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By **Don Branum**
Academy Spirit staff writer

The commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe spoke with Air Force Academy cadets during a visit to the Academy Nov. 1.

Gen. Mark Welsh stressed the importance of learning leadership skills while at the Academy and how cadets' experiences would prepare them for their Air Force careers and their lives.

"I'm always reminded of things I didn't appreciate when I was a cadet," Welsh began. "Places like the Honor Court. Have you ever been out there in the evening, when no one else is around?"

The Honor Court is one of the areas on the Academy that captures the moments and memories of those who have previously served, said Welsh, a 1976 Academy graduate.

"You stand next to this B-17 (Flying Fortress) here and look over your shoulder at that P-40 (Warhawk), put your hand on the marble and close your eyes. Strange things happen. You'll hear the bogey calls, then you'll hear the bandit calls," he said. "You'll hear the waist gunners testing their guns. You'll sense the tension as they anticipate the attack. You'll sense the fear. Then you'll feel the pride."

Another location that carries a heavy history is the Academy's Graduate Memorial Wall, Welsh said.

"Sometime, just walk up to it while nobody's around," he said. "Just stare into the stone. Put your hand on it. And then send me an email and tell me you felt like you were alone — because you won't." The first time he did this, he said, he saw a name he hadn't seen before when he moved his hand.

"It was Robert Lodge," Welsh said. "Anybody heard of him? I went and looked him up. Robert Lodge is a member of the Class of '64; graduated from (Cadet Squadron 02), which I got the chance to visit this morning."

Lodge was killed in Vietnam May 10, 1972, when a MiG-19 attacked his F-4 Phantom fighter. He was a five-time Silver Star recipient and received the Academy's Jabara Award for Airman's posthumously in 1974.

"Robert Lodge is part of your Air Force heritage," Welsh said. "Visit the wall. Pick a name. Learn something about who you are."

The general spoke about Airmen — leaders — making a difference within USAFE and other places around the world, and he reassured cadets that they would do the same. One recent graduate now leads a flight of 56 Airmen at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England; another keeps 54,000 Defense Department employees in Kaiserslautern, Germany, informed about ongoing events. A third led the effort

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An HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter crew from the 58th Rescue Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., participates in a combat search and rescue airpower demonstration Nov. 4, on the Terrazzo. The 58th RQS is a geographically separated unit of the 23rd Wing at Moody AFB, Ga., which trains and prepares Airmen to conduct precision attack, personnel recovery and combat support in deployed locations.

Air Force leaders issue Veterans Day message

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy send the following Veterans Day message to the Airmen of the U.S. Air Force:

America is built upon the achievements and the sacrifices of veterans. On Veterans Day, we express appreciation and thanks to more than 22 million American veterans, including 4 million veterans of the United States Air Force.

We especially honor and remember those who lost their lives to help defend our nation, and we give thanks to the families whose support made their loved ones' service possible. Collectively, our nation owes our veterans and their families a debt that can never be fully repaid.

Following in the footsteps of previous generations, you - today's Airmen - continue to answer the nation's call. In all of your missions, whether serving in overseas contingency operations, providing disaster relief at home and abroad, or protecting the skies above the United States, your commitment and professionalism reflects our veterans' proud legacy of devoted service. You too have earned our nation's thanks.

Our duty obliges us to ensure that each generation understands and appreciates the sacrifices that have been made, often at very heavy cost, by the men and women who have fought to preserve our freedom. On this Veterans Day, please take time to reflect on our veterans' contributions, and thank those in your family and your community who have served America so selflessly.



Gould: Thank you Team USAFA!

By Gen. Mike Gould
Air Force Academy Superintendent

As I look back at what we have accomplished at the Air Force Academy, it is quite clear that I owe many people across this base a hearty handshake and a loud thank you. I might even go so far as to say that last week was one of the busiest we've ever seen at the Air Force Academy. It was a whirlwind of events and visits from dozens of high-ranking officials and celebrities, and you all took the challenge in stride and set us up for great success.

This fall's Corona conference only lasted three days, and our Falcons beat the Army football team in only three hours of great battle on the gridiron. However, we all know that many more days and hours were spent preparing for and executing these important activities. I appreciate the hard work, and I thank you.

Corona conferences only happen three times a year, and we have the honor of hosting the conference each fall. As our top Air Force leaders converged here last week - to discuss the future of the Air Force - I was proud of the smooth planning and teamwork that Team USAFA displayed across the board. With Maj. Jim Binns at the helm, the entire team deserves our praise. More than 120 people from every office at USAFA stepped forward to volunteer for escort duty. Our cops from the 10th Security Forces Squadron, our communications team from the 10th Communications Squadron and our superb team at the Falcon Club and across the 10th Force Support Squadron all rolled out the red carpet to make sure the meeting ran without a hitch.

