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Taking the hill

Senior cadets take the hill in the Terrazzo May 4, 2012, to celebrate their last noon meal formation. The 2012 graduation parade is scheduled for May 22, with commencement scheduled for May 23.

Taking the hill is one "final" senior tradition. See another on Page 6.

Dean honors Academy's outstanding educators

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

Instructors here received Outstanding Academy Educator awards during a presentation in Fairchild Hall's F-1 auditorium on May 4.

The awards are presented annually to recognize instructors from each academic department, the Dean of Faculty and Commandant of Cadets staff, the Academy Preparatory School and the Athletics Department who exemplify excellence in education at the Academy.

"Many people say the greatest weapon we have today is our minds," Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born said at the ceremony. "We do a lot of great things, and that takes ... a great mind."

Born cited Cadet 1st Class Zack Crippen as an exemplar of the Cadet Wing's success, which Academy instructors can celebrate as their success. Crippen is the Cadet Wing vice commander, a founding member of the Academy's moot court team and a 2012 Rhodes Scholar. In brief remarks, Crippen said outstanding

educators "care about students in such a way that greatness is the only option.

"We live in an era that inundates us with information," said Crippen, who will study for a master's degree in philosophy at Oxford University in the fall. "My generation is constantly trying to separate the wheat from the chaff." Students rely on instructors to help them with that sifting process.

In addition, Crippen said, good instructors should want to see their students exceed them.

"They should aim to be so good that

they are one day eclipsed by their students," he said. Those named as outstanding educators meet that vision, he added, thanking them for "helping to shine a light on a never-ending search for truth."

The ceremony included a keynote speech by Prof. Nancy Sherman, the professor of Georgetown University's Philosophy Department. Sherman, who served as the first distinguished chair of ethics at the Naval Academy, spoke about resilience and withstanding moral traumas.

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Five enduring areas of performance

by Col. James Hodges
6th Mission Group Commander

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) — As a group commander and a colonel in the Air Force, I often have the opportunity to mentor people. Throughout the many mentoring, counseling, feedback and other sessions where I've assessed performance and provided direction for future improvement, five enduring areas of performance have emerged as keys to success. In order of priority, they are superior performance in primary assigned Air Force duties, professional military education, civilian education, base community service, and local community service.

The five performance areas are described by their importance and the amount of time that must be invested in them. It is easiest to portray them as individual slices of one larger pie, as represented in the accompanying graph.

The most important area and the largest "piece of the pie" is **superior performance in primary assigned duties**. The Air Force recruits, trains, and retains Airmen to accomplish very important missions — to fly, fight and win. Accordingly, all Airmen need to strive to be the best they can be in their jobs.

That is what makes our Air Force the best in the world and allows MacDill to boast it hosts the best Air Mobility Wing on the face of the planet. As the Air Force gets leaner, it's more important than ever that Airmen continue to do their best and embody Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do in order to accomplish our missions.

Furthermore, when individuals consistently show their professionalism and competency while performing their primary duties, not only does the mission get accomplished, but their teammates, supervisors, and subordinates learn to trust and rely on them.

Finally, when Airmen perform their duties in a sustained, superior way, they set themselves apart from their peers and get recognized.

The second performance area is **professional military education**. I often comment that if people are "into" something, such as a particular sport, they want to learn more about it.

For example, I spent time in Alabama last year and was amazed at how much people there knew about the University of Alabama and Auburn sports teams. They knew school history, current players, team game plans and much more. Just as those Alabama residents were "into" their college sports teams, we need to be "into" the Air Force culture, heritage, strategy and other issues related to our profession, as this type of knowledge makes Airmen better Air Force leaders and "air-minded" ambassadors.

Completing professional military education programs such as Airman Leadership School, NCO Academy, Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College get Airmen outside of their normal day-to-day jobs to meet with peers in an academic environment. Finally, completing professional military education helps show they are just the type of motivated, competitive Airman the Air Force is looking for.

The third area is **civilian education**. The Air Force is looking for bright people with a broad range of knowledge who can solve problems. Our technically oriented force demands people with such skills and abilities.

Civilian education helps Airmen sharpen their minds and become better problem solvers. It also helps Airmen strive for self-improvement in ways that can help them achieve their personal goals while also serving their country.

Additionally, attending college courses often puts Airmen into contact with interesting people from the local community who can expand the Airmen's professional and social network. Finally, educational achievement is recognized universally as a mark of accomplishment and an indicator of "whole person" attainment.

The fourth area is **service to the base** in areas outside of normally assigned duties. There are many activities and events base leadership need done throughout the course of a year that do not fall neatly into the purview of any one unit. Therefore, Airmen are needed to join together

on teams, committees, or other organizations outside of the normal unit structure to get these activities accomplished.

We need Airmen to volunteer; otherwise, these other important activities and events cannot happen. Serving on such teams, committees, or organizations can be very rewarding personally and expand the group of colleagues and friends Airman have around the base. A wise chief once told me the highest performing, "whole person" Airmen do at least one thing to serve at the unit, group and wing levels every year.

The fifth and final area is **service to the community** outside of the base. There are a great many needs in American society today that require the contributions of private citizens. I firmly believe Airmen are outstanding Americans who have so much they can offer to selflessly support their fellow citizens in addition to their Air Force service.

Whether Airmen mentor young people as Big Brothers or Big Sisters, build homes with Habitat for Humanity, volunteer to feed the homeless or address another need, they can find a cause in the local community suiting their passions and skills. Such service not only benefits the needy, but also reinforces a habit of selflessness in our Airmen and puts them in contact with members of our local community in a very positive way.

Local citizens, whether they are the ones in need or serving the community themselves, will appreciate and recognize the assistance of our Airmen. Airmen who provide their time and talents helping out in the local community endear us with our neighbors outside the base gates.

If Airmen strive for excellence in these five performance areas, Air Force missions and community needs will be better served. Additionally, through performing their primary duties and also getting outside of their normal comfort zone, Airmen will increase their networks of professional and social contacts they can call upon.

Finally, Airmen who fully exemplify each of these areas will naturally stand out among their peers, will achieve their professional and personal goals, and will personify the "whole person" concept the Air Force values so greatly.

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- Col. James Hodges

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Local volunteers honored

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

More than 30 volunteers received awards for their excellent assistance and dedication during a ceremony at the Academy's Falcon Club May 3.

Six volunteers received Outstanding Academy Volunteer Awards, three received Volunteer Excellence Awards, one received an Academy Key Spouse Award, and 21 volunteers received President's Volunteer Service Awards.

