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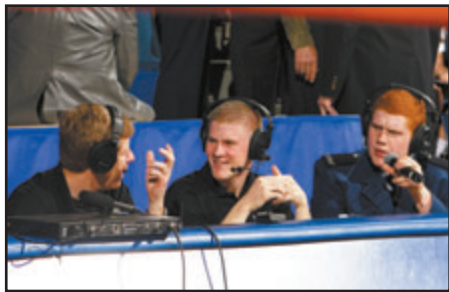
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## Come out, come out, wherever you are

Airmen from the 10th Security Forces Squadron search for an active shooter during an exercise at Air Academy High School Wednesday. Other agencies involved with the exercise included the Colorado Springs Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the Academy fire department and American Medical Response. Volunteers took on roles of victims, shooters and hostages. See story Pages 12-13.



## Engineers assist Navajo Nation

By John Van Winkle  
Academy Public Affairs

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz., — Cadets and civil engineering faculty are putting their skills to work this week on the Navajo Reservation.

A team of two cadets, two instructors from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and one family member, wraps up a week of working on traditional Navajo homes today, as part of the Academy's continued cooperation with

the Southwest Indian Foundation's housing project.

The foundation works with tribal, military and government agencies to find adequate housing for homeless families and individuals in the Four Corners area, including the Navajo, Hopi, and Zuni reservations.

The ties that brought the Academy team to the reservation over this spring break have their roots in an Academy program to provide budding engineers with hands-on experience, said Dr. Adrian

Won, Academy civil engineering professor.

"We already have ties with the Southwest Indian Foundation, because of our civil engineering program for rising juniors," said Dr. Won. He's one of two Academy instructors giving up his spring break to work on the reservation, while his daughter Andrea, a recent civil engineering graduate from the University of Colorado-Boulder is working alongside her father and putting, their respective expertise to use.

During the summer, cadets majoring in civil or environmental engineering start building their own engineering expertise, by taking the required CE 251 course, known as the Field Engineering and Readiness Laboratory. Rising sophomore cadets learn multiple hands-on aspects of civil engineering work, while rising juniors who've taken the course already serve as leadership cadre. The summer course includes surveying, welding, heavy equipment operations, steel bridge construction, paving, and concrete work.

But the most visible and lasting component of the course happens when cadets team with active duty, Guard and Reserve civil engineers to build a two hogans.

Hogans are traditional Navajo homes, which are eight-sided and have an entrance facing the east, to allow the morning sun in.

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# Saving the Brave

## Doctors' Day honors sacrifices of physicians

By Shari Lopatin  
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Navy clinical psychologist Heidi Kraft, Ph.D., learned her toughest lesson in Iraq.

She wrote a moving memoir, "Rule Number Two: Lessons I Learned in a Combat Hospital," about her time serving and titled it after a line from the television show M\*A\*S\*H:

"There are two rules of war.

"Rule number one is that young men die.

"Rule number two is that doctors can't change rule number one."

This quote didn't just hit home for Dr. Kraft. In fact, it sums up what so many military doctors face on a regular basis. They have many stories, but one reality.

Their service to this country and their fellow men and women in uniform is extraordinary. That's why Doctors' Day Monday recognizes and honors all they do.

"One of the best things about being a military doctor is the feeling you have when you're part of a team—not just a medical team—but the overall mission," said Frank Maguire, M.D., who served as a Marine battalion surgeon.

Today, Maguire, U.S. Navy retired, is the senior vice-president of health care services and chief medical officer for TriWest Healthcare Alliance, which administers the TRICARE health benefit in 21 western states.

Although military doctors deliver babies, listen to elderly heartbeats and treat the average cold, they are unique from their civilian counterparts. Their patients are often young, healthy soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines who all too often die or face life-altering changes. That's a lot to take in, day after day.

"You'd be looking at somebody without a leg, and they'd be asking about one of their buddies," Maguire said. "And boy, if that doesn't touch you . . ."

Breaking bad news to families, watching young men and women lose limbs—military doctors do this over and over again. The toll it takes is unavoidable. So they deal by surrounding themselves with others who have lived through similar experiences. Support is the key to sanity in this world of military medicine.

And sometimes, the doctors themselves don't make it.

During a March 11 ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery honoring fallen military medics, Dr. S. Ward Casscells, assistant defense secretary for health affairs, said, "Their motto is 'Good medicine, bad places.' When it mattered most, they answered the call."

Those that left the war zone alive will always remember their time serving. Throughout her book, Dr. Kraft reminisces over the experiences that fueled her emotions from exhilaration to heartbreak.

"Walking, every day, and having



literally every single person who passes by say 'Oo-rah, Ma'am'... meeting the one who threw himself on a grenade to save the men at his side ... my patients, some of them had courage unlike anything I've ever experienced before. And last, but not least, holding the hand of that dying Marine."

Military doctors don't do their jobs for the money. They don't do it for the recognition. They do it for the service, for the people.

They do it because it's the right thing to do.

# Refocusing results in energy savings

By Ken Carter  
Editor

Anyone who believes America, in its entirety, is on the threshold of going completely green has never been to Manhattan or Los Angeles.

There are, however, lots of indicators that the future of Colorado Springs in general and the Air Force Academy in particular is on track to play major roles in doing our parts to preserve and protect the environment through energy conservation measures.

In future issues, the *Academy Spirit*

will not only feature the recently added weekly energy savings tips on Page 1, we'll also report more big energy savings steps on the horizon for our community.

In the meantime, make today a new start by rethinking how you can play a small part in helping with the national conversion to green. In doing so, you're likely to find a little more green in your checking account in the process as well. Little things do matter. Shutting off lights (and computers) when not in use could be saving corporate America \$billions. Who

knows, some employers might even see it fit to share some of the savings with employees through an increase in earned bonuses, etc.

If money isn't your primary motivator, then how about the blessing of simply being able to take a deep breath of "fresh" air and knowing the next generation will enjoy that as well?

Ideas of how to save energy are as widely varied as the number of people asked. Share your ideas. Ask others for theirs. Look for opportunity to learn tips about green energy and then pass them on ... just do so with efficiency.

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## Spring blizzard! How are you getting ready for it?

"I'm just waiting for the snow to start so I can head home to bunker down."

Ms. Kathy Hafeli  
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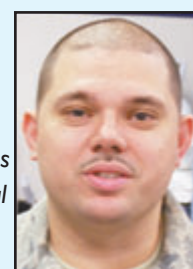
"In my car I have emergency items like snacks, bottled water, blankets, extra coat, scrapers and extra wiper fluid."

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# Academy honors members—coming and going

By Academy Spirit staff

There were 50 returning Airmen present and 35 preparing to depart at the Academy's Hail and Farewell event here March 19 where hundreds gathered to honor those who've deployed or are about to.

Participation has risen significantly from the handful in attendance some 18 months ago to the 236 people at the most recent gathering, according to Ms. Deb Lyles who's stepped in as the main coordinator for this emotional event.

"This is an Academy community event," said Chief Master Sergeant Gerardo Tapia, 10th Mission Support Squadron. "We all roll up our sleeves and do what we can. We have first-term Airmen and family members who volunteer, we really don't turn away a single soul who wants to help. Even Chick-Fil-A threw in meals. They support us in a big way."

