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Team splashes way through undefeated weekend.

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Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Tech. Sgt. Ammon "Kale" Rodabough from the Air Force Academy Band sounds taps from behind, concluding the service honoring Maj. Rodolfo Rodriguez in the Cadet Chapel Monday. Major Rodriguez, 34, was one of 53 fatalities in a hotel suicide bombing that occurred Sept. 20 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Academy holds '98 grad's funeral service

Suicide bomber attack draws mourners to Cadet Chapel

By Ken Carter
Editor

The number of Air Force Academy graduates lost in the Global War on Terrorism since that fateful Tuesday, commonly known as "9/11," has reached double figures.

Maj. Rodolfo "Rod" Ivan Rodriguez' remains were flown to Peterson Air Force Base Oct. 3 following his dying in a suicide bomb attack Sept. 20 at the Islamabad Marriott Hotel in Pakistan. The bombing caused 53 fatalities and injured hundreds more. The major, 34, was assigned to the 86th Construction and Training Squadron from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, supporting

Operation Enduring Freedom and was on a training mission at the time.

Cadets formed a saber cordon lining the steps leading to the Cadet Protestant Chapel upon arrival of the hearse. As the base Honor Guard detail ceremoniously removed the casket and ascended the steps leading to the chapel's entrance, uniformed military members and civilians (including Patriot Guard Riders) alike rendered solemn salutes to the flag-draped casket as it passed.

Once inside, family members, friends and those simply looking to show their respects, attended the mid-morning funeral service for the 10th Academy graduate to be killed in the GWOT.

During the course of the ceremony, his widow, Caryn Rodriguez, spoke of her husband's generosity and commitment to service.

"He would give to a friend - money, time, his possessions or just an ear if

they asked," she said. "He led by example ... he never acknowledged the contribution he was making."

The El Paso, Texas, native, who'd married Caryn in the Cadet Chapel in June 2000, was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Force Combat Action Medal posthumously Monday.

His name will be inscribed on the Academy's Memorial Wall at the base of the flag pole on the Terrazzo along with some 170 other graduates who've perished in combat or enemy attacks.

Monday's service included a 21-gun salute, a cadet saber team, the playing of taps, and an unrelated but timely flyover by the Canadian aerobatic team, the Snowbirds, added yet another dimension to the tribute.

Major Rodriguez is survived by his wife, Caryn; his mother Minerva; and, two younger brothers, Edgar and Fernie.

Air Force senior leaders take up key decisions

WASHINGTON - The nuclear enterprise, cyber organization, end strength, force shaping, and command and control of Air Force operations were just some of the topics discussed when Air Force senior leaders met at CORONA on Oct. 1-3 at the Air Force Academy.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael

Donley set the tone stating, "Over the past two days we addressed several issues, making decisions on key Air Force missions necessary to move our Air Force in the right direction."

The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Norton Schwartz, followed with comments on the importance of the conference saying, "CORONA is a forum

for decision. The teamwork manifested in this room will allow us to accomplish what our Air Force needs done."

As a follow-up to the recent nuclear summit, the briefings and decisions at CORONA were dominated by discussions on the nuclear enterprise. Discussions included options to recon-

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Small gestures can produce big results

Editor's Note: What follows is a letter written to Mike Kaplan, a DenMar staff photographer at the Academy Photo Lab, and the photographer's reply. Mr. John Fink shares his feelings about the benefit of Academy cadets visiting a WWII veteran and the excerpts from their written exchange speak volumes.

Mr. Kaplan,

Wednesday morning, (Sept. 25) at about 10:30 a.m., I met Capt. Sterling Roberts along with his wife at the nursing facility where he is now living. His wife, my sister, said morning generally is his most lucid time. That morning he did recognize me along with a few others. It took him several minutes, but he acknowledged all of us. Speaking slowly, I asked if he remembered visiting the World War II Memorial, and again after a pause, he said he did. I had printed 8 x 10 photos of each of the copies you had sent and, as I held them in front of him and described what they were, you could see his eyes and his facial expression change as the photos registered with him. He studied each photo and said, "They were fine young men and women."

You have no idea how touched he and his wife were to have received these photos.

Sterling, now 92, is mentally and physically declining somewhat rapidly. He treasured his service during World War II, and it seems when this is mentioned he perks

up some. I am sure you feel that what you did by responding to my request was no big deal, but I want you to know there were many hearts touched that day. It turned out to be quite emotional as I was describing the pictures to Sterling and saw the reaction of him and his wife and others present. Once again, these fine young cadets made a World War II Veteran feel proud.

I asked my sister to affix these pictures along with a description of Capt. Sterling Robertson's actions during World War II to a piece of foam core board and to hang it over his bed so anyone who comes in will realize what and who he was. It contains a description of what transpired at the World War II Memorial with the cadets.

Again, so many thanks.
With Much Appreciation,
John Fink

Sir,

I've worked extensively with our veterans having served 25 years and 14 days and retiring as an Air Force master sergeant, Sept. 30, 2006.

Looking back, my most noble cause was assisting the Director of the Barksdale Air Force Base Retiree Activities Office, Col. Steve DePyssler, through approximately six years of his many-many veterans functions such as yearly Purple Heart, POW/MIA and veterans luncheons, reunions such as the 2002 Congressional

Medal of Honor Convention, Strategic Air Command reunions, Korean War Veterans National Convention, etc.

The service and duties I performed while on active duty were a direct reflection of all those who served before me, including Captain Roberts. I worked on Air Force bombers and fighters for the first 14 years of my service, on the F-111 series of aircraft, and undoubtedly the day-to-day activities of our squadrons, and our war-fighting and deterrence missions, were a reflection on lessons learned by Captain Roberts during his time as a B-26 Pilot.

I am also very active with the 8th Air Force Museum at Barksdale AFB La, where they focus on the History of Aerial Bombardment, which your brother-in-law contributed to every time he climbed into the cockpit. Too bad the museum doesn't have a B-26 on display, but sitting on the hallowed grounds are a B-17, B-24, B-47, FB-111A, a B-52D and B-52G. Inside are many artifacts pertaining to the history of aerial bombardment. They're preserving such an important part of Air Force history!

I hope he's doing well.

I am seeking to contact the cadets in the photos, to let them know how their few minutes of attention to a fellow Air Force member has affected Captain Roberts and his friends and family.

Very respectfully,
Mike

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Character Corner

Cadet 1st Class Nathaniel Leach
Cadet Wing Honor Chairman

The following paragraphs are condensed from the introduction to the updated Air Force Cadet Wing Honor Code Reference Handbook, dated August 2008.