"Academy volunteers are the most dedicated volunteers that you'll find anywhere," said Jeannie Lopez, installation volunteer program coordinator at the Academy's Airman and Family Readiness Center. "We have regular volunteers who have been volunteering 20, 30, and 40 years specifically for the Academy in various capacities."

The Volunteer Program is part of the Airman and Family Readiness Center and was initiated at the Academy in 1989.

Volunteers assist with on-base and off-base agencies or special projects. For example, the American Red Cross volunteers and Military Retirees Affairs volunteers assist in the specialty clinics and pharmacies. The Academy Key Spouses volunteers assist in supporting unit families, particularly those deployed or in need of resources to help in specific situations.

About 150 people attended the ceremony, which was hosted by 10th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Tim Gibson.

The annual ceremony at the Academy has taken place for at least the last 20 years, Lopez said. Last year, volunteers contributed

more than 90,000 hours to the Academy and various communities, resulting in a cost savings of nearly \$2 million in volunteer hours.

Awards were distributed by category and long-time Military Retiree Affairs volunteer Richard Dubose presented a cost savings check to Gibson.

"The Volunteer Program and volunteers are very important to the Academy," Lopez said. "There are (more than) 500 volunteers who regularly volunteer at various organizations and agencies, as well as cadets and cadet candidates who volunteer at the Academy and nationwide."

2012 award recipients:

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- Heather Kraus
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Education Office honors CCAF grads

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

The Academy's Education Office honored 58 enlisted Airmen who completed their Community College of the Air Force degree requirements during a ceremony in the Falcon Club Thursday.

The Airmen join the rolls of more than 335,000 who have previously received associate's degrees from the CCAF since it issued its first degree in 1977.

CCAF degrees mark an important step in the devel-

opment of every enlisted Airman, helping them develop the critical thinking and communication skills they will need to lead tomorrow's Air Force, said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Ludwig, the Academy's command chief.

"Every Airman, not just the graduates, should be thinking about the next opportunity to make a difference in their own lives," Ludwig said. "I hope the graduates find their degrees as a launching pad to the next educational opportunity. This will help them prepare for whatever comes in the future. Education

is truly a passion that will stay with us through every step of life, and following this passion can continue to help make them and the team around them stronger."

Receiving their CCAF degrees for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters were:

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Master Sgt. Daniel Alvarado	Education and Training Mgmt.
Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Barron	Education and Training Mgmt.
Master Sgt. Lee Becker	Education and Training Mgmt. Avionic Systems Tech.
Master Sgt. James Dickson	Munitions Systems Tech.
Master Sgt. Caleb Dollar	Education and Training Mgmt.
Master Sgt. Christopher Fisher	Education and Training Mgmt. Criminal Justice
Tech. Sgt. Jenny Hendry	Education and Training Mgmt.
Tech. Sgt. Jon Hyder	Education and Training Mgmt.
Master Sgt. Lisa Kaseman	Education and Training Mgmt.
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Tech. Sgt. John Seay	Dietetics and Nutrition
Staff Sgt. Kary Stringham	Diagnostic Imaging Tech.
Senior Airman Joshua Vermeylen	Allied Health Sciences
Tech. Sgt. Amber Wortman	Diagnostic Imaging Tech. Human Resource Mgmt.

Little Heroes

Academy children recognized for efforts while parents are deployed

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Eight young family members were recognized at an inaugural Home Front Heroes award ceremony Monday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center for their outstanding contributions while a parent was deployed.

The children, ages 4-14, received a certificate and American flag medal for their outstanding support and sacrifices that allowed their parents and other service members to continue to serve the nation.

Commanders, chief master sergeants, first sergeants and families of the children attended the event. Recipients were nominated by family members for their unconditional love, strength and endurance in support of the deployment effort.

Air Force retiree Mike Barker proudly watched five of his grandsons receive awards for their fundraising accomplishments. They raised more than \$200,000 for the Home Front Cares organization.

"To me they're silent heroes because they've helped so much and not many people know," Barker said. "They're hard workers. It's neat because they like the military and the stories that I tell."

Barker's grandsons — Michael, Chandler, Dane, Connor and Cooper — call themselves "Cousins Who Care" and setup a patriotic booth at local air and home shows, Old Colorado City's Territory Days and other



LEFT: The "Cousins who Care" – (from left) Connor Osborn, Dane Barker, Michael Barker III, Chandler Osborn and Cooper Osborn, along with their mothers, Julie Barker (left) and Brandy Osborn (right).



BELOW: (From left) Kiera Miller and her father, Capt. Joshua Miller; Adam Butler and his mother, Angela Butler; and Pheobe Sims and her mother, Ashley Morgan-Sims.

CHRISTINE DAVIS

salute the troops events.

"I enjoy doing it because I like seeing how it can make people's day," said 14 year-old Michael Barker III, a Home Front Heroes recipient. "It's the least that I can do."

The boys hand out patriotic car magnets for donations that have gone towards the Wounded Troops Fund, phone cards for the troops and a handicap accessible mini-van for a local wounded warrior.

"They're amazing kids," Mike Barker said. "When we're out there, they work from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the

heat. Our goal is to talk to everyone who passes our booth and the longer you talk, the more tired you get but they're out there like troopers."

After the tragedy at Fort Hood in 2009, the boys collected 1,200 yellow ribbons and sent them as messages of hope for soldiers stationed at the base.

"Our message to the soldiers was that we're from Colorado Springs, we care and we're thinking about you," Mike Barker said.

Other recipients were recognized for accomplishments while a parent

was deployed such as high grades and involvement in school and help with chores and siblings at home.

"Recognition is an awesome tool, and Home Front Heroes ultimately supports the mission during deployments," said Master Sgt. Lisa Taylor, NCO in charge at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. "While children are doing well in school and helping around the house, the deployed Airmen can rest assured that things are going smoothly at home and can concentrate on the mission at the deployed location."

Academy grad named to Astronaut Hall of Fame

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

Retired Gen. Kevin Chilton was inducted into NASA's Astronaut Hall of Fame during a ceremony Saturday at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Chilton is the former commander of U.S. Strategic Command, a 1976 graduate of the Air Force Academy, the husband of Academy Mobilization Assistant Brig. Gen. Cathy Chilton and the father of Cadet 1st Class Madison Chilton.