A staunch supporter of the Welcome

Home event is Col. Jimmy McMillian, commander, 10th Air Base Wing, who makes it a point to tell family members of those deploying he is their "first point of contact for whatever they need." He has earned a stellar reputation for warmth and concern for deployed family members and for his appreciation for Academy warriors events officials say.

"The purpose of this event is twofold," said Academy Command Chief Master Sgt. Arvin Davis. "First, it provides an avenue for our deploying members and their families to get first-hand, relevant and fresh information from Airmen who have just returned from locations they are headed to. Their experience is very valuable and many times puts families at ease. Secondly, it gives us an opportunity to thank our returnees for their selfless contributions, their tremendous representation of the Academy down-range and, most importantly, their safe returns. From the sheer numbers, the Academy footprint is getting larger. This



Photo by Dennis Rogers

Returning and departing members and families gathered to honor Academy Airmen.

event is a good indication that the Academy is fully engaged in the War on Terror."

Future events will include several

returning warriors sharing lessons learned, the most valuable things learned overall, and how to prepare the family, Chief Tapia said.

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# NORAD boss gives 'state of the commands'

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command gave "state of the commands" testimony March 17 and 18 in Washington, D.C., to the Senate and House Armed Services Committees.

Gen. Gene Renuart outlined the missions of both NORAD and USNORTHCOM, specifically stating,

"Homeland defense is the preeminent mission of USNORTHCOM and NORAD. Our Commands are vigilant in protecting our citizens from threats that exist in the air, space, land, maritime and cyberspace domains. As we look to the future, our aim is to secure our environment by deterring and, if necessary, defeating those who threaten our way of life."

General Renuart also spoke and was

questioned by senators and representatives on a number of other issues, including air sovereignty operations, aircraft recapitalization, civil support operations (including hurricane and wildfire response), support to federal law enforcement agencies, and partnerships with Canada and Mexico.

Furthermore, he answered questions from committee members concerning drug violence in Mexico, missile de-

fense and the CBRNE Consequence Management Response Force.

USNORTHCOM was established Oct. 1, 2002, to provide command and control of Department of Defense homeland defense efforts and to coordinate defense support of civil authorities.

NORAD is a bi-national United States and Canadian organization charged with the missions of aerospace warning and aerospace control for North America.



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

## Helping family

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni leads by example as the first to contribute to the 2009 annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign from his office recently while Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Smith, the Academy's AF AF point of contact looks on. The Academy's AF AF campaign runs through May 1. The contact goal is 100 percent military and civilian members, and the monetary goal is \$50,328. The AF AF was established to raise funds for the charitable affiliates that provide support to the entire Air Force family. The Air Force Village Foundation, Inc., the Air Force Aid Society, Inc., the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, and the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc., help with emergency aid, educational needs, or help secure a retirement home for widows or widowers of Air Force members who need help.

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# National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

By Kelly Hoseym R.N.  
10th Medical Support Group

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and a good time to learn more about colorectal cancer and how to prevent it.

Colorectal cancer is a serious disease affecting both men and women, especially individuals age 50 and older and is the second leading cancer killer in America.

## A Quiet Killer

The danger of colorectal cancer is magnified because it often starts with no symptoms until it has progressed beyond its earliest stages. Some potential signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer to watch for and discuss with your health provider include:

- A change in bowel habits such as diarrhea, constipation, or narrowing of the stool that lasts for more than

a few days

- A feeling that you need to have a bowel movement that doesn't go away after doing so

- Rectal bleeding, dark stools, or blood in the stool

- Cramping or stomach pain

- Weakness or tiredness

## Risk Reduction Strategies

To lower the risk of colorectal cancer, the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons recommends you:

- Eat a low-fat, high-fiber diet.
- If you use alcohol, drink only in moderation. If you use tobacco, quit. If you don't use tobacco, don't start. Alcohol and tobacco in combination are linked to colorectal cancer and many



other cancers.

- Exercise for at least 20 minutes three to four days a week. Moderate exercise such as walking, gardening, or climbing steps may help.

- Most importantly, get regular colorectal cancer screenings beginning at age 50.

fact, between 80-90 percent of colorectal cancer patients are restored to normal health if their cancer is detected and treated in the earliest stages.

Talk to your primary care provider or team about screening for colorectal cancer if you are 50 or older, are having the symptoms listed above, have a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, polyps or have a family history of colon cancer. The current gold standard for screening for colorectal cancer is a complete colonoscopy. Other screening methods include fecal occult blood testing (a test that looks for blood in the stool), flexible sigmoidoscopy (a visual examination of the rectum and lower portion of the colon, performed in a doctor's office), and a barium enema. Your care team can help you determine which test or tests would be best for you.

Call 457-CARE (-2272) with questions or for more information.

## Screening is Key

Colorectal cancer almost always develops from pre-cancerous polyps (abnormal growths) in the colon or rectum. Screening tests can detect polyps, and can find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best. If everyone age 50 and older were screened regularly, more than one third of deaths from this cancer could be avoided. In

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# Conference: Social imagery implicit, central to history

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

Technology isn't diminishing literature and society.

The theme of the 2009 Conference for the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery was the "Image of Technology" in Literature, Media and Society. Technology is central to human culture and pervasive in modern society.

The March 12-14 conference's goal was to bring scholars together to identify and discuss the role of technology in society.

Capt. Jesse Goolsby, a 2001 Academy graduate now an Academy Department of English and Fine Arts instructor, was one of nine Dean of the Faculty members who attended the downtown Colorado Springs conference.

"Social imagery is implicit, and often explicit, in all depictions of human life, and it has been central to history, production, business, social change, war, conquest, exploitation, medicine and entertainment," said the instructor from Chester, Calif.

He chose Kevin Brockmeier's short story "The Year of Silence" (found in the 2008 Best American Short Stories edited by Salman Rushdie) because of the beautifully defined juxtaposition between human habituation of daily routine and the implementation of technology to rip apart that boredom.

"In the story, a mysterious randomized silence falls over an unnamed city, and after the initial fear, the inhabitants grow to love and desire and need the silence addiction," he said.

The story is full of meaning.

"The hush is different and provokes the community to live their collective lives to their full potential,"

said Captain Goolsby. "When the natural silences disappear, they invent machinery and dampers to create a man-made silent world. But, soon enough, they grow tired and familiar with the silence; when sound reenters their world due to a technological glitch, the reaction and return to a world lived with full volume arrives quickly (as the cure)."

Mr. Brockmeier renders the piece in crisp detail, and the captain remembers his initial reaction as one of awe at the imagination and creativity of the story.

"For the conference this story provided me an opportunity to discuss the societal and moral implications of our move toward complete technological reliance," he said.

The conference was not without military considerations.

"Social Imagery" is not a technical term in this context. The title was chosen to encourage broad, interdisciplinary participation, said Col. James Cook, permanent professor and head of the Department of Philosophy.

His presentation, "Downloading Battlefield Ethics," considered recent claims about the ethics of using robots in wartime.

"These ethical issues are of a different order than, say, those involved using remotely piloted, unmanned aircraft in battlefield ops," said the philosophy instructor. "That's because some researchers think future technology will allow autonomous robots to behave ethically. For instance, a November 2008 New York Times article quoted a researcher who hypothesized '...that intelligent robots can behave more ethically [on] the battlefield than humans currently can.' Controversial claims like that represent a fascinating and growing literature on the ethics of "smart" technology."

