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Admiral Mullen to 1,001 grads: "Only thing that matters is duty"

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Academy Public Affairs

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff delivered the commencement for Graduation 2010 in Falcon Stadium before a reported crowd of 29,682 here May 26.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen is the first Joint Chiefs chairman to speak at an Air Force Academy graduation ceremony in the Academy's 55-year history.

"Let me be among the first to congratulate you and thank you, Class of 2010," said Admiral Mullen, who has previously served as chief and vice chief of naval operations and commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe. "While I'm at it, let me take this opportunity to thank ... fathers and mothers, brothers, sisters and grandparents, who I know have been incredibly supportive and loving over the course of these four years, and indeed, over the course of your entire lives."

The admiral thanked the staff and faculty of the Academy for their role in developing today's second lieutenants and congratulated 2nd Lt. Brittany Morreale for earning a Rhodes Scholarship.

"I'll bet many in the staff here would love to hear from all of you graduates in the future - and after spending four years with you, they'd also like you to know that by 'the future,' they mean at least four years from now when they've recovered," Admiral Mullen joked.

The admiral devoted much of his 25-minute commencement talking about the commitment to which graduates have sworn themselves.

"I believe people in this country truly feel they owe you for what you have done and what you are about to do," he said. "But today, I want to talk about what you owe them. I want to talk about duty — your duty."

Duty, Admiral Mullen said, is the common theme for each of the Academy's 1,001 graduates.

"You come from all 50 states and territories, from different backgrounds and cultures, different families, different faiths," he said, "and I'm proud to note you're graduating students from 15 other countries as well. Today, as you walk up on stage, the differences among you may still mean something. Tomorrow, they won't. The only thing that matters is duty, and yours will be great."

The graduates will lead an Air Force that has been on the front lines since the first Persian Gulf War, Admiral Mullen said. More than 30,000 Airmen are currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, with 5,000 of them filling Joint Expeditionary Taskings outside their normal Air Force specialties.

"They're pulling security duty, running logistics flights, leading civil engineering squadrons and managing transportation and convoy systems," he



Photo by Bill Evans

Hats fly as the Air Force Thunderbirds fly over 1,001 newly minted 2nd Lieutenants during the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2010 Graduation Ceremony at Falcon Stadium, May 26.

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Mentorship: Our unwritten core responsibility

By Col. Don Bacon
3rd Air Force deputy commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) — The Air Force grows its military leaders from within. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz started out as a lieutenant, and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy as an airman. None of our leaders are hired directly from the corporate world into their current positions.

Thus, all Airmen need to embrace that mentoring other Airmen is one of our core responsibilities — the future of our service depends on it. Furthermore, Airmen will receive a great sense of satisfaction when they see the positive fruits of their investment in others.

To appreciate the impacts of being and having a mentor, consider how one mentor had a huge impact on a junior officer and how that investment eventually shaped the outcome of World War II, the Korean War, the birth of NATO and eight years of a presidency.

Dwight Eisenhower started World War II as a lieutenant colonel and within three and a half years was a five-star general, leading the Allied war effort in Western Europe. He later

became the first commander of NATO and then sworn in as president of the United States in 1952.

What most don't know is years earlier, he was not considered competitive enough to get into the Army's Command and General Staff College, which is where the Army sent majors with the most potential for senior leadership.

When Eisenhower was assigned to Panama, he served as the executive officer to Brig. Gen. Fox Conner. The general saw potential in Eisenhower and invested significant time mentoring him.

He had the young Eisenhower read Carl Von Clausewitz's "On War" three times and also had him study Plato, Tacitus, Nietzsche, Polybius, Xenophon and Vegetius. He quizzed him on battles Napoleon and Caesar fought, as well as on the Greek and Roman wars. He also had him study the major campaigns of the Civil War, analyzing the strengths and weakness of the leaders and their decisions. He taught him how to develop strategy, to adapt tactics to different terrain and to write effective and concise orders.

After Eisenhower was not initially selected to attend the Army's CGSC,

General Conner arranged for him to be assigned to the recruiting command, where they still had quota slots available for CGSC. With this, Eisenhower was selected to attend CGSC... and he aced the program as the top graduate of his class. Following school, General Conner helped Eisenhower get a job with Gen. John Pershing, which later led to working for Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. George Marshall.

General Conner had a tremendous impact on one of America's most important leaders in the 20th century. But don't let this story mislead you. You don't have to be a commander or a superintendent to be a great mentor.

I remember when I was a second lieutenant, Capt. Rick Donalson took me under his wings and helped me get a great start in the Air Force. What I didn't know was he was passed over for major and the Air Force was removing him from the service. But yet, Captain Donalson was selfless with his time and had a great impact on my early career. I admire his example.