Chilton piloted the Space Shuttle Endeavour on its maiden voyage during the Space Transportation System-49 mission, his first as an astronaut. Highlights of that mission included NASA's first three-person extravehicular activity during an operation to capture and repair a non-functional Intelsat VI satellite. He also piloted the 11-day STS-59 mission aboard Endeavour, which used radar imaging to map parts of the U.S., Europe and Asia for climate research.



Space shuttle astronauts Franklin Chang Díaz, retired Gen. Kevin Chilton (center) and Charlie Precourt celebrate their induction into the Astronaut Hall of Fame at the Kennedy Space Center, Fla., May 5. More than 30 Hall of Fame astronauts and hundreds of guests gathered to witness the annual induction ceremony. Chilton is a 1976 graduate of the Air Force Academy. His wife, Brig. Gen. Cathy Chilton, is the mobilization assistant to the Academy superintendent.

NASA PHOTO

Chilton commanded STS-76 aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis on his third mission. STS-76 highlights included docking with the Mir space station and a six-hour EVA by astronauts Michael Clifford and Linda Godwin.

His career also includes a joint assignment as the Joint Staff's director of politico-military affairs for Asia-Pacific and the Middle East regions. He held commands at Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., the Joint Functional Component Command for Space and Global Strike at Offutt AFB, Neb., 8th Air Force at Barksdale AFB, La., and the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif.

Chilton was a rated pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours in several airframes, including the F-4 Phantom, F-15 Eagle, B-52 Stratofortress and U-2 Dragon Lady. He holds a master's de-

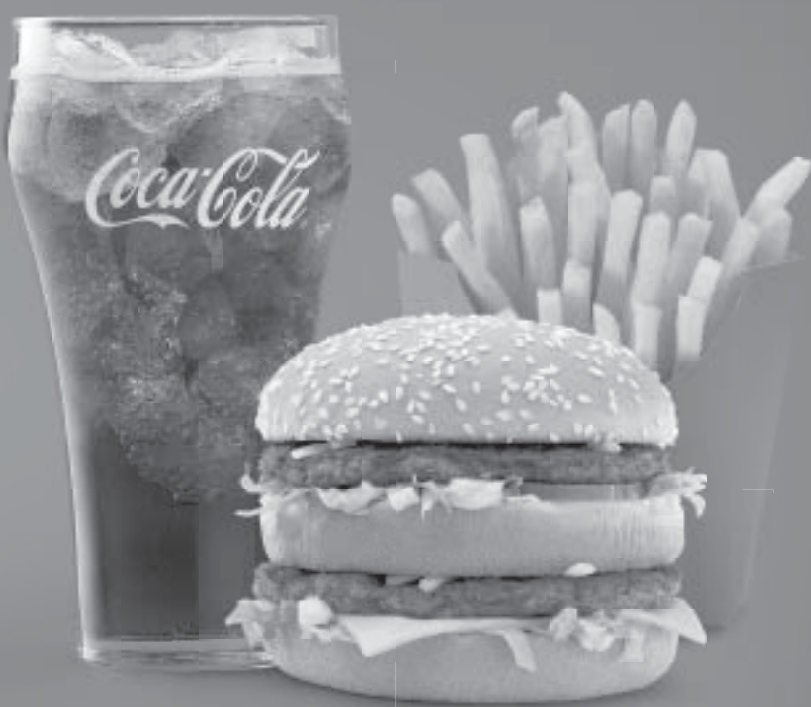
gree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University in New York. He retired Feb. 1, 2011.

Also honored during Saturday's ceremony were Franklin Chang Díaz and Charles Precourt. Díaz, NASA's first Latino astronaut, flew on seven space shuttle flights and logged more than 1,600 hours in space, according to NASA's website. Precourt flew on four space shuttle missions: STS-55 (Columbia), STS-71 (Atlantis), STS-84 (Atlantis) and STS-91 (Discovery).

Saturday's ceremony brings the total number of astronauts named to the Astronaut Hall of Fame to 82. Previous inductees include astronauts from the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz programs, according to NASA.

(Information compiled from NASA and Air Force releases and staff reports.)

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2012 Jabara Award winner named

An A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot and 2002 Air Force Academy graduate was honored as the 2012 Jabara Award during ceremonies at Mitchell Hall here May 3 and at Doolittle Hall May 4.

Maj. Joseph Hext received the award for heroism during a sortie supporting U.S. and Afghan forces in Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom Aug. 21, 2010.

"This year's competition was extremely tough, and you can be proud of your professionalism," wrote Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould in his congratulatory letter announcing the selection.

Hext, who was flying lead on a close air support mission, received a request for emergency close air support moments after his wingman broke off to refuel. Insurgents, using both small

arms and heavy machine guns, had pinned down coalition forces.

Hext immediately descended below 300 feet and conducted a show of force that gave coalition forces time to establish a defensive position. He followed up with three solo passes against a rapidly advancing enemy the last just 15 meters from friendly forces — to drive back hostile forces.

Another element came under attack shortly after Hext's wingman returned from refueling. The two surgically struck with 30mm cannon and rockets, allowing the Afghan national army forces to fall back to a safe location. Hext executed another strafing run against a separate group of insurgent fighters, destroying the enemy position.

The ground commander later said, "We could not have made it out of the area without the lethal effects

provided by the A-10s." Despite the ferocity and close-quarters nature of the firefights during the three distinct engagements, no coalition forces were lost.

Hext was one of seven Academy graduates nominated for the 2012 Jabara Award by major commands, forward operating agencies and direct reporting units. The award is presented annually on behalf of the Academy, the Association of Graduates and the Jabara family. It is named for Col. James Jabara, the first jet ace and second leading ace in the Korean War. Jabara won the Air Force Association's most prestigious award in 1951 and was recognized as one of 25 Americans who had contributed the most to education in 1957.

(Information provided by the Division of Development and Alumni Programs.)



MIKE KAPLAN

Maj. Joseph Hext speaks to cadets from the staff tower of Mitchell Hall during a Jabara Award ceremony May 3.

Come on in ... *The Water's Fine!*

Seniors celebrate their last finals by taking dip in Terrazzo fountain

PHOTOS BY MIKE KAPLAN



LEFT: Cadets, equipped with flotation devices, celebrate in the Terrazzo fountain after completing their last final exams Monday. The weather — snowy and 39 degrees — didn't stop cadets from practicing the long-held tradition of jumping into the water after they've finished their senior academic year.

Cadets 1st Class Tim Jefferson and Anthony Wright Jr. go for a splash in the Cadet Area fountains Monday. The fountain dive is a tradition for seniors who have finished their last set of final exams. Jefferson is an Atlanta native, and Wright hails from Cleveland.





