, consulting with commanders about how those systems are employed in armed conflict, and assisting commanders in the day-to-day running of military installations around the world. Every facet of every Air Force mission is bound by elements of the law.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies

program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers. It is an assignment action, and participants receive full pay, allowances, and tuition. Applicants must have between two and six years active duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade captain or below as of the day they begin law school. The FLEP is subject to tuition limitations, and positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. The Air Force Institute of Technology tuition limit for fiscal 2009 is expected to be set at approximately \$10,000 per year.

The ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. Participants do not receive pay and allowances, but remain on active duty for retirement eligibility and benefits purposes. Applicants must have between two and 10 years active-duty service and must be in the pay grade captain or below as of the first day of law school.

Applications will be accepted from through the first quarter of 2009. Both the FLEP and ELP require attendance at an American Bar Association approved law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States, or a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates.

To be considered for FLEP or ELP, applicants must have completed all application forms, applied (acceptance is not

required at the time of application for FLEP/ELP) to at least one ABA approved law school, received their law school admissions test results, and completed a staff judge advocate interview by March 1, 2009. Officers must also provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. Selection for both programs is competitive.

Applications meet a selection board in early March, and selections are made

based on a review of the entire application package using a "whole person" concept. AFI 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, Chapters two and three, discuss the FLEP and ELP.

For more information and application materials, visit www.airforce.com/jag, contact your base legal office, or contact Capt. Afsana Ahmed, HQ USAF/JAX (afsana.ahmed@pentagon.af.mil or 1-800-JAG-USAF).



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30-Year Pin

Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins presents Scott Fisher with his 30-year-pin in a ceremony Sept. 4. Since arriving at the Academy, Mr. Fisher has worked as a scheduler in the commandant of cadets' mission element, where he currently supervises two civilian employees, schedules cadets for altitude chamber training, and oversees the production of the spring break, fall transition, Thanksgiving, winter break and graduation operation orders.

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Fall Falcon Heritage Forum: Korea: "The Unresolved Conflict"

By Maj. Thomas Devore
Center for Character Development

Next week, the cadets and staff will have the opportunity to meet with distinguished veterans and active-duty members as the Center for Character Development hosts the Fall Falcon Heritage Forum. During this event, more than 40 guests will visit, speak to, and interact with the Cadet Wing. Additionally, other Academy members are invited to attend two keynote addresses Wednesday and Thursday evening in F1, Fairchild Hall, at 7:10 p.m.

The event's theme, "Korea: The Unresolved Conflict," focuses on honoring veterans who have served in Korea since 1950. As a special guest on Friday, Col. (retired) Buzz Aldrin will speak to Academy firsties of first group, astronautical and aeronautical majors and faculty, Cadet Wing staff and Academy faculty. Colonel Aldrin flew


the F-86 Sabre during the Korean War.

The Academy's premier cadet-veteran symposium, which began in 1996 as a small, informal gathering of interested cadets and veterans, has matured into a major, semi-annual event. The symposium lasts four days, attracts veterans from around the world and involves the entire Cadet Wing. Each year, cadets and forum veterans suggest themes for future forums.

This year's forum begins Sept. 17 with keynote addresses in Fairchild Hall, F1, H1, H2 and D2. Throughout the following three days, the event will continue as the visiting veterans attend classes with their cadet escorts and speak to cadets in their squadrons. The highlight of the final day will be the Falcons' squaring off against Utah Sept. 20.

For more information, contact the Academy Center for Character Development at 333-8557 or visit the Web site at www.usafa.af.mil/fhf.

**USAFA Goal:
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The Academy's Combined Federal Campaign is set to run Sept. 30 through Nov. 11. This year's goal is to raise \$520,000. Below are the mission element project officers and their contact information. Watch the Academy Spirit for more information and updates.

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According to Joe, "I started investing in properties using the strategy outlined in this free report in April of 2004. I have accumulated 20 homes that combined are paying me \$4,363 of cash flow each and every month. Plus I have locked in \$580,442 of profit. I plan on quitting my 9 to 5 job next month and will be able to live off of the income from my properties!"

Joe was amazed at the profits that could be obtained using this simple investing strategy. He said that he never wanted to invest in real estate because he didn't want to spend his evenings and weekends fixing up homes. Joe isn't very handy and he didn't enjoy installing toilets, laying tile and painting.

Luckily, Joe read a real estate investing report entitled, "How to Make

\$112,284 Each & Every Year Investing in Real Estate without Touching a Screwdriver" and learned a simple strategy for profiting from investing in nice homes in nice areas. Joe stated that the majority of homes he had invested in were in move in condition. In a few cases, his homes were so nice that he had rented his properties before he even got his keys at the closing.

Joe liked this approach because it didn't require him to have the financial risk of having to pay the mortgage, taxes and insurance costs for a property during a rehab project.

Joe said that this approach eliminated the majority of the risk and, best of all; he could invest in his spare time. The approach seems to be working because Joe will be retiring from his \$120,000 a year corporate job at the age of 35.

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Supreme Court Justice Breyer rules Academy "beautiful"

By Capt. Corinna Jones
Academy Public Affairs

The verdict is in after Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Steven Breyer experienced his first taste of the Academy Sept. 4.

"I've wanted to see this place and now I have and it's beautiful, beautiful, beautiful," he said.