We all have a responsibility to prepare future leaders—the quality of our future Air Force leaders depends on it. When we invest time in others we change the world for the better.

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Character Corner Being a servant

By Maj. Shane Coyne
Center for Character and Leadership Development

Leadership Models, Theory X, Theory, TQM, Transformational, Maxwell, Covey, blah blah blah. We have all been exposed and inundated with countless approaches, speeches, conferences, books and examples throughout our careers and lives.

But with all this, why are many of us always looking around for that leader or feeling unfilled in our own quest. More critical, with all this "information" about being a leader at our fingertips, why has it not caused us all to reach the pinnacle of what all and elsewhere. Maybe the answer is it's a lifelong

journey that really never reaches a pretty conclusion.

So here I am co-directing in the Leader's in Flight Today, a seminar for two-degree cadets focusing in on this thing called Servant Leadership. So what I asked myself: "What about this leadership philosophy will make any difference than anything else we try or talk about now or previously?"

Now I'm sure this recent leadership buzz is somewhat familiar to you but the only way I knew to answer this was to try it...wow what a novel perspective.

As a reservist, I spend much of my time away from USAFA at my local wildland fire department where I serve as the Training Chief for about 35 firefighters.

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What is the best part of summer?

"The people. This year I'll visit my parents to Oklahoma. My friends and distant family from Florida will visit me here."



Cadet 1st Class
Robert Evenson

"Visiting is the best part. I'm not planning on visiting or being visited, though I'll spend time going out to eat."



Nic Hostetler
Cadet Wing Media

"I don't expect anyone visiting me here, though the best part is getting away. I'll just relax and visit my parents in Minnesota."



Cadet 2nd Class
Tim Kerby

"That would be being outdoors and enjoying Colorado. I'll visit family in Florida, hike, fish and work on our house."



Retired Air Force Brig.
Gen. Jim Woody



Aurora native wins Lt. Schulte character award

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Academy Public Affairs

A native of Aurora, Colo., and member of Cadet Squadron 30 won the inaugural 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte Cadet Character and Leadership Award during a ceremony held in the McDermott Library here May 25.

Then-Cadet 1st Class Mychol Alexander received the award for his role as cadet in charge of the 2010 National Character and Leadership Symposium.

As cadet in charge of NCLS, Cadet Alexander led planning and execution of the 17th-annual event, themed "Guardians of Trust: Leaders in the Modern Era," which featured guest speakers such as Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Tommy Lasorda, Brian Billick, Roberts Ridge veteran and former Army Ranger Nate Self and other combat veterans. More than 2,000 Academy staff and 600 guests attended the event along with the Academy's 4,400 cadets.

Cadet Alexander designed and led the first-ever NCLS recruiting night, according to his award nomination. As a result, 53 cadets volunteered to be a part of the NCLS cadet staff. The NCLS team was selected as a quarterly award winner for January to March 2010 and earned praise from Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould.

The award is named in honor of 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte, a 2006 graduate of the Academy who was killed in Afghanistan

by a roadside bomb May 20, 2009. Lieutenant Schulte embodied the Air Force core values — Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do — said retired Lt. Gen. Ervin Rokke, president of the USAFA Endowment, a 1962 graduate and former Dean of the Faculty here.

"Over the years, some of the words have changed in (the Academy's) mission statement, but the central thrust has been constant since the Academy began in 1955," General Rokke said. In Lieutenant Schulte, the Air Force had an officer who truly internalized the core values.

Col. Joseph Sanders III, the Center for Character Leadership and Development director and permanent professor, thanked members of Lieutenant Schulte's family for attending the ceremony. At the event were Lieutenant Schulte's parents, Bob and Susie Schulte, and her cousins, Neil, Sarah and Jessica Littman.

"Mr. and Mrs. Schulte, we're so proud to have you here today," Colonel Sanders said. "Thank you for allowing us to pay tribute to your daughter in such a special way, and thank you for allowing us to be part of her legacy."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Cadet Wing Honor Guard presented Mrs. Schulte with an American flag flown here May 20 on the one-year anniversary of Lieutenant Schulte's death.

"Everything was just wonderful today," Mrs. Schulte said. "It was wonderful to be part of the ceremony and the service. We



Photo by Johnny Wilson

Bob and Susie Schulte present Cadet 1st Class Mychol Alexander with the first Lieutenant Roslyn Schulte Award for Cadet Character and Leadership during a ceremony at the Air Force Academy's McDermott Library May 25, 2010. The award is named for Mr. and Mrs. Schulte's daughter, 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte, who was killed by a roadside bomb near Kabul, Afghanistan, May 20, 2009.

thought they did a beautiful job."

The Schulte family worked with the Academy to establish the award.