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President Barack Obama greets U.S. troops following his remarks at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, May 2.

Obama thanks service members in Afghanistan

by Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — During a surprise trip to Afghanistan May 2, President Barack Obama found some time — between signing a strategic agreement with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and delivering American Forces Press Service a speech to be broadcast back to the United States — to speak with U.S. service members at Bagram Airfield.

The commander in chief started by acknowledging Marine Corps Gen. John R. Allen, the commander of U.S. and NATO International Security Assistance Force troops in Afghanistan, and Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker, the senior U.S. diplomat there.

Obama then listed the military units represented in the crowd, from 1st Infantry Division to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. Assembled service members greeted each unit designation the president listed with an

enthusiastic “Hooah!” His basic message to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines was simple, the president said: “All I want to do is just say thank you.”

The sacrifices service members have made are what make America free and secure, the president said. Obama told the troops he had just signed the U.S.-Afghanistan strategic partnership agreement, which signals the transition to turning over Afghanistan’s security lead to that nation’s own forces.

“We’re not going to do it overnight,” he said. “We’re not going to do it irresponsibly. We’re going to make sure that the gains, the hard-fought gains that have been made, are preserved.”

U.S. service members and their coalition partners are the reason that agreement is possible, and the reason Afghans “have an opportunity for a new tomorrow,” he said.

“We did not choose this war,” the president said. “This war came to us on 9/11. And there are a whole bunch

of folks here, I’ll bet, who signed up after 9/11.” When Americans see their homeland violated and their fellow citizens killed, he added, “Then we understand what we have to do.”

Because Americans like those at Bagram Airfield today stepped forward, the commander in chief said, “not only were we able to blunt the Taliban momentum, not only were we able to drive al-Qaida out of Afghanistan, but slowly and systematically we have been able to decimate the ranks of al-Qaida, and a year ago we were able to finally bring Osama bin Laden to justice.”

Troops made that happen by doing their jobs every day, he said, and their families made it happen by loving and supporting them.

“Together, you guys represent what is best in America,” the president said. “And you’re part of a long line of those who have worn this uniform to make sure that we are free and secure, to make sure that those of us at home have the capacity to live our lives.”

Everybody in America knows and appreciates that, Obama said.

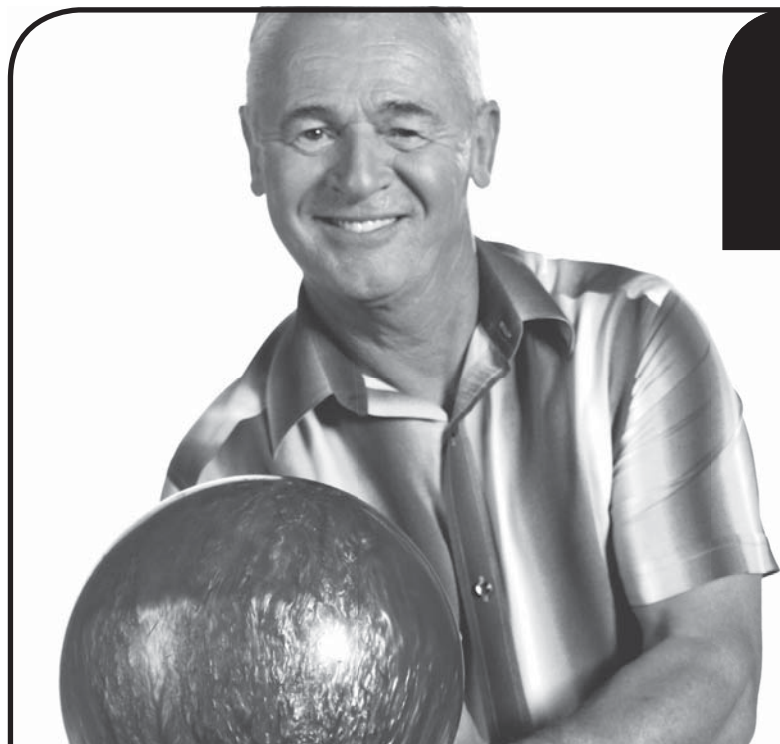
“And everybody in America honors it,” he added. “When the final chapter of this war is written, historians will look back and say, not only was this the greatest fighting force in the history of the world, but all of you also represented the values of America in an exemplary way.”

The president said he understands troops’ jobs remain tough.

“I know the battle is not yet over,” he said. “Some of your buddies are going to get injured, and some of your buddies may get killed. And there’s going to be heartbreak and pain and difficulty ahead. But there’s a light on the horizon because of the sacrifices you’ve made.”

The nation will stand behind its troops when war ends, the president said, “because you’ve earned it.”

“You earned a special place in our hearts,” Obama said. “And I could not be prouder to be your commander in chief.”



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The winding looped trail outside of Doolittle Hall features 22 plaques on granite pedestals displaying graduates with outstanding military and civilian achievements.



CAROL LAWRENCE

Trail of Tradition

AOG's Heritage Trail offers lessons on Academy's history, heroes

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

After tourists browse the Academy's Visitor Center and can learn about a day in the life of a cadet, their next stop should be the Association of Graduates Heritage Trail, where they can view exquisite memorials of the Academy's history and graduates.

The shaded, looped trail outside Doolittle Hall offers visitors an opportunity to stroll through a nicely paved path that reveals plaques and detailed memorials of distinguished and fallen graduates, clear back to the original class of 1959.

"We look for projects that will reflect the heritage of the Academy," AOG Executive Vice President Gary Howe said. The development of the trail is divided into several phases. The first phase occurred in 2005, when the Academy's Classes of '69 and '73 initiated the pavement and landscaping.

The start of the trail features 22 plaques on polished granite pedestals that display graduates with high military and civilian achievements.

"This is a small representation of our graduates who have been stellar in this country and in the development of education, research, science, business, technology and manufacturing," AOG Class Projects Officer Al Burrell said. "For the next 12 to 15 years, these plaques will be marking their heritage up through the entire circle."

The Challenge Bridge, built by the Class of '59, provides a nice walkway over the small stream before the trail splits into two paths, east and west. Exhibits presented out east are non-combat related. Those displayed out west are combat-related memorials that focus on the Academy's history and more violent engagement.

"It's about people, not aircraft," Burrell said. "It's about graduates, commitment and character. We didn't want to create a trail and just slap things on it that may or may not be relevant. We want it to develop with a lot of thought and relevant professional emotion."