The purpose of the Air Force Academy is to produce officers of character motivated to lead the U.S. Air Force in service to the nation. Character and leadership development is the foundation of this effort

and the Honor Code provides the minimum standard that all must meet.

Focus should not be solely placed on the minimum standards of not lying, stealing, cheating, or tolerating. Instead, we must live and exemplify the true meaning of the word Honor. Honor is a source of distinction, respect, and virtue. It is embodied by living and acting with honesty, respect, fairness, and supporting others/holding them accountable. The fundamental way to fulfill this vast ideal is to continually aid each other in main-

taining our focus on and desire to become officers of character.

The philosopher Heraclitus said, "A man's character is his fate."

Our condition is determined by our character and only we choose what our character will entail. We can determine our end by constantly making the correct hard choices, by continually remembering who we desire to be, and by living truthfully and honestly – for all or for none to see.

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



Any words of encouragement for Coach Calhoun following the loss to Navy?

"Continue to make sure to get the best out of your players. Motivate them to always give 100 percent."

Master Sgt.
Doug Lewis
Superintendent's
Executive Services
Branch



"Just keep up the hard work, Coach."

Cadet 4th Class
David Neville,
Cadet Squadron 38



"We have a great program. We're already winning. Don't let the players dip their heads; there's a lot of season left."

Maj. Alan Dayton
Air Officer
Commanding,
Cadet Squadron 11



"Keep 'em motivated and carry that motivation into the second half."

Cadet 4th Class
Emily Ryals,
Cadet Squadron 29



Institutional greatness through integration — Strategic Goal #5

By Capt. Uriah Orland
Academy Public Affairs

“One man may hit the mark, another blunder; but heed not these distinctions. Only from the alliance of the one, working with and through the other, are great things born,” said Antoine de Saint Exupéry.

The Academy’s fifth strategic goal is to integrate institutional processes. The strategic plan further defines this as: “Integrate the Academy’s strategic planning, business and program development processes and ensure the programs have defined outcomes and measures.”

“I think efficiency and effectiveness have probably been ingrained in our Air Force culture longer than has integration,” said Steve Sandridge, program analyst in the plans and programs directorate. “The Air Force has spent the past 20 years integrating its capabilities into the joint spectrum of operations. Our challenge at the Academy is to ensure all activities and programs are intentionally structured to be mutually reinforcing in order to maximize the achievement of our outcomes.”

This integration ties directly to the mission and is why the Academy exists— to develop leaders of character. Faculty, coaches, air officers commanding, academy military trainers, instructor pilots, 10th Air Base Wing personnel, and directorate staffs must recognize their roles in shaping cadets.

“If any of us tries to ignore the other Mission Elements and say things like, ‘I’m just here to coach’ or ‘I’m just here to teach math,’ then we will end up spinning our wheels because that’s not what cadets are here to do,” said Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born. “The cadets are here to become leaders of character. If I say, ‘I’m here to develop leaders of character and I do that by helping cadets learn math’ then my perspective has changed. Now I see those working in the other MEs as my partners in achieving the mission, not as competitors who are trying to distract cadets from doing the homework I assign.”

This integration across MEs is easy to see. For example, cadets start learning about respect for human dignity during basic cadet training. The permanent party who develop those lessons share them with faculty who teach behavioral science classes. They, in turn, build upon this prior learning as they develop the core course material. As the cadets learn in their classes, they see the same principles demonstrated by personnel working at the commissary or throughout the 10th ABW. The examples of Academy personnel around them reinforce the theories they learn in the classroom. Finally, the cadets put it into practice as they compete on the athletic fields, interact in their squadrons and work at the airfield.

Another step in ensuring proper integration is a review of programs by the MEs to ensure they aligned with the strategic plan.

“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,” Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins said.

However, the integration across the Academy is more than putting pen to paper.

“It is about performance-based improvement. Writing down and implementing good processes is only part of the equation for success,” said Mr. Sandridge. “The Academy is working hard to ensure all programs have defined outcomes and measures. In doing so, we know what we want a program to achieve [outcomes] and we can gauge its level of success [measures]. Things that get measured get done.”

A key aspect of this goal is knowing how to measure improvements.

“Objectives 5.1 and 5.3 address integrating our assessment strategies and ensuring transparent business processes,” said Lt. Col. Patti Egleston, deputy chief of institutional assessment. “Our cooperative assessment effort will provide transparency and insight on all mission elements and functional directorates to



File Photo

One powerful illustration of Academy institutional greatness through integration is revealed during the annual graduation ceremony. It requires year-round process analysis and teamwork like no other event here and culminates four years of integrated effort to produce the best new lieutenants.

senior leadership. This effort centers on assessing how well our plans, programs, activities or other initiatives support the Officer Development System, the Strategic Goals, Academy Outcomes and the Air Force Institutional Competencies and spans the entire community.”

This assessment will enable those assigned to continue improving programs and processes and, in the end, it will provide solid evidence the Academy is achieving its goal of developing officers of character.

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Air Force officers are currently being sought to volunteer as unmanned aircraft system operators. Applications are due to Air Force Personnel Center no later than Nov. 3.

The first 10 officers selected will start UAS operator training in January 2009, and another 10 will begin training in April 2009.

The UAS is a big part of the future of the Air Force, said Air Force officials. First-hand knowledge of its capabilities and operations will be critical to future combat effectiveness, as well as future Air Force leadership. Pilots flying operational missions or working in the Predator Operations Center get a unique perspective on world events, typically while such events are in progress.

In order to volunteer, officers must complete the test of basic aviation skills (TBAS) by Oct. 31. Testing locations that administer the TBAS can be found on the Pilot Candidate Selection Method Web site (a Common Access Card is required to access this site.)

In addition to the TBAS, officers must meet the following requirements:

Captains with four to six years total active federal commissioned service as of Jan. 5, 2009

Pilots are not eligible for this program combat system officers, panel navigators, electronic warfare officers, weapons

system officers, and air battle managers are eligible to compete if they are not currently in training, awaiting training, or previously eliminated from UPT.

Non-rated line officers are eligible.

Applicants must be younger than 30 years old Jan. 5, 2009.

Air Force Officer Qualification Test minimum scores of pilot greater than 25, combined pilot and navigator composites greater than 50 (if no AFOQT on file, complete the AFOQT by Oct. 31, 2008) are required.

Two years time on station by July 1, 2009 is required.