The week ended with a victory over Army, and our Falcons secured the Commander In Chief's Trophy for the second year in a row. But that wasn't our only victory...Dr. Hans Mueh and his team in our Athletic Depart-



Lt. Gen. Mike Gould

ment hosted the first meeting of the Air Force Academy Athletic Corporation board. Also, Dave Gray and his fitness professionals from the Community Fitness Center led a vigorous workout in the new Holaday Athletic Center ... at 7,258 feet (far, far above that of West Point or Annapolis). The folks over in the Cadet Wing set up a great bonfire on the Terrazzo to fire up our cadets, and it paid off with crucial 12th-Man support at the game! The 306th Flying Training Group showed up with their usual aerial support of the game itself. Also, the Wings of Blue - USAFA's perennial crowd pleaser - jumped into Falcon Stadium, and the flyover of four F-16s was absolutely amazing. The football game was nationally televised, and we showed the nation that USAFA is indeed the country's premier institution.

Finally, we welcomed home members of the third class to graduate from USAFA for their 50th class reunion. Last Thursday, we dedicated the Class of 1961's gift of two beautiful statues down at the Academy cemetery. The graduates showed us all what "Fanatical Institutional Pride" truly means ... EVERY living member of the class donated funds to make the gift a reality. Thank you to the Class of '61, the Association of Graduates, and everyone else who made this reunion memorable.

There is not enough space or time to properly thank each and every person who made last week a success, but please know Paula and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. In the coming weeks, I'll come by your workplace to thank you in person. Happy Veterans Day, and thank you for your service!

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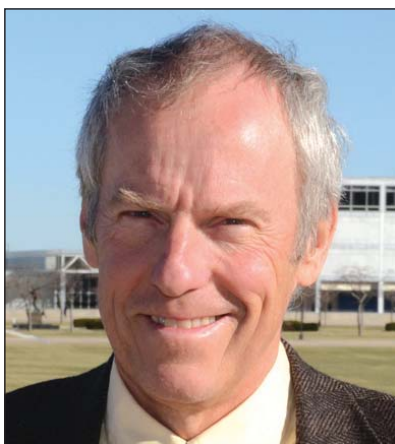
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Welsh

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to assemble a command-and-control network for air operations over Libya earlier this year.

"They're you. The names and faces are going to change, but this is what you're going to be doing," Welsh said. He also touched on graduates who had made a difference due in part to their sacrifices.

"Dave Wisniewski was on his third flight into a hot (landing zone) to pull wounded British soldiers off the battlefield when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his helicopter, and it crashed," the general said. "Four Airmen were killed, and three were horribly wounded. Dave was one of the wounded: He died about three weeks later in Bethesda Hospital, Md.

"I think you know that Roslyn Schulte was the first female Academy graduate to be killed by an enemy combatant. What you may not know is that she was an intelligence officer, and her job was teaching Afghan military officials how to collect and interpret intelligence. That job made her a target ... she was killed outside Kabul by a (roadside bomb).

"These people made a difference," Welsh continued. "Everybody I just talked about is making a difference. And you will, too. Don't worry about that."

What the cadets should focus on instead, he said, is making sure they're prepared for what awaits them after graduation.

"We expect you to be credible," Welsh said. "When you tell your Airmen later that you're going to do something for them, you'd better do

it. If you tell them you're going to follow up on an action for them, you'd better follow up. If you tell them you're going to look into something for their family, you'd better look into it. Folks, you get one chance. One chance. Be ready."

Another expectation the Air Force will hold, Welsh said, is that cadets will maintain their level of attention to detail after they graduate.

"John Vosberg was flying 22 feet low on a low-level route in (South) Korea," Welsh recalled. "He was certified to 100 feet, but he was about 22 feet low. He didn't have a radar altimeter; it's hard to tell 22 feet. Unfortunately, there was a new cable that had been strung at 78 feet above the ground, and when he turned into the sun — another minor mistake — and because he couldn't see it, his OV-10 (Bronco) disintegrated in midair.

"Attention to detail: Is it important? You decide. But when you leave here, you'd better have it," he added. "You'd better be ready to make decisions as well."

Welsh segued to a battle during Operation Desert Storm on Feb. 27, 1991. An F-16 Fighting Falcon had been shot down, and the pilot, then Capt. Bill Andrews, had landed in the path of a retreating Iraqi Republican Guard armored division.

Welsh, then a lieutenant colonel, was flying in his own F-16 over Iraq at the time. A strike controller relayed Andrews' location to other pilots and asked if anyone could conduct a search-and-rescue. A Chinook pilot answered the call.

"I'm thinking, that's the size of a

double-decker bus, it's got no guns, and you're going to fly that thing into the middle of a retreating Iraqi armored division to pick up one pilot? First time in my life I ever said 'Hooah.' I was impressed," he said.

After he returned to the United States, Welsh said he went to look for her. After he confirmed her identity, he set out to meet her.

"I wanted to tell her thank you, because she was inspirational at a time when people needed it," he said. "It took me a little while to find her, but I did."

A photo of Rossi's tombstone appeared on the screen behind the general. Two days later, on March 1, Rossi's helicopter hit an unlit radio tower near Iraq's border with Saudi Arabia while returning from an aeromedical evacuation mission.

"I kept my promise," he said. "I went and met her. And I stood in front of that rock and thanked her for her courage, for her dedication, for the inspiration she gave so many of us that day, for her sacrifice and the sacrifice of her husband and young daughter.

"You'd better be willing to make decisions, because you're going to need to," he continued, returning his focus to the cadets. "You're going to need to make them without all the information you'd like, and you're going to need to make them when people's lives are at stake. And you're not always going to have time to ask somebody else to help you."