"We wanted to do something at the Academy that would honor and recognize the cadets who exemplify good character and strong leadership skills," Mrs. Schulte said. "These are skills and qualities that were important to Roz. I think character's a very important quality, and it's sometimes assumed."

Mr. Schulte said he was impressed with the caliber of nominees and with

Cadet Alexander, who won the award.

"It was a pleasure to meet them and their families today, and we're so proud of all the graduates here," he said. "This is not an easy place to get through, and to get through with flying colors is wonderful."

Mrs. Schulte added, "We are very, very proud of the group of candidates who were nominated and certainly with Mychol's selection as the first recipient of the Lieutenant Roslyn Schulte Cadet Character and Leadership Award."

AF selects 31 Academy NCOs for master sgt.

Thirty-one NCOs at the Air Force Academy were selected for promotion to master sergeant, the Air Force announced May 27.

The selection rate of about 29 percent exceeds the Air Force average selection rate of 25 percent, according to statistics from the Academy's Directorate of Personnel.

At the Academy, 31 NCOs were selected from 103 eligible. Air Force wide, 5,424 technical sergeants were selected from 21,829 eligible NCOs.

The Academy's selectees are Tech. Sgts.: Anthony Bennett, 10th Force Support Squadron Jasmin Blackburn Jr., Commandant of Cadets Staff Chad Bruce, Department of Engineering Mechanics

Colin Campbell, Academy Chapel
Jeanette Copeland, Cadet Wing Training
James Dickson, Cadet Squadron 17
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Scott Harris, Cadet Squadron 32
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Memorial Day honors those who died in service

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Military members, friends and family members gathered on the Academy Cemetery May 27 to honor America's fallen heroes in a Memorial Day tribute.

"We must never forget the meaning of this Memorial Day," said Col. Todd Robison, 10th Air Base Wing vice commander.

He encouraged those present to remember the ultimate sacrifice of the U.S. men and women who died in service to their country and express gratitude "for all that has been given by our Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines."

This is the first year ceremonies were held at the cemetery due to an early graduation date. Normally commemoration of Memorial Day on the Academy is integrated into activities of the organizational awards parade the Monday preceding graduation.

Colonel Robison also encouraged participants to pause for three minutes at 3 p.m. on this year's Memorial Day May 31 to remember our heroes.

The tribute was established by the White House Commission on Remembrance which sponsors the National Moment of Remembrance, Public Law 106-579, which invites everyone to pause where they are at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day in an uplifting act of national unity.

Formerly known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May, was first enacted to honor Union Soldiers of the American Civil War and was expanded after World War I.

The brief ceremony on the Academy began with lowering the colors, followed by laying of the wreath



Photo by Bill Evans

Col. Todd Robison, 10th Air Base Wing Vice Commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Stefney Dunson, Academy Honor Guard, pay tribute to the fallen during Memorial Day commemorations May 27 at the Academy cemetery.

beneath the flag pole, playing of Taps and the 21-gun salute.

Participating in the remembrances were members of the Knights of Columbus' from area Councils.

Bob Green, Knights of Columbus member and Air Force retiree, stressed their participation was to honor the fallen no matter their personal beliefs.

"We are very patriotic, and we're honoring everyone who served," he said.

John Young, Class of 1969, attended to honor friends and classmates at rest there.

"It was a very nice ceremony, and the weather really cooperated," he said and explained the presence of nickel coins on headstones is part of the Air Force

tradition of "nickels on grass," symbolizing survival.

Mr. Young's son, Brad Young, Class of 2004, is now flying F-22s for the Air Force.

Academy mortuary affairs officer Janet Edwards estimated 1,200 are buried and memorialized at the cemetery. Last year the Academy arranged 37 military funerals, which traditionally can include participation by the Academy's Honor Guard.

Staff Sgt. Michiyo Litynski was among the dozen or so Honor Guard members present. She is proud to be one of them.

"I thought it would be something to give back to my country and a symbol of where I come from," she said.

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Fullfilling an understatement

By Academy Spirit staff

Tech. Sgt. Leonida Dotson said Tuesday that she can't wait to see the beautiful, wonderful place known as Academy when she returns from Southeast Asia June 11.

"When you're away at a place like I am, you really appreciate what you have," said the Angeles City, Philippines-born NCO, wife and mother.

She works cadet personnel actions back home, but now works with Joint Expeditionary Tasking for the 586th Expeditionary Group as Intra-theater operations NCO in charge.

In some ways, it's like she has joined the U.S. Army.

This Army operation is different in a way because this is the only location that processes and sends service members who are going on rest and relaxation to all locations all over the world and the United States. When they return, she also helps to return the service members and civilians to their deployed location.