No previous military pilot training experience

Volunteers meeting the criteria above and wanting to apply must complete the Aircrew Training Candidate Data Summary, Air Force Form 215, and electronically forward the completed form to Pipeline and Training Assignment Branch at specialflyingprogram@randolph.af.mil by 4 p.m. CST, Nov. 3. Group or squadron commanders (do not use a higher level) must provide their recommendations on the form. No other documentation will be accepted as part of the application process.

Interested officers who have questions about the application process, or the qualifications, can contact AFPC's Pipeline and Training Assignment Branch at (210) 565-2330, DSN 665-2330.

More information about this program can be found on the AFPC "Ask" site by entering "UAS" in the search engine.

Individuals can also contact the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.



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Higher education

Sharon Cunningham and Larry Perkins, authors of *The Good Old Days*, a history of Academy School District 20's early days, unveil a new plaque Sept. 30 commemorating Edgerton School, the first D-20 school, located near Ice Lake on the Academy. District 20 was founded in 1874. Edgerton School began educating students from Woodmen Valley, Edgerton, Cottonwood Creek, Breed and Pike View all located along Monument Creek. Due to transportation issues and a shift in student population, a new school in Woodmen Valley replaced the Edgerton School. In 1957, District 20 grew from 36 to 130 square miles with the annexation of the Air Force Academy and a portion of the Black Forest area.

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Decisions

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figure the command structure for nuclear forces, roles and responsibilities of the Nuclear Weapons Center, the required skills and force development for personnel conducting the nuclear mission, and stand-up of the new nuclear-focused staff element organization within Air Force headquarters.

The leadership also decided to establish a nuclear focused major command to concentrate Air Force support for the nuclear and deterrence missions.

"We will announce decisions soon because they are crucial steps toward attaining excellence in our nuclear enterprise and revitalization of the nuclear culture across the Air Force," said Secretary Donley.

Initial planning will be integrated into the Air Force Nuclear Roadmap, which will be unveiled in a few weeks.

In addition, the senior leaders discussed the Air Force active duty end strength ceiling, now to be 330,000 personnel, and addressed which missions and functional specialties should obtain additional allocations based on emerging missions as well as critically-manned career fields.

"Force shaping across the Air Force is hard work. There are many factors that need to be considered as we determine where manpower billets will be placed ... everything from new missions that are directly contributing everyday to joint operations to shortfalls in specific functional areas," said General Schwartz. "The leadership will work to close this issue for this budget cycle in the coming weeks."

A key component of the Air Force's contribution to the current Global War on Terrorism is the execution of command and control of air assets supporting theater operations.

Leaders initiated discussions on how the service

can better fulfill the responsibilities to organize, train, and equip command and control capabilities for the Joint Force Commander, as well as how the Air Force can best identify and overcome potential shortfalls in our capabilities.

"How we prioritize and utilize our command and control capabilities in support of joint force operations are key to the overall success of every mission," said General Schwartz.

Also discussed was how the Air Force can improve support to Joint Force Commanders. One decision made is to assign a senior Air Force officer to appropriate JFCs with command authority to direct air support. The leadership also decided to strengthen our air to ground integration by increasing the number and training of the Airmen supporting tactical air control systems and accepting offers from other services to integrate their personnel into our command and control units.

Leadership also decided to establish a Numbered Air Force for cyber operations within Air Force Space Command and discussed how the Air Force will continue to develop capabilities in this new domain and train personnel to execute this new mission.

"The conduct of cyber operations is a complex issue, as DoD and other interagency partners have substantial equity in the cyber arena," said Secretary Donley. "We will continue to do our part to increase Air Force cyber capabilities and institutionalize our cyber mission."

Locations for the new nuclear command and cyber NAF were not addressed and require further deliberation.

Other key AF issues discussed include an update on the status of joint basing initiatives, the development of a common Logistics Standardization Evaluation Program, and review of the concept of



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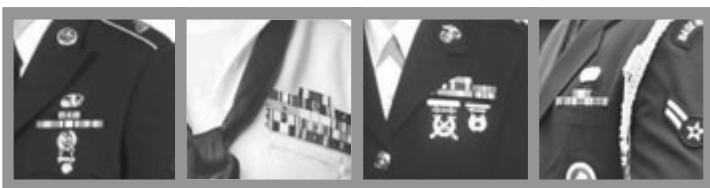
Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley was among leaders on the field Oct. 4 for Falcon football against Navy in conjunction with CORONA.

integrating the networks used to repair the Air Force's weapon systems.

"We came together to discuss key issues, chart a way ahead and move forward with sound decisions," said General Schwartz. "Our goal is a more stable Air Force, focused on our core missions, as a key member of the joint team."

"What Airmen do every day across the Air Force is not easy work. What our leadership team did over the last couple days at CORONA was not easy work," the secretary said. "But we all know how to rise to the challenge and the Air Force is better because of everyone's efforts at making key decisions."

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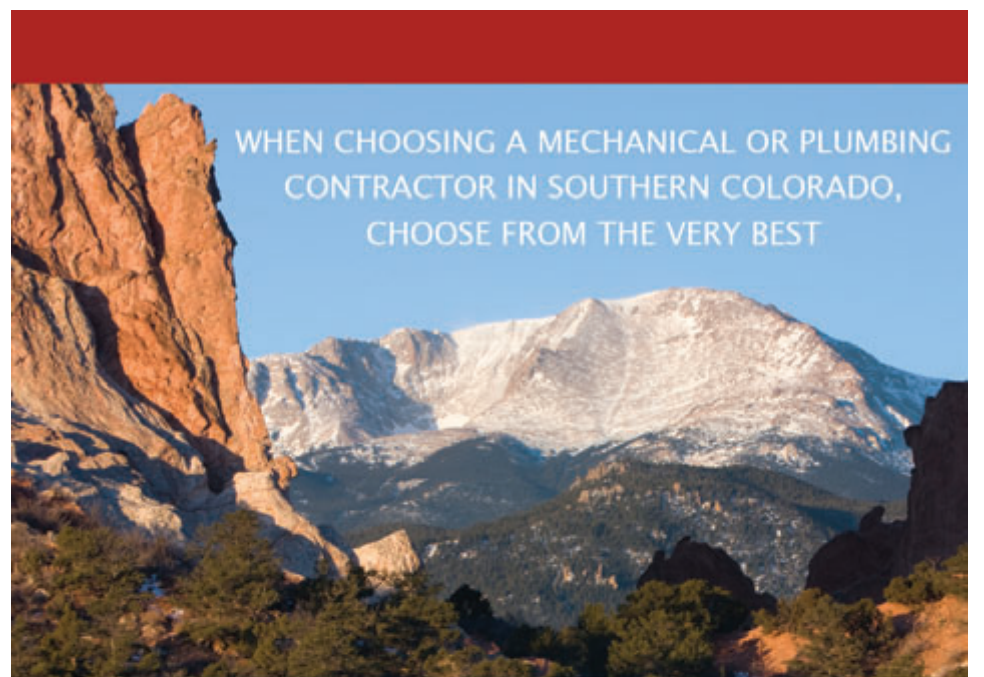
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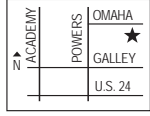
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To help achieve this goal faster, the Air Force is taking a three-prong approach to energy management. According to Patrick Mumme, chief of the Air Force facility energy division at the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, the Air Force will focus on using energy-efficient buildings and equipment, reducing overall energy

consumption, and using renewable (non-fossil fuel) sources of energy.