Justice Breyer received a tour, which included the Cadet Chapel, Mitchell Hall, Cadet Squadron 36 and a peek at a cadet fourth class' dorm room. At the end of the tour he was presented a squadron coin. His wife, Dr. Joanna Breyer, joined him for the tour. In the evening, he addressed more than 1,000 cadets at Fairchild Hall.

"As a beginning law student, it was an over-the-top experience to see a Supreme Court Justice speak at the Academy," said Cadet 3rd Class Katie Schule who is currently enrolled in Law 220. "Not only did Justice Breyer explain some of the specifics of his job, but he also shared a glimpse of his judicial philosophy. The part of his speech I found most surprising was his definition of opinions, and how differing opinions often are not black and white but rather 'different shades of each other.'"

Justice Breyer informed cadets of his experience of serving on the court, candidly describing the experience as a lot of reading, writing and essentially doing "a lot of homework for the rest of my life."

In all seriousness, Justice Breyer defined the court process as helping people work through their differences.

"People argue and, when they can't settle it, they go to a lawyer. If the lawyer can't settle it, they go to a judge," he said. "I help people solve their problems under the law."

Justice Breyer stressed to the cadets that 90 percent of the law is established at the state level and is where the majority of cases will and should be settled.

"Federal law is important, but don't think it's the most important. It is an invisible tip on a giant iceberg," he said. "If you want to make a difference, do it in your home town. Don't go running to Washington."

Justice Breyer summarized the Supreme Court as creating a uniform ruling, where circumstances call for it, usually because there is a "division in the mallet."

"Someone has to have the last word. Appeals can't go on endlessly," he said.

Cadets had their chance to address Justice Breyer, asking pointed questions on the judicial decision process involving child rape, disclosing secret information in the court room and the medicinal use of marijuana, to name a few topics.

"Justice Breyer's presentation was entertaining and educational, and served to reaffirm many of the skills and concepts we focus on in our law courses," said Col. Paul Pirog, permanent professor and head of the Academy's Department of Law. "Justice Breyer was amazed by the stunning beauty of the Academy, but was even more impressed by the exceptional quality of the cadets he met personally and by the questions they asked him following his presentation."

Justice Breyer, attorney and jurist, has served as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court since 1994, when appointed by President Bill Clinton.

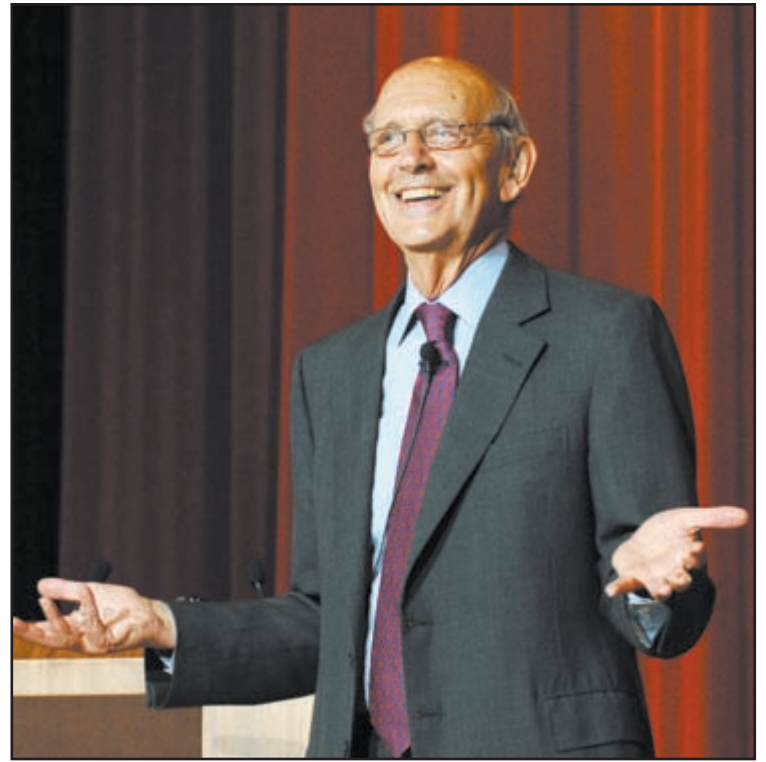


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Justice Breyer address cadets in Fairchild Hall Sept. 4.

"The most exciting thing is we see people of every race, every religion and every view point," he said. "You get to see what a big country it is and it really is a kind of a miracle," he said. "It was a thrill for me on day one and will be a thrill on day 10,000."

Following a clerkship with Supreme Court Associate Justice Arthur Goldberg in 1964, Justice Breyer became well-known as a law professor and lecturer at Harvard Law School starting in 1967. There he specialized in the area of administrative law, writing a number of influential text books that remain in use today. He held other prominent positions before being nominated for the U.S. Supreme Court, including special assistant to the U.S. Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust, and assistant special prosecutor on the Watergate Special Prosecution Force in 1973.



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“Our Airmen are stationed and deployed around the world protecting the freedoms embodied in our Constitution,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. “As we celebrate the anniversary of this landmark document, I hope we all take a moment to remember those currently serving our nation, as well as those who have made the

ultimate sacrifice and their families who are left behind.”

To assist in celebrating this event, training and educational materials will be provided to all DOD employees to encourage them to hold ceremonies and special programs.