The 12-year Air Force veteran is among the 90 personnel at the assistance center, which also has mental health technicians, intel technicians, communication and other friends in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Her most pressing challenge is in tracking 600-800 R&R returnees daily is that Sergeant Dotson have to make sure that they all return to their deployed location as soon as possible, so they can re-join their units to complete their mission. When they return to the Gateway.

"I have to make sure there are flights that will carry them over to all of their specific deployed locations," she said, "This is where early planning and my working relationship with our fellow Air Force brethren in Al Udeid comes in."

Oftentimes, flights get cancelled due to weather or mechanical issues. This increases the chances that they may have an increase in holdovers in their camp.

"When this happens, we answer to Army Central Command Headquarters. My challenge is to then to contact the Air Force flight planners to request more flights and to justify why they need to create or cut more



Courtesy Photo

Tech. Sgt. Leonida Dotson, the NCO in charge of intra-theater operations for the 586th Air Expeditionary Group's Task Force Gateway, was the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing's Rock Solid Warrior for the week of May 17-21, 2010.

flights for us."

The key is returning service members to Iraq and Afghanistan as soon as possible.

"We are the only area in the theater where service members who are going on R&R can fly in and out of," said the NCO. "This means they have to travel from their location to our area to catch their R&R flight. We also track thousands of service members who are re-deploying."

To say that this job has been fulfilling and challenging is an understatement.

They had their hands full during closure of Manas and the volcano eruption in Iceland. When the volcano's eruption hijacked air travel plans for all of Europe and had a ripple effect on airlift worldwide, her whole camp — from the human resource personnel, Liaison Officers, Navy Customs, transportation, the billeting that covered three camps, all the way up to the logisticians, Air Force plan-

ners and pilots — faced the challenge head-on.

"And we succeeded," the NCO said. "We moved thousands of passengers in and out of Afghanistan in a short amount of time given to us. We compiled lessons learned from these events and we will be more prepared if anything like this happens again."

In six months, they moved 120,000 service members and civilians. To say that this job has been fulfilling is an understatement, she said. "It was an honor."

This is her second deployment. The host command is the Army.

"We live with Army members, our roommates are in the Army. I have made many friends who are in the Army," Sergeant Dotson said. "I would never trade the experience I have gained from this deployment. We arrived here in December 2009, with a team consisting of 11 Airmen we have a great working relationship with them. We really are one team, focused to accomplish one common mission."

The Air Force Academy NCO thinks this deployment may have already changed her.

"When I first arrived here, I was a little careful with those I interacted with because I'm used to being around my AF comrades, but once I let go and became comfortable, I made friends of which some will probably my friends for a long time. These people are in the Army, in the Marines and in the Navy. I appreciate the experience I gained from working all of our three sister services, and since our functions were all different, I really have an appreciation for what they do," she said.

"I've seen the number of personnel that are deployed by the Army and I had the chance to see the Army in action when it comes to moving people. I understand this part of their mission more. I will never forget the experience I gained from this deployment. I am absolutely grateful for the experience of being assigned here," she added.

Her children attended Douglass Valley Elementary School and she kept in touch with them through morale calls.

They'll be in her arms June 11.

Academy changes Phoenix 5th graders lives

By Academy Spirit staff

Mr. James Williams, chief of the Academy Admissions Marketing, got the e-mails on Thursday, April 29.

"I am a teacher at Palomino Intermediate School in Phoenix, Arizona," it read. "I have a fifth grade class that has been adopted by the Air Force Academy this year and it has really changed their whole outlook on life."

The endorsement came from teacher Shannon Woodward of the Palomino Intermediate Paradise Valley Unified School District.

"I was able to get every classroom here at our school adopted by a different university and this fifth grade class loves having the Academy as their own university," she wrote. "The 31 students wear their Falcon Pride T-shirts every Friday and belt out the fight song

every chance they get."

"We are a month away from the end of the year and these students would love to be recognized," the teacher wrote.

"I often get e-mails from students asking for more information on the Air Force Academy," said the marketing chief. "It seems they are doing a class project on various colleges or they have selected to do a report on a college they

would like to attend after high school graduation."

If a student is interested in finding out more information on the Air Force Academy, Admissions marketing will send them a packet of information. The packet consists of the following: U.S. Air Force Academy Catalog, View Book, an aviation brochure, an admissions handout brochure, a small USAFA pennant and a bumper sticker.

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Academy rescuers honored with rare award

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Two members of the Academy's Dean of Faculty staff are among those honored with the prestigious 2010 Valor Award from the National Association for Search and Rescue.

The award has been presented only three times in 30 years by the organization.