The colonel notes the just-published *Moral Machines: Teaching Robots Right from Wrong* and the recently released *Wired for War: The Robotics Revolution and Conflict in the 21st Century*.

"As war-fighting technology and corresponding doctrine develop, our cadets will need to understand the ethical implications," he said. "So I hope the sort of research I did for this paper will do more than contribute to scholarly dialogue; more importantly, I hope it will enrich cadets' education here at the Academy and better prepare them for life in a high-tech Air Force committed to fighting wars ethically."

Additional Academy participants included:

Lt. Col. Max Despain, "Anesthetized Action and Titillating Technology: Avoiding Identity in Edith Wharton's 'Twilight Sleep.'" Colonel Despain also chaired a panel comprised of DFENGers, "Losing Control: Gothic Technology."

Professor Gretchen Koenig, "Impending Horror: Gothic Fear and the Coming Technology."

Dr. Rich Lemp, "Cyrano's Right Stuff: Rockets to the Moon Were Just the Beginning."


Dr. Kerry Linfoot, "The Sins of the Father." Dr. Linfoot also chaired a panel, "Postmodern Foundations of the Image of Technology."

Capt. Brandon Lingle, "An Extinct Civilization": W. G. Sebald's Critique of Technology through Text and Image in The Rings of Saturn.

Capt. Kristen Loyd, "Fear of 'Aliens' in M. Night Shyamalan's Signs and Charles Brockden Brown's 'Wieland.'"

Dr. Andrea Trocha-Van Nort chaired a panel, "Culture and Technology."

Dr. Tom Vargish, "Technology and Impotence in Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein.'"



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# Airmen train Iraqi maintainers in problem solving

By Staff Sgt. Tim Beckham  
U.S. Air Forces Central, Baghdad Media Outreach Team

NEW AL MUTHANA AIR BASE, Iraq (AFNS) — Two maintenance Airmen took three Iraqi air force members from here to Camp Taji, Iraq, Tuesday to help fix one of Iraq's C-130s. In an attempt to help members of the Iraqi air force better cross utilize their resources and assets.

Technical Sergeants Jim Grifasi and Bobby McKenzie, advisers with the 321st Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron here, spearheaded this effort to teach the Iraqis to use one another to help solve problems at the lowest level.

"That trip taught them more than technical skills. It taught them things that don't necessarily come out of a book or don't come from a checklist. It taught them the value of understanding what it is that they have to do and how to problem solve," said Sergeant Grifasi, a 321st AEAS metals technician adviser.

"We taught them to reach out within their own capabilities and to utilize resources in their own back yard," said Sergeant McKenzie, a 321st AEAS aircraft structural maintenance adviser.

Sergeants Grifasi and McKenzie took two of their proteges along with one interpreter on the trip so they could not only help with the maintenance portion, but also to make connections and network with one of their sister units.

"Every Iraqi base is like its own unique air force," said Sergeant Grifasi, who is deployed from Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., and a native of Buffalo, N.Y. "It is very important to help them realize that they are on the same team and that they can help each other out to get the job done."

The trip wasn't only a success from the maintenance standpoint, it was also a success in relationship building.

"Once we got there, the Iraqis began to realize that



Courtesy Photo

Technical Sgt. Bobby McKenzie (left) and an Iraqi interpreter look on while an Iraqi machinist fabricates a torque tool for C-130 main landing gear brakes March 24 at Camp Taji, Iraq. Sergeant McKenzie took three Iraqi air force members to Camp Taji to help better cross utilize their resources and also fix an Iraqi C-130s. Sergeant McKenzie is a 321st Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron aircraft structural maintenance adviser. He is deployed from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark..

this shop may have certain tools to do one job and they have tools better suited for other jobs and that they can use each other to get the job done," said Sergeant McKenzie, who is deployed from Little Rock AFB, Ark., and a native of Manchester, Tenn.

"For example, the armament shop at Taji needed primer and paint for gun mounts on their MI-17s, and we have an abundance of primer and paint that will probably end up expiring, so we boxed some up and are

going to take it to them on our next visit," he said.

The trip was such a success that Sergeants Grifasi and McKenzie hope to bring some Iraqi maintenance personnel from Camp Taji to here on the next trip.

"The Iraqi leadership is beginning to understand the importance of not only sharing supply assets, but the overall value of communication between different units," Sergeant Grifasi said. "Hopefully, this type of training will become more and more common in the future."

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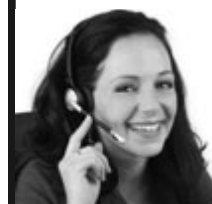
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# Dr. Seuss on the loose

*Some might say reading is becoming a lost art ... that basic literacy skills in America are in danger of going by the wayside. One Academy group is working diligently to ensure that is not the case through a program promoting children's interest in books, in some cases, even before their first birthdays.*

**By Ann Patton**  
Academy Spirit staff

Youngsters in the Academy's Family Child Care program hopped aboard a book-laden 10th Services Squadron van March 9-13 to kick off the FCC's "Read Across the Base, Read Across the City" program.

It has been held all month in conjunction with the National Education Association's "Read Across America" celebration, that fittingly began with Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2.

Children were treated with story times both inside the traveling van festooned with Seuss characters and later inside caregivers' homes. The emphasis on getting an early start on the path to reading also involved activities like puzzles, puppets, rhyming games and writing names on check-out cards for books.

The emphasis on literacy is an integral part of the FCC programming.

It is important for children to start early, stressed FCC coordinator Linda Smith.

"Children begin as infants when they mouth things, smile and coo, and it's ongoing from there," she said and added parents play a big role in reading to their children from the very beginning.

"With all the technology that surrounds our children now, nothing takes the place of being read to. Can you remember your favorite story?" she asked.

The FCC program has seven on-base providers and five who reside in the local community. In total, they provide services for 52 children with care on a full-time, part-time or drop-in basis. Providers also offer returning home care and PCS care.

Parents also actively support the local reading program.

"As a new mom, I feel it is extremely important to start reading to your children as early as possible," said Senior Airman April Migliore who is on the support staff for the Academy's Dean of the Faculty.

She reads to daughter Maggie every night.

"Maggie is only 10 months old but she loves being read to," Airman Migliore said. "She interacts by helping to turn the pages."

Lt. Col. Sharon Heilmann's children Veronica and Kyle have been read to since they were about nine months old.

"In the beginning, the kids seemed to like hearing our voices and playing



Photo by Ann Patton

**Family child care provider Lee Putnam, left, and Mary Willis, FCC training and curriculum specialist, tell tall tales to Veronica and Kyle Heilmann, Maggie Migliore and Kyle Eliason during the mobile portion of Read Across the Base, Read Across the City.**

with the pages of the books but, as they grew older, we could tell they were actively listening to the stories, enjoyed specific characters and enjoyed mom and dad spending time with them," she said.

Colonel Heilmann, an Academy management instructor, said both children have grown to love books.

"They enjoy going to the bookstore and surrounding themselves with all different types of books and toys," she said.

She also pointed out books serve as learning opportunities in such areas as

beginning to understand the concept that letters make words and developing fine motor skills by turning pages.