The Web site, <http://constitutionday.cpms.osd.mil/>, provides useful information and resources, including an interactive course that helps people learn more about the Constitution and how this landmark document continues to guide this nation. Monday, the site will add a special video presentation featuring

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, retired associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Patricia Bradshaw, deputy under secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy, says we have a special obligation to understand and appreciate the Constitution and the role we each play in providing “for the common defense.”

“Observance of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day,” she says, “is one way for each of us to take some time to reflect upon our civic duties, rights and obligations through a renewed appreciation of this document.”



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Got Bones?

Two CH-53s from Hurlburt Field touched down on the Terrazzo Wednesday morning for static display.

They were on their way to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group, Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., also known as the “boneyard.”

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Compassion spurs cadets in 'Race for the Cure'

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Cadet Squadron 11 members participated in the Race for the Cure Sunday, a project especially meaningful to these cadets since their Air Officer Commanding's wife is a breast cancer survivor.

The Race for the Cure opened at 5:30 a.m. with a 5-K run and a one-mile fun walk. A third option, "Sleep in for the Cure," was also available for non-early-bird types.

"It was part of our squadron's community service learning project for the year," said Cadet 2nd Class Laura Regnier, a foreign studies major from Oaxaco, Mexico. "This race supports the research and potential cure for a type of cancer that has touched nearly everyone's family in one way or another. The Rebels recognize these things and are willing to offer their time and energy for such a worthwhile cause."

Squadron members decided to take on the project after Amy Dayton shared with the squadron members the story of her fight against cancer.

"Our AOC's wife, a breast cancer survivor, led a team called 'USAF for the Cure,'" Cadet Regnier said. "This team numbered around 60 and was comprised of CS-11 cadets and others, including AOC's and Academy Military Trainers."

Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins and her husband also participated.

Cadets took on many different jobs. Some set up tables and chairs for official race sponsor tents while others constructed



Cadets 1st Class Laura Regnier and Brooke Cultra and Cadet 3rd Class Adrienne Torielli set up sponsor banners during "Race for the Cure."



Cadet 4th Class Yagie Janisch sets up cones and ropes in a parking lot.

the expo area for clinic and cancer centers to provide knowledge relating to breast cancer.

Cadets served as security augmentees with the Colorado Springs Police Department, performing parking and traffic duty, officiated at the start and finish lines and manned the aid stations along the course. Several served in the pre- and post-race refreshment tents.

Most everyone helped clean up after the race by tearing down equipment, banners, tables and chairs.

Every academic year, each cadet squadron is required to plan and carry out a community service project. Guidelines are provided, but the actual project and details the squadron decides. The goal is to promote good citizenship and the Air Force Core Value "Service Before Self."

The Race for the Cure project went beyond the annual requirement.

"I was touched to see not only how many cadets and permanent party volunteered their time and energy, but also how many have donated beyond the amount required to register for the race," Cadet Regnier said.

According to Cadet Regnier, time and money are scarce resources for many cadets and it meant a lot to see both given away so freely to the community.

"At the end of the day we knew we'd helped in the fight against cancer," she said. "And who knows when the day will finally



Left to right: Maj. Alan Dayton and Cadets 1st Class Jeremy Fox and Derek Candiotti transport supplies for "Race for the Cure."

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STEM members, Indian schools

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

A Science, Technology, Engineering and Math outreach program for schools on Indian reservations in New Mexico prompted Academy computer specialist Kwi Spinks to lead cadets there last month.

"I volunteered for it since it seemed very intriguing to see how other middle or high school children respond to the STEM outreach programs we offer," said the Pusan, Korea, born Department of Astronautics employee. "It can be very helpful to get different perspectives on education and our civic responsibilities."

What she found was that successful STEM workshops are very much dependent on the school's academic level.

"In one high school, the students' academic knowledge level was very impressive, most of them had very good knowledge about what we were talking about, they participated enthusiastically in our program and enjoyed themselves," Ms. Spinks said. "In another high school, students did not have as much academic knowledge and not as much enthusiasm, but they still participated and seemed to have a wonderful time."

Students' reactions also varied depending on the school," Ms. Spinks said. "All audiences were very impressed when the two cadets, Cadets 1st Class Jennifer Johnson and Samuel Gay, talked about why they joined the Academy, what they are studying, and what they could do with the tremendous opportunities the Academy has offered them."

The trip made Cadet Johnson realize what it feels like to have both highly motivated students, as well as ones who are not.

She didn't mince words.

"I can see why some instructors have such a hard time here," she said. "In all schools, I saw students who had a plan in life, motivated to do well and explore. I also saw the complete opposite, with students who were not motivated, had no plans or outlook on life, and generally got through the time with me as conflict in the way of their happiness, whatever it may be."

The cadets visited mostly high school students, many excited to be doing the workshops as well as



Cadets 1st Class Samuel Gay and Jennifer Johnson demonstrate how a bridge is set up and give students supplies at La Cueva High School. Courtesy Photos

possibly pursuing careers in science or technology.

"Some were excited to talk to us, and we allowed that after our quick brief and opening introductions," said CS-09's space operations major. "Actually, it was the older students who had more questions than the youth. I think we are intimidating because of the knowledge we have and excitement we bring to the table."

"Some kids were hard to reach," said Cadet Gay. "You had to talk about football or the Olympics to draw them in. Once you got them involved, however, they were motivated to accomplish the tasks given them. The middle school students were all about volunteering. As soon as they heard the word volunteer, they were all eyes and ears. The high school students on the other

hand were too cool for that."