As leaders, cadets must know their Airmen's stories, Welsh said. He related his own tale that began with an encounter at a Fourth of July picnic



COURTESY PHOTO

Capt. Bill Andrews reunites with his son, Sean, after returning from Iraq in 1991. Andrews, an F-16 pilot was held as a prisoner of war for eight days.

at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

"My chief master sergeant and I were standing there, and we looked up the sidewalk, and there's a guy walking toward us. He's got black combat boots, black knee socks, cutoff jean

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Academy's Modeling and Simulation Research Center opens

Cadets at the Air Force Academy are taking advantage of their campus' latest state-of-the-art arrival.

The Academy's Modeling and Simulation Research Center officially opened its new 700-square-foot supercomputer facility Nov. 1.

Located in the aeronautics laboratory, the center features redundant fire suppression and air conditioning systems that will protect the more than \$3.5 million worth of supercomputers.

Seven distinct research centers house their computers in the center, which supports a wide variety of research activities. Aeronautical engineering cadets can work on computational fluid dynamics while physics majors supporting the Center for Space Situational Awareness Research help protect American space assets from de-

bris in orbit.

All of the computational research performed at the facility prepares cadets for their active duty career fields.

The event was hosted by the Dean of Faculty's engineering division chair, Col. Neal Barlow, who thanked the 10th Air Base Wing mission partners who made the facility a reality.

The project was led by the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron, which funded the project as part of the aero lab's heating, ventilation and air conditioning renovations.

Barlow spoke about the paradigm shift in our nation's top engineering and basic science education. That shift, he said, requires state-of-the-art computational facilities to complement the existing laboratory spaces here at the Academy.

Specifically, he described how learn-

ing-focused initiatives can guide cadets from textbook-based principles to operational Air Force-oriented research projects. This enhanced learning experience clearly demonstrates to the cadets how knowledge will be applied after graduation and is unique among undergraduate-only institutions like the Academy.

"The MSRC is multi-disciplinary and critical to meeting the needs of a 21st century Air Force Academy," Barlow said. "From the perspective of our nation's science, technology, engineering and mathematics challenges, this center directly benefits cadets' educational development and meets the needs of our customers across the Defense Department and private industry. This center has been designed to meet the evolving needs of the Academy into the next two decades."

The center was founded in 2002 by then-Lt. Col. Scott Morton with a grant from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. It has grown to support activities across six different academic departments.

The new center supports the activities of several existing programs at the Academy, including the Center for Aircraft Structural Life Extension, the Warfighter's Edge Program, FalconSat, the Space Physics and Atmospheric Research Center and the Center of Innovation.

"The new MSRC room provides the physical infrastructure to allow existing and future endeavors to be properly supported and give the cadets the right experiences to keep our Air Force the best in the world," said Col. Brent Richert, the Academy's chief scientist and director of research.

Honoring veterans

RIGHT: The U.S. Air Force Academy Band and a cadet formation participate in the Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade Saturday in downtown Colorado Springs.

BELOW: The Bird and Air Force Academy cadets wave to the crowd from the Academy's float during the Colorado Springs Veterans' Day Parade.

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Academy to donate \$1,200 to food bank

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

Air Force Academy chaplains and the Cadet Interfaith Council are scheduled to present a \$1,200 check along with 125 cans of food to the Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado at the food bank's site in Colorado Springs, Colo., Saturday between 1 and 3 p.m.

The donation comes from tithes and offerings gathered from the Catholic and Protestant communities,

said Chaplain (Capt.) Shawn Menchion, one of the cadet chaplains.

"The cadets have been running a canned food drive since Parents Weekend," Menchion said. "It ended in September, but the Interfaith Council extended the drive another month." Cadet 2nd Class Jessica Wong of Cadet Squadron 18 was the cadet in charge for the project.

Drop boxes were placed in the Cadet Chapel, in the Oasis lounge and in each of the four cadet groups, Menchion said.

Five cadets and four Academy staff will attend the check and food presentation, Menchion said.

More volunteers are welcome and may contact the chapel at 333-2636.

The outreach project began in August as part of the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge, which invites colleges to commit to at least one year of interfaith cooperation and community service programming on campus.



Cadet 2nd Class Jessica Wong gathers boxed goods to prepare a food package during the Air Force Academy Cadet Interfaith Council's volunteer effort at the Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado Aug. 27. The Interfaith Council began the monthly volunteer project as part of its plan to participate in the White House's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge. Wong, one of the cadets on the Interfaith Council, is assigned to Cadet Squadron 18.

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Welsh

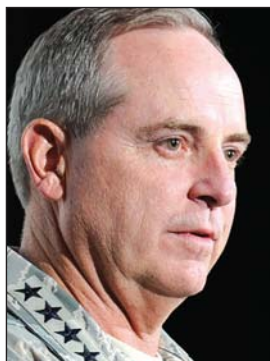
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shorts and no shirt. He's got nipple rings; he's got a chain between them, and the chain's connected to a big leather dog caller with silver spikes on it, which matched the one on his wrist," Welsh said. "So the chief and I talked to him and gave him some fashion advice, which I'm sure he appreciated."

He got to know the Airman, who was an F-16 crew chief and young NCO. They met frequently on Welsh's trips along the flightline, the general said. So he was surprised when, about six months into his command, the Airman shows up -- along with his supervisor, flight chief, first sergeant and squadron commander.