The FCC providers have access to a resource center containing everything needed to begin a child-care business such as furniture, developmentally appropriate toys and, of course, plenty of books.

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# KAFA rocks, informs Academy and beyond

*Radio station provides varied opportunity for all listeners*

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

The airwaves are blowin' free and easy from Vandenberg Hall these days.

After KAFA 97.7 FM set up Web streaming last May, the radio station received more than 5,000 hits the first month alone.

Subsequently, the Association of Graduates has provided space on its Web page [www.usafa.org](http://www.usafa.org) for the Web streaming.

"We really appreciate the partnership," said station adviser Dave West. "Over the year, it has been huge."

Since streaming began, the station has expanded its offerings and influence and anticipates doing even more.

KAFA is also known as the station that's reached listeners all the way from the desert to moms and dads in cadet hometowns. It features new modern rock and alternative music catering to the cadet-age group.

The station's antenna has been relocated near the 10th Medical Group headquarters, allowing for a signal range well into Colorado Springs, a move fitting to KAFA's new catch line for the Academy and community: "Your music. Your station."

Mr. West said surveys show a large number of listeners tune in from two and three hours daily.

"That's impressive," he said.

New this year, DJ's are providing live sports coverage, starting with volleyball and now baseball. Mr. West said the station anticipates adding even more sports in the future.

With support from the 10th Services Squadron, the station has sponsored popular giveaways such as jewelry for Valentine's Day and tanning sessions before spring break. The station is looking forward to expanding to more contests as well as its sports coverage featuring Academy athletics.

Opportunities are opening for local area bands,



Courtesy Photo

From left, Dave West, Cadet 2nd Class Kile Kuzma and Cadet 4th Class LeRoi Edwards review action highlights between bouts at the Academy's Wing Open boxing tournament.

like the cadet band "Cry for Pluto" to have some air time, Mr. West said. Bands need not necessarily be made up of cadets, however.

The KAFA Road Show provides live DJ entertainment for events like Ring Dance, Valentine's Ball and football tailgates. The station will be on the spot during graduation week with special programming, musical salutes to the Class of 2009, interviews and updates on events and schedules.

Cadet 3rd Class Sara Schoemer has a Friday show. She came on board the KAFA studio last year and took advantage of one of the station's benefits: enjoying her kind of music before Recognition, the magic weekend when fourth-degrees earn privileges like wearing civilian clothes, wearing rather than carrying backpacks and listening to music in their rooms.

With Recognition long behind her, the behavioral sciences major is relishing being the voice behind the microphone.

"I love it here," she said. "It's cool to hang out at

football games, play requests and make announcements."

Hearing her own voice over the air came as a shock at first, especially in Mitchell Hall with 4,200 cadets listening. She has grown into the job handily and looks forward to doing more interviews in the future.

Mr. West worked for 20 years in commercial radio, concentrating as a program director in shaping talent.

"I'm amazed at how fast cadets pick it up and develop such awesome communication skills. It's a great outlet for them, and others, to gain confidence in many ways."

The station welcomes anyone on the Academy to take on a mic gig.

"If anyone wants to serve as a DJ, we'll figure out a way to get them on the air," Mr. West said.

He also stressed KAFA always welcomes suggestions and ideas. Listeners can send suggestions and ideas to [kafafm@gmail.com](mailto:kafafm@gmail.com) or call 333-KAFA (5232).



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## Engineers

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The Academy purchases the materials to build the hogans, which serve as a training tool for the cadets. Once finished, the hogans are then declared surplus property, which the Southwest Indian Foundation obtains via the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

Since 1998, this process has allowed the Academy to build and donate 21 hogans, 19 of which now serve as home for Navajo families.

The two hogans built at the Academy last year are now at the St. Michael's Association for Special Education in Window Rock, Ariz., and have a little bit of work left before these two Academy-built hogans can serve as homes for the school's students.

On the first day of their visit, the Academy team was busy installing a railing on a hogan's wood deck to allow handicapped access, as well as painting interior doors, hanging doors, installing a fire alarm and putting in fire extinguishers.

Additional activities came in the form of staining the deck to weatherproof it and adding a deck to another hogan.

"Their real challenge is having enough to keep us busy this week," said Mr. Dan Derby on Tuesday. Derby is a civil engineering professor at the Academy, who is leading this year's Academy contingent.

"We came down here on spring break to do volunteer work with the Southwest Indian Foundation, and we didn't really know what we would be doing."

But after a visit to the worksite with foundation site managers, jobs were assigned and tackled. However, this week, it holds more than just sawdust and paint for the cadets

"We're also working to increase our cultural understanding," said Mr. Derby. "You can't do that

without a good understanding the local heritage and history. So, we'll take some time off to study that by visiting an Navajo pueblo."

Getting his first taste of the Navajo culture and working on a hogan is Cadet 3rd Class Randy Semrau, a civil engineering major from Cadet Squadron 21.

"I'm kind of working the game backwards, seeing the final product before working on it," he said. "But I get to see who uses it and how it's put to use."

While he's gotten plenty of hands-on time this week, he's also making time to keep up with his studies in electrical engineering, reluctantly admitting to bringing an EE textbook with him on this spring break.

Also doing school work on spring break is Cadet 1st Class Adam Comer of Cadet Squadron 37.

Comer is using this trip to finish up a 400-level independent research project to find ways of using more sustainable materials for the southwestern desert.

"For example, how can we make low-cost housing for people who are off the grid or away from adequate water supply," he asked.

To answer those questions, he stopped in Taos, N.M., on the way to the reservation, to learn more about sustainable design by visiting the Earthship Project there.

The work also fits in with Cadet Comer's role as vice president of the Academy chapter of Engineers Without Borders. EWB chapters work to provide engineering and instructional services to impoverished communities, with designs tailored for the circumstances and the area's social norms. EWB's end goals are to create a lasting structure for the community, which it can sustain on its own after a certain period of time.

For Cadet Comer, this is also his first experience working with a hogan and on the Navajo Reservation.

He's a mechanical engineering major, who recently won a Gates Scholarship and will work on a doctoral degree at Cambridge after graduation.

For the instructors, they'll bring back the latest bit of site knowledge on how the hogans are used, and potential improvements



Photos by John Van Winkle

**Cadet 3rd Class Randy Semrau learns that a nine-hour drive from the Academy doesn't guarantee an escape from the snow. He clears the railing of Monday night's snow before the Academy team starts to stain the new deck.**

to the hogan's design, with a special emphasis on passive-energy efficiency.

According to former Navajo Nation president Kelsey Begay, the Navajo Reservation is 20,000 housing units short of actual capacity.

"Our challenge is to help provide safe and decent housing to those families and individuals who would have no way of obtaining a home without outside assistance," he said.

The Southwest Indian Foundation is concentrating on the most dire cases – essentially, the poorest of the poor.

This summer, Cadet Semrau will join approximately 70 other cadets during the first summer session to learn more about civil engineering and build two more hogans for the Navajo Nation.