Closer to home look for many changes in the future here. Not only does everyone have an obligation to meet the federal mandates, personnel must also create an environment of energy awareness that is reflected in the training of future Air Force leaders, as well as a highly visible public image.

Some changes, such as renewable energy sources and technology demonstrations, are certain to intrigue and fascinate the base populace. Look for renewable energy projects, such as photovoltaic's (solar panels), solar-heated domestic hot water, biomass energy production and others in the not so distant future.

Other changes, such as temperature setback and turning off equipment

and lights when not in use, will require a greater level of commitment on the part of each cadet, Airman, civilian, and contractor here. It will be a long and challenging road to energy independence, but together, we can make a difference!

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Touching reunion

Susanna Clark-Smith, left, and other family members from the 305th Bomb Group's Colorado Springs reunion here Sept. 27, interacted with falconer Cadet 3rd Class Gabriel DeJong and prairie falcon, Cody. Many of the honored guests commented on the beauty and uniqueness of the Academy falcons and the professional courtesies of the cadets.



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- Driver's license or ID issued by a state or outlying U.S. commonwealth or possession
- ID card issued by federal, state or local government agencies or entities
- School ID card with a photograph
- Voter's registration card
- U.S. military ID card
- U.S. passport
- Certificate of U.S. citizenship
- Certificate of naturalization

For people younger than 18, who are unable to present a document previously listed, they may bring:

- School record or report card
- Clinic, doctor or hospital record
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The listing above is not all inclusive. A list of acceptable documents can be found at <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/I-9.pdf>, Page 4.

#1 Fear: Public Speaking

By Tech. Sgt. Crystal Weeks
Human Relations Counselor

Over the years, Toastmasters has helped many people improve their lives in a variety of ways.

Some use Toastmasters to enhance their professions; others use it to advance their political careers through improved public speaking skills; still others enrich their personal lives by making new friends and building their confidence and self-esteem.

Many pay high fees for seminars to gain the skill and confidence necessary to face an audience. Toastmasters provides an option less expensive and held in high regard in business circles. This organization has been around for more than 84 years and offers a proven – and enjoyable – way to practice and hone communication and leadership skills.

The Academy Orators Toastmasters Club was started this summer, with the goal of helping individuals overcome the #1 Fear: Public Speaking

The club conducts weekly meetings where everyone has a speaking role, and where there's immediate and specific performance feedback.

Those who attend each Friday at noon will:

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- Build the ability to motivate and persuade
- Reach professional and personal goals
- Increase self confidence

Toastmasters programs are inexpensive, very interactive, friendly, and highly supportive and a convenient way to hone in those life skills you may be seeking.



Photo by Ken Carter

Lt. Col. Andreas Wesemann shares his speaking skills at a Toastmasters meeting here in late September. He is among members who meet each Friday in Arnold Hall to improve their public speaking savvy.

The Academy Orators' mission is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment where every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn fosters self-confidence and personal growth.

The organization's members represent a wide range of professional and speaking backgrounds, but their objectives are shared.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Donald Comp at 333-1044 or Lt. Col. Andreas Wesemann at andreas.wesemann@usafa.edu.



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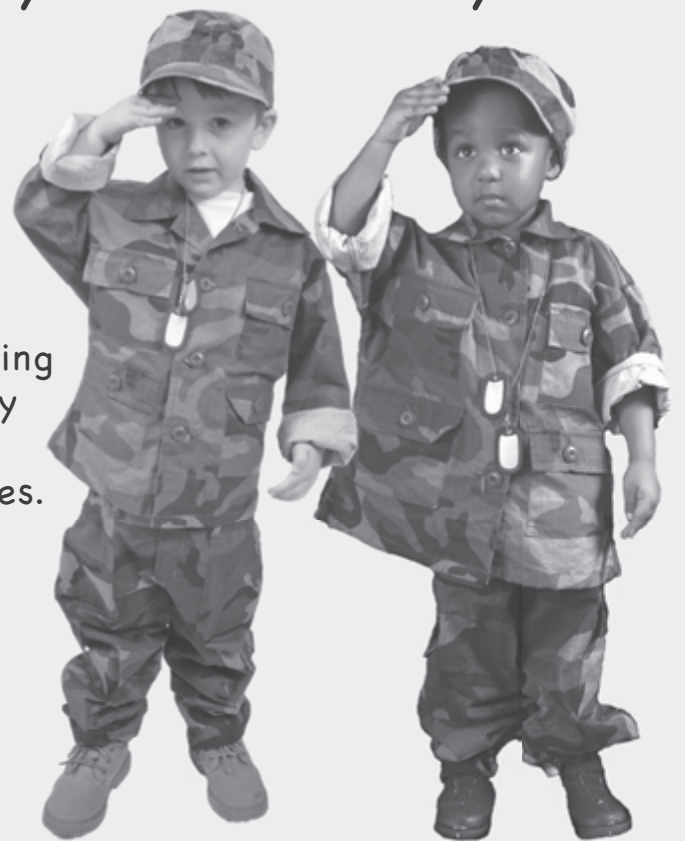
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Cadet tailor shop employees labeled 'friendliest'

Story and photos by Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

After 47 years with the Academy Cadet Tailor Shop, Yung Ae Hogan will shortly sew up her career.

The soon to retire trousers coordinator from the southern port city of Pusan, Korea, came to the United States in 1959 after marrying her late husband David Hogan. The contractor operated union shop is overseen by coordinators rather than supervisors.

One might say "You can take the Korean out of Korea, but you can't take Korea out of the Korean." She still reflects on her marriage to the American GI who exposed her to new culture yet her love for her native food and culture remains.

"He was a wonderful husband," she said from the second floor of the Sijan Hall office. "And the American people welcomed me."