He said he really had to judge the level of understanding of his audience before he could delve deep into tough engineering concepts.

"A middle school girl at Menaul asked me what kind of jobs you could get after going through the Academy," Cadet Gay said. "I rattled off a few and she replied, 'I want to be a teacher.' What kind of teacher I asked and she said, 'homeroom teacher.' I said 'yes you could be a homeroom teacher if you went to the Academy.'"

The Academy team made its way to Waltowa High Charter School, the La Cueva High School and Menaul Middle and High Schools.



Cadet 1st Class Jennifer Johnson looks on as student work an assigned project.



Cadet 1st Class Jennifer Johnson and Lt. Col. Lynnane George, head of the Academy's Department of Astronautics, help the Waltowa High School students break bridges.

Academy honors grads with memorial dedication

By Staff Sgt. Tim Jenkins
Academy Public Affairs

The Academy honored two 2001 graduates with the dedication of memorial display cases Friday in the McDermott Library.

Academy staff, cadets, members of the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron and Air Force Special Operations Command, and family and friends honored Capt. Derek Argel and Capt. Jeremy Fresques with display cases containing items from their days as cadets and their time as special tactics officers. The two were killed in plane crash while deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq in 2005.

"These cases will serve as reminders to all who view them, not only of those who came before, but also the service, sacrifice and the very real cost of war," said Cadet 1st Class Jared Tuinstra, the master of ceremonies for the dedication.

Captain Argel and Captain Fresques were assigned as special tactics officers to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla. In 2005, Captain Argel and Captain Fresques were deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, and on Memorial Day that year, Captain Argel and Captain Fresques, Maj. William Downs, Staff Sgt. Casey Crate and Iraqi Air Force Capt. Ali Abass died when the Iraqi reconnaissance aircraft they were in crashed in the eastern Diyala Province, Iraq.

Debbie Argel-Bastian, mother of Captain Argel, spoke at the ceremony.

"Derek was an absolutely remarkable person. He was 6 foot 6 and everyone said that if he shook your hand you had a friend for life," she said. He made a decision in the 5th grade that he would attend a service academy and become the best officer he could. He loved what he was doing, and at one time he said to me, 'Mom, I'm not going out behind a desk. I'm going out on a mission.'"

Todd Allison, also a 2001 Academy graduate and former roommate of Captain Fresques, spoke at the ceremony, remembering Captain Fresques as fierce and competitive with unmatched loyalty, courage, integrity and passion. He said the dedication of the memorial displays will help him and the Fresques family with the healing process.

"It's healing I think for the both of us. For me, losing a best friend — a brother, and for (the Fresques family) losing a son, it's a good therapy," he said.

Lt. Col. Eric Ray, 720th Special Tactics Group deputy commander, also spoke at the dedication and reflected on the importance of the memorial displays and of remembering the sacrifices made by Captains Argel and Fresques.



Courtesy Photo

Capt. Derek Argel, a 2001 Academy graduate, was killed in a plane crash in Iraq in 2005.



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

Friends and family unveil the memorial display case for Capt. Jeremy Fresques at the McDermott Library Sept. 5.

"This memorial serves as a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by these two men," he said. "As time passes, memories fade and details forgotten, these memorials remain to serve as a compass for future leaders and warriors. A guide to the values we embrace: integrity, selflessness, excellence and courage. This will serve as an inspiration to other young men and women willing to dedicate their lives to this country, their service and their team."

Following Colonel Ray's remarks and the unveiling of the memorial displays, Senior Master Sgt. Tony Travis from the 23rd STS lead ceremony attendees in memorial pushups on the Terrazzo.

The memorial display cases will be located in the captains' former cadet squadrons: Cadet Squadron 2 for Captain Argel, and CS-29 for Captain Fresques.

"The cases are absolutely beautiful, so our hope is that all of the cadets who come through here are able to take a look at them, read about Derek and Jeremy and see what their lives were like," said Mrs. Argel-Bastian.



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Capt. Jeremy Fresques was trained as a special tactics officer shortly after graduating from the Academy in 2001.



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

The memorial display case for Captain Derek Argel is unveiled. The case will be permanently displayed in Cadet Squadron 2, the squadron Captain Argel was assigned to as a cadet. Capt. Jeremy Fresques' display will be in CS-29.

Pentagon unveils 9/11 Memorial

Sept. 11, 2001, should have been a typical Tuesday morning for most Americans, but it became a day we will never forget. Like few days in our history, most of us will remember exactly what we were doing when the news flashed across our television screens or when we heard the announcement on the radio.

As the World Trade Center burned in New York City as a result of two terrorist-hijacked aircraft crashing into them, Americans were shocked again when it was revealed that a third plane struck the west side of the Pentagon, killing 184 people, including all 59 passengers onboard.

The loss of fellow servicemen and women—as well as the passengers on the plane—devastated members of the Air Force and the country.

On the seventh anniversary of “9/11,” defense officials will dedicate the Pentagon Memorial as a lasting tribute to those who died. Here are some facts to keep in mind as you reflect on the significance of that day and the memorial:

The attacks of Sept. 11 occurred 60 years to the day of the groundbreaking for the construction of the Pentagon, which took place Sept. 11, 1941.



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This artist's rendition of the Pentagon Memorial shows the 184 memorial units, each dedicated to an individual victim, including the 59 lives lost on American Airlines Flight 77 and the 125 lives lost in the Pentagon. The memorial was dedicated Thursday.