"This tech sergeant, brand new to the wing, been there about four days ... drug him into my office and said, 'Boss, you've got to fix this,'" Welsh said. "I'm thinking, 'He took his shirt off on the flightline, he had those nipple rings in ... this is horrible.' Then that tech sergeant explained to me, that wasn't the problem.

"His daughter was 4 years old. He'd gotten divorced right before he left



Gen. Mark Welsh III

because his wife was on drugs, and he couldn't get her to stop using them. After exhausting every other possibility, he divorced her," Welsh continued.

The NCO's ex-wife won sole custody because he did not mention the drug use in the custody hearings, but his daughter was at risk of being placed in foster care when her mother was convicted for selling drugs. Welsh made some phone calls and had the staff sergeant reassigned to a base back in the United States so he could reclaim custody of his daughter.

"Let me ask you a really important question: Why didn't I know about his daughter?" he asked. "I saw the guy all the time, talked to him a couple of times a week. Why didn't I know he had a daughter? It's not complicated: I never asked him."

Finally, Welsh said, he expects cadets to be worthy of their Airmen's

leadership after they graduate. He presented a video featuring now-retired Tech. Sgt. Matt Slaydon, an explosive ordnance disposal technician formerly stationed with the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

"I want to thank the Air Force for giving me the honor and privilege to carry my country's flag into battle," Slaydon said in the video. "After a short period of time, I gained a great sense of purpose in what I did. I've thought of what I'm going to miss the most: wonderful family and this great sense of purpose. But I hope to take it with me."

Slaydon suffered severe injuries after a roadside bomb exploded about two feet away from him. The blast amputated his left arm, blinded him and left shrapnel wounds throughout the left side of his body.

"And he's saying things like that at an award ceremony," Welsh said. "Are you ready to lead him? Let me leave you with these words: Leadership is a gift. It is given by those who follow."

Welsh concluded with a toast to Vosberg, who had been his roommate at the Academy and his classmate in pilot training.

"He was my best friend. He's my brother in law, Betty's brother. He's the godfather of our first child. He's like the people sitting next to you: The bonds you form here will not end," Welsh said.

As the general sat with his friend's coffin in an empty hangar at the Oakland Army Depot in California, he made Vosberg a promise: "I promised him that every year, sometime in the month of November, I'd toast him with people I knew he'd respect. Well, this is November, and you qualify."

Welsh, with his wife and with Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould joining him on stage, toasted Vosberg. Welsh recited the Ode of Remembrance: "He shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary him, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember. To John Vosberg: fighter pilot, classmate, my friend and our brother.

"Thank you for the life you've chosen," Welsh told the cadets. "Thanks for being good enough to be here. Make sure you're good enough to graduate. Take care of yourselves, and I'll see you out there."



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CS 05 cadet receives HENAAC award

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

A cadet in Cadet Squadron 05 here was one of six Airmen recognized during the 23rd-annual Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., in October.

Cadet 1st Class Eli Garduño received a HENAAC Military Academy Cadet Role Model Award for academic excellence and dedicating his life to the service and defense of the United States.

Garduño, a native of Santa Fe., N.M., said he was honored to have won the award.

"I know that my air officer commanding (Maj. Melissa Youderian) spent a lot of personal time working on my nomination, and I am very grateful for her support," Garduño said.

Garduño was one of seven candidates at the Air Force Academy to be considered for the award, said Col. Dan Uribe, permanent professor and head of the Academy's Foreign Languages Department. Uribe and Col. Jeffrey Butler, permanent professor and head of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, evaluated each candidate based on their overall cadet standing, academic and military achievements and community involvement, with an emphasis on involvement within the Hispanic community.

The cadet spoke to approximately 300 inner-city high school students attending the award ceremony.

"The conference was centered around the importance and recognition of science, technology, engineering and math," or STEM, he said. "I realized that one of the things I could remind the students of was the fun of studying a STEM field. I tried to speak with a lot of energy and enthusiasm and let them know that we, the high school students and my peers, have the opportunity to invent a world



Cadet 1st Class Eli Garduño

beyond our current imaginations. I made sure they knew that STEM fields are difficult but also very rewarding."

Garduño was selected as the outstanding second-class cadet for the Cadet Wing in the spring. His community service projects included organizing "Letters to Heroes" as a freshman, working with

CS 05 at Habitat for Humanity as a junior and volunteering at triathlons this semester.

As part of the award, Garduño received a free ticket to attend one of the Walt Disney World parks. After graduation, he will enter the Air Force scientist career field as a physicist.

HENAAC award winners are selected by a committee comprising industry, academic and government professionals. Other Air Force HENAAC award recipients included:

- James Barnett, engineering director for the Electronic Systems Center's Cryptologic Products Support Division at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
- Lewis Rosado, a senior supervisory mechanical engineer for the Air Force Research Laboratory's Turbine Engine Division at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
- Johan Vicioso, a lead automated test stations engineer for the 410th Supply Chain Management Squadron at Robins AFB, Ga..
- Yessica Gutierrez, a communications security systems engineer for ESC's Cryptologic System Division at Lackland AFB.
- ROTC Cadet Cristina Gonzalez, a student with Air Force ROTC Detachment 027 at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.