Since her arrival at the Academy, Mrs. Hogan has done her utmost to serve cadets. Ironically, a doctor here recently recognized her from his cadet days and has since become her physician.

"They still don't want me to retire, but I want to enjoy life, too,"



Yung Ae Hogan

she said. "I still go to a total fitness club and I've loved doing my job."

She recommends immigrants make becoming U.S. citizens their first priority. "Get to know the American people and customs," she said. Her parents have passed away and she has no clue whether a brother and sister are still alive, but one long-awaited thing she's going to do in retirement is visit her daughter in Tennessee.

Mrs. Hogan's supervisor is also an immigrant to the United States.

The tailor shop's overall coordinator, Shiela Farrington, grew up in an orphanage and came to America



Shiela Farrington

some 40 years ago at the age of 23. Born in Shanghai, she lost her entire family when they attempted to flee from North Korea during the war. She was working with the famed Holt Adoption Agency in Seoul as a limited nurse practitioner when she accompanied a plane full of children to Salt Lake City, and met Frank Farrington whom she later married.

"When I got off the plane, I immediately thought this was a beautiful country," the team leader from Colorado Springs said.

Mrs. Farrington has no family left in Korea.

Mr. Farrington passed away four years ago, but she has her daughter, Cindy, and adopted daughter, Jennifer.

The plaudits for the tailor shop employees continue to flow in, as they always have, from happy customers.

"My squadron officer gave us a two-week deadline to get our Air Force blue shirts tailored so we would no longer be walking around with 'unprofessional rear body sag,'" Cadet Daniel Scully from Cadet Squadron 22 wrote, Oct. 2.

The deadline, said the cadet, put him in a real bind since he had not yet gotten any of his shirts tailored. Mrs. Farrington dropped what she was doing and immediately helped him.

"I just wanted to let you know what an amazing team you have," Cadet 1st Class Brooks Adamo, CS-14, wrote to Raymond Lucier, 10th Mission Support Group contractor who is in charge of the Cadet Tailor Shop. "Your staff is extremely friendly, competent and practically bent over backwards for me. It is extremely evident these people love their clients, the cadets. Your tailor shop employees are the friendliest civilian workers on the base."

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Riggers provide lofty support to parachutists

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Cadets jumping out of perfectly good airplanes have some best friends on the ground.

The nine-member team of Academy parachute riggers with the 98th Flying Training Squadron goes to great pains to ensure they indeed stay safe in the air.

Known alternatively as "riggers," "packers," or, according to Air Force Specialty Codes, "fabric workers," they pack, maintain, repair and even manufacture parts for the air-bound backpacks containing jump equipment.

"It's not like just folding laundry," said Academy loft manager Steve Archuleta.

The Airmanship 490 course keeps the riggers the busiest. The 80 to 90 cadets in the class jump as many as three times a day. Mr. Archuleta estimated riggers pack 3,000 parachutes during the summer course.

Every main parachute is inspected before the re-pack to look for wear in the fabric, lines and cords. Wings of Blue members pack their own main chutes. Packing the reserve components, including reserve chutes and the automated activation devices, requires a special certification by the Federal Aviation Authority.

Academy basic jump packs undergo a complete assembly inspection every 180 days and staff assemblies every 120 days.

Basic jump packs contain two automatic activation devices: one for the main chute and one for the reserve. The devices can take over deploying the parachute in the air if a parachutist, for example, bumps



Photo by Ann Patton

John Morrison carefully scrutinizes a back-up system during a regularly scheduled inspection.

his head on the way out of the plane and becomes unconscious while descending.

Academy parachutes used today are made of rip stop nylon, woven in such a way to prevent small rips from spreading.

Master rigger Kevin Sessions said Academy parachute canopies were dome-shaped until 1994. Now they are the square, ram-air type, with multiple air-catching cells which allow the canopy

to function as inflating wings.

"They are more maneuverable, more controllable and move more forward than down," he said.

Maintenance, repairs and manufacturing make up the lion's share of the loft's work.

"It's the biggest part of the job," Mr. Archuleta said and estimated only about 20 percent of the work load goes into packing.

He said the Academy's loft maintains its own equipment, which includes the computerized AAD, containing some parts the size of a large grain of sand.

The loft shop is equipped with heavy-duty sewing machines for serging, creating bar tacks and harnesses and industrial-strength straight stitching. Riggers manufacture, among other items, harnesses, grommets, accessories like bags for flags and streamers and all rip cords. They also repair cadet jump suits

They have supported the Academy fire department with door straps and hose covers and the 94th Flying Training Squadron with glider seat belt work.

Safety is everything in the Academy loft.

"It's our main priority," Mr. Archuleta said. "It's all we think about."

These precautions have paid off. For every 20,000 jumps, only about 12, or .04 percent, have required deployment of reserve components.

"We take pride in putting out our best efforts every day. We can't afford to make mistakes," he continued.

He praised the riggers for their excellence. "The secret to the success is my people. They are very knowledgeable and extremely meticulous in what they do."

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Falcons' flight inverted versus Navy

By Maj. Brett Ashworth
Academy Public Affairs

Air Force came up short Saturday in its home-game quest to reclaim the Commander-in-Chief's trophy.

A Falcon Stadium (near capacity) crowd of 46,339 watched Navy capitalize on Air Force mistakes and turnovers and score 24 points en route to a 33-27 victory.

Two blocked punts returned for touchdowns by Navy, five Air Force fumbles, two of which were recovered by Navy, and 10 penalties proved to be the Falcons' undoing.

"We hurt ourselves big time," said Falcons Head Coach Troy Calhoun. "When you make that many mistakes you don't deserve to win."

After spotting Navy 10 points on the first two series of the game, Air Force stormed back with 13 unanswered points. Navy kicked a field goal on the last play of the first half to knot the score at 13 at the break.

Navy took the game's opening kick-off and marched down the field 62 yards in just over seven minutes before settling for a 35-yard field goal. They extended their lead to 10-0 when they blocked a Ryan Harrison punt on Air Force's first possession and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

Air Force took a 13-10 lead on the strength of two Harrison field goals and a two-yard touchdown run by quarterback Shea Smith on a fourth and goal.

The second half started much the same as the first with Navy



Photo by John Van Winkle

Falcons fullback Todd Newell gets submerged by Navy defenders on a dive up the middle. Newell was the Falcons' leading rusher for the game, carrying the ball 15 times for 50 yards.

taking advantage of Air Force mistakes. The Falcons bobbled the second half kick-off and only returned it to their 9-yard line. A bad center-quarterback exchange on Air Force's first play from scrimmage resulted in a fumble which Navy recovered at the Air Force 10-yard line.