The Pentagon Memorial—built on nearly two acres of land outside the Pentagon—includes 184 memorial benches, each dedicated to a victim. Fifty-nine of the benches face one direction for the victims who died on the plane, and the remaining 125 face the other direction for those who died in the Pentagon.

An “Age Wall” surrounds a perimeter bench

around the memorial and is designed to grow in height beginning at three inches up to 71 inches above the seating surface. It represents the age in years from the youngest victim to the oldest. Each victim's name is inscribed on a bench, and the benches are arranged by age.

In all, more than 3,000 people died in the attacks of Sept. 11, and more than 4,500 servicemembers have since died fighting terrorism around the globe. Today, 201,100 servicemembers, including 26,000 Airmen, are deployed in support of the war.



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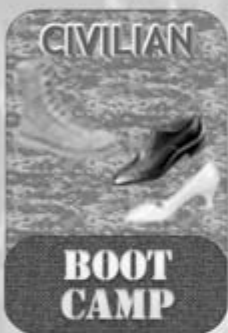
The memorial for John Yamnicky and the other 183 people killed on board American Airlines Flight 77 that hit the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001, is shown. Mr. Yamnicky is the father of Master Sgt. Jennifer Yamnicky, an Air National Guardsman stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

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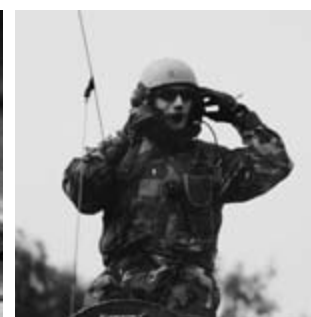
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Protecting the Academy, everyone's responsibility

By James Rowell
Academy Anti-Terrorism Office

With the fall comes Academy football season and the Air Force four-star summit, CORONA. As the Academy opens the base to visitors and high visual events, the risk of potential attacks increase.

Everyone in the Academy community can help protect against terrorist activities through the program Operation Eagles Eyes. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations developed Eagle Eyes in April 2002 to prevent terrorism by teaching Airmen and citizens how to spot and report suspicious activity.

The 2008 Department of Homeland Security risk assessment still identifies Al-Qaida as the number-one threat towards America, with the goal to produce a mass casualty attack. The Academy does not have indication of specific threats towards the Academy, but personnel should never let their guard down.

"If we're truly going to win the global war on terrorism, it will take everyone's support," said Mr. Paul Ceciliani, Academy anti-terrorism officer. "We want to continue to reemphasize the program because people can get complacent when it comes to spotting suspicious activity. At the Academy with our event cordon and large events we host, it's even more important our awareness levels stay high. The Eagle Eyes program is a lot like a neigh-

borhood watch program for the Air Force."

However, OSI and security forces can't be everywhere. Anti-terrorism officials rely on citizens to be aware and notice when something is out of place. Terrorist acts are not spontaneous activities that "just happen," they require careful planning.

Suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the security forces desk, 333-2000, who will notify the OSI agent on call to investigate. With your help, we will have another safe and successful football season.

There are seven categories of suspicious activities that warrant reporting:

Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

Elicitation: People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.

Tests of security: Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

Acquiring supplies: Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes

or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

Suspicious persons out of place: People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

Dry run: Putting people into position and moving them around according

to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

Deploying assets: People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.



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Falcons defense stuns Wyoming, 23-3

By John Van Winkle
Academy Public Affairs

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AFPN) – A 74-yard end-around by Falcons wide receiver Kyle Halderman broke Air Force and Wyoming out of their defensive slugfest and gave the Falcons the game-deciding play.

The game was deadlocked at a yawn-inspiring 6-3 as the teams relied solely on the run and traded field goals, while the defenses ruled until the middle of the third quarter.

“It was a little frustrating to only get field goals as points, and in the next few games we have to turn those into touchdowns,” said Falcons Head Coach Troy Calhoun.

But, by calling the end-around, Coach Calhoun found a way to find one touchdown. From the Falcons’ 25-yard line, quarterback Shea Smith pitched the ball to Halderman, who picked up just enough key blocks to get around the outside. Emerging from traffic, the wide receiver dashed for daylight down the left sideline in what would be the game’s longest play.

“I thought for sure Halderman’s run would get into the end zone. On a play like that you have to make sure you don’t hit a triple and then squeeze in a run, you want to be able to get a score on that play,” said Coach Calhoun.

Wyoming safety Chris Prosinski took just enough of an angle to tackle Halderman at the 2-yard line.

Two plays later, quarterback Shea Smith dove into the end zone to score the game’s first touchdown.