(Senior Master Sgt. David Byron at the Air Force Public Affairs Agency contributed to this report.)

Showing off



MAJ. DON KERR

Cadet 2nd Class Danielle Cortez, a Falconer from Cadet Squadron 34, shows off Destiny, an 18-year-old gyrfalcon, to visitors at an airshow at McDill Air Force Base, Fla., Saturday. Cortez and Destiny use the airshow as an opportunity to raise public awareness about the Academy.

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U.S. Air Force Academy superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould crowd surfs during the Air Force-Army game Saturday at Falcon Stadium.



BILL EVANS

There was no shortage of school spirit at Saturday's service academy matchup against Army.

Air Force overcomes Army to keep Commander-in-Chief's Trophy

Quarterback Tim Jefferson Jr. scored twice and Air Force rallied from a 14-point halftime deficit to beat Army 24-14

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

In Air Force's battle to keep the Commander-in-Chief's trophy, Army drew first blood ... and second, and if not for a few big plays on defense, the Black Knights would also have drawn third, fourth and fifth blood.

But Air Force's defense continued to make plays in the second half, forcing three fumbles to set up 24 unanswered points and a 24-14 Air Force victory.

Air Force's offense didn't spend much time on the field in the first half, with less than 10 minutes time of possession. When they had the ball, they appeared to have trouble finding their rhythm. The Falcons went three and out on their first possession, and quarterback Tim Jefferson fumbled on the first play of their second possession. That fumble and Army's recovery led to the Black Knights' second touchdown to take a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

The Black Knights ran for almost 300 yards in the first half, helping keep the Falcons' offense off the field. But while moving the ball downfield came easily for the Knights, scoring did not: in five first-half trips inside the red zone, Army scored only 14 points.

Air Force's first red zone stop came on Army's

second drive, with Ryan Gardner and Jordan Waiwaiole stuffing Larry Dixon on fourth and 2 from the Falcons' 19. The second came at the goal line, this time with Alex Means and Brady Amack combining to stop Army quarterback Max Jenkins inches shy of the goal line.

The third key play came within 30 seconds of halftime, when Falcons defensive back Josh Hall stripped Army running back Scott Williams of the ball just outside the goal line. The ball bounced out of the end zone for a touchback, and the Falcons went into the locker room with a flicker of life, trailing 14-0.

"I thought they came out and slugged us right in the face, and they knocked us on our heels," Falcons head coach Troy Calhoun said. "That's a real credit to their coaches and the young men at West Point."

Army Lt. Gen. David Huntoon, the U.S. Military Academy superintendent, said he was pleased with the halftime score.

"I learned long ago not to predict the outcome of football games, especially service academy games," Huntoon said. "But I'm delighted right now."

Air Force, which came in with a 4-13 record when their opponents scored first, faced an uphill climb in the second half, but while the Knights had the lead, the Falcons had the mo-

mentum. They emerged from the locker room looking like the team that had put a scare into the No. 5 Boise State Broncos Oct. 22, blitzing down the field in their first possession of the second half. Parker Herrington kicked his first of three field goals to give the Falcons their first points of the day.

After Air Force's defense stopped Army at midfield, the Falcons struck again. Jefferson got the Falcons into striking range with passes of 21 yards and 35 yards to Joshua Freeman and Zack Kauth to set up a two-yard touchdown run. Asher Clark carried in the two-point conversion to make it 14-11. A fumbled snap on Army's next possession set up Herrington's second field goal of the game to tie the score.

On the Knights' subsequent possession, the Falcons again held fast, forcing fourth and 6 from the Army 36. In a play reminiscent of Air Force's failed fake punt against Boise State, Army receiver Justin Allen fumbled the handoff from punter Kolin Walk, and Stephan Atrice recovered for Air Force at the Army 14. Four plays later, Jefferson ran untouched into the end zone to give Air Force the go-ahead touchdown.

Two more Army turnovers in the fourth quarter sealed the

game for the Falcons. Jon Davis forced a fumble from Army running back Jared Hassin and ran it back to the Army 19, setting up Herrington's third field goal of the day. Davis also intercepted Army's Jenkins at the Air Force 30 with 2:37 to play, allowing the Falcons to run out the clock.

"In the second half, it was a tale of turnovers for us," Army head coach Rich Ellerson said. "We like to play, and we've got to play better. These guys love to compete, and they love to play hard; they just need to be better. If you don't do the things consistently that measure success, then the scoreboard is going to be upside-down like it was today."

The Falcons held Army to 80 yards of total offense in the second half. Jefferson finished 6-of-12 for 122 yards in the air. Army held the Falcons' third-ranked rushing offense to 200 yards, including 66 by Jefferson and 78 by Clark.

The Falcons face Mountain West Conference rival Wyoming at home Saturday.

WYOMING VS AIR FORCE

- 12:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time kick-off at Falcon Stadium
- Telecasted on The Mountain West Sports Network
- On the radio on KVOR 740 AM in Colorado Springs and KCKK 1510 in Denver



U.S. Air Force Academy wide receiver Zach Kauth reels in a pass from Tim Jefferson during the Air Force-Army game Saturday at Falcon Stadium. Air Force scored 21 points in the third quarter en route to a 24-14 victory over Army and their second consecutive Commander-in-Chief's Trophy

RAYMOND HOY



Academy Award-winning actor Cuba Gooding Jr. meets basketball sportscaster Dick Vitale at the Air Force-Army game Saturday. Numerous celebrities attended the game to witness the service academy rivalry.