**Above: Dr. Adrian Won and his daughter Andrea, a recent civil engineering graduate, apply weatherstain to the deck.**



**Right: Cadet 1st Class Adam Comer, left, steadies a board while Cadet 3rd Class Randy Semrau sinks a screw to secure it to the deck.**

# Active Shooter EXERCISE unites law-enforcement agencies



**By Ann Patton**  
Academy Spirit staff

The EXERCISE scenario: Brandishing long-gun weapons, a man and a woman, "Jack and Jill," entered Air Academy High School at 9 a.m. Wednesday and opened fire on students and staff. Four victims died at the scene, and more than dozen were seriously injured.

The incident began during "Academy time" at the school when students are free to mill around the school.

The male shooter was also killed, but not before he shot and killed the school's resource officer from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

After a three-hour stand-off as the female shooter held hostages in the school's music room, she was wounded by members of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Unit

and subsequently taken into custody.

The live shooter exercise included the 10th Security Forces Squadron, Colorado Springs Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, the Academy Fire Department and American Medical Response, as well as the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

The exercise has been in the works for more than a year. Last fall it went into high gear. The exercise was played out during the high school's spring break while the building was void of students.

Capt. Andrew Resch, 10th Security Forces Squadron organizer, was pleased with its outcome.

"It went great," he said.

He had high praise for all participating agencies and their involvement.

"We have a great professional working relationship," he said. "It's nice to work together."

Captain Resch said all agencies

involved solidly understood the objective and completed it professionally.

"They were impressive," he said.

Well more than 20 "players" volunteered to act as shooters, victims and hostages during the exercise, which featured real-life smells of gunfire and sounds of alarms, cries for help and firing weapons. Spent shells littered floors.

With all the flare of a Hollywood blood and gore make-up artist, Verleen Hanes worked her magic depicting gaping wounds, bloody bullet holes in clothing, compound fractures and gunfire abrasions. A former police officer and freelance make-up artist, Ms. Hanes has been performing "moulage," French for "makeover," for more than 20 years.

Falcon High School sophomore Ryan Leggett readily volunteered for the role of victim during the exercise.

"I love doing things for the community," he said. The youth enjoys the company of law enforcement officers and hopes to be one himself sometime.

John Dilks volunteers at the Criminal Justice Center with the Sheriff's office. He wanted to help out and was also curious about what goes on during a crisis.

"I just wanted to see what it is really like," he said.

Acting in such an exer-

cise also causes volunteers to consider what they might do during a real crisis.

"I think about my boys," volunteer hostage Larry Miller said. "I would be hard-pressed not to go in there and get them in a situation like this."

Julie Froedje is a civilian employee at the sheriff's training academy. She played the part of "Jill," the female shooter, with gusto. Despite pleas from the hostage negotiator to "come out, show your hands," Julie resisted with shouts of, "Go away. Don't make me kill this guy [a hostage]."

Ms. Froedje has played the role of victim in previous such exercises.

"This is something different," she said and added more and more females are becoming active shooters.

"This gives officers a different angle," she said.

El Paso County Sheriff deputy Sean Ives, Air Academy's school resource officer, said the way law enforcement operates now is far different than it was before the massacre at Columbine High School April 20, 1999.

"Columbine changed everything for law enforcement," he said.

Formerly, agencies followed the procedure of contain, isolate and negotiate.

"Now it is to neutralize the threat as quickly as possible while saving as many people as we can," he said.

Air Academy High School currently has 1,250-plus students.



Officers assess the status of "victims" of the shooting.



Makeup artist Verleen Hanes uses her magic to create the illusion of a compound fracture for Sandy Leggett. Ms. Hanes subsequently created wounds on her own hands and volunteered as a victim (right).



Photo by Mike Kaplan



Photo by Mike Kaplan

"Shooter" Julie Froedje holds Jim Hughes as "hostage." A member of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office eventually takes the shooting suspect into custody (right).



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

# Rogers earns 2nd consecutive Gymnast of the Year Award

By Valerie Perkin  
Athletic Communications

WOODLAND, Calif. – Abbey Rogers was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Co-Gymnast of the Year for the second consecutive season, the league commissioner announced Monday.

Rogers, the only Falcon gymnast to ever earn the conference's top honor, shared the 2009 award with Andi Dolinsky of UC Davis.

As the team's lone senior, Rogers is the Falcons' guiding force. She leads the team in every event, while helping the Falcons continually improve their overall team scores and win/loss record. She earned the league's Gymnast of the Week award on three occasions, while accounting for 16 first-place finishes and three conference titles.

The Pittsburgh, Pa., native is ranked among the top-six in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation in four events, including a third-place Regional Qualifying Score of 38.365 in the all-around. In addition, Rogers is a stellar student, ranked first in her major, behavioral sciences. She has received numerous academic awards, including

a selection to the CoSIDA academic all-district team last year.

In addition, Rogers was one of three Air Force gymnasts to be named to the all-MPSF team, the league office also announced this morning. Rogers and Jenna Dudley paced the Falcons with four selections each.

Based on Regional Qualifying Scores from the regular season, Rogers was named to the all-MPSF team on the vault (9.715), uneven bars (9.650), balance beam (9.600) and all-around (38.255). The four all-conference selections bring Rogers' three-year total to 10.

Dudley also earned four all-conference nods, including one as the Falcons' lone representative on the floor exercise (9.730). She was also named to the all-MPSF team on the uneven bars (9.650), balance beam (9.580) and all-around (38.380). Brittany Dutton also earned all-league honors in the all-around with a Regional Qualifying Score of 37.510.

Each event's all-MPSF team is represented by the top gymnast from each of the four conference schools, followed by the gymnasts with the next four highest RQS averages, regardless of school.



Photo by Dennis Rogers

Abbey Rogers, the team's only senior, has served as the guiding force.

# Five Falcon homers down UNLV, 11-9

By Nick Arseniak  
Athletic Communications

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Air Force baseball hit five home runs and held off a late UNLV charge to earn its first Mountain West Conference victory, 11-9, Sunday at Earl E. Wilson Stadium. The Falcons improved to 7-11, 1-5 with the win, while the Rebels fell to 13-8, 2-4.

Air Force entered the game with just eight homers in 17 games.

Jack Lupo led the home run barrage with two long-balls. Matt Alexander, Addison Gentry and Blair Kessler also homered for the Falcons.

Right-hander Matt Barattino (1-0) turned in a solid starting performance for the Falcons, holding the

Rebels to six runs, three earned, in 6.2 innings. Las Vegas native Aaron Kurcz turned in a gutsy relief performance as well. After giving up a three-run homer to the first batter he faced, Kurcz held UNLV to one run over the next 2.1 innings to close out the game.

After UNLV jumped ahead early with a two-run first inning, the Falcon bats came alive. Back-to-back homers by Lupo and Kessler jump started the Falcons and put them ahead 3-2. In the fourth, Alexander and Lupo hit two-run homers to put AFA up 7-2.

After the Rebels rallied with a run in the fourth, Gentry had a two-run single to put the Falcons back up 9-3. UNLV took advantage of two Air Force errors in the bottom of the fifth, scoring two runs to make

it a 9-5 game. The Falcons struggled mightily on defense committing six errors on the day.

Gentry added a solo homer in the seventh before UNLV's Scott Berke hit a three-run homer off Kurcz to make it a 10-8 game.

Air Force tacked on an insurance run in the ninth, as Blair Roberts scored from third on a wild pitch.

UNLV made it interesting in the ninth, scoring a run and getting the tying run up to the plate with two outs. With a runner at third and two outs, Kurcz got his revenge, striking out Burke to end the game.