Three plays later Navy Quarterback Jarod Bryant took the ball in from four yards out to put Navy ahead, 20-13.

But as they did in the first half, Air Force answered right back with Smith hitting Kyle

Halderman on a 19-yard touchdown pass, followed by the extra point to tie the game at 20.

Navy kicked a field goal to take a 23-20 lead into the fourth quarter.

Another blocked punt returned for a touchdown by Navy and a Falcon fumble put the game out of reach as Navy extended its lead to 33-20 with 10 minutes left in the game.

With Smith leaving the game early in the fourth quarter due to illness, freshman quarterback Tim

Jefferson received his first extensive playing time and led the Falcons to a score with two and half minutes left, culminating with a two-

yard touchdown run by Asher Clark. A Falcon on-side kick was recovered by Navy, who made one first down and ran out the clock.

"This is tough. We had our chances on both sides of the ball," said Linebacker Ken Lamendola. "It just seems like we left a bunch of plays on the field today."

Smith had a productive game with 128 passing yards, connecting on eight of 12. Todd Newell led the Falcons with 50 yards rushing on 15 carries, and Halderman had three catches for 62 yards. Lamendola led the defense with a career-high 14 tackles.

This was the 41st meeting between Air Force and Navy. Air Force now holds the overall series lead 25-16. The loss drops the Falcons to 3-2 on the year and 1-1 in Mountain West Conference play. The Falcons take the field away versus San Diego State Saturday.



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Falcon cornerback Anthony Wright and line backer Ken Lamendola force Navy quarterback Jarod Bryant to cough up the ball. Falcon defenders forced three fumbles and recovered two of the wayward footballs.



Photo by Mike Kaplan



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Top: The Falcons take the field with gestures of encouragement from the Academy Cheer Team.

Left: Bettina renders an a capella version of the national anthem during pre-game ceremonies at Falcon Stadium Saturday.

Right: Section-8 fans exercise their right to bare arms.



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede



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Left: Air Force and Navy cadets come face-to-face in a pre-game traditional meeting.

Right: The service academy mascots shared a tender moment - but it didn't last long.



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

No. 20 Air Force completes weekend sweep

By Melissa McKeown

Assistant Athletic Communications Director

With five games on its schedule, the 20th-ranked Air Force water polo team went undefeated, going 4-0 at the Claremont Convergence Tournament Oct. 3 and Saturday while adding a neutral-site victory over Fordham Sunday. The Falcons improved to 10-8 overall on the season and 7-2 in the Western Water Polo Association.

Air Force opened its weekend at the Claremont Convergence Tournament, co-hosted by WWPA rivals Claremont, La Verne and Pomona-Pitzer. The Falcons played its first two games Oct. 3 on Pomona's campus, starting with a match-up versus George Washington, ranked in the latest coaches' poll.

Air Force dominated its game against George Washington from the outset, increasing its lead to 10-2 by the end of the third period. Although the Colonials had a slight edge in the final quarter, the Falcons ran away with the 12-5 victory, led by three goals from Bobby



Courtesy Photos

Sophomore Bobby Geiger helped lead the 20th-ranked Falcons to a perfect 5-0 weekend, scoring a team-high 12 goals, including three each against George Washington, Pomona-Pitzer and Fordham.

Geiger, while Tyler Hewko added two scores. Seven other Falcons found the net in the contest, including freshman Anson Harvey with his first career goal.

In its second game that day, Air Force took on host Pomona. In a much closer contest, the Falcons led 6-4 at the half before the Sagehens were able to come back within one point after three periods. However, Air Force was able to remain undefeated against its conference foe, grabbing an 8-6 win. Geiger was once again the leading scorer with three goals, while Jack Hines added two scores. Also getting on the board for Air Force were Kevin Williams, Alex Churnside and Hewko with one goal each.

Saturday's contests took place at La Verne's Las Flores Park. Air Force began with its first-ever match-up versus Mercyhurst. After trailing 3-2 in the opening period, the Falcons went on a roll in the second period, outscoring the Lakers, 5-0, to take a four-goal lead at the half. Air Force shut out Mercyhurst in the third quarter as well, before taking a 10-5 win. Churnside was the Falcons' leading scorer with three goals in the contest, while Hines and Geiger added two goals each. Also scoring for Air Force were Williams, Matt Versage and Hewko with a goal apiece. Goalkeeper David Ostrom was impressive in the cage with 10 saves and just three goals against in three periods of action.

Air Force met up with conference foe Whittier in its final game of the tournament, and dominated the contest from the outset. The Falcons shut out the Poets until the third quarter, as Air Force rolled to a 16-2 victory. Versage was the leading scorer for Air Force against Whittier, tallying three scores, while Williams, Churnside and Miles McMullan notched two goals each. Seven others scored one goal each, including the first career scores for sophomore Mark Beeman and goalkeeper Ostrom, who played in the field. Freshman Danny Harold played all four quarters in goal for the Falcons, recording nine saves, along with two assists.

The Falcons wrapped up the weekend Sunday with



Junior Alex Churnside racked up 20 points (10 goals and 10 assists) to lead No. 20 Air Force to five wins over the weekend, including a standout three-goal, three-assist performance against Mercyhurst.

a contest against Fordham, playing on the campus of Loyola Marymount. The Falcons opened with a 5-2 lead and outscored the Rams, 6-0, over the second and third quarters, cruising to the 12-4 victory. Leading the Air Force offense were Churnside and Geiger with three goals each. Kurt Lemmen and Hines each added two scores, while Hewko and Jason Fung added the final goals. Ostrom recorded 10 saves in three periods of action in the cage, while Harold added five saves in the fourth quarter.

Air Force opens exhibition hockey with 3-1 win



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Forward Josh Frider applies heavy pressure on Alberta's goalie.

By Dave Toller

Sports Information Director

Air Force scored two power-play goals in the final 2:12 of the game as the Falcons defeated the University of Alberta, 3-1, in an exhibition college hockey game Sunday, at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena.

Air Force outshot Alberta, 18-3, in the first period but the game was scoreless after one. Just 11 seconds into the second period, Brent Olson scored for a 1-0 Falcon lead. The Alberta goaltender, Real Cyr, went behind the net to play the puck, but Falcon winger Josh Frider got there first and fed Olson in front of the goal. Less than five minutes later, the Golden Bears tied the game when J.P. Szaszkiwicz took a shot from the left point that was saved but Ben Kilgour put back the rebound.