Brian Kinsey and Tim Hayden, both of the Department of Aeronautics, are members of the El Paso County Search and Rescue and who, with other Colorado rescue agencies, responded to a call for help from hikers in one of Colorado's most majestic, and deadly, landscapes—The Crestone Peak – Crestone Needle traverse.

The Peak at 14,298 feet and Crestone Needle at 14,201 feet were the state's last 14,000-foot summits to ever be climbed. Once thought to be unclimbable, these peaks are considered the state's most difficult "Fourteener" summits to reach.

The call for help when one of the climbers fell and fractured his leg came in the morning of July 27, 2009.

The El Paso SAR joined Colorado's Alpine Rescue Team, Custer County Search and Rescue, the Douglas County Search and Rescue and the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group in responding.

The highly technical rescue in dangerous terrain was doubly difficult because most of it was done at night. It also required rescuers to eventually hike into the site of the injured climber when, at 1 a.m. the next morning, the crew of a military helicopter had to give up their attempt to rescue the hikers high on the mountain. That left the 26 rescuers on the mountain

to complete the mission.

The night rescue was deemed imperative because of a predicted threat of significant daytime thunderstorms the next morning.

Carrying climbing hardware and medical equipment, the teams formed rope links 200 feet long as they sequentially passed the victim from one team to another. The operation required a total of 1,700 feet of links.

Awaiting the crews on relatively flat land was the military helicopter which flew the victim to a Pueblo hospital.

"It's a dangerous peak," Mr. Hayden said. "Plenty of people have been killed there, and it's tough to do even in daylight."

He added the Crestone Needle continues to claim climbers' lives.

Mr. Kinsey has been with the El Paso SAR for 17 years, and it seemed to fit him.

"I enjoy the outdoors, and I've always enjoyed helping people," said the highly experienced hiker and climber.

Mr. Hayden has been with El Paso SAR for nearly 23 years. He, too, is an experienced mountaineer.

"I like to serve the community and helping people," he said.

The two volunteers said it is difficult to generalize about rescues.

"All are different," Mr. Kinsey said.

They shared their experiences of being involved when an avalanche on the east face of Pikes Peak in 1994 forced a long, arduous and "extremely dangerous" rescue.

Mr. Hayden told of a rescue involving a missing 5-year-old girl, who was found in a pasture east

of Colorado Springs after she had been kicked by a horse. If she were not found quickly, she may have succumbed to hypothermia during the night.

He added that Pikes Peak provides one of the tougher rescue challenges because it is so long, storms come in quick, rain at high altitude is very cold, and hikers may dress inappropriately for unexpected conditions.

Members of the El Paso SAR, celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, receive technical training twice a month and classroom training twice a month.

The group averages between 150 and 180 calls a year. They may receive five calls in one day or go for weeks without one. Summer is generally busy because people are outdoors more.

"Things can happen anytime. It varies widely," Mr. Kinsey said.

The members also provide disaster assistance and help with fire evacuation and body recovery in addition to rescue.