Air Force had 14 hits in the game. Alexander and Gentry had three hits each. Walker and Lupo had two hits each. Gentry had three RBIs and Lupo had four.

The five home runs are the most by Air Force in the Mike Hutcheon era, dating back to 2003.

# Men's tennis team continues its winning ways

By Jerry Cross  
Athletic Communications

The Air Force men's tennis team won its fifth consecutive match Saturday with a dominating 6-1 victory over Seattle University in Seattle, Wash. Air Force, which had not won five straight matches since 2004-2005, improving to

7-10 this season.

The Falcons took a 1-0 lead by sweeping the three doubles matches. Air Force's No. 1 duo of Austin Francis and Cody Hall downed Seattle's pair of Alex Montgomery and Mark Shkretbtan, 8-5. Brett Rodgers and Taylor Soster improved to 13-2 this spring with an 8-2 win over Patrick Boorkman and Adam Strizich at

the No. 2 spot, while Johnny Buckingham and Will Brown won, 8-6, over Matt Enkema and Dylan Reetz at No. 3.

In singles play, Air Force captured five of the six matches, all in straight sets. Hall defeated Montgomery, 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, followed by Rodgers posting a 6-2, 6-2 win over Boorkman at No. 3. Soster easily defeated Reetz, 6-0, 6-2 at No. 4,

while Buckingham (No. 5) and Brown (No. 6) lost just one game each by defeating Strizich and Enkema, respectively.

Shkretbtan defeated Francis, 6-0, 6-2, at the top spot for Seattle's lone singles win.

The Falcons took on Portland State Tuesday.

## Lacrosse

RIVERDALE, N.Y. - Outscored 6-2 in the second half, the Air Force lacrosse team dropped a close 9-8 decision to Manhattan Tuesday night at Gaelic Park. With the loss, the Falcons fall to 3-5 on the season, while the Jaspers move to 4-4 on the year. Manhattan's Justin Jensen scored the game-winner

with just 11 seconds left on the clock to lead the Jaspers to the come-from-behind victory. It marked the first and only lead of the game for Manhattan, which trailed by as many as three goals in the contest.

## Golf

GOODYEAR, Ariz. - Tom Whitney captured medalist honors to lead the Air Force

golf team at the Desert Shootout, hosted by Denver at the par-72, 7,015-yard Palm Valley Golf Course. Whitney posted a school-record mark of 200 to finish first for the second-straight tournament. Meanwhile, the Falcons finished in a tie for seventh-place with a three-round total of 855 (-9). Whitney fired a 67 in the final

round to finish the tournament at 16-under-par. His three-round total of 200 is the lowest in Air Force history, besting the previous mark of 202 that Whitney set at the 2007 Agua Caliente Invitational. Whitney has now won medalist honors in two consecutive tournaments and for the third time in his career only the third Falcon in

school history to earn medalist honors on three occasions.

## Boxing

RENO, Nev. - Backed by six individual champions, the Air Force boxing team picked up its 29th National Collegiate Boxing Association regional title Saturday night in Reno, Nev. Compiling an 8-2 record on the night, the Falcons

# Air Force wins third straight AHA title

By Dave Toller  
Athletic Communications

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Andrew Volkening recorded his second straight shutout to lead Air Force to a 2-0 win over Mercyhurst in the Atlantic Hockey Association championship game Saturday at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester, N.Y.

The Falcons claimed their third consecutive AHA title and earned their third straight bid to the NCAA Tournament.

With the win, Air Force improves to 27-10-2 and advances to the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive season.

Air Force drew first blood just 3:02 into the game as Jacques Lamoureux scored his nation-leading 32nd of the season. Tim Kirby passed from the right point to the left and Scott Mathis fired a slap shot. Lamoureux redirected the shot for a 1-0 Air Force lead. The Falcons took a 2-0 lead early in the second period. Matt Fairchild transitioned the puck in the neutral zone and fed Kirby. Kirby's first shot was poked away and Derrick Burnett fired a slap shot that was saved. Fairchild cleaned up the rebound for his third goal of the series and his 17th of the season. The Falcons killed three penalties in the third period in maintaining the two-goal lead.

The Falcons outshot the Lakers, 33-25, in the game. AFA was 0-for-5 on the power play while MC was 0-for-6. Air Force allowed just four power-play shots



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

## Falcon goalie Andrew Volkening blocks a shot on goal.

on 10 minutes of power-play time. Ryan Zapolski made 31 saves for the Lakers while Volkening had 25. Volkening stopped all 51 shots he faced in the tournament and has recorded 150 consecutive shutout minute in the AHA Final Four in the Blue Cross Arena dating back to last season's championship game victory. It marked the first time in tournament history there have been back-to-back shutouts in the semifinals and championship game.

Four Falcons earned all-tournament team, led by tournament MVP Matt

Fairchild. Joining the winger were defensemen Greg Flynn and Scott Mathis and Volkening. RIT forward Cameron Burt and Mercyhurst forward Scott Pitt were also on the team.

Quotes from the post-game press conference:

"I couldn't be more proud of our guys," head coach Frank Serratore said. "We put together a very quick game plan and our guys executed it. Mercyhurst generates their energy from their offense. We needed to play our game. We wanted to go up and

down with them, but we needed to do it within the framework our game. They score goals in bunches and we never let the fuse get lit."

"It feels great to win," said Fairchild. "We played our game tonight. On the goal, I was just following the play and got the rebound. It wasn't anything special. It was nice to be named the MVP, but it should have been Volks. He was amazing."

"This was a credit to all the guys and the way they back-checked," said Volkening. "I can't think of very many tough chances we gave up. I've been here before and I'm confident and it's gone well here."

"We kept a lot of their shots to the perimeter and that allowed Volks to get big," Flynn said. "Volks was incredible. We never let them build off of anything. In the NCAAs, we need to play the same game we played tonight. We executed our plan. I'm really happy to go back to the tournament as a senior and get another chance."

"We want to play our game at the NCAAs and be a difficult team to play against," Serratore said. "You can't win the game in the first period but you can certainly lose it, especially against the big boys. We need to play with competitive patience like we did this weekend. You are not going to outscore those teams. You have to play a sound defensive game. I am humbled to be part of this team and what they have done. We have some great players, great competitors and some great people."

# Gym duo collects victories at Illinois-Chicago

By Valerie Perkin  
Athletic Communications

CHICAGO, Ill. – Joel Uptmor and Jake Schonig picked up event victories, as the No. 15 Air Force men's gymnastics wrapped up the regular season at No. 11 Illinois-Chicago Sunday.

Despite posting their second-highest team total of the season at 332.400, the Falcons were edged by the Flames, 338.400, in the dual meet.

Uptmor posted a career-high score of 14.300 to win the floor exercise, while Schonig posted a winning mark of 15.150 on the still rings. The duo paced the Falcons to two of the top three spots in their respective events.

Aaron Zaiser garnered a score of 14.250 to take second on the floor exercise, while Josiah Loeser tallied a career-high total of 14.750 on the still rings to place third.

Uptmor was also the runner-up on the vault, tallying a score of 15.500, while Nash Mills finished second in the all-around with a total of 81.950.

