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## Recognized!

Cadets 2nd Class Jennifer Walters and Lacey Richardson, along with others from Cadet Squadron 18, salute Cadet 4th Class Dan Derby during Recognition at the Air Force Academy Saturday. The prop and wings on Cadet Derby's service dress uniform indicate that he has been accepted as an upperclassman at the Academy after three grueling days of physical, mental and military exercises. For more on Recognition, see pages 10-11.

## Joint Chiefs chairman to speak at graduation

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, is scheduled to give the commencement speech for this year's graduation ceremony.

This event marks the first time the Academy will host the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the graduation speaker.

Admiral Mullen, a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, was sworn in as the 17th CJCS Oct. 1, 2007. He serves as the principal military adviser to the president, the secretary of defense, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council.



Commencement exercises for the Air Force Academy's Class of 2010, the 52nd Graduating Class and the Lt. Frank Luke Jr. Class, will be held May 26 in Falcon Stadium beginning at 10 a.m. Free tickets will be available to the public through the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce starting in mid-May. Further details will be provided when available.

For more information about graduation events, visit the Academy's Graduation 2010 Web page at [www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation](http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation).

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## Safety Directorate receives SECAF award

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

The Academy's Directorate of Safety has received the Secretary of the Air Force Safety Award Category II for 2009.

"We are very pleased, very proud," said Phil DeRemer, the Academy's deputy director of safety. "It is the most prestigious of all safety awards."

Lt. Col. Bryan Cessna, the director of safety, said he is also pleased with the award and gives credit to the Academy community for contributing to the directorate's success.

"We are just a tiny part of it," he said. "We have a great team at the Academy, and it shows."

The six-member directorate staff also includes Master Sgt. Jeff Selbe, ground and

weapons safety manager, and ground safety specialists Tim Lujan, Mark Schmidt and Cliff Tebbe.

The directorate's accomplishments include: ground safety management cited for an 83 percent off-duty fatality reduction from fiscal year 2002 in the Academy's mishap prevention program; thousands of high-risk activities mitigated for 3,700-plus cadets during 100-plus events and nine weeks of training, 100 percent training of motorcycle operators resulting in zero reportable mishaps and vehicle operations for athletic teams and club sports with zero reportable mishaps while completing 10,600 trips.

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### Bust honors air pioneer

The commander of Cadet Group 2 talks about his relationship to the father of aircraft maintenance.

### Academy's pioneer history

A Department of Astronautics team member digs into 19th-century history of the Academy area.

### Air Force squashes Army

The Falcons eliminate the Black Knights from advancement to the American Hockey Association Final Four.

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# Airmen celebrate women's history

By Staff Sgt. James M. Hodgman  
55th Wing Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. (AFNS) — They are our mothers and daughters. In many cases, they are also the ones who hold families together. They are the women of our lives and have accomplished much throughout history in addition to caring for loved ones.

President Barack Obama recently issued a proclamation declaring March as National Women's History Month, an observance that offers all Americans an opportunity to honor the accomplishments of women.

The theme for the 2010 observance is, "Writing Women Back into History." According to the National Women's History Project Web site, the history of women is often written with invisible ink. Even when recognized in their own times, women are frequently left out of the history books.

According to the proclamation for the month, countless women have steered the course of America's history, and their stories are ones of steadfast determination. From reaching for the ballot box to breaking barriers on

athletic fields and battlefields, American women have stood resolute in the face of adversity and overcome obstacles to realize their full measure of success.

The proclamation also states, "Women's History Month is an opportunity for us to recognize the contributions women have made to our nation, and to honor those who blazed trails for women's empowerment and equality."

Examples of these accomplishments abound throughout history.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton championed women's rights, Maj. Nicole Malachowski was the first female pilot to fly with the Air Force Thunderbirds, and Dr. Mary E. Walker, a contract surgeon during the Civil War, earned the Medal of Honor.

All of these women represent a proud heritage for women in almost every corner of the nation. They represent that women, have and continue to make significant contributions to society.

By looking at what women, such as Dr. Mae Jemison, the first female black astronaut and Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female Supreme Court Justice have achieved, the women and girls of today know they too can achieve greatness,

said Capt. Toni Carter, the deputy chief of standards and evaluation for the Air Force Weather Agency here.

Another important element of Women's History Month is recognizing the accomplishments and sacrifices of women who have influenced people throughout their lives, said Senior Airman Sonata Kristina M. Corpuz, a target analyst with the 20th Intelligence Squadron.

For Airman Corpuz, her grandmother had a significant impact on her life.

"I grew up in the Philippines and my grandmother disciplined me well," Airman Corpuz said. "She was there to teach me the basics and when I learned, she let me do things on my own and think for myself so that's when I made mistakes, I would learn from them."

"Women have made great strides in America, but continue to be (largely) under-represented, Captain Carter said. "The theme (serves) to remind folks of the accomplishments that women have made in (America.)"

For more information about Women's History Month, visit the National Women's History Project Web site at [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).

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## Character Corner Make an impact

By Lt. Col. David Higginbotham  
Center for Character and Leadership Development

Dr. Rick Rigsby inspired all National Character and Leadership Symposium participants this year to "make an impact, not just an impression." This Spring Break, 63 cadets will travel to five separate locations throughout the Southwest to "make an impact" by donating their time to participate in Alternative Spring Break. Instead of partying

with friends on the beaches of the Caribbean or Mexico, like many college students, these 63 cadets will assist in building homes for others through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Likewise, at a previous NCLS, 13-year-old Austin Gutwein, founder of "Hoops for Hope" also discussed making an impact with four principles that he learned about serving others:

— It's not about what you do, it's about

who you are;

— When you change someone else's life, it changes you;

— Making a difference is contagious;

— You don't have to change the world ... just change the world for one.

When confronted with an opportunity to make an impact, what will your response be? Like the 63 cadets this spring break, consider doing your part to "make an impact, not just an impression."