Towards the west sits the Valor Memorial, created in 2009 by the Class of '89. It includes a clay mold of fallen Marine Kevin M. Shea, who died in Iraq in 2004. Commandant coins surround the statue, which overlooks the Eisenhower golf course and cadet area.

"We don't lose too many of those faces, but most years we'll lose a few," Burrell said. "You see these commandant coins and think about how important it is and who all comes to see it. The site has a fair amount of visitation and the coins still remain here and represent the Air Force, Marines and Navy."

The most developed site is the Southeast Asian Pavilion, created by the Class of '70, a memorial for graduates in the Vietnam War. It includes blue and gray glass walls, memorial benches, a black granite wall with names of fallen graduates and a massive 800-pound bronze relief map that includes 35

military references in Hanoi. "The pavilion is a magnificent structure by itself, even in an uncompleted state," Howe said.

Burrell said it's important for cadets to be exposed to information on the Vietnam War to uphold the significance of it.

"Vietnam was the first time Air Force Academy graduates had an opportunity and had a mission to go to war," Burrell said. "We sent them over there as majors, captains and baby lieutenants and put them in airplanes, in a totally unconventional work environment. That's something we've never ideologically and theoretically worked ourselves and they had to create themselves."

Retired Gen. Ron Yates, the main initiator of the trail, said cadets need to be continually reminded of the sacrifices of previous generations.

"I think it's important for them to know the character the prisoners of war exuded and the price they paid," Yates said. "Cadets should aspire to them."

Burrell said it's interesting to hear the stories and see emotion from veterans when they visit the pavilion.

"This was a different kind of war emotionally because it was a different society, a hostile society," Burrell said. "I didn't realize how many guys hadn't discussed the war with their wives. When they stood in front of the map and their wives asked questions, the veterans would start to open up and get teary."

By June 2013, three interactive computer kiosks will be installed on the wall next to the map. It'll allow visitors the chance to scroll through a Vietnam timeline from 1954 to 1975, using touch screen technology.

"We'd also like to have skilled and trained volunteers out on the trail periodically to explain the war," Burrell said.

Burrell said there are 14 more construction sites on the trail that can be made available, three of which have the potential to be pavilions.

"I think there's probably 25 years of build space out there at the rate we're going," Burrell said. "Whoever wants to build must bring the money and design."

The trail is open to anyone, especially military personnel.

"It gives graduates the chance to pause in front of the memorial wall and honor the fallen," Yates said. "It also gives general visitors the opportunity to see what the exploits have been at the Academy. We have several Air Force Cross and Silver Star awardees."

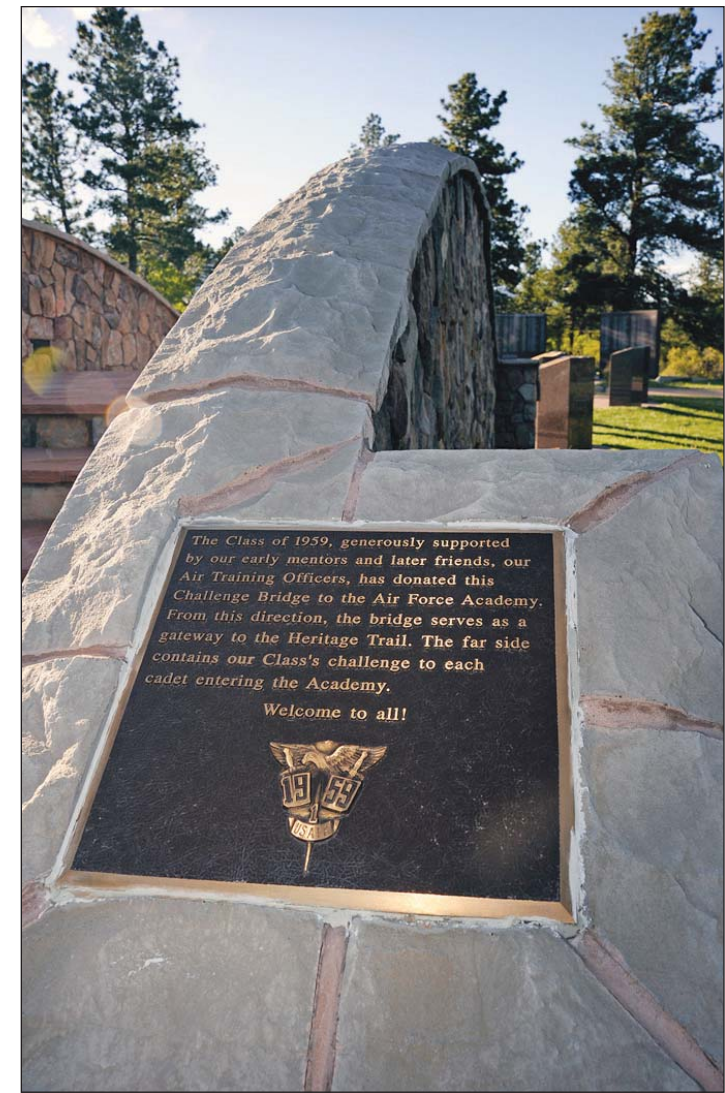
Burrell said the trail will continue to build and increase in attraction.

He said his favorite aspect of the trail is the overall idea.

"My favorite part is the simple fact that the Air Force Academy graduates, men and women who have completed their education and served their careers, continue to serve this Air Force by establishing their heritage out here to try and push that message," Burrell said.



SARAH CHAMBERS



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FAR LEFT: The Challenge Bridge, built by the Class of '59, provides a nice walkway over the small stream before the trail splits into two paths, east and west. The Class of '59 is the Academy's first graduating class.

LEFT: A plaque on The Challenge Bridge, from the Class of '59 challenges each cadet to go forward and make the graduate community proud.



CAROL LAWRENCE

A 1999 Air Force Academy graduate pauses at the Memorial Wall Thursday. The wall intersects the Heritage Trail loop, located behind Doolittle Hall on Academy Drive.

AF captures 18 medals at Warrior Games

By Tech. Sgt. Mareshah Haynes
Defense Media Activity

The Air Force brought home a team-record 18 medals April 30 through Saturday during the 3rd annual Warrior Games here.

The team medaled in volleyball and wheelchair basketball for the first time. Athletes representing the Air Force earned two silver and one gold medal in swimming, two silver and one bronze in cycling; and two gold, three silver and four bronze in track and field.