With Air Force on the power play, freshman Scott Mathis fired a shot from the right point that hit a defenseman in front and got past Cyr for a 2-1 Falcon lead. Greg Flynn made the pass to Mathis from the left point. Shortly after the ensuing faceoff, Alberta's Eric Hunter received a five-minute major elbowing penalty for hitting Falcon sophomore Jacques Lamoureux in

open ice, putting the Falcons on the power play again. And again, Air Force capitalized. With 24 seconds remaining in the game, Jeff Hajner's wrist from the right circle beat Cyr as teammate Matt Fairchild provided the screen in front.

Air Force outshot Alberta, 43-12, in the game. Cyr made 40 saves for the Golden Bears. Falcon junior goalie Andrew Volkening made 11 saves. The Falcons were 2-for-8 on the power play while killing all six Alberta man-advantages.

"Overall I am pleased with the game," head Coach Frank Serratore said. "They have a terrific goaltender that kept them close. Last year, there were many times when we needed our power-play to come through to win the game and it didn't. Tonight, our special teams came through and put the game away at the end. Our guys did a real good job. We some material to work on, but I have no major complaints."

The Falcons open the regular season on the road with a pair of conference games at Sacred Heart, at 7:05 p.m. Eastern Time today and Saturday in Fairfield, Conn. Air Force opens the home regular-season schedule Oct. 17-18 against Bemidji State.

Cross Country

Several members of the Air Force cross country team will travel to Hays, Kan., for the annual Fort Hays State University Tiger Open Saturday. The meet, which begins with the women's 5K race at 9:20 a.m. (CST), will take place at the Fort Hays State Cross Country Course at Gross Memorial Coliseum. The men's 8K race is slated

to begin at 10 a.m.

Hockey

The back-to-back Atlantic Hockey Association champion Air Force Falcons will open the regular-season on the road as the team travels to Milford, Conn., for a two-game league series with Sacred Heart, at 7:05 p.m. today and Saturday.

Athlete of the week

Tahlia Smoke went 2-1 in singles play to capture third-place in her flight and 3-1 in doubles last weekend at the Academy Invitational. In doubles, Smoke paired with fellow Allie Chermel to win the back draw of their flight. After falling in the quarterfinals to a team from Tulsa, the Falcon duo defeated a pair of Mountain West Conference

opponents. They downed Greer Satherlie and Lauren Mulhern of Colorado State, then beat Jamie Nelson and Carolina Chaix of Wyoming. Smoke is currently tied for the team lead with seven singles wins this fall.

Golf action

Turning in its best round Tuesday, the Air Force golf team placed 12th

Lady Huskies soccer team downs DU

By Erich Hoffman
Academy Prep School staff

The Lady Huskies were glad to be playing on their home pitch Saturday hosting Denver University in women's soccer action. The Lady Huskies defeated the Pioneers 4-2, to finish the regular season unbeaten at home.

DU jumped out early with a long goal in the second minute. However, the Lady Huskies weren't shaken and took advantage of a DU handball in the penalty area on a goal scoring opportunity that resulted in a red card and a DU send off. Laurel Tracy connected on the ensuing penalty kick in the sixth minute to even the score, 1-1.

The Lady Huskies took advantage of the momentum shift and the player advantage to quickly strike again. Layne Harrod found the back of the net

in the 17th minute on a crossing pass served by JoJo Abdul-Raqaz to put the Huskies ahead for good. To keep the momentum going in the Huskies favor, Layne



Harrod provided a crossing pass to the front of the net for Laurel Tracy to put by the DU keeper in the 31st minute, putting the score at 3-1.

DU pushed back hard putting a shot off the right post in at the 35-minute mark but the Lady Huskies quickly took advantage of a DU foul and the resulting free kick from 35 yards out. Laurel Tracy served up a perfect cross to Britni Carroll waiting in the area for an easy tap in at the 40th minute, giving the Lady Huskies a 4-2 lead going into the second half.

The Lady Huskies defense settled in for the second half and held DU scoreless the rest of the match and protected their two goal lead for the remaining 45 minutes. This win puts the Lady Huskies at 5-2-2 for the regular season. The team will travel next to Glenwood Springs for the Colorado Mountain College Invitational Tournament over the Columbus Day weekend.

Academy cyclists make the best of wet situation

By Maj. James Weinstein
OIC, Cadet Cycling Team

The Academy's Cadet Cycling Team faced off against the Rocky Mountain Conference in Durango Saturday in the Gravity Events Conference Championships.

Gravity Events include the ultra-fast downhill race where one essentially rides his or her bike down a ski-slope as fast as possible. Next up was the challenging Dual Slalom race in which competitors ride side-by-side literally fighting each other for the win – the toughest and most determined always win this race. Weather then moved in and caused cancellations for all racing Sunday.

Highlights included Matt Cork and Justin Goodin racing their first Men's A race. Both handled the speed and

ferocity of the competition by earning enough valuable points to attend the National Championships in Banner Elk, N.C., Oct. 23-26. Jared Becker, covered in mud from head to toe, led the Air Force charge with a second place in the Men's B division in the Dual Slalom race.

Conference awards were also handed out to the most consistent riders and Jared Becker earned a first-place medal for Men's B Division 2 Schools. Jay Nicholas kept the podium Air Force heavy with a second place. Notably, first-time mountain bikers, Meghan Cummings and Leah Hoffman garnered first and third places in the Women's B Division 2 standings.

The cadet team races in Grand Junction, Colo., this weekend in a final attempt for riders to qualify to attend Nationals.



Courtesy Photo

The Academy mountain biking team braved the elements in Durango.

Several Academy sports offer new entrance times

By Troy Garnhart
Associate A.D. - Communications

Doors to the Cadet Field House for ice hockey, women's basketball and wrestling will open one hour prior to the start of the contest this season instead of one and one-half hours as in past years. This change will not affect men's basketball, which will continue to open one and one-half hours prior to the start.

All other entrance requirements remain the same as last year. Still cameras and handheld video cameras will be allowed, but flash photography and lenses

larger than four inches in length are not permitted. Empty or factory-sealed soft plastic water bottles, 24 ounces or less will be permitted.

Items prohibited at the Cadet Field House include: alcoholic beverages, food, backpacks of any sort, artificial noisemakers, banners or large signs, laser pointers, weapons, firearms, fireworks, glass containers, cans, bags larger than 8x11 inches and any items that cannot be readily inspected.