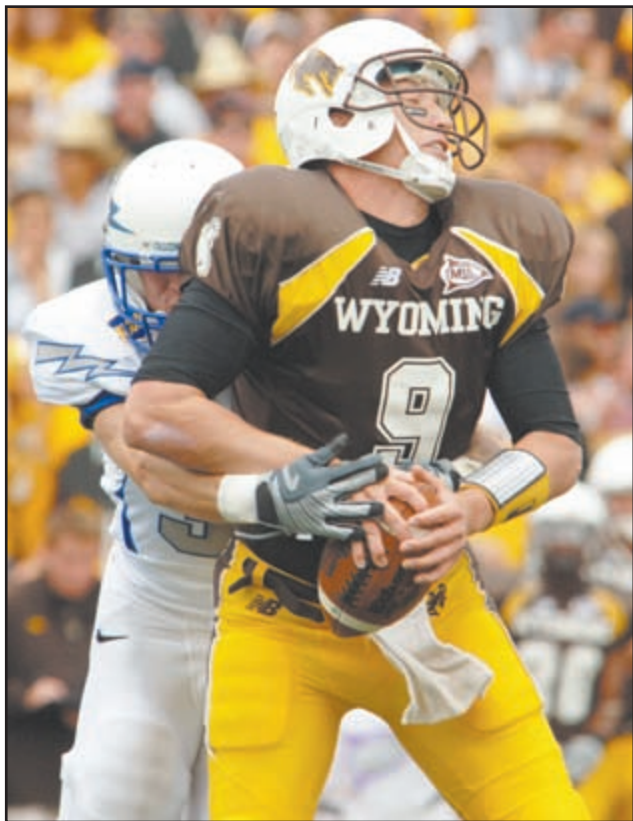


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Above: Falcons’ strong safety Chris Thomas puts Wyoming quarterback Dax Crum in a bear hug and forces Wyoming’s first fumble of the game.

Photo by Denise Navoy

Right: Senior fullback Todd Newell dives over the top of the pile to score the game’s second touchdown and put the game out of reach for Wyoming.

Kicker Ryan Harrison added the extra point, giving the Falcons a comfortable 13-3 lead with four minutes left in the third quarter.

With a 10-point lead, the Falcons kept the ball on the ground with a double tight-end formation to grind out the clock and wear down the Wyoming Cowboy defenders. Well into the fourth quarter, the Falcons’ classic ball control offense kept piling on the yards, until fullback Todd Newell dove over the pile for a one-yard touchdown. Harrison added another extra point giving Air Force a 23-3 lead with only 2:27 left in the game.

But Wyoming still kept coming. Starting at their 20, the Cowboys opened up their aerial attack behind quarterback Dax Crum and drove to midfield. Then Falcons defensive end Jake Paulson stripped the ball from Crum while fellow defensive lineman Rick Ricketts recovered the fumble. A few kneel-downs later and the Falcons recorded a 23-3 victory.

The three points allowed by Air Force is the team’s best-ever defensive effort in a Mountain West Conference game, in the 10-year existence of the conference. It also notches an important win on the Falcons’ 2-0 season record.

“Anytime you win on the road it’s a big win,” said Coach Calhoun. “But when you beat a team that has a tough defense and a good offensive line, then it becomes a little bigger.”

Coach Calhoun was quick to credit the win to his defense, which has only allowed opponents to score 10



Photo by John Van Winkle

Falcons’ linebacker Andre Morris makes sure Wyoming quarterback Dax Crum doesn’t escape his grasp, and tackles Crum for a four-yard loss.

total points this season. But he will be expecting even more from his defenders as the season progresses.

“Our defense today was good. I thought we played solid, we faced an inexperienced quarterback, but that’s going to change in the next few weeks,” he said.

That defense was led by senior defensive end Jake Paulson, who recorded two solo tackles, one assist, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble and his third quarterback sack of the season. Joining him in the offense’s backfield today was fellow defensive end Ryan Kemp, who broke up one pass, recovered a fumble and recorded three tackles. The Falcons’ defensive leader was junior strong safety Chris Thomas with eight solo tackles, five assists, one sack, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Together, the Falcon defenders held Wyoming to 140 yards rushing and 216 yards of total offense. The Falcons also forced four fumbles, and limited the Cowboys to only two successful third-down conversions.

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Academy claims softball championship title

By **Walt Johnson**
Colorado Springs Military Newspaper Group

The Air Force Academy used an outstanding offensive attack to win the 2008 Rocky Mountain Military Softball Championship at Peterson Air Force Base Sept. 6.

The team came with a high-powered offense as the tournament began slugging its way to a 26-14 victory over the host

Peterson team. At the same time, the defending champion Schriever team was beginning its run to the championship game with an equally impressive 20-9 win over Fort Carson.

In Schriever's second game it routed Buckley AFB, 25-8, and served notice to every other team it was determined to defend its title with a bruising offensive attack. After Peterson snuck by F.E. Warren 17-16, the Academy team had its

turn to play Buckley and the Academy battered them as soundly as the Schriever team did, beating them 23-6.

That decided the two teams who would meet for the title as the Academy played the third game of the tournament. Schriever won its third game, 17-5, over Peterson but in its third game of the tournament the Academy team was beaten by F.E. Warren, 18-16.

The loss dropped the Academy team's record to 2-1 and put them a game behind the Schriever team. The tournament format calls for ties to be determined by what the two teams did in head-to-head competition, so all was not lost for the Academy team even after the stunning loss. If Schriever won its next, which it did, 15-4, over F.E. Warren, then the Academy would have to win its next game to force a winner-take-all championship match with Schriever. As fate would have it the Academy team would not have to play Schriever until its last game of the tournament so all the Academy team had to do was focus on its game with Fort Carson to still have a chance to win the title.

Fort Carson was unable to field a team and forfeited its game to the Academy to set up the winner-take-all championship game and neither team

disappointed the fans. The battle was clearly between the two best teams in the tournament.