MIKE KAPLAN

Millions in the bank

Seed program is an insurance policy for Academy's forests

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit staff writer

The Academy's Natural Resources office has about 1.25 million in the bank.

That's a lot of green, and it provides a nice little cushion in case something goes wrong. Keeping tree seeds in reserve is a great hedge against uncertainty.

Yes, that's right: tree seeds. No need to look for an ATM at this bank; it's the Bessey Seed Bank in Nebraska, where the Academy stores its seeds. Collections over the past several years have yielded a seed hoard sufficient to produce more than a million saplings.

Diane Strohm, a forester at the Academy who directs the effort, calls the seed program an "insurance policy" for the roughly 13,000 acres of forest on the Academy grounds.

"This is really important for long-term forest management," Strohm said. "It's an investment in the future. By 2014, we'll probably do another cone collection."

About 80 percent of the evergreens at the Academy are ponderosa pines, so the first cone collections targeted that species.

Because of the marked climatic variations throughout Colorado, the optimal zone of tree compatibility for the Air Force Academy is quite small. The state is divided into numerous seed provenance zones, within which seeds can be transferred if elevation requirements are met.

According to Forest Service guidelines, ponderosa pine seeds should be planted within plus-or-minus 400 feet of elevation of where the seeds were collected. If seeds from outside a compatible seed zone and elevations are used, the resulting trees will not be genetically adapted to that spot.

Cone collection at the Academy has been suc-



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Isele, a logger, assists with cone collection to contribute to the Academy's ponderosa pine seed bank. Collections over the past several years have yielded enough seeds to produce more than a million saplings.

cessful in large part because Strohm has secured help from a variety of sources. Since the program started in 2005, it has attracted the efforts of a Cub Scout pack, a local logger and a Colorado state land management agency.

"You have a very short window when you collect cones," Strohm said. "You only have about a week. You have to drop everything and say, 'OK, let's go collect cones.' It's a really time-sensitive operation."

In 2009, Strohm directed a collection of Douglas fir cones to diversify the Academy's seed portfolio. The western boundary of the Academy transitions into a mixed Douglas fir-ponderosa pine forest.

Douglas fir seedlings are even more sensitive to elevation than ponderosa pines. The guidelines for this species of fir call for an elevation differential of plus-or-minus 300 feet.

The idea for cone collection and seed storage came to the Academy with Strohm. She previously worked for the U.S. Forest Service and oversaw reforestation efforts after the devastating Hayman Fire in 2002.

By agreement, the seed collected at the Academy is held in cold storage at the Forest Service's Bessey Nursery. The Academy orders 500 to 1,000 seedlings each year.

The reason the seed bank is such a valuable insurance policy is that the seeds can remain viable for as long as 20 years. Seed reserves amassed so far would provide coverage for more than 6,000 acres. Strohm hopes to collect more seeds to get that number closer to the forest acreage at the Academy.

The seed bank has already paid dividends. In April, Lt. Col. Camille Looney, the commander of the 10th Medical Support Squadron, led a group in planting seedlings on seven acres of burned slope near the Douglass Valley Housing Area.

All told, the Natural Resources office planted 900 ponderosa pine and Douglas fir seedlings this past spring. The burn area was not the only beneficiary. Seedlings were planted elsewhere around the Academy to prevent erosion and aid in reforestation following a heavy mistletoe infection.

Strohm's idea has also caught on at Fort Carson. A spate of wildfires on the post in recent years left officials scrambling to find seed for reforestation. The Academy stock was incompatible with the elevations of the fires, so Strohm forged a partnership to help Fort Carson establish its own seed bank.

"We are firmly committed to assisting other military installations in establishing local seed banks," Strohm said. "(It) exemplifies ... a commitment to preserving this beautiful landscape in the future."

Gifts from the Class of '61

Cadets unveil "The Airman in the Meadow" statue at the Air Force Academy cemetery Nov. 3. The statue and wings (inset) were donated by the Air Force Academy Class of 1961. The statue is meant to capture the image of the poem, "High Flight," which is inscribed in the granite pedestrian surface below the statue.

INSET: The 17.5 foot tall art deco-styled wings are intended to clearly emphasize aviation and its relevance to the Academy mission and graduates.

PHOTOS BY SARAH CHAMBERS



Falcons down Pioneers, 2-1, in home finale

Senior Ben Chavez scored both Air Force goals in his final home game as the Falcons defeated Denver University, 2-1, at Cadet Soccer Stadium Nov. 4.

The Falcons, extending their unbeaten streak to five, improved to 11-5-2 and 5-3-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, while the Pioneers fell to 5-10-3 and 3-6-1 in league play.

Chavez put the Falcons ahead 1-0 in the 8th minute with his second goal of the season. He was in the right place for a rebound shot after Denver goalie Oliver Brown saved but could not corral a shot from Air Force senior John Melcher. Chavez placed the rebound top shelf from 12 yards as Melcher collected his sixth assist of the season. Chavez and Melcher, along with senior teammates Eric Wilson and Kyle Cressy, were honored in a pregame ceremony.