The only exceptions to the food and drink prohibition will be for people with certain medical conditions and infants (these must be requested in advance, by contacting athletic events management). Pets,

other than working service dogs, are not permitted. Infant carrier bags and diaper bags are allowed if an infant is present, but the bags will be searched. All hand-carried items will be checked, to include purses, diaper bags, fanny packs, seat cushions and blankets. Express lines will be available for those spectators entering the stadium with nothing to be searched.

All patrons entering the arena are subject to search. Initial visual screening and a pat down will be performed upon entry. Elevated screening procedures may be used, including metal detectors, if the base's security posture is heightened.

at the Wolf Pack Classic, hosted by Nevada at the 7,100-yard, par-72 Wolf Run Golf Course. The Falcons, who fired a 289 in the final round, finished with a three-round total of 883 (+19). Once again, Tom Whitney was the top performer for the Falcons, tying for 10th place individually at 213 (-3). It marked Whitney's third top-10 finish in four outings this season.

MWC Football action

Air Force (3-2, 1-1 MWC) returns to Mountain West Conference action this week by traveling to San Diego, Calif., to take on San Diego State (1-4, 0-1 MWC) Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Pacific at Qualcomm Stadium. The game will be televised by The Mtn., channel 616 on DirecTV and 167 on Comcast. The game will also

be radio broadcast on KVOR AM 740 in Colorado Springs and 1510 KCKK in Denver and northern Colorado. This week's game begins a stretch of Air Force playing three of the next four games on the road. The Falcons play at UNLV Oct. 18, hosts New Mexico Oct. 23 and travels to Army Nov. 1.

**AF Falcons vs.
San Diego State
Saturday Oct. 11, 2008
at San Diego, CA
7:30 p.m. MT**



**Coverage
TV: The Mtn.
Radio: KVOR 740 AM**



Sealed-bid auction

The Academy Outdoor Recreation Center will hold a sealed-bid auction for the following camper units: a 2001 Aerolite Travel Trailer #04836, minimum bid \$2,000; a 2000 Aerolite Travel Trailer #03163, minimum bid \$2,500; and, a 2000 Aerolite Travel Trailer #03164, minimum bid \$2,500. Each contains a wide variety of accessories. Anyone interested can view trailers at Bldg. 5136, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 20-24 or at the Winter Expo, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 18. Pick up bid forms at the Outdoor Recreation Center cashier after Oct. 17 or at the Winter Expo. Bids must be entered into the locked box at the ORC cashier by 4 p.m. Oct. 24. Call 333-4753 for more information.



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 Mahayana 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.

Trail blazers

The walking trail between the Barry Goldwater Visitor Center and the Cadet Chapel will be closed for repairs Tuesday through Oct. 20. Visitors should park in the upper Harmon Hall lot to access the chapel during these dates.

Fly with us

The Academy Cadet Model Engineering Club will host an open flight day from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday on the cadet athletic fields for anyone interested in remote-controlled aircraft. The event is open to all Academy personnel, family members and friends. Training equipment and fuel will be provided by the club, so all who attend will have an opportunity to fly. Call Capt. James Lotspeich at 333-3037, or Cadet 1st Class Charles Neal at 333-4669 for more information.

Contract position

The chapel tithes and offerings fund is accepting bids for the Protestant youth of the chapel coordinator contract position at the Academy Community Center Chapel. Both the statement of work and contract agreement are available at the chapel office. Deliver sealed bids to the chapel by 4:30 p.m., Oct. 24. For more information call 333-3300.

Treatment hours

The 10th Medical Group will have limited services today, a 10th Air Base Wing down day, and is closed Monday, Columbus Day. Areas open for patient care today include: cadet clinic, normal hours (cadets only); family practice and women's health, limited appointments available; and, the pharmacy with normal duty hours all locations. Call 457-2273 to make an acute care clinic appointment.

Star gazers

The Academy Observatory holds an open house from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday. This is the observatory's first open house since 9/11 and the general public is invited. Visitors should park at the Cadet Field House, where shuttle buses to and from the observatory will be provided.

It's in the bag

Student hire applications are being accepted at the Academy Commissary for store associate positions. Stop by the commissary for more information or call Janice Davis at 333-2227, ext. 3111.

Toastmasters gather

Want to improve your speaking, listening and evaluating skills? Looking for an opportunity to practice some planning, conducting and being an emcee for a meeting? Toastmasters is for you! Join the new club from noon to 1 p.m. Fridays in Arnold Hall. Contact *andreas.wesemann@usafa.edu* for more information.

Pre-separation counseling

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. Academy members should call 333-3444 to schedule a pre-separation counseling appointment; spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Department of Defense civilians affected by downsizing, reductions in force, base closures, and base realignments may also complete the pre-separation counseling and use the transition services available.

Guided tours

The Cadet Chapel staff is now conducting daily 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.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

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 assists you in identifying benefits and services associated with your transition and beyond.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Medical Records Review

Oct. 20; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Resume Writing

Wednesday; 9 a.m. to noon.

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

Newcomer's Orientation and Information Fair

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

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

TAP Seminar

Oct. 18-21; 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.

Smooth Move

Oct. 23; 3 to 4 p.m.

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

Newcomer's Red Carpet Base Tour

Oct. 24; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This informative, fun filled base tour gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals what there is to see and do here.



Ghastly surprises

Don't be afraid ... well, maybe you should be. The Cheyenne Mountain Haunted Trail fundraiser benefiting local charity, the Cheyenne Mountain Fire Department, and the Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station Top 5 is set for 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 24 and 25 at Mountain Man Park, Cheyenne Mountain AFS. Take Hwy. 115 toward Ft. Carson, exit at NORAD Road and travel uphill approximately three miles. Cost is \$5 per person/per trip; food is \$3 per bowl of award-winning chili and warm drink. Free candy will be provided for trick or treaters. Call Chris Soliz at (719) 474-3030 or e-mail: *chris.soliz@cheyenne.mountain.af.mil* for more information.

Boo Hoo

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is looking for volunteers to help with Boo at the Zoo nights, Oct. 17-19 and 24-26. Anyone interested should contact Shannon Cole at (719) 633-9925, ext. 147.

Adoption workshop

The Academy Airman & Family Readiness Center, in conjunction with the Peterson, Schriever and Fort Carson, hosts a Joint Military Adoption Workshop and Information Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Southeast Armed Services YMCA, 2190 Jet Wing Drive. Several organizations will answer questions about local and infant open adoption, foster adoption, interstate adoptions, and international adoption services. For more information and registration, call 333-3444 or 333-2213.

Skylarks

Do you like to sing? 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.

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