"I think we exceeded all expectations," said Maj. (Dr.) James Bales, the Air Force team coach. "The goal for the team was just to come out here and perform at the best of their ability, and they did that this week. They performed well, and the results of that were a huge sense of teamwork (and) camaraderie. It equated to the best performance the Air Force has had in three years."

The athletes, from all branches of the U.S. military and the British Armed Forces, competed in five individual sports: archery, shooting, swimming, track and field and cycling, and two team events: sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball. The majority of the events were hosted at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the open ceremony and shooting were held at the Olympic Training Center.

"Whether you won a medal or not, whether your team won the competition or not, every single one of you who competed in these games is a champion," said Navy. Adm. James Winnefield Jr., the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "Every one of you has proven there is no challenge too great, no hurdle too difficult for a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine or Coast Guardsman."

The games are designed to introduce ill, injured or wounded service mem-



VAL GEMPIS

Keith Sekora prepares to throw a discus during the track and field competition of Warrior Games 2012 on May 4. Sekora placed fifth in the men's seated discus throw and shot put events. He suffered a neck injury when a roadside bomb exploded near him during a deployment to Afghanistan in 2010.

bers to Paralympic sports. The Air Force team comprised of active duty and Reserve Airmen from across the country who still wish to represent the Air Force. Their injuries range from post-traumatic-stress disorder to quadriplegia.

Winnefield presented the Chairman's Cup and Ultimate Champion award during the closing ceremony Saturday. The Marine Corp team won the Chairman's Cup for the third year running. The Chairman's Cup is presented on behalf of the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff to the team with the most cumulative medal points.

Marine Jonathan Disbro was named



STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER BOLTZ

Ultimate Champion for the second year. The Ultimate Champion is the athlete who has earned the most individual medal points by compet-

Competitors line up for a race at the Warrior Games at the Academy May 4. The Air Force encourages wounded warriors to reach for and achieve a productive future and know that they can have a rich and fulfilling life beyond what has happened to them in service to their nation.

ing in at least five individual events. The ceremony concluded with a performance by the Army Regional Band High Altitude.

Warrior Games: AF swimmers earn gold, silver



VAL GEMPIS

U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Ryan McGuire heads toward the finish line as he takes part in a swimming competition during Warrior Games 2012 at the Air Force Academy Saturday.

By Tech. Sgt. Mareshah Haynes
Defense Media Activity

Air Force swimmers proved themselves in the pool Saturday by securing one gold and two silver medals during the 2012 Warrior Games here.

Ryan McGuire, a 2008 Air Force Academy graduate, secured the silver medals in the men's 100m freestyle single-leg amputation multi-class and the men's 50m freestyle SLA multi-class with times of 1:20:62 and 35.70, respectively.

In one of his last events of the day, McGuire garnered gold in the men's 50m backstroke SLA multi-class. He finished the race in 45.33, more than eight seconds ahead of the second-place finisher.

"I think I did pretty well," McGuire said. "The competition was pretty fierce this year, it steps up every year, but it makes me feel really good to be able to hold my own. I think I had a really good day overall."

Corey Carter earned the silver medal in the men's 50m freestyle above-the-elbow amputee multi-class. This was Carter's first time

swimming competitively, and he missed first place by less than two seconds.

Carter agreed that the competition was tough, but he still managed to hold his own as a newcomer.

"I had a really good time; I did the best that I could, and I achieved what I came out here to do - get a medal in something, he said.

"The toughest thing for me was breathing and keeping my timing right," Carter said. "A little over a month and a half ago, I was a regular recreational swimmer, so learning how to freestyle was new for me. Learning how to get the timing down was something I had to work on back home. I had a lot of work to do before I got here, but when I got here I came to show what I had."

The Air Force female swimmers both gave good chase but fell short of the bronze. Katie Robinson placed fifth in the women's 100m freestyle open multiclass and Jennifer Stone came in a close fourth place in the women's 50m freestyle open multi-class. Her time was 41.84, which put her 1.5 seconds behind the third-place finisher.

AFA Over-30 team claims 1st Rocky Mountain title

By Dave Castilla
Intramural Sports Director

The Air Force Academy took its first Rocky Mountain basketball championships this past Saturday, defeating Peterson Air Force Base, 50-49, and Schriever AFB, 49-46, in two close games.

Schriever ended up in second place by defeating Peterson 69-52.

In the first game between USAFA and Peterson, former Air Force Falcons Tom Bellairs and Evan Washington, along with current assistant coach Andrew Long, controlled the tempo of the game and held a 15-point lead at the half, 32-17. Bellairs controlled rebounds and scored inside, while Andrew Long hit long three-pointers. Washington was all over the floor with his passing and fast breaks.

Peterson tightened the game in the second half and went on a 29-18 run. After a Peterson timeout with four seconds on the clock, Julian Mills hit a long three-pointer, closing the gap to one. However the clock ran out with USAFA holding on.

Top scorers for USAFA were Washington with 13 points, Long with 12 and Bellairs with 11. Peterson was led by Julian Mills with 14 points followed by Drew Smith with 10 points.

The second game between USAFA and Schriever was very similar to the first game, with the Academy up by 14 at halftime, 30-16. Former Falcons on the Schriever side included John Frye, who played with a sore ankle, and Tom Fow. Frye played limited minutes in the first half and still had 7 first-half points. AFA's Long scored his 11 points in the first half.

In the second half, as Tom Fow warmed up, so did Schriever's chances of pulling out a victory. Fow hit three straight three-pointers, narrowing Schriever's gap to two. Washington was fouled and made one of two free throws that iced the game. Long led the Academy with 11 points, followed by Malik Perry with 10. Frye ended up with 12 points for Schriever, followed by Fow with 11.

"When you have so many former players and coaches who've played and who understand the game, it makes my job a lot easier with matchups and substitutions," Coach Terrance Tyler said after the championship.



LIZ COPAN

The Air Force Academy's Andrew Long (top) goes for a layup during the Academy Over-30 basketball team's match against Peterson Air Force Base Saturday. The Academy team beat both Peterson and Schriever to claim its first Rocky Mountain championship. Long scored 11 points in the win. Also pictured is Markeith Wimbusch.

Popovich named NBA's 2012 Coach of the Year

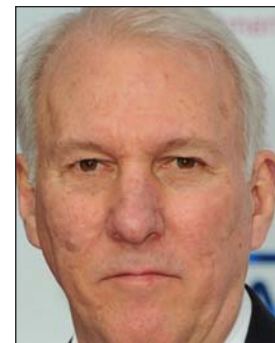
San Antonio Spurs head coach and Academy Class of 1970 graduate Gregg Popovich was named NBA Coach of the Year for 2012, the NBA announced May 1.