The Academy team came out of the gates like it had an appointment to make, jumping out to a quick 10-0 lead. It looked like the game was over. But the Schriever team showed it wasn't just a collection of ball players, but people with the hearts of champions as they clawed their way back into the game. As the seventh inning started, the team was within two runs of the Academy team, 17-15. In the top of the seventh, the Academy put nine runs on the board to seemingly put the game away at 26-15, but Schriever had one more turn at bat. The Schriever team scored seven runs in the bottom of the seventh, turning out to be too little, too late. The Academy team claimed the championship, 26-22, and bragging rights in softball until next year's tournament.

The Rocky Mountain Military Championship is a challenge series for military installations in the Colorado and Wyoming area that allows military athletes to compete in a variety of sports for the right to have supremacy for the winning installation. The sports included in the series are softball, flag football, volleyball, soccer and basketball.



Photo by Walt Johnson

Mike Wardingley was the Academy's lead-off hitter and spark plug the entire day. He went 15 for 19 for the tournament, making huge plays with his glove and bat all day.

Med Group extinguishes firefighters' effort

By **Dave Castilla**
Intramural Director

In intramural flag football action Tuesday night, MDG#1 hung on to defeat the firefighters, 26-20, as one of the medics' defenders pulled quarterback Robert Reschke's flags as he was trying to go out of bounds with less than 10 seconds left in the game inside the 10-yard line.

The firefighters started the first half into the wind and on fourth down the punt only traveled to their 27-yard line. Russ Pollard the medic quarterback quickly took advantage hitting Deamein Jenkins on a 15-yard pass down to the 2-yard line. T. J. Nelson caught the 2-yard touchdown, but the extra point was missed.

Reschke brought the firefighters back and found Tyler Moran for 11 yards with Robert Williams scoring on a 5-yard touchdown, Reschke ran in the extra point making it 7-6.

Later the medics John Marcozzi got the first of two interceptions. With hospital driving toward the goal line, Leatrice Robinson intercepted in the end zone.



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Medics' Deamein Jenkins catches a pass from Russ Pollard while firefighters' Robert Reschke tries pulling the flag with Horace Conney backing him up.

There were 24 seconds on the clock when Reschke found two receivers long — Williams for 25 yards and Tyler Moran for a 35-yard touchdown making the half-time score 13-7 firefighters.

The medics regrouped in the second half. Pollard started quick, hitting Lenwood Brown for 40 yards. Then on fourth down at the 17-yard line, Pollard found Nelson again in the end zone. Pollard ran left for

the extra point, tying the score at 13-13.

On the firefighters next set of downs Brown intercepted down to the 25-yard line, holding was called on CEF placing the ball at the 14-yard line. A few plays later Pollard scampered five yards to the score, making it 19-13. On the next set of downs Marcozzi got his second interception down to CEF's 31-yard line. Pollard hit Jenkins for a 20-yard pass to the 11. From there Pollard ran it in for another score, and Jenkins caught the extra point making it 26-13. The firefighters came back with Reschke making two pass completions. Then a 10-yard run set up the last touchdown as he found Robinson in the end zone for a 14-yard scoring strike. Moran caught the extra point making it 26-20.

With 1:08 left in the game, Pollard's pass was tipped by Jenkins and Moran intercepted on the 37-yard line. Reschke's first pass went inside the 20-yard line and with no time outs and 16 seconds on the clock, Reschke couldn't find a receiver. He tried to run to his left and a hospital defender grabbed his flag at the 8-yard line ending the game.

Volleyball

The Air Force volleyball team concludes its non-conference tournament schedule with the Air Force Invitational Volleyball Tournament this weekend at Clune Arena. It is the third straight weekend that the Falcons have hosted a home tournament. Air Force will take on Kent State and Florida Atlantic today before

facing Texas A&M Corpus Christi and North Carolina Central Saturday.

Hurricane Ike relocates game

The Falcon Football game Saturday against the University of Houston has been moved to Gerald J. Ford Stadium at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and

will start at 2:30 p.m. Central time, according to officials at Houston. The game was originally scheduled to be played at John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium in Houston, but alternate plans were made due to Hurricane Ike which is predicted to affect the Houston area this weekend.

SCOREBOARD

INTRAMURAL Flag Football

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SFS	4	0
MDG#2	3	1
MDG#1	2	1
CEF	2	3
PREP	1	4
IO CS	1	4



Cultural display

A Korean cultural exhibition is now on display at the McDermott Library. Lt. Col. Nancy Rower and Cadets 2nd Class Clark Beesemyer, Brock Logan, Thomas Sukut, along with Cadet 1st Class Raymond Zhang, have created an exhibition from their Olmsted program to South Korea. The exhibition of photos taken by the cadets, Korean pottery, traditional clothing and other Korean cultural items will be on display through October. For more information, call Colonel Rower at 333-2567.

Triathlon to honor cadet

The Falcon Groundspeed Foundation, established in 2008 by alumni of the Academy Triathlon Team, will host the Lindsay Brown Memorial Triathlon at the Academy Sept. 27. This is a short

distance triathlon (750m swim, 14.69 mi bike, 5km run), that includes individuals, as well as relay teams. All proceeds will go to the Rando charity that assists cadets who have lost parents or for any cadets that pass while attending the Academy. Cadet 3rd Class Lindsay Brown was a member of Cadet Squadron 05, an intercollegiate swimmer and a member of the Academy's triathlon team. Cadet Brown was killed in a car accident in Florida Dec. 21, 2007, only four days after returning home on leave. Lindsay lived every day to the fullest and never had any regrets. She was reading a book at the time of her death in which she wrote a quote while taking notes: "It's time to get out of my seat and get going!" That quote shows her determination and will to try new things. Perhaps you'd be willing to try a new thing – a triathlon! For more information about the upcoming event, see www.falcongroundspeed.com, or call Maj. James Thompson at 238-9274.