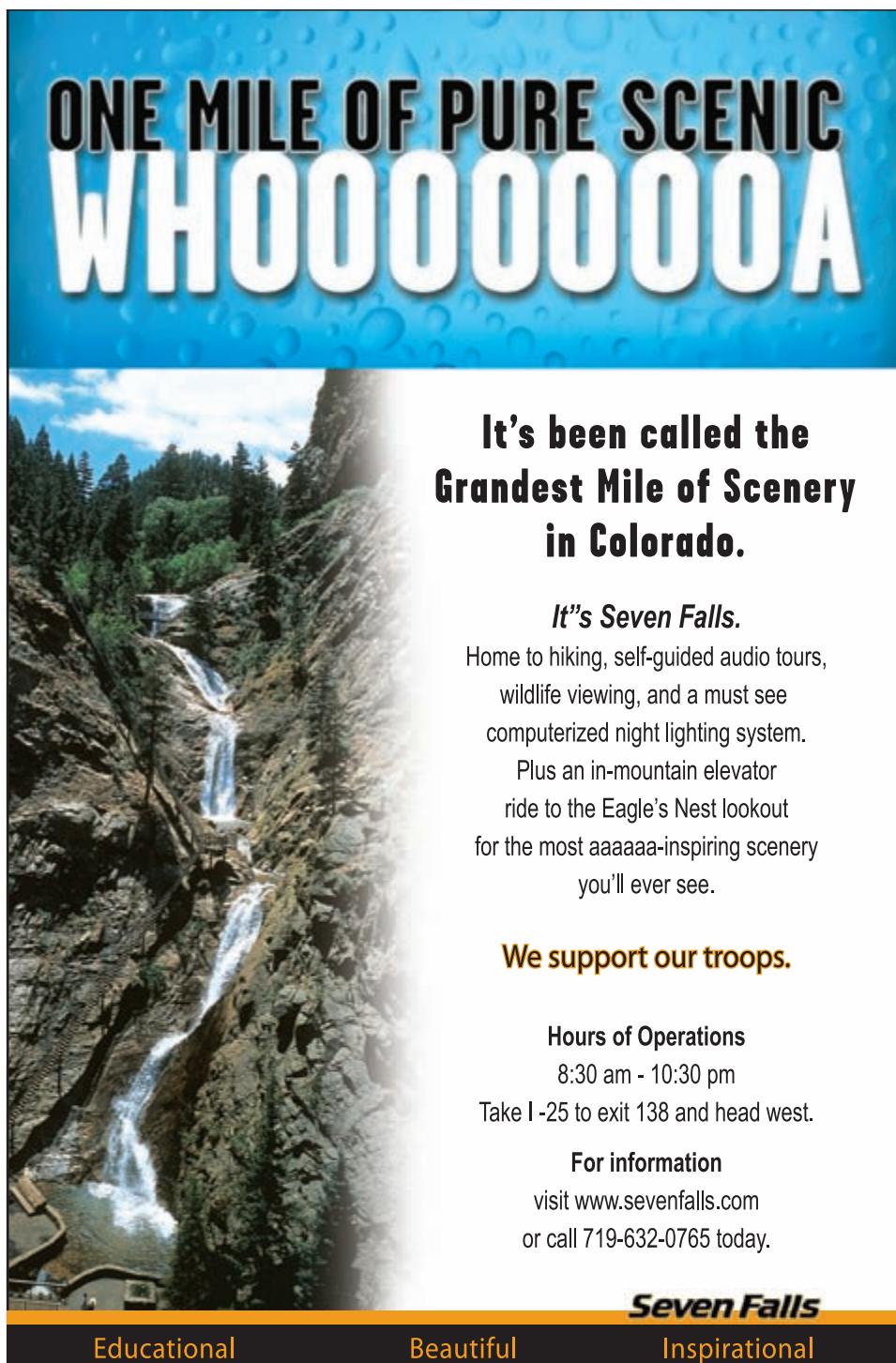
Mr. Kinsey said people get into dangerous situations when they don't plan ahead properly for the trip, pay little attention to their surroundings or don't tell anyone where they are going.

"Sometimes there are just accidents," he said. "We try to treat everyone the same."

There is no way of knowing how many lives the El Paso SAR has saved because there is no way of knowing an outcome if the volunteer rescuers had not been involved.

Rescuers also think twice when assessing risks involved in a rescue.

"It is perfectly OK to say it's way too dangerous," Mr. Hayden said.



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Torahs undergo cleaning, repairs at Cadet Chapel

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Inside the iconic Cadet Chapel are some of the Academy's most treasured artifacts, not the least of which is a Jewish Torah thought to be inscribed in Czechoslovakia more than 250 years ago. It was among about 40 Torahs hidden by the Nazis, who eventually intended to place the Torahs in a museum for "the extinct Jewish race."

It was a gift from Harry Rappaport through the Capt. Ellis Green Denver Post 344 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States and presented to the Academy in 1990.

Academy museum specialist Paul Martin discovered the Holocaust scroll, on display in a case outside the Jewish chapel for visitors to view, was sagging and needing professional restoration. He consulted with the senior curator of the National Museum of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, who agreed it needed attention.

The Holocaust Torah, along with two other Torahs regularly used for worship in the Jewish chapel, underwent repair and restoration at the chapel May 17.

Jewish Scribe, or Sofer, Rabbi Moshe Druin with the company Sofrim On Site based in Miami, Fla., was selected for the cleaning and restoration.

The Torah, considered core to the representation of Judaism itself and a connection to God and his wisdom and guidance, contains the entire text of the Five Books of Moses (also the first five books of the Bible) hand-written in the original Hebrew. It is rolled up around two ornate wooden shafts called the "Tree of Life" and housed in a case called an "Arc" in each synagogue. It is read every Monday, Thursday and Saturday and

during Jewish holidays and fast days.

Rabbi Druin is partnered with his father Rabbi Gedaliah Druin in the company which offers education and storytelling programs as well as Torah restoration.

Unlike the cleaning and/or restoration of rare books in a public or private library, the scrolled Torah requires a unique combination of art, knowledge, tools and highly-skilled set of hands.

All Torahs must be kosher and constructed and in-scribed with all kosher materials. The scroll itself comes from the hide of kosher animals, such as cattle, which is stretched on a rack, trimmed and attached with thread-like material from kosher animal sinew. Torah scrolls can be as long as a football field. Today Torahs, most of which are hand-written by Scribes in Israel, have four columns and 42 lines on each page and written using quills from kosher birds such as goose, duck or turkey. Certain Torah entries are considered unique and must conform to Jewish law.