The Pioneers evened the game late in the first half when Cole Chapleski headed a corner kick from Josh Wren past AFA keeper Matt Underwood with just 2:35 remaining in the half.

The game was a back-and-forth affair in the second half until Chavez broke the tie in the 83rd minute with a play very similar to his first goal. Kevin Durr started the play with a through pass to Conor Henry at the top of the box. Henry spun and took a shot that Brown saved but didn't grab, and Chavez flew in from the left side to find the open net.



Air Force forward Zachary Modly, left, gets around Denver University midfielder Zach Bolden at the Cadet Soccer Stadium Nov. 4.

LIZ COPAN

Denver had a couple of prime chances in the second half as Kellan Christensen clanked a header off the post early in the half and Christian Volesky, DU's leading scorer, fired a rocket from the top of the box that Underwood dived to save with 35 seconds remaining. Underwood made

three saves, while Oliver made five for DU.

"This was a great way to end conference play for us," said Air Force head coach Doug Hill. "It is also nice to beat a very good team on senior night. I'm happy for Ben (Chavez); he has played great soccer for us the

last three games. This game will give us some confidence going into the league tournament next week."

Air Force finished in third place in the final MPSF standings and will face tournament host Denver in the first round of the MPSF Tournament which began Thursday.

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Fun By The Numbers

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Air Force sweeps Sacred Heart

Falcons skate way to 7-game win streak

Senior Stephen Caple tied his career high with 28 saves and Senior Scott Mathis scored the game-winner as Air Force beat Sacred Heart, 3-2, in an Atlantic Hockey Association game Saturday at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena. The Falcons swept the two-game series and extended its unbeaten streak to seven games, the second longest in the nation.

Air Force, 5-2-2 overall and 4-0-1 in the AHA, opened the scoring just over four minutes into the game as Sophomore Jason Fabian tipped in a point shot from Adam McKenzie. Senior Paul Weisgarber fed the point and Fabian scored his second of the season at 4:33. AFA outshot SHU, 9-0, in the first 10 minutes of the game. The



SARAH CHAMBERS

Air Force goalie Stephen Caple makes a save during Saturday's game with Sacred Heart at Cadet Ice Arena. Caple tied his career high with 28 saves during the 3-2 Falcon win.

Falcons took a 2-0 lead at 9:32 when Junior John Kruse scored his second of the series and third of the season. Sophomore George Michalke dug the puck off the wall in his own end and skated into the zone with Kruse. Kruse's wrist slipped by Pioneers goaltender Stephen Legatto for a 2-0 Falcon lead. AFA had an 11-1 shot advantage in the first 13 minutes. The Pioneers put five shots on goal late in the period, but Falcon tender Caple made six saves in the period.

Sacred Heart, 0-8-0, 0-4-0 AHA, cut

the Air Force lead in half at the 4:22 mark. Ben Ketchum fired a shot from the left side that bounced hard off the back wall. Eric Delong collected the puck and stuffed it under the pad of AFA's goalie for his first of the season.

Early in the third period, Senior Tim Kirby drew a penalty on Pioneer defenseman Mitchell Stretch. On the ensuing faceoff, Senior Paul Weisgarber won the draw and Kirby fed Mathis at the right point who rifled a slap shot past Legatto at 1:54 of the third.

With just under two minutes remaining, the Pioneers pulled their goaltender in favor of an extra attacker. The move paid off as Tye Lewis scored with 39 seconds left. Brian Sheehan took a shot that was saved, but Lewis put back the rebound. On the ensuing center ice faceoff, AFA Sophomore George Michalke won the draw back in his own zone as Legatto left the ice again. SHU's final shot at the horn missed, give the Falcons a 3-2 victory.

AFA out-shot SHU, 42-30, in the game. The 30 shots allowed by Air Force is a season high. AFA was 1-for-5 on the power play while Sacred Heart was 0-for-7. Air Force has now killed 13 straight opponent power plays. Legatto made 39 saves while Caple tied his career high with 28 saves.

"This was a tough game and we battled," head coach Frank Serratore said. "That goal in the third period gave us the cushion we needed since they scored with the extra attacker. Sacred Heart is a tough team to play against. They have made a conscious effort to a defensive structure. Every goal we got this weekend, we earned. I am really glad we had them here in our building. The nature of Division I college hockey is that it is going to be a war every weekend."

Air Force is on the road this weekend for a pair of AHA games. The Falcons play at RIT today, and then at Mercyhurst on Saturday. Both games start at 7:05 p.m. ET.

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ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. A pie social will be held following the service in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate a pie, please drop it off at the chapel on Tuesday morning. If you have questions, call 333-3300.

ANGEL TREE

Gifts from the annual Angel Tree help the Academy's first sergeants provide toys for families in their squadrons that need a few extra gifts around Christmas. Any remaining gifts will be given to Christmas Unlimited in Colorado Springs for distribution to local children. Come by the chapel, take a tag from the tree and return the gift unwrapped by Dec. 4.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY DINNER AND SEMINAR

Information session on defending the Catholic faith led by the Rev. Joe Dygert. Program will begin on Thursday at 6 p.m. with an Italian dinner in the Fellowship Hall at the Community Center Chapel, followed by Dygert's presentation. A children's religious education program will be available. Call Keri Edwards at 781-439-4435 for information or to reserve a spot.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Dec. 1 beginning at 4 p.m. Hay rides, children's story time and crafts with the Library Elf. Tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m., followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. Afterward, children can visit with Santa, and families can enjoy hot chocolate, cider and cookies in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate cookies, please drop them off at the chapel Nov. 30 or the morning of Dec. 1.