Tune into KAFA, 97.7 FM for *Character Matters*, Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Also on iTunes or [www.usafa.org](http://www.usafa.org).

## What are you doing for spring break?

"I'm going home to Wahiawa, Hawaii, just relaxing and enjoy being home."



Cadet 3rd Class  
Michelle Kiyota  
Cadet Squadron 37

"I'm going home to Milwaukee to meet my new baby brother, John Paul, and just have family time."



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"I'm going to San Diego, Calif., with some friends from here and do some surfing and fishing."



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"I'm going home to Connecticut to hang out with my family."



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# Sculpture recognizes father of aircraft maintenance

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

It's an old story. A pilot swaggers off the tarmac after a record-breaking flight or after scoring his fifth aerial victory and rightfully etches his name into the history books — immortalized for all time.

Always appreciated by those who slip the surly bonds of earth, the accomplishments and names of those who supported the mission — the maintainers — are often forgotten by the masses. The Academy held a ceremony to dedicate a statue to the father of aircraft maintenance, Charles Edward Taylor, March 2.

Mr. Taylor built the first aircraft engine used by the Wright brothers after it became clear that an off-the-shelf engine was not available in the United States for their first engine-driven flyer. The Wrights turned to Charlie Taylor for the job. Tasked by the Wright brothers to construct an engine weighing no more than 180 pounds and capable of producing eight to nine horsepower, Mr. Taylor, in only six weeks, built an engine weighing only 150 pounds and delivering 13 horsepower.

In 1908, he helped Orville build and prepare the "Military Flyer" for demonstration to the U.S. Army at Fort Myer, Va. Unfortunately, the airplane crashed, seriously injuring Orville and killing his passenger, Army Lt. Thomas Selfridge. Taylor was among the first to reach the crash. Selfridge was the first military aircraft fatality.

Mr. Taylor became a leading mechanic in the Wright Company after it was formed in 1909. Although history largely ignored his accomplishments, all three of the early pioneers were close friends. Charlie Taylor died in 1956 at age 87 - the last member of the Wright Brothers' pioneering team.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Col. David Lange poses next to a bust of his great, great uncle, Charlie Taylor, in the McDermott Library March 2. Mr. Taylor built the first aircraft engine used by the Wright brothers and helped the brothers prepare the "Military Flyer" for demonstration to the U.S. Army at Fort Myer, Va. Colonel Lange is the commander of Cadet Group 2.

A family member now at the Academy shed perspective on the early innovator.

"Charlie Taylor was my great, great uncle, my paternal great grandfather's brother," said Col. David Lange, commander of Cadet Group 2. "I believe that makes me a great grand nephew, or so Reuben Taylor tells me, but when I came to the Air Force Academy as a cadet in 1984, Charlie Taylor was little more to me than an abbreviated family tale, passed to us from my father. All I really knew was that I had a great, great uncle who built the engine for the Wright Brother's aircraft."

His first writing assignment at the Academy, for English class, proved to be very fulfilling. They were permitted to write a research paper on a topic of their choosing, and then-Cadet 4th Class Lange

saw this as a great opportunity to make use of the Academy's Special Collections to find out more about Charlie Taylor.

"In a chaotic freshman year, Special Collections was unusually quiet and peaceful," he said. "Using primarily a book of letters written by the Wrights along with an old Collier's magazine, I began to piece together a remarkable life which, unfortunately, not very many people were familiar with or cared to learn about."

Since then, the group commander felt a special bond with his great, great uncle. What struck him more than anything was not only his total commitment to the Wrights' endeavors and to powered flight, but his distant relative's desire to remain out of the spotlight.

"He was so successful in this regard that most people he worked with in later

years had no idea of who he was or what he had done," Colonel Lange said. "In fact, history nearly forgot about Charlie Taylor, the work he did on the first few Wright Flier engines and all the mechanical work and tooling he did to support the Wrights."

"Charles Taylor, to me, was always a great example of service before self. He never asked for nor desired any credit for the work he did. He was a true team player. I think his example is a valuable one for all of us," he said.

During the March 2 ceremony, Brig. Gen. Dana Born, dean of the faculty, thanked Virginia Hess for crafting the sculpture on behalf Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, the senior leadership, faculty, staff and especially the cadets.

"With the graduation of our 2010 seniors fast approaching, half of them will begin their training as pilots, while the other half will be serving our nation in support, some of them as maintenance officers, becoming the modern-day Charlie Taylors," General Born said. "Without the likes of men and women like Mr. Taylor in today's force, the U.S. Air Force would not be the premier Air Force in the world."

The new bust sits next to a statue of the Wright brothers on the sixth floor in the McDermott Library.

"History has a way of sometimes forgetting specific individuals who by themselves might not ... be noticed, but when their contributions are added to those of other individuals, their places in the pages of history are undeniable," said Ken Mactiernan, director of the Aircraft Maintenance Technicians Association. "We're grateful to the Academy for accepting this bust. This is the first place where all three men responsible for powered flight are honored together."

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# '78 grad digs into Academy grounds' past

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

A 1978 Academy graduate and member of the Astronautics Lab team here will talk about who and what was on the land before the Academy was built April 1 in Fairchild Hall's L-1 auditorium from noon to 1 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session from 1 to 2 p.m.

Small communities thrived between 1870 and 1910 around the Union Pacific Railroad line that today connects Colorado Springs and Denver, said retired Col. Jack Anthony, who taught astronomy at the Academy from 1982 to 1986.

Mr. Anthony's research began in 1999, when he started running the Santa Fe Regional Trail that goes through the Academy.

"I got curious as to some structures I saw, so I tracked down some railroad historians and they shared some information with me," the Hawthorne, N.J., native said. "I then started to research more and more, and by 2003, I was writing articles."

He has written 30 articles and has spoken 15 times to a variety of audiences.

"It's always fun to see folks light up with new knowledge," he said.