The hand-mixed ink contains the ashes of plants, gall nuts (plant and herb), copper sulfate, honey and vinegar. Scribes can spend as long as five months producing a new Torah.

The materials in the making of a Torah are also used in its cleaning and maintenance, including kosher ink and quills.

Rabbi Druin first examined the Torahs' overall condition, then scanned every letter in the Academy's Torahs for incomplete or faded strokes on each character letter, which can be as small as less than a quarter of an inch. It is a remarkable feat, requiring a near total recall of each letter and how it should appear and a nearly microscopic precision to make corrections.



Photo by Ann Patton

Chaplain (Maj.) Joshua Narowe, Academy Jewish chaplain, and Rabbi Moshe Druin take close looks at the Academy's Holocaust Torah, thought to be more than 250 years old.

Too much ink, for example, and the minute mounds of ink would become too defined and crack. Too thin, and they may brown and fade.

During initial examination of the Academy's Torah scrolls, the Rabbi and Scribe determined their age and origin based on line and letter spacing, artfulness in the script and overall scroll appearance.

One of the three Academy Torahs is between 75 and 100 years old and was inscribed in Germany, a larger one about the same age is thought to have been inscribed in Poland. The Academy Holocaust scroll is only one-third complete, and Mr. Martin said it will be housed in a new case more appropriate to the Torah's fragile condition.

Rabbi Druin has studied all the three mainstreams of Judaism, including

Conservative, Orthodox and Reform. He studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and was ordained as a Rabbi and Scribe in New York. He has served as an educator, pulpit Rabbi and for the last 15 years as on-site Scribe for Jewish congregations.

When other children his age were scribbling or doodling in school, Rabbi Druin, with the help of photocopies of the Torah, began learning to draw Hebrew letters.

"It was love at first sight," he said. "I was a fish in water."

He is the father of 10 children, one of whom is an apprentice Scribe.

When asked how anyone can obtain enough knowledge of the immense Torah's content to spot needed repairs, the Rabbi explained simply, "It's a gift to be able to scan."

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Airmen set to upgrade GPS constellation

By Scott Prater
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Airmen from the 2nd Space Operations Squadron and from the 19th SOPS took control of the Air Force's newest GPS satellite following its launch into orbit May 28 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

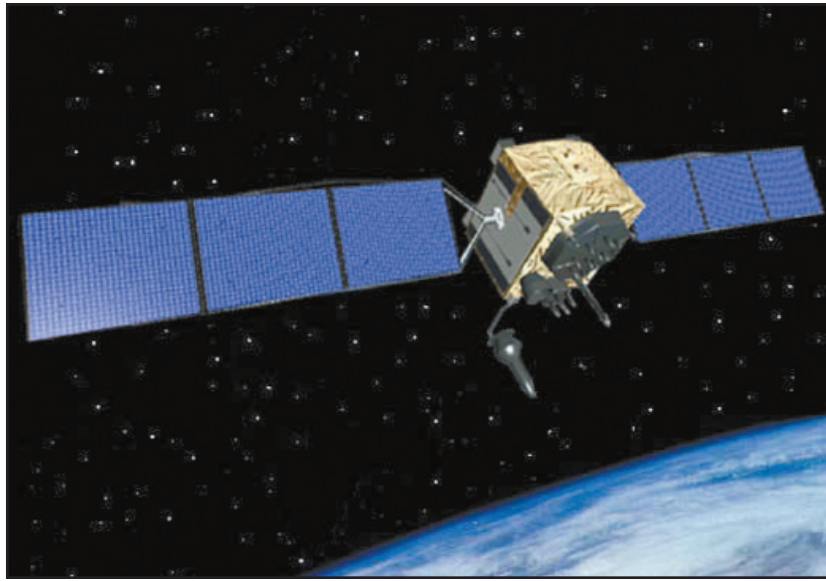
The GPS IIF SV-1 satellite represents a substantial upgrade for the GPS constellation. Thanks to improvements with the cesium-based atomic clocks used for timing, the satellite is expected to provide more accurate navigation signals than those of its predecessors.

The new IIF satellite also will broadcast two new signals: a jam resistant military code signal and a third civil signal known as the L5.

This latest addition is part of an ongoing modernization effort for the GPS constellation by Air Force officials.

"We're continuously replacing satellites in the constellation to ensure GPS remains the world's gold standard for position, timing and navigation," said Lt. Col. Mike Manor, the 2nd SOPS director of operations. "The GPS constellation is made up of 24 slots in space surrounding the earth where we place our satellites. This slot scheme and satellite placement ensures GPS users receive the most accurate navigation data at any time, at any place around the entire globe."