Great American Smokeout

The Air Force Academy Health and Wellness Center will support the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout by encouraging its military personnel, family members, retirees, and everyone to quit tobacco for 24 hours on Nov. 17.

The American Cancer Society's nationally recognized day to quit smoking rallies thousands of smokers to become smoke-free for a day, with the ultimate goal of being smoke-free forever.

The HAWC will be at the Academy's south gate greeting everyone entering with incentive items and handouts at various times during the morning commute.

As a further incentive "smokes for sandwiches" (donated by Chik-fil-A) will be offered at the HAWC from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to inquire about opportunities to attend Tobacco cessation classes offered please contact the HAWC at 333-3733.

Clinic offers shingles vaccine

Shingles vaccinations are available at the Academy Allergy and Immunization Clinic. The vaccine is recommended for people age 60 and older. Anyone 50 to 59 years old must have a prescription.

The clinic's hours of operations are: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

On the first Thursday of the month, the clinic closes at 11:30 a.m. for training. Patients are advised to call ahead because mission requirements can cause closures on short notice. The number is 333-5080.

Dispose of your recyclables

To commemorate America Recycles Day, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron is holding its annual electronics recycling event from November through January.

Each Wednesday and Thursday, electronic items can be taken to Civil Engineers' Complex (Building 8125) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for recycling. Recycling is free.

Recyclable items include personal computers and components, televisions, DVD or CD players, stereos, speakers and VHS players. For more information, call Derek Damien at 333-3224.

Community center activities

Annual holiday bazaar - Nov. 19 at 9 a.m., in the Milazzo Center. Bazaar features local crafters with holiday decorations, jewelry, wood crafts, knitted clothing, floral arrangements, nature pictures and more. Vendors will offer home decor, cosmetics, books, handbags and assorted other holiday gifts.

Free double-feature movie night - Community Center Auditorium, Nov. 25. The first movie, "Dolphin Tale," rated PG, starts at 6 p.m., and

the second movie, "30 Minutes or Less," rated R, starts at 8 p.m. Sodas and popcorn will be for sale.

Lunchtime table tennis - Monday through Friday starting at 11 a.m. in the Milazzo Center. Sponsored by the 10th Medical Group. Call beforehand to sign up, 333-2928.

Dance classes - Line dance classes are taught in six-week increments. Ballroom dancing consists of four lesson blocks, one hour per block. Classes for both take place Mondays in the Milazzo Center ballroom. Line dance classes start at 5 p.m., ballroom dance classes at 6:15 p.m.

Toastmasters meeting details

The Toastmasters Academy Orators club meets Wednesdays 12:05-1 p.m. in the contracting department conference room, 8110 Industrial Drive. For more information, call Irene Noble at 333-5133.

Entry decal discontinued

In accordance with recent guidance from the Department of the Army, Fort Carson has eliminated the use of the Department of Defense vehicle decals (DD Form 2220) for access to the installation.

Personnel requiring access to Fort Carson will be required to present their DOD-issued ID card (Common Access Card, retiree ID or family member ID) or have an extended pass and a state-issued photo ID.

The Air Force eliminated vehicle decal requirements in 2006. However, the 10th Security Forces Squadron continued to issue them as a convenience for personnel who routinely visited Fort Carson.

Because Fort Carson no longer re-

quires vehicle decals, the 10th SFS has eliminated this process as well.

Effective immediately, the vehicle decal, is no longer available at the Pass and Registration Center. The PRC will now issue Cadet Area stickers weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The PRC will also continue to issue colonel to general stickers upon request. Any questions can be referred to Brad Wilson at 333-8420.

Health plan enrollment nears

Open enrollment in the federal employees' health insurance plan will run from Nov. 14 through Dec. 12. For more information, call 333-4363.

Sign up to stay at SnoFest

SnoFest 2012 lodging is now on sale. Call 800-258-0437 to book and provide Group Code GC8PRB and base affiliation.

Assortment of skiing options

The Outdoor Recreation Office has ski passes available for purchase. The list of options is as follows: Monarch, Loveland, Patriot Pass (unlimited Copper Mountain and Winter Park), Patriot Pass Plus (unlimited Copper Mountain and Winter Park and six days at Steamboat), and Liberty Pass for Keystone and A-Basin. Call 333-4475 for prices or more info.

Volunteer van drivers receive free lift tickets for the day they drive. Must have a valid driver's license, be at least 18 and complete a vehicle orientation course. First-aid and CPR training will be provided. Training is 2-3 hours long. Call 333-2940 for more information.

National American Indian Heritage Month Celebration



The National American Indian Heritage committee will host a luncheon celebrating American Indian heritage at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Falcon Club Ballroom.

Tickets are \$10 for club members, and \$12 for non-members. Tickets will not be available at the door. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the Equal Opportunity office at 333-4258.

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