Mills was one of three Falcons to finish within the top half of the parallel bars standings, pacing the club with a fourth-place score of 13.850. Garrett Canter finished fifth with a career-high matching score of 13.750, while Zaiser scored a 13.650 to place sixth.

Air Force had several other finishes within the top half of the field.

Chase Nobles and Canter finished fourth (13.250) and fifth (13.150), respectively, on the pommel horse, while Jacob Houder and Mills collected fourth-place (13.750) and sixth-place (13.500) scores on the high bar.

Houder tied with Devin Menefee for sixth on the floor exercise, as both posted career-best totals of 13.700. Menefee also placed sixth on the still



Photo by Mike Kaplan

## Jake Schonig performs the iron cross on the still rings.

rings with a score of 14.000, while Zaiser collected a fifth-place score of 14.500 on the vault.

The Falcons begin post-season action today at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships in Williamsburg, Va.

continued their dominance in the western region, having won all but one of the last 30 regional titles. Matt DeMars (112-pounds) and Cory Tintzman (heavyweight) claimed regional titles at opposite ends of the weight divisions, as unopposed contenders. It is the first regional title for DeMars and the second walkover title for

Tintzman. Jesse Horton opened the night with a 119-pound victory over Santa Clara's Ian Fletcher in a referee-stopped-contest. Harvey White also recorded an early victory in the 125-pound championship, as the referee stopped his contest with San Francisco's Matt Ikekuia in the second round. It is the third regional title for

Horton and the second such title for White. Nathan Liptak won his first regional title after decisioning Jeff Sasha of USC in the 147-pound final and senior team captain Boyce Loomis captured his second NCBA regional title after taking a decision from Nevada's James Gardner in the 185-pound bout.

## Hall of Famers

The director of Academy Athletics requests the pleasure of your company at the 2nd Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner honoring: Coach Jim Bowman, Callie Calhoun Molloy, Dee Dowis, Terry Isaacson, Ernie Jennings and Coach Ben Martin May 1 at the Colorado Springs

Marriott. Social begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. then the induction ceremony. Cost is \$75. Business dress is appropriate. Call 333-2626 to RSVP by April 17. The Colorado Springs Marriott is offering a special room rate of \$79. Call 719-260-1800 and mention the Air Force Athletics Hall of Fame.

# Things to do ...

The 10th Services Division proudly reminds all that every dollar spent in services facilities stays at the Academy to provide programs, activities and events for the community. When you support services, you support the troops!

## Hold 'em "Better Than Last Year"

Many people played in last year's Texas Hold 'em tournaments at the Falcon Club and Milazzo Center. Attendees say the games lasted into the wee hours, food was scarce, the prizes lame and the games were not exactly a model of efficiency. That has all changed. The club, now under new management, hired a new outfit to run the hold 'em games and they are extremely professional. The games start promptly at 6 p.m. and end by 9 p.m. Wednesdays. The food available is now prepared by the chef. The prizes are gift cards. Larry Green played last year and he's playing again this year, taking second place last week. "It's a lot better this year," he said. "The new people running the game are real pros. I wish a lot of the people who were regulars last year would come out and try it again. It's a lot more enjoyable," he said.

## Arts & Crafts classes

The following upcoming classes are being offered for the first time at the Arts and Crafts Skills Center. Call 333-4579.

### Beginning chain mail

Learn the ancient and beautiful skill of linking metal rings together to form jewelry or armor from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$25 and includes mate-

rials.

### Wood working

Learn how to use the equipment and make a simple step stool. One-hour sessions are from 5:30 to 8 p.m. April 14 and 15. Cost is \$45 (includes both sessions and all materials).

### Basic beading

Class is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 7. Cost is \$20 (includes both classes, tools and materials).

### Intro to matting and framing -

Lessons are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$15.

### "Summer Fun" Program

Registration for the part-day enrichment "Summer Fun" program is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 13. For more info, call 333-4733.

### Discount cruising through Colorado R&R

Vacationers can experience the cruise of a lifetime through the Eastern Caribbean including a specially discounted military rate. This seven-night Royal Caribbean International Cruise departs June 6. Prices start at \$782 and include food and entertainment. Call Colorado R&R at 333-7367.

### Discounted Steamboat ski package

Don't wait until the Thursday deadline to sign up for the Steamboat Springs ski/snowboard package excursion. There just a few spots left on the trip April 11-12. The package includes transportation, two days on the slopes, ski or snowboard rental and lodging at the Ptarmigan Hotel



Photo by Ann Patton

A boarding house guest in Colorado's gold rush era tickles the ivories. The boarding house is one display inside Ghost Town which will be featured in next week's Spirit.

(it's ski-in, ski-out). Prices are \$199 each for one person in a room, \$159 each for two in a room, \$139 each for three in room or just \$125 each for four in room. All rooms have two queen beds. Call 333-4475.

### See Sinbad at Arnold Hall

Sinbad. Laughing. Lots and lots of laughing is on the agenda at 7:30 p.m. April 3 at Arnold Hall. For tickets, call 333-4497.

Fine art classes are held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays for ages 8-14 for six weeks beginning March 31. Cost is \$45 and includes all supplies.

### Upcoming Falcon Club events

Social Hour - every Friday - officers'

and enlisted lounges. Free for members and \$5 for non-members

Breakfast buffet - Sunday - \$6.95 for members, \$8.95 for nonmembers and \$3.95 for ages 6 and younger.

Lunch buffet - Tuesday through Friday - \$6.95 for members, \$8.95 for nonmembers and \$3.95 for ages 6 and younger.

Extraordinary Easter buffet - April 12 - \$23.95 for members, \$28.95 for nonmembers and \$9.95 for ages 5-10. Reservations required.

Chef's special dinner buffet - Served from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through April 8. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more information, call 333-4253.


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**On ice**

The Academy Field House ice arena remains closed through March for construction. Call Roger Gustafson, assistant athletic director for support, at 333-4228 for more information.

**Community center happenings**

Call 333-2928 for more information on any of the following five events.

**Saturday:** USCF Rated Chess Match in downstairs ballroom, Bldg. 5136. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; games play at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is \$12. Day of event registration cost is \$15.

**April 6:** Fit to the core exercise class starts at noon in the downstairs ballroom, Bldg. 5136. This six-week, one-hour, twice-weekly class is \$60. Strong Women/Strong Bones exercise class is

from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is recommended for women 55 and older. This hour-long class is also six weeks, twice weekly. Cost is \$25.

**April 17:** 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Bingo in the Academy Community Center downstairs ballroom, Bldg. 5136. Purchase card packs for \$5 and play all 10 games.

**April 18:** The Academy's first 2009 outdoor flea market will be held in the Base Exchange parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weather permitting. Space fee is \$10. Space with car is \$15; tables are \$5 each.

**April 19:** Open ballroom dancing from 2 to 5 p.m. in the downstairs ballroom, Bldg. 5136. Entry is \$10 per couple.

**Student summer employment**

The Air Force Academy is offering student employment for temporary jobs this summer. Current positions include: clerk (GS-0303-01) starting at \$9.57 per hour; food service worker (WG-7408-03) starting at \$11.32 per hour; and, laborer (WG-3502-01) starting at \$9.22 per hour. Announcements are posted at <http://www.usajobs.gov> and will remain open through Tuesday. Mail completed applications to: Summer Program Team, 5136 Eagle Drive, USAFA, CO, 80840-2803 or FAX to: 719-333-3741. Candidates must be at least 16 at the time of appointment and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

**Tax assistance**

The IRS-sponsored Academy VITA Program offers free tax help for military members and their families, active duty or retired. IRS-trained volunteers can help with special credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Rebate Recovery Credit, and First-Time Homebuyers Credit for those qualified. Free electronic filing of federal and state returns is also offered. The Academy Tax Center in Arnold Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday to help. Call 333-3905 for an appointment.