Popovich has guided the Spurs to four NBA championships, in 1999, 2003, 2005 and 2007 and led the team to 50 wins and the top seed in the Western Conference this season.

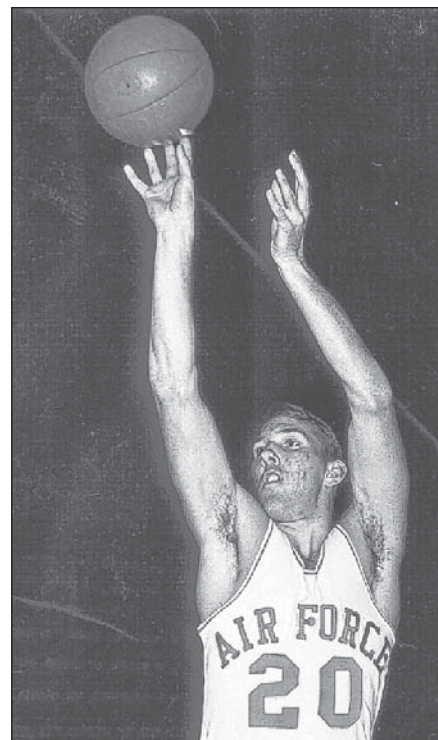
This is the second time he has been named coach of the year: The first was in 2003, after the Spurs won their second championship.

Popovich was team captain of the Academy's Falcon's basketball team in 1970, the year he graduated, and averaged 14 points per game.

He was honored as a distinguished graduate of the Academy in 2008.



Gregg Popovich



Gregg Popovich is seen here playing for the Air Force Falcons during his senior year in 1970. Popovich, who graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1970, received his second nod as the NBA's Coach of the Year on May 1.



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Falcons sweep weekly track, field awards

By Valerie Perkin
Athletic Communications

Two members of the Air Force pole vault team, freshman Joey Uhle and senior Kimber Shealy, swept the weekly Mountain West awards as the conference's Men's and Women's Track and Field Athletes of the Week on Wednesday.

It is the first such award for Uhle and the third for Shealy, who also claimed the award during the indoor seasons of her freshman and sophomore years.

Uhle earned first-place honors in the men's pole vault at the Front Range Classic on May 4, clearing a career-best mark of 17'2 3/4". His mark, which tied the Meet Record that teammate Cale Simmons set last year, is personal improvement of four inches and ranked as the fifth-best clearance in program history. It is also ranked second in the

conference and 37th in the nation.

Shealy set a new Air Force record in the women's pole vault at the Front Range Classic, recording a personal-best height of 13'1 3/4". Her height, which is second in the conference and 49th in the nation, broke the Front Range Classic standard by six inches. Shealy also set a new Cadet Outdoor Track and Field Complex record, becoming the first athlete (male or female) to impact the stadium records since 2002.

This is just the third time that Air Force has swept the league's weekly awards, joining Nick Frawley and Sara Neubauer in 2010 and Paul Gensic and Olivia Korte in 2005.

Air Force hosts the 2012 Mountain West Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the Cadet Outdoor Track and Field Complex. The four-day meet continues through Saturday.



Senior Kimber Shealy clears the pole vault during the fifth-annual Front Range Classic May 4. Shealy and freshman Joey Uhle were named the Men's and Women's Track and Field Athletes of the Week on Wednesday by the Mountain West Conference.

ELIZABETH ANDREWS



CADET 3RD CLASS KYLE PALKO

Cadet 3rd Class Pat Duffy navigates a low crawl obstacle during the Military Spartan Sprint at Fort Carson, Colo., May 5, 2012. Duffy, who is assigned to Cadet Squadron 12, finished in 1:56:12.

Cadets make splash at mud race

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

A few cadets in Cadet Squadron 12 took their unit's "Dirty Dozen" moniker to a new level Saturday, racing in a mud-filled obstacle course at Fort Carson.

Cadet 1st Class Joshua Yeaste and Cadet 3rd Class Pat Duffy joined cadets from other squadrons and roughly 4,000 other participants in the Colorado Military Sprint Spartan Race, held in Ironhorse Park on post.

Duffy first heard about the race from Master Sgt. Benjamin Ireland, CS 12's Academy military training NCO.

"I first heard about the Spartan Race while I was stationed in Kansas two years ago, but I wasn't able to run the course at the time," Ireland said. "I started looking for mud races here in Colorado and found the Spartan Sprint. When I heard it became a military sprint, I figured there was no better place to run -- plus it was in our own backyard, and it benefited the military and the Green Beret Foundation."

Duffy signed up after finding out his roommate was also competing.

"I am always down to try something new and get a new experience," Duffy said.

Obstacles included carrying a 50-pound ruck, climbing a vertical rope and navigating a mud-

filled low-crawl and a wall traverse and throwing javelins and inert smoke grenades at targets. Each failed obstacle meant 30 four-count burpees for the competitor.

"We dominated the obstacles and went through the race laughing and messing with each other," Duffy said, "but when I got to the end, I suddenly got an overwhelming feeling of accomplishment and joy. It's the 'We did it!' feeling you get after accomplishing something that seemed insurmountable at the time or winning an important competition. I had a blast!"

Cadets can take lessons from the event as well, Ireland said.

"I think the largest thing these cadets can take from these types of events is the aspect of teamwork," he said. "You are not doing this alone, and when you feel you are down and out and completely drained, your friend is pushing you to continue. You have a team out there motivating you to complete every aspect of the course."

Cadets weren't the Air Force's only representatives. Two officers with the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron, 2nd Lt. Derrick Kline and Andrew Jarvis, placed 17th and 18th overall in the elite portion of the competition with times of 1:06:55 and 1:07:10, respectively. Duffy finished in 1:56:42, Yeaste finished in 2:05:07, and Ireland finished in 2:13:22.

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Mental health in the workplace

Two workshops on mental health in the workplace will take place on May 11 from 1-5 p.m. at the Penrose Library.

From 1-3 p.m. executive director of the Carson J. Spencer Foundation Dr. Sally Spencer Thomas, will speak on guidelines for suicide awareness.

From 3-5 p.m. trainer and practitioner in the field of trauma, Marguerite McCormack, will speak on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Please RSVP by e-mail at ip@cospdiversityforum.org.

Cadet Fitness Center reopening

The Athletic Department will hold a grand opening of the new Cadet Fitness Center Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

The opening include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and take place on the north side of the new addition.