"Pioneers, some brave and courageous folks, settled here as ranchers,

cattlemen, coal miners and lumbermen," the 26-year Air Force veteran said. The Homestead Act of 1862 opened the area up for settlers, who had last names like Bodgett, Young, Husted, Burgess, Capps, Bishops, Edgerton and Teachout.

"In 1871 the building of the Rio Grande Railroad brought more," Mr. Anthony said. "The first exploration of this area was done by Henry Dodge and John Fremont in the early 1800s. I don't think (Zebulon) Pike came this far north."

When the European Americans came, they encountered the Ute, Arapahoe, and Cheyenne nations. The Utes were relatively friendly, known to stop by for biscuits. The others were not so friendly, Mr. Anthony said.

Mr. Anthony traces his own homesteader ties to the Lennox family.

"They bought a cabin from John and Elias Evans in 1872," he said. "They made a fine home and ranch in Pine Valley; they called it Glenwood Ranch. The Otis family bought it and made it into the wonderful home it is today."

The area knew entrepreneurs like Calvin Husted, a lumberman who started a small mill near the Academy's north gate. David Edgerton and Harlow Teachout settled in a small community near Ice Lake.

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Photo by Mike Kaplan

## Final Tribute

Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, Air Force Academy superintendent, presents the American flag to Carolyn Clark Miller, the daughter of deceased Lt. Gen. Albert P. Clark, at the Academy Cemetery Wednesday. General Clark was the Academy's sixth superintendent and a World War II prisoner of war.

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# CS 12 junior wins Spirit of Hope award

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

A junior in Cadet Squadron 12 recently received a Spirit of Hope award for her involvement with the local community.



Cadet 2nd Class Nicole Flint, a native of Canaseraga, N.Y., was nominated for the award by Maj. Michael Kazlauskis, the air officer commanding for CS 12.

"Honestly, I hadn't heard of the Spirit of Hope Award until Major Kazlauskis said he'd nominated me for it," Cadet Flint said. "Bob Hope is a legendary entertainer who had a heart of gold (and) still inspires men and women today. To win an award named after him is truly an honor."

The major's award nomination cited

Cadet Flint for distinguishing herself over the past six months by spearheading CS 12's initiative to adopt Fort Carson for community service-related projects.

Cadet Flint came up with the idea to honor Fort Carson's Wounded Transition Battalion Soldiers by bringing them to the Air Force Academy for "Wounded Warrior Day." She had 35 wounded Soldiers and staff members attend events such as tandem jumps, glider and powered flight rides. The Soldiers were also recognized during the intermission of a nationally televised Air Force football game.

That was just the start.

Cadet Flint also became actively involved with the Fall Festival at Fort Carson, orchestrating 15 volunteers to attend the festival for the Soldiers' children. This success drove her to continue to support Soldiers from the Mountain Post—she jumped into action with the Hometown Heroes program and organized logistics for 65 cadets to take part.

The behavioral science major also

started a Cadet Wing wide drive to support the Soldiers in Afghanistan who were lacking essential supplies. In less than five days, she had collected more than \$1,000, which she used to buy blankets, sheets, and other items to send to Soldiers in the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility.

She led her squadron blood drive, resulting in 68-percent cadet participation, and organized the Air Force Academy Halloween Carnival at Falcon Stadium.

Cadet Flint was instrumental in the development of a "loving tree" to support the children of the Warrior Transition Battalion, raising more than \$800 and presenting 125 gifts to the Army children for their winter party.

"The selfless dedication of this cadet speaks tremendously of our future officer corps," Major Kazlauskis wrote. "Her service-before-self determination is a great example for everyone to follow. I cannot think of anyone who has taken on the responsibility of so many—she has positively affected hundreds of Soldiers, their

families and communities around the world."

Despite rich praise and recognition, he said, she remains modest.

"Cadets, faculty and staff are constantly getting involved in the community and doing amazing things," she said. "I guess I'm more of an example of what goes on here every day than someone special. The only difference is that I am being recognized due to the hard work of my AOC, Major Kazlauskis, who has truly been an inspiration to me, and I owe this award to him."

Few things seemingly compare to great leadership she emphasized.

"Winning the Spirit of Hope Award at the Air Force Academy level is a great honor and quite unexpected. Major Michael Kazlauskis nominated me for the award, and to my surprise, I won. With all the amazing people that I am surrounded by here at the Academy, it's hard to see yourself as more deserving than someone else," Cadet Flint said.

## History

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"Calvin Husted was from New Jersey, so I am a big fan of his," Mr. Anthony noted. "William Burgess built the Pioneer Cabin in 1875. He was a great adventurer and man of perseverance. I met the Kinner family: they homesteaded north of Academy near Perry Park, but their stories of living on the Air Force Academy grounds in 1940s was a window all the way back to the 1860s."

Further searching reveals more signs of structures that used to call the Academy campus home, such as the Ice Lake dams, which were used to hold back water for cutting blocks of ice.

"Most signs are very hard to find," he said. "I am fortunate to know Dr. William Arbogast of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, who's lead some archeological studies ... he's been able to point me in the right direction."

Many pioneer family descendants know of this unique Academy employee.

"They are great — my best source of insight," Mr. Anthony said. "They are proud folks: proud of their heritage and also the Academy. They feel the same pioneer spirit of their kin is attached to the cadets and their willingness to serve. I am often contacted by descendants who somehow learn of my interest and articles."



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# Academy honored for community service

*Cadets donate 36,334 hours on 2,202 volunteer projects during '08-09 academic year*

By John Van Winkle  
Academy Public Affairs

Cadets volunteered more than 36,000 hours of community service on more than 2,200 projects during the 2008-2009 academic year, earning the U.S. Air Force Academy a slot on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by The Corporation for National and Community Service.

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a college can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

Community Service and the concept of Service

Learning are part of the Academy's efforts to offer cadet character development programs, which emphasize one of the Academy's central core values, "Service Before Self." The Cadet Service Learning program attempts to take this core value from the theoretical concepts of the classroom to actual experiences with the goal of internalized lifelong "volunteer ethic" and understanding of the value of serving others, particularly in the area of community service.