**ISOPREP/Passport/Visa**

Photographs: Today only, the Team DenMar Photo Lab, located in Fairchild Hall (Suite 1J3), will provide walk-in photography services to any faculty member or cadet requiring ISOPREP/

Passport/Visa photographs. This service is for members requiring an official government passport, Visa, and ISOPREP photos, and cannot be used for personal use passports. Members can simply come to the photo lab and receive support without an appointment; the service will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Pre-filled work orders are available at the lab customer service desk. Standard studio services, including head and shoulder portraits and full-length special duty photos will continue to be offered Monday through Thursday on an appointment basis only. Call 333-3430/3431 or e-mail the lab's org box at HQ USAFA/PAVSCP (photography work orders) for more information.

**A&FRC offerings**

The Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts the following this month:

**Group Pre-Separation Counseling**

Held every Monday (except during TAP week) 2 to 4 p.m. Separating or retiring from the Air Force in a year or less? This mandatory briefing identifies benefits and services associated with transition and beyond.

**Newcomer's red carpet tour**

Today; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This informative base tour gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals much of what there is to see and do at the Air Force Academy.

**Medical records review**

Monday; 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.

**Internet job search**

Tuesday; 8 to 11 a.m. This 'how-to' e-network course will cover online networking sites, netiquette, and making online connections. Popular networking sites such as Facebook, Linked-In, Twitter, and others will also be featured. Contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 for any questions and/or registration.

**Volunteer recognition**

The "Celebrating People in Action ... Celebrating Academy Volunteers" awards ceremony is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 24 at the Academy Falcon Club. All can partake in the complimentary deli and hors d'oeuvres buffet from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The ceremony will immediately follow.

**Law Day Golf**

Law Day was created in the late 1950s, by the American Bar Association to draw attention to both the principles and practice of law and justice. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by proclamation in 1958. The staff's Law Day Golf Scramble is set for 11:30 a.m. May 1 on the Eisenhower Blue Course. Entry fees are: \$55 per person for active duty and USAFA DoD civilians; and, \$85 for those non-affiliated with the military or DoD. The cost covers: greens fees, cart fee, use of practice balls on the driving range, lunch, and prizes. Call Capts. Jacob Frank or Jay Bragga at 333-3940 for more information. Entry deadline is April 22.



**Spring break with the Burros**

The Western Museum of Mining & Industry, Northgate Blvd. and I-25, is offering a full day of Hee-Hawin' fun Saturday. Tour the Museum to learn about life in the 1890s, then meet and greet museum burro mascots Oro and Nugget. Learn what makes a donkey "pink." Picnic grounds are available. Customary admission for adults, children is \$5. Tours begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, call 488-0880 or visit [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org).

**Writing Warriors Workshop**

A post-deployment writing workshop is set for veterans of OIF/OEF. The eight-week free workshop will be led by writing professionals to help attendees tap the transformative power of writing in order to understand and tell their wartime stories. Experts say writing about important events in one's life is therapeutic and can be helpful in the post-deployment phase. The workshop begins April 14 and meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 555 E. Pikes Peak Ave, corner of Pikes Peak/Colorado Ave. To register or for more information visit: [www.writingwarriors.org](http://www.writingwarriors.org) Questions email [writingwarriors@rocketmail.com](mailto:writingwarriors@rocketmail.com) space is limited. Workshop facilitators include Academy professors: Donald Anderson and Lt. Col. Tom McGuire. Call 333-8485 for more.

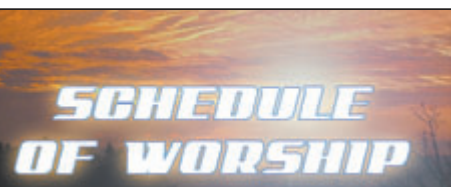
**Operation Purple**

The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple® camps offer a free week of fun for military kids whose parents have deployed, are deployed or will deploy. Colorado offers three sessions of Operation Purple camps: May 31st - June 5; June 7-12; and, June 14-19. Outer Edge Performance and Operation Purple camps are designed to promote: Realizing Potential! The camps are all outdoor adventures serving youth and teens entering third through 12th grades. They will be held in Black Forest and will provide opportunities to participate in activities such as: high and low challenge course, teambuilding activities, outdoor rock climbing, mountain-biking, whitewater rafting, horseback riding and more. Each child may register for one summer camp. Deadline is April 20. For more information and to register visit: [www.operationpurple.org](http://www.operationpurple.org)

Call Vivian Sylvest, Alison McKay, Tim Burke or Mary Marcantonio at Outer Edge Performance at: 303-458-1909.

**NCOA honors WWII Vets**

On the 55th Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, the Air Academy Chapter of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association will host a 6:30 p.m. banquet at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in honor of World War II Veterans. Reservations are required. If you are an eligible veteran, would like to participate in the event or would like more information, e-mail Chief Master Sgt. (retired) Gerald Zoebisch via at: [Jerry@aancoa.org](mailto:Jerry@aancoa.org) or call 719-287-5654.



**CADET CHAPEL**

**Catholic Masses:**

**Sunday**

Confession - 9:15 a.m.

Mass - 10 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament - 5:30 p.m.

Confession - 5:30 p.m.

Mass - 6:30 p.m.

**Weekday**

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

**Protestant Services:**

**Sunday**

Traditional/Liturgical - 9 a.m.

Contemporary - 11 a.m.

**Jewish Services**

**Friday**

Sabbath Service - 7 p.m.

**Buddhist Worship**

**Wednesday**

Traditional Mahyana Service -6:30 p.m.

**Muslim Prayer**

**Friday**

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

All Other Faiths

Call 333-2636 for more information

**COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL**

**Catholic Masses:**

**Saturday**

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.

Mass - 4 p.m.

**Sunday**

Mass - 9 a.m.

Religious Formation - 10:15 a.m.

(September - May)

**Tuesday-Friday**

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

**Protestant Services:**

**Wednesday**

Wednesday Night Live - 6 p.m.

Dinner followed by Religious Education

(September - May).

**Sunday**

Evangelical - 10:15 a.m.

Gospel - 11:30 a.m.

**Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality:**

Contact Tech. Sgt. Longcrier at 333-6178

Robert.Longcrier@usafa.edu

**COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**April 9**

Holy Thursday Mass - 6 p.m.

**April 10**

Good Friday Catholic Liturgy - 6 p.m.

**April 11**

Catholic Easter Vigil - 6 p.m.

**April 12**

**Catholic Mass:**

Catholic Mass - 9 a.m.

(No Catholic RE)

**Protestant Services:**

Easter Sunrise Service,

Tee House - 6:30 a.m.

Evangelical service - 10:15 a.m.

Gospel service - 11:30 a.m.

Call 333-3300 for more information.