Guided tours

The Cadet Chapel staff is now conducting four public guided tours weekdays at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., excluding holidays. The 30-minute tours are designed to provide visitors with more in-depth knowledge of the Chapel. Reservations are not necessary. Interested visitors should arrive a few minutes early.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will be hosting the following classes this month:

Group Pre-Separation Counseling
Held every Monday (except during

TAP week); 2:30 to 4 p.m.

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

By law, all transitioning military personnel are required to receive pre-separation counseling at least 180 days prior, and no fewer than 90 days before leaving active duty. Counseling must be accomplished prior to attending a Transition Assistance Program workshop. Members should contact their transition assistance staff, or career consultants once within two years from retirement and a year from separation.

TAP Seminar

Sept. 23-26; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

SCORE

Today; 9 a.m. to noon

Have you thought about owning your own business, but are not sure how to start!

Then this workshop is for you!

DAV Medical Records Review

Monday and Sept. 29; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Must pre-register)

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

Mock Interviewing Workshop

Tuesday; 8:30 a.m. to noon.

If you are preparing for your next career move and feeling a rusty on your interviewing skills consider mock interviewing with real HR representatives.

Newcomer's Orientation & Information Fair

Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mandatory orientation for all newly assigned Academy personnel. Spouses are welcome to attend at the Milazzo Center.

Newcomer's Red Carpet Base Tour

Sept. 26; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An informative, fun filled base tour that gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals all there is to see and do at the Academy.

Contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 for any questions and/or registration.



Skylarks

The Skylarks, a military wives' choral group that performs for community organizations, is looking for new members. We welcome all ranks, active duty or retired. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Michaels Church near I-25 and Woodmen. Please contact Laura Wilks at 330-7314 or Elfriede Johnson at 278-3567.

Mother and son night

Join the Southeast Armed Services YMCA along with Peterson, Schriever, Academy A&FRCs and Fort Carson's ACS for an evening of food, fun, "Flick n Float," bounce house, games, climbing wall and photos from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 20 at 2190 Jet Wing Drive. Call 622-9622 to register. Cost: Technical sergeants and above \$15, staffs and below \$10 per mother and son(s).



CADET CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Sunday

Confession - 9:15 a.m.

Mass - 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament - 5:30 p.m.

Confession - 5:30 p.m.

Mass - 6:30 p.m.

Weekday

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

Protestant Services:

Sunday

Traditional/Liturgical - 9 a.m.

Contemporary - 11 a.m.

Jewish Services

Friday

Sabbath Service - 7 p.m.

Buddhist Worship

Wednesday

Traditional Mahyana Service - 6:30 p.m.

Muslim Prayer

Friday

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

All Other Faiths

Call 333-2636 for more information

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Saturday

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.

Mass - 4 p.m.

Sunday

Mass - 9:30 a.m.

Religious Formation - 10:45 a.m.

(September - May)

Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Live - 6 p.m.

Fellowship followed by Religious

Education (September - May)

Saturday

Contemporary - 6 p.m.

Sunday

Traditional - 8 a.m.

Gospel - 11:15 a.m.

Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality:

Call 333-6178 or E-mail Robert.Longcrier @usafa.edu for more information.

Blood drive: Give 'til it feels good

The Armed Services Blood Program provides blood units to troops overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Donors can give the gift of life from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sept. 19 in the Arnold Hall Ballroom. For more information, call Maj. Linda Hampton at 333-4474.

Donating blood on hold if below applies

Tattoo:

Wait 12 months after a tattoo, unless tattoo was performed in one of the approved states listed below, then the waiting period is only one week. *Approved States:* Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Cold, Flu, Sore Throat:

Wait if fever is present.

Wait 24 hours after you have completed antibiotic treatment.

Dental Procedures:

Wait for 72 hours after having oral surgery. Wait 24 hours after teeth cleaning, fillings, and scaling.

When: 17 - 19 Sep 08
Time: 1100 - 1800 Daily
Where: Arnold Hall, Academy

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Immunization, Vaccination:

Acceptable if you were vaccinated for influenza, tetanus or meningitis, providing you are symptom-free and fever-free. Wait four weeks after immunizations for German Measles (Rubella), MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)

and Chicken Pox. Wait two weeks after immunizations for Red Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Polio (by mouth), and Yellow Fever vaccine. Wait a day after immunization for Hepatavax. Smallpox vaccination and did not develop complications — Must wait until the scab has separated from the skin spontaneously or 21 days after date of vaccination whichever is longer.

Deployments:

Iraq: Defer for 12 months from date of departure.

Korea: Defer for 24 months if traveled to North of Seoul (aka: DMZ area, area one).

Germany/Europe: Defer indefinite if travel lasted six months or more between 1980 and 1996; or a cumulative period of five years from 1980 until the present time.

Body Piercing:

Wait 12 months after body piercing.

Pregnancy:

Not eligible to donate. Wait six weeks after giving birth or termination of pregnancy.

Sexually Transmitted Disease:

Wait 12 months after treatment for syphilis or gonorrhea.

Weight:

Must weigh at least 110 pounds to be eligible to donate.