The cadets' community service efforts continue next week with the Academy's Alternative Spring Break program, as 63 cadets will give up their spring breaks to build homes for needy families in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Texas towns of El Paso, Victoria, College Station and Wichita Falls, through Habitat for Humanity.

"Our nation's students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face," said Patrick Corvington, the

Corporation's Chief Executive Officer. "They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service."

Overall, the Corporation honored six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, 115 were named as Honor Roll with Distinction members and 621 schools as Honor Roll members, including the Air Force Academy and three more universities in Colorado. A full list is available at: [www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll](http://www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll).

Historically, the Academy's 4,000-plus cadets have performed between and 20,000 and 40,000 hours of service learning projects during the course of an academic year. According to the Corporation for National & Community Service, college students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector and in 2009, 3.16 million students performed more than 300 million hours of community service.

## Safety

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operations tempo supporting powered flight, soaring and free-fall parachuting programs.

In weapons safety, the Academy was noted for managing a weapons program comprised of 11 sites, maintaining 39 munitions supply points supporting the Academy, Air Force Space Command and worldwide deployments and meeting safety requirements for the FalconLaunch-8 rocket project for cadets in the Department of Astronautics.

The Academy also received the SECAF Safety Award II in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007 and 2008.

Mr. DeRemer has been with the directorate since 1994, and the reason for its successes is clear to him.

"We have good people on the Academy who make it happen," he said.

The directorate serves as an umbrella of sorts for all safety-related entities on the Academy, and it is a 24/7 responsibility.

"We touch everything on base, and safety affects everything," Colonel Cessna said.

He also stressed safety concerns extend off-base.

"Off-duty is just as important to us," he said. "If we lose time from a mishap off-base, that is mission capability lost."

He pointed out since Sept. 11, 2001, the Air Force has lost 60 Airmen in combat but 600 in mishaps.

"An Airman lost is still an Airman lost," he said.

The Academy honored its own in the directorate for their contributions to Academy safety during ceremonies Wednesday.

Named Unit Safety Representative of the Year is Master Sgt. James Harker, 98th Flying Training Squadron,

for having 840 cadets safety-trained with 92 percent of cadets awarded jump wings by 69 percent cadet instructors.

Tech. Sgt. Brian McCoy received the award for Safety Individual of the Year as safety enforcer for the Jacks Valley training complex responsible for 95,000 blank rounds, 1,400 smoke grenades, 2,500 ground burst simulators, all with zero discrepancies and zero incidents.

Vehicle Operations (Dispatch) in the 10th Air Base Wing was named Team of the Year for 10,000-plus trips transporting 200,000+ passengers over 800,000 miles mishap free and with zero passenger injuries or safety incidents.

Named Unit of the Year was the 306th Flying Training Group, with zero Class A/B flight mishaps in 22,285 sorties and 13,027 flight hours.



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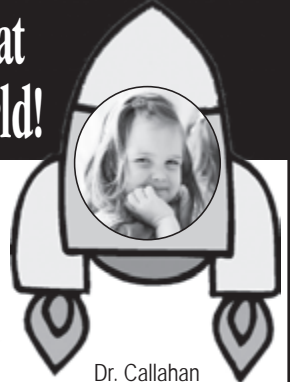
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# Goodwill team leader honored with Star Award

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

For her exceptional oversight, supervision and training of individuals with disabilities, Goodwill Industries contractor Vera Glass has been awarded the prestigious Star Award by the AbilityOne South Central Region.

Mrs. Glass oversees all janitorial operations for 100 of the Academy's base-wide buildings, including dormitories, as assistant director of custodial services for Goodwill in Colorado Springs.

Only three Star Awards are presented annually by each of AbilityOne's six regions.

"It is an honor and very unique," Mrs. Glass said.

AbilityOne is a program of NISH, designated as one of two national non-profit organizations of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled to provide employment opportunities for the disabled by procuring federal contracts for goods and services. It began as the Wagner-O'Day Act passed in 1938 to permit the blind to sell products such as brooms and mops to the federal government.

The Academy's new 5-year set-aside contract with Goodwill combines contracts for both the dorms and base buildings; contracts which in the past have been separate. Mrs. Glass has 97 employees under her supervision.

Employees in Vandenberg and Sijan Halls clean eight and a half miles of floors,



Photo by Ann Patton

**Vera Glass and supervisor Joe Torres brief Goodwill employees in Vandenberg Hall March 3. Mrs. Glass oversees janitorial operations for 100 of the Academy's facilities, including dormitories, as assistant director of custodial services for Goodwill in Colorado Springs.**

24 sets of stairwells on six floors, bathrooms and 600,000 square feet of common space every five days. They also collect more than 60 tons of trash each week and sort paper, aluminum and glass for recycling.

Other base-wide buildings under contract include the Visiting Officers Quarters, Fitness Center and two childcare facilities.

A large part of Mrs. Glass' job is overseeing compliance with requirements of the contract and Academy standards. Training for employees is also directed as per contract standards.

The Academy-Goodwill 15-year part-

nership has developed into a highly successful relationship, Mrs. Glass said.

"We've come a long way, and we couldn't ask for a better partner than the Air Force Academy," Mrs. Glass said. "Without their support, we wouldn't be where we are today."

Mike Thistlewood, Goodwill NISH director of janitorial services, said other NISH program managers have adopted practices from pilot projects Mrs. Glass has put forth.

"She has been a go-to person for NISH when it comes to Goodwill contracts," he said. "Others know they will get quality results."

Mr. Thistlewood also stressed Mrs. Glass cares a great deal about her employees as individuals.

"She likes for people to succeed and be happy," he said.

She pointed out the program has a low employee turnover rate, and one employee has been there for 17 years and another 16.

High praise for her employees, all hard-working, is easy.

"They love coming to work," she said. "Everyone has a niche, and they do a great job at it. They know what to do and when to do it."

The Goodwill employees also have high praise for her "She's a nice lady and good to work with," said Mark Tanersely.