Military Spouse Job Fair

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will host a hiring fair for the region's military spouses May 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Club on Peterson Air Force Base.

More than 49 employers are expected to participate with jobs available for military spouses of all levels of experience.

For more information call 202-463-5961.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 4-8 from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Community Center Chapel.

Children ages pre-school through fifth grade will participate in Bible-learning activities, songs, teamwork-building games and other learning activities.

To register people can stop by the Community Center Chapel or call at 333-3300.

Military Appreciation Day

The Colorado Rockies will host Military Appreciation Day May 28 at Coors Field.

Military Personnel and Veterans can order free tickets to the game and purchase tickets for friends and family for \$15.

Pre-game festivities will be performed by personnel and veterans for Memorial Day.

Order tickets through fax at 303-312-2219, email at militarytix@coloradorockies.com or call Jeff Nelson at 303-312-2470.

After May 18, tickets will only be available at the Coors Field ticket window.

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To submit an idea go to: <https://ipds.randolph.af.mil/ipds/> (Common Access Card login required) or contact the IDEA office at 333-4332.

Spouse Appreciation Day

Forest City Residential, Paul Mitchell the School and The Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy will host a Spouse Appreciation day on Tuesday from 11 a.m.-2p.m. for past and present military spouses.

The event will include beauty care, hair cuts, massages, home employment opportunities, food, drinks, door prizes and information on home college courses.

Representatives from Mary Kay, Pampered Chef and the University of Phoenix will attend. Please RSVP at 719-867-9688.

New housing website

To help make the transition easier for Airmen and their families moving to their next duty station, the Air Force's A7C Housing Division recently launched a new public website that provides housing information for Air Force installations worldwide.

The website, www.housing.af.mil,

provides information on housing options and support services available at Air Force installations as well as details on the local communities, school district information, local weather and other useful resources that will help Airmen and their families become familiar with their new homes.

It also provides dorm information for unaccompanied Airmen.

The Academy's housing office is located at 6556 West Columbine Drive and can be reached at 333-2247.

Asian-Pacific Luncheon

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Committee will host a food sampling and Korean Solo Fan Dance on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center Chapel.

The guest speaker for the event will be retired Col. John Santiago, Jr., an electronic and systems engineering professor at Colorado Technical University.

For more information, please contact 2nd Lt. Brandon Baccam at 333-2401 or Staff Sgt. Medel Ardiente at 333-4182.

Family Advocacy Classes

The 10th Medical Group will offer new classes in May and June on healthy family relationships.

Love and Logic: Teaches practical tools and techniques that help parents achieve respectful and healthy relationships with their children. A six-session class on May 23,30 and June 13, 20 and 27 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dads 101: Teaches on how to be a dad and key role as a father. A two-

session class on June 5 and 12 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Couples Enrichment Workshop: A workshop for married, dating or engaged couples on how to talk to each other more effectively and solve problems as a team. On June 8 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

For questions or more information, call 333-5270.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Falcon Club will host a Mother's Day Brunch Sunday. Seatings are offered at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The cost of the meal is \$29.50 for adults (\$5 off for Club members) and \$10 for children ages 5-10. Children 4 and under are free.

To make a reservation call the club at 333-4253.

Lombeida fund-raiser

A golf tournament will be held at the Eisenhower Golf Course June 1 to raise money for the Lombeida Foundation, which provides free medical care in Equador.

For more information or to register, contact Mark Backlin at 556-0117.

Spring fun runs

The Academy will hold two fun runs today and Saturday.

The Santa Fe Trail 5k and 10k runs will kick off today at 3 p.m. in the Civil Engineering Pavilion near the HAWC.

The Furry Family 5k run and walk starts at the Par Course near the Main Fitness Center Saturday at 8 a.m. Dogs are invited but must run on a leash.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Irish mother of gods
5. Provides weapons
10. Hyperbolic cosecant
14. Kilt nationality
15. Mexican artist Rivera
16. Circle of light around the sun
17. What a clock tells
18. To condescend to give
19. Chocolate cookie with white cream

filling

20. Harry Potter star
23. Without (French)
24. A dissolute man
25. Resecure a book
28. Blanketlike shawl
32. Opaque gem
33. Biblical name for Syria
34. Mail call box

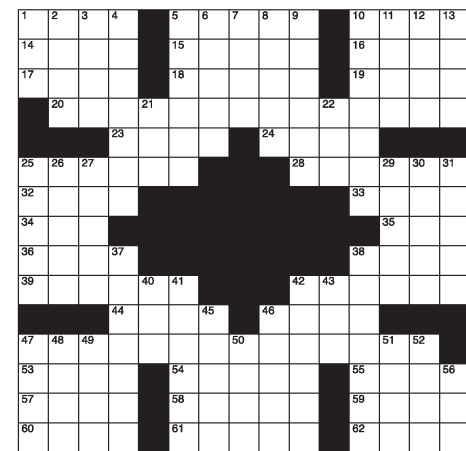
abbreviation

35. Mined metal-bearing mineral
36. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
38. After a prayer
39. Baseball's world championship
42. Knights' tunic
44. Small pigeon shelter

46. Meredith, Johnson & Shula
47. 20th U.S. President
53. Pitcher Hershiser
54. Sans _____: typeface
55. High water tide
57. Sew up a falcon's eyelids
58. Mexican plant fiber
59. Taxis
60. Fermented rice beverage
61. A mode of living
62. Formerly (archaic)

CLUES DOWN

1. Fall back time
2. Has a sour taste
3. Gangrenous inflammation
4. Spoon or fork
5. What is added to the augend
6. Cambodian monetary units
7. Golda __, Israeli P. M.
8. "Walk Don't Run" actress Samantha
9. Often the last movements of a sonata
10. Contaminated water disease
11. Indian dress
12. Musical pitch symbol
13. Horse foot sheath



21. 007's Flemming
22. A billiards stick
25. Catches with a lasso
26. 3rd part of a Greek ode
27. Elephant's name
29. Distinctive odor that

30. is pleasant
31. A small sharp fruit knife
37. Improve by critical editing
37. Droplet in a colloidal system

38. Failure to be present
40. Winged goddess of the dawn
41. Static balance between opposing forces
42. Treacle candy
43. Black tropical American cuckoo
45. Discharge from the body
46. Training by multiple repetitions
47. A Chinese image in a shrine
48. Length X width
49. Mild and submissive
50. Affectedly artistic
51. Tragic Shakespeare king
52. Taps gently
56. Time in far western states

SUDOKU

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