Maria Whitten agrees.

"Vera is a very nice person. If we can't find a solution to a problem we go to her," Ms. Whitten said. "She has a lot of patience and a good heart."

Trevor Fleming called her a "great boss" and joked "Just don't get on her bad side."

Mrs. Glass has been with Goodwill for nine years and the Academy for seven. She started out as a housekeeper at what was then the Academy Hospital.

"It was a good fit," she said of her work with Goodwill. "I will work for them as long as they will have me."

For all the Goodwill employees on the Academy there is a feeling of job security.

"There is always going to be dirt out there," Mrs. Glass said.

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# Class of 2013: 'Recognition granted'

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

Say goodbye to carrying book bags, morning minutes of knowledge recitation, restricted paths on the Terrazzo and wearing uniforms off-base. Say hello to wearing hard-earned prop and wings and acceptance as upperclass cadets for the Class of 2013 during closing ceremonies for this year's Recognition, March 11 through Sunday.

Recognition is a culmination of the four-degree training process, a capstone challenge event of physical fitness and knowledge, said Maj. John Orchard, air officer commanding for Cadet Squadron 16, the "Proud Chickenhawks." Recognition reflects the Basic Cadet Training experiences and challenges; it summarizes and wraps up those challenges and the knowledge the freshmen have gained throughout the year.

"It's an emotional milestone, and they know they have done something important in their life," he added.

He also gave high praise to the upperclassmen that ran the training event.

"They were very professional, and they put the job before all else," he said.

Master Sgt. Brady McCoy, CS 16's Academy military training NCO, said some in the squadron were dreading Recognition, while others

looked forward to it.

"For me, it's teamwork," he said of the takeaway he hoped they would have. "It's looking out for people."

Challenges began the evening of March 11 in the squadrons with a rigorous training session testing a combination of fitness and knowledge. March 12 was dedicated to physical fitness courses, leadership exercises and tours of the Terrazzo, where upperclassmen explained the rich heritage of the Academy present there and, of course, threw in more fitness training for good measure.

That evening, freshmen took time to reflect in squadron "theme rooms." Each squadron puts their own spin on a variety of themed rooms purposed to imitate real-world scenarios. For CS 16, the first was a mock deployment briefing, followed by a flight simulation, capture, a prisoner of war interrogation and a funeral for a squad mate. Major training events officer Cadet 1st Class Brian Thorn said it was the highlight of his own Recognition.

"It is the most meaningful reminder of what my profession is," he said. "This is serious business."

On Saturday, freshmen's dorm rooms and uniforms went under upperclassmen's rigorous inspection, then first and fourth class cadets ran to Cathedral Rock.

Afterward, in the darkened hallways of the dorms, lined with upperclassmen rendering salutes, each fourth-classman at last heard the long-awaited words, "Recognition granted."

Dinner followed in Mitchell Hall, where the newly recognized class received congratulations as new upperclass members of the Cadet Wing.

"Wearing my backpack is sweet," said Cadet 4th Class Rory Montgomery, CS 29, from Sammamish, Wash.

He expressed appreciation for the privilege of wearing comfortable clothes and not having to recite military knowledge first thing in the morning. He also said he felt, despite the rigorous challenges, he was treated with a great deal of respect.

"I'm thankful they pushed me — pushed me for two and a half days like no time before," he said. "I could always do another push up."

Cadet 4th Class Matt Demichiei from CS 37 said he also appreciates wearing his backpack and the privilege of walking anywhere on the Terrazzo, a combination

Photos by Mike Kaplan

Right: Brig. Gens. Sam Cox and Dana Born lead the Class of 2013 on the Run to the Rock Saturday. General Cox is the commandant of cadets, and General Born is the dean of the faculty.

Below: Brig. Gens. Dana Born and Sam Cox congratulate fourth-class cadets on reaching Cathedral Rock near Jacks Valley at the Air Force Academy Saturday. The Run to the Rock consists of running from the Cadet Area to Cathedral Rock and carrying a charge on the return trip.

he called "great."

"The best part is not having to worry about doing something wrong, like not greeting properly," he said and added the worst part of Recognition was the anticipation.

Cadet 4th Class Mary Hansard, an Atlanta native also assigned to CS 37, said

the hardest part for her was staying motivated during the exercises but Recognition was definitely worth it, including the privileges of listening to music and having her own clothes back.

"I got to see how much I have grown up, having simple pleasures again and liking the Academy more," she said.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Cadet 1st Class Sondra Lesser awards Cadet 4th Class Carly Serratore her prop and wings during Recognition at the U.S. Air Force Academy Saturday. Recognition consists of several days of mentally and physically demanding activities and culminates with the ascension of the freshmen into the ranks of upper-class cadets.



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

Cadets 4th Class Matthew Schuetz, Caleb Belden, and William Hicks of Cadet Squadron 18 recite information about the F-15 Eagle while performing push-ups during Recognition March 12. Recognition is the final event before freshmen are welcomed into the ranks of the upper-class cadets.



Photo by Bill Evans

Cadet 4th Class Wesley Cobb of Cadet Squadron 02 performs "high knees" while carrying his rifle on the assault course during Recognition March 12. The exercise consists of running in place and bringing one's knees to waist level, while carrying an M-16 rifle.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Cadet 4th Class Billy Tyrrel of Cadet Squadron 24 carries his squadron's charge on the return leg of the Run to the Rock during Recognition Saturday.





# Air Force advances to AHA final four

By Dave Toller  
Athletic Communications

Air Force defeated Army in a two-game series at the Cadet Ice Arena here March 12 and Saturday to advance to the Atlantic Hockey Association's final four.

Andrew Volkening earned a shutout against the Black Knights in the first game of the series for a 3-0 victory, while Jacques Lamoreaux scored the go-ahead goal in the second game to close the curtain on Army's postseason, 4-2.

Air Force will play second-seed Sacred Heart today at the Blue Cross Arena at 5:35 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time.

In the first game of the series, Volkening recorded his third-straight AHA Tournament shutout with 29 saves. The shutout was his fourth of the season and the 15th of his career.

Scoring goals in the first game for Air Force were Sean Bertsch, with two goals, and Derrick Burnett. Blake Page and Eric Artman each got two assists, with Matt Becker and John Kruse getting one assist apiece. Air Force outshot Army 38-29 in the first game.

"A question with our team this season was our depth, and (it) was pretty darn good tonight," head coach Frank Serratore said. "There is no pretty way to win these games. You have to grind them out, and we did — and when we faltered, Volkening was there."

Army took a 1-0 lead in the first period of the second game on a goal by the Black Knights' Bryant Skarda with 2:05 left in the period. The Falcons tied the score on a lucky shot from Bertsch with 8:46 left in the second period — Bertsch's pass to Page hit the stick of an Army defenseman and got past goaltender Jay Clark, making the score 1-1.

Army regained the lead on a power play when Owen Meyer redirected John Clark's point shot with 15:20 to play in the second period. The Falcons answered with a goal by Brandon Johnson with 2:38 to play in the period off a pass from Paul Weisgarber.

Lamoreaux scored the go-ahead goal with 1:25 left



Photo by Bill Evans

Senior goalie Andrew Volkening successfully defends the goal as Sophomore Tim Kirby assists. Air Force defeated Army 4-2 at the Cadet Ice Arena Mar 13. Air Force went on to win the best-of-three series 2-0, advancing to the AHA Final Four against Sacred Heart Friday, March 19, at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester, NY.

in the third period on a power play. Mike Walsh sent a pass low from the left point. Burnett collected the puck behind the net and sent it to Lamoreaux, who was camped on the left post, for the winning goal — Lamoreaux's 21st of the season, 12th power-play marker and team-leading fourth game-winner. Army pulled its goaltender with 1:17 to play, and Burnett weaved through three Army players to score the game's final goal with 20 seconds left.

Burnett and Bertsch each had one assist, along with Weisgarber, Scott Kozlak and Tim Kirby.

"This is a huge series," Serratore said. "This was very

special for us. This isn't the mighty Falcons of last year who beat Michigan — this is the scrappin', fightin' Falcons. This group is all about heart and character. I was in awe of the depth and talent of last year's team, but this year's team is different: this team wins by playing with a 'never say die' attitude in front of a great goaltender."

"We had to come from behind twice in this game to win. I'm really happy this team gets the chance to go to Rochester," he added. "We are not a deep or old team, but we are getting contributions from every player in one way or another, which is a must for this group."



## Going Pro

Former Falcons running back Chad Hall seen here playing against the Wyoming Cowboys Oct. 20, 2007, signed a contract to play football for the Philadelphia Eagles March 11. Hall, a 2008 graduate of the Air Force Academy, led Air Force in both rushing and receiving, with 1,478 yards on the ground and 524 yards on 50 receptions. The maintenance officer with the 421st Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, kept up his physical conditioning by using the football training facilities at the University of Utah after 10- to 12-hour shifts on the flightline overseeing maintenance of 28 F-16 Fighting Falcons.

Photo by Mike Kaplan

## Fencing

Peter French defeated Kevin Mo from Stanford to win the 2010 NCAA West Region men's epee championship and clench his third career regional victory Saturday.

Freshman Heather Nelson won the women's saber title after defeating Laura Decker from Cal Tech.

In men's foil, Nick Stockdale finished second, improving on his fourth-place

regional finish in 2009. Simone Barrette finished second in women's epee, improving on her third-place finish last year.

In men's epee, Daniel Trapani finished fourth, followed by Nathan Sorensen in fifth, Phil Choy in sixth and Daniel Fang in ninth. In men's saber, Michael O'Connor took fourth, Geoffrey Pamerleau took seventh, and Scott Pippin finished in 11th place. Jennifer

Nolta finished in ninth place in women's epee.

## Baseball

The Falcons (4-11) split a pair of games against San Jose State (7-6) Sunday at the Jack Gifford Memorial Tournament at Municipal Stadium, winning 5-4 and losing 7-3.

In game one, senior Ben Ausbun nailed a two-run double in the ninth inning with two out, driving in Matt

Alexander and Addison Gentry for the go-ahead runs.

In game two, San Jose State scored two runs in the first and fourth innings, adding a run in the seventh and two in the eighth.

The team dropped an 8-7 game in 10 innings against Santa Clara Saturday after coming back from a 6-1 deficit with six unanswered runs.

The Falcons had 12 hits in the



# Air Force defeats Army in OT, 8-7

By Melissa McKeown  
Athletic Communications

Sophomore Adam Paranka scored his only goal of the game with 1:04 remaining in overtime to give the Air Force lacrosse team an 8-7 victory over Army Saturday afternoon at Falcon Stadium.

With their first win of the season, the Falcons improve to 1-3 overall, while the Black Knights fall to 1-4 on the year.

Air Force's win over Army was its first-ever in the series, as the Black Knights entered the game with a 16-0 record against the Falcons. It was also the first time that Air Force has hosted Army in men's lacrosse, with the previous 16 games between the two teams held at West Point.

Army took the first lead of the game, scoring less than a minute and a half into the contest before Air Force team captain

Vinny Sandtorv knotted the score at the 11:08 mark with an assist from Paranka. The contest quickly turned into a defensive battle, with neither team scoring until a man-up goal by Air Force's Zack Carroll with just under two minutes to play in the opening period.

The Falcons increased their advantage to 3-1 with another man-up goal, this time by Sandtorv, with 8:44 on the clock in the second period. The defense continued to dominate the game, with neither team scoring until Army's Garrett Thul tallied his first score of the game just two seconds before the intermission.

Air Force went back up by two points with 12:15 on the clock in the third period on an unassisted goal by Carroll, while senior captain Ridge Flick scored off the ensuing face-off with an assist from John DeBonis. A score by Sandtorv with just

over 10 minutes remaining in the period gave the Falcons their biggest lead of the game with a 6-2 advantage.

However, the Black Knights came storming back as Thul closed out the period with three unanswered goals, cutting their deficit to a single goal entering the final stanza. A score from Army's Jeremy Boltus with 12:33 to play in the fourth period tied the score at 6-6.

After several minutes of back-and-forth action, the tie was broken as the Black Knights' Devin Lynch scored his second goal of the game with 3:19 to play, giving Army the 7-6 lead. It was a familiar situation for the Falcons,



Photo by Bill Evans

Falcons attacker Ridge Flick passes the ball over Army's Bill Henderson during the Air Force-Army lacrosse game at Falcon Stadium. Flick, a native of Plano, Texas, scored two goals to lift the Falcons over the Black Knights in overtime, 8-7.

who dropped a pair of one-goal games last weekend after holding early leads.

This time, Air Force answered. On the Falcons' next possession, Flick picked up a loose ball after a save by Army goalkeeper Tom Palesky and fired a shot into the back of the net to tie the game at 7-7 with just under two and a half minutes left on the clock.

Both goalkeepers came up with crucial stops in the final minutes, including the Falcons' Brian Wilson, whose save in the waning seconds of regulation sent the game into overtime.

Army took control on the opening face-off of the overtime period and retained possession for the first two minutes. Another big save by Wilson kept the Falcons' chances alive and a strong defensive play by Sandtorv put the ball back in Air Force's hands. Palesky countered with a stop of his own, but the Black Knights' failure to clear gave the Falcons yet another

opportunity to score. After a wide shot by Sandtorv, Paranka got in position for the winning shot, scoring his first goal of the game to give Air Force the 8-7 victory.

The Black Knights outshot the Falcons, 43-29, while scooping up 32 ground balls to Air Force's 25. However, Army went 0-for-2 on man-up opportunities, while Air Force was 2-of-5 on the EMO. Both teams received solid play from their goalkeepers, with Wilson and Palesky each recording 11 saves in the contest.

Sandtorv registered a season-high three goals in the contest, while Carroll registered two goals and an assist. Meanwhile, in addition to his game-winning score, Paranka notched a career-best two assists.

The Falcons open up their conference slate next weekend, March 20, when they travel to Baltimore to visit ECAC foe Loyola, currently ranked ninth in the nation.



Falcons midfielder Vinny Sandtorv moves past an Army lacrosse player during the Air Force-Army game at Falcon Stadium Saturday. Sandtorv, a native of Centereach, N.Y., scored three goals in Air Force's first win of the season.

## Falcons defeat St. Peter's, 7-0, on tennis courts

From Athletic Communications

The Air Force men's tennis team won its eighth consecutive match March 12 with a 7-0 victory over St. Peter's College at the Academy.

The Falcons, who matched their longest win streak since the 2002-03 season, improved to 9-2, the best start since the spring of 2003.

The Falcons opened an early 1-0 lead by sweeping the three doubles matches for the seventh time in their last eight contests. Air Force's Number two team of senior Austin Francis and freshman Lance Wilhelm

had one of their most dominating performances of the spring, defeating Sergey Igel and Robert Forai, 8-2, while junior Alex Beaussart and freshman Sam Barnes won at the Number 3 spot, 8-4, over Andrew Musyoka and Luccas Coutinho to clinch the point. Senior Brett Rodgers and junior Taylor Soster improved to 10-1 at the top spot with a come from behind, 8-7, victory over Beaussart and Chris Frakes.

Rodgers put the Falcons up 2-0 with an impressive, 6-0, 6-1 win over JJ Gramatica at the Number 4 position, then Wilhelm improved to 10-1 at the Number 1 singles spot after rallying from a 5-2 first-set deficit to

win 11 straight games and beat Igel, 7-5, 6-0. Francis clinched the match for Air Force with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Alex Frakes at Number 2.

The most exciting match of the day was at the Number 3 singles spot, where Soster and Forai split the first two sets to force a super tie-breaker. Forai took a 9-7 lead, but Soster won the last four points to claim an 11-9 victory. Freshman Vinni Lodolo and junior Alex Beaussart won at Number 5 and 6, respectively.

Air Force will take on Army at the Tiki Courts at Rollins College in Orlando, Fla., Sunday. The two teams have not played since 2005.

Saturday game but committed a season-high four errors. Junior centerfielder Nathan Carter led scoring with three hits and two runs, followed by Matt Alexander with a solo home run and two hits. Freshman rightfielder Garret Custons and senior second baseman K.J. Randhawa each had two hits.

### Women's Gymnastics

Freshman Britany Calley claimed the Falcons' first balance beam title of

the season, but the team dropped a narrow 190.050-189.975 contest to Alaska-Anchorage Sunday.

Calley, competing in her third collegiate meet, scored a team-best 9.775 to win the beam and paced the Falcons to three of the four top spots. Sophomore Jenna Dudley finished second with 9.750, while junior Lisa Wong scored 9.675 to finish fourth.

Dudley and junior Brittany Dutton

each scored 9.725 on the floor exercise, and Dutton finished third on the uneven bars with a 9.650.

### Men's Gymnastics

Air Force placed first at the Pride Triangular in Springfield, Mass., Sunday, backed by a strong final rotation to finish at 342.950 — the second-best score in Academy history — beating William and Mary (337.800) and Springfield (336.650).

Air Force tallied its second-highest score ever on the vault (62.350) to secure the overall victory. Freshman Travis Langham and sophomore Joel Uptmor tied for first with scores of 15.750. Junior Nash Mills tied for third while sophomore Devin Menefee placed sixth.

The Falcons also earned a pair of event titles from junior Dan Klimkowski, who won the pommel horse (14.300) and still rings (14.500).







## Final Friday

The Falcon Club will host Final Friday March 26 starting at 4 p.m., featuring the Air Force Academy Band's "Blue Steel" ensemble.

Admission is free for club members and \$4 for non-members. Child care will also be provided.

For more information on the event, call the Falcon Club at 333-4253. Call 333-6779 for child care information.

## Cops vs. Youth Challenge

The 10th Security Forces invites children of Academy families to compete in basketball, tug-o-war and volleyball games March 26 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Falcon Trail Youth Center.

The purpose of the event is to build an interactive relationship with the Academy's youth community.



### CADET CHAPEL

Call 719-333-2636 for more information.

#### **Buddhist**

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

#### **Jewish**

Friday - 7 p.m.

#### **Muslim**

Friday Prayer - 12:15 p.m.

#### **Protestant**

Liturgical Worship Sun. - 8 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Sun. - 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship Sun. - 11:30 a.m.

#### **Roman Catholic**

Mass  
Sunday - 10 a.m.  
Academic Year, when cadets are present  
Mon, Tues, and Thurs - 6:40 a.m.  
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

#### **Sacrament of Penance**

Sunday - 9:00-9:40 a.m.  
Academic Year, when cadets are present  
Wednesday - 5:30-6:15 p.m.

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Academic Year, when cadets are present  
Wednesday - 5:30-6:20 p.m.

#### **Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality**

Academic Year, when cadets are present  
Monday, 6:30 - 7:50 - Room 1M125  
(1st Floor - Fairchild Annex -- Astronautics Museum)  
Contact TSgt Longcrier at 719-333-6187

## 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.

For more information or to sign up for the event, contact Capt. James Couch at 333-3685.

## Summer employment

Students enrolled or accepted to a college, university, technical or vocational school may apply for summer jobs at the Air Force Academy through March 31.

Applicants must hold a 2.0 or better grade-point average and be 16 years old by June 1.

Positions available include clerical, food service worker and general laborer jobs. Announcements at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) will contain details and specific examples.

Applicants may e-mail completed applications to the 10th Force Support Squadron at [10fss.seep@usafa.af.mil](mailto:10fss.seep@usafa.af.mil). For more information, contact 10th FSS at 333-4363.

## Women's History Month events

The theme of Women's History Month is "Writing Women Back into History." For more information on Women's History Month events, contact Senior Master Sgt. Alvena Salley at 333-4145 or Gina Moore at 333-4258.

### **Health and Fitness Fair**

Commissary - Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drawings will be held for prizes.

### **Fun Run/Walk/Bike**

10th ABW Flagpole - March 29, 1:30 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the events, and drawings will be held. Points of contact are Tammy Facemire at 333-5101 or Amber Dancy at 333-5522.

## Civilian tuition assistance

The Civilian Tuition Assistance Program has money available for appropriated-funds employees of the Academy who are in an active civilian pay status. For more information or to apply for tuition assistance, call Christy Pfalmer at 333-4821.

## MPF to close April 1

The 10th Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight's customer service desk will be closed April 1 due to a mandatory training visit from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System office.

Anyone needing Common Access Cards or ID cards or who need to update family member information should contact the military personnel offices at Peterson or Schriever Air Force Bases or Fort Carson.

The Fort Carson and Peterson AFB military personnel offices will be closed April 5 and 6, respectively. For more information, contact the Academy MPF at 333-8766.

## Free tax preparation

The Air Force Academy will prepare tax returns free for active-duty servicemembers stationed at the Academy as well as cadets and retirees in Arnold Hall near Hap's through April 15.

Hours of service are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To have your tax return prepared,

you will need a military ID card, wage and earning statements from your employers and any interest and dividend forms. You will also need bank routing and account numbers if you would like your tax refund issued through direct deposit.

For more information, contact the tax center at 333-3905.

## Volunteers needed

The Cadet Trap and Skeet Club needs volunteers to become officers and NCOs in charge of the program.

Duties include securing weapons from the base armory for cadet training and accompanying cadets to shooting competitions.

For more information, contact Maj. Joe Scholes at 333-1790.

## 10th MDG closure

Most 10th Medical Group clinics will close March 31 due to a 10th Air Base Wing exercise.

The Acute Care Clinic and Cadet Clinic will be open for active-duty personnel and cadets on a limited basis.

For more information, call the 10th MDG at 333-5101.

## A&FRC Offerings

The Academy Airman and Family Readiness Center will host the following classes in March. Contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 or 333-3445 with questions or to sign up for a class. Class dates and times are subject to change.

### **Group pre-separation counseling**

Held Mondays (except during TAP week), 2 to 4 p.m.

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

### **Medical records review**

Today, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Airmen who will separate or retire within 180 days can have the Disabled American Veterans review their medical

records to prepare for filing for Veterans Administration disability compensation through the VA Form 21-526. Call 333-3444 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### **Civil service class**

Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon

Learn how to submit a federal résumé, search for internal or external vacant positions and apply for Air Force federal civil service employment.

### **Red carpet tour**

March 26, 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This tour offers insight into the Academy's mission and reveals most of the events and activities to see and do while stationed here. Stops include the Academy stables, Cadet Chapel, Arnold Hall, Arts and Crafts Center, Outdoor Recreation and more.

## Family Advocacy Classes

All Family Advocacy classes are open to active-duty servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members unless otherwise specified. Classes are held at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. For information on classes offered by the Family Advocacy Office or to sign up, contact Kristin Larkey of Family Advocacy Outreach at 333-5270.

### **Common Sense Parenting**

Thursdays through April 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This is a skill-based parenting program for parents of children ages 5-18 that teaches parents practical and effective ways to increase their children's positive behaviors, decrease their negative behaviors and appropriate alternative behaviors.

### **Anger Management**

Mondays through April 26, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This class will help participants better understand their anger and where it comes from, how to handle conflict in frustrating situations and how to relax and de-stress their lives.



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## Women's History Month

Brig. Gen. Dana H. Born, dean of the faculty, serves as the guest speaker during the Women's History Month Luncheon at the Academy's Falcon Club March 15. General Born, a 1983 Air Force Academy distinguished graduate became the first ever female dean of the faculty in 2004.





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