With the addition of the IIF SV-1, the GPS constellation now consists of 31 operational satellites. The idea is to keep newer satellites covering the primary slots. As the older satellites age, Air Force operators will move them out of the constellation and replace those primary slots with new vehicles.



U.S. Air Force graphic

The Global Positioning System IIF satellite, developed and built by Boeing, is the next generation of GPS space vehicle.

"In a way, it's a constant transition as we continue to field newer and more capable vehicles," Colonel Manor said.

That constant transition into newer, more technologically advanced satellites has allowed the GPS wing, 2nd SOPS and 19th SOPS Airmen to exceed the required accuracy performance for GPS.

"We are exceeding the required sub-6 meters at 98 percent accuracy standard," Colonel Manor said. "We advertise that we are sub-3 meters on average, which is the most accurate GPS signal in the history of the program, so we're crushing the sub-6 meter requirement for our global users."

It's important to note the system's improving performance because military and civilian users worldwide have come to rely heavily on GPS.

Not since the invention of the radio has a free utility

affected so many people on such a wide and varied scale. GPS service initially was designed and used for military purposes, but its civilian uses and popularity have brought the Air Force into an increasingly public arena.

GPS satellites provide combat capability for military applications, as well as ground vehicle and aircraft navigation aids. Civilians also use GPS as timing and navigation aids, plus they rely on GPS for power-grid management, banking, stock market transactions and cell-phone service.

Airmen in the GPS Operations Center receive 75 to 100 requests each week for various levels of support. Their primary mission is to support military users, providing them with information to take full advantage of the modernized utility of the GPS signal.

"Any time a civil user of GPS reports a loss of GPS signal, we provide a current status of the GPS constellation and provide additional information to help them determine the cause of their outage," said 1st Lt. Caitlyn Diffeley, a 2nd SOPS payload systems operator. "The vast majority of the time, I'd say 99 percent, the outage is related to some issue with the receiver unit, such as software glitches or installation issues."

Colonel Manor said in this most recent case, the issue involved a decryption problem with a specific vendor, which affected a specific military-use receiver.

The most recent launch of the new IIF satellite represents the first of 12 IIF satellites scheduled for launch in the next few years.

After a 3 to 4 month checkout of the new satellite, the vehicle will enter the operational constellation and begin broadcasting its navigation signal to users. The next IIF launch is anticipated for November.

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Southcom completes Haiti disaster response

By Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The U.S. military today officially ended its earthquake disaster response in Haiti today, leaving what is left of assistance with humanitarian and construction projects on the island to two annual military exercises in the region.

U.S. Southern Command, which oversaw the massive relief effort, officially stood down the effort in Haiti's capital of Port-Au-Prince. "I am proud of Joint Task Force Haiti's accomplishments and the men and women who filled its ranks," Army Lt. Gen. Ken Keen, the first commander of the command's Joint Task Force-Haiti, said. Keen added that the relief effort couldn't have happened without the collaboration of the military with the State Department, nongovernmental organizations, and the Haitian government.

The Jan. 12, magnitude 7 earthquake triggered an immediate response that, at its peak, included 22,000 forces — 7,000 based on land and the remainder operating aboard 58 aircraft and 15 nearby vessels, according to Southcom officials.

One of the first military contributions was the reopening of Toussaint L'Ouverture International Airport in Port au Prince by airmen with the 1st



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Air Force Reserve aerial port members from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. review aircraft load schedules as part of their duties in support of Operation Unified Response in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Special Operations Wing. The airmen landed on the island within 30 hours of the earthquake and, 30 minutes after landing, controlled airfield operations from a card table using hand-held radios to safely land and take-off hundreds of aircraft, a Southcom official said.

The earthquake response included one of the largest medical outreach efforts in history. Servicemembers treated and evaluated thousands of Haitian patients, including more than 8,600 on the Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort. Surgeons aboard

the ship completed nearly 1,000 surgeries.

Military members also delivered more than 2.6 million bottles of water, 2.2 million food rations, 17 million pounds of bulk food and 149,000 pounds of medical supplies into Haiti.

While the earthquake response effort is over, Southcom officials noted that the military will continue humanitarian and construction projects in Haiti throughout the summer and fall hurricane season. The USS Iwo Jima is to arrive on the island in July as part of Continuing Promise 2010, an annual civic assistance exercise supported by U.S. and international military medical personnel, civilian government agencies, and academic institutions.

Also, about 500 National Guard members will begin construction projects in Haiti this month as part of its New Horizons, a program it

began in the 1980s to conduct joint and combined humanitarian exercises that Southcom conducts annually in Latin America and the Caribbean. The exercises will include building schools, clinics and community centers that can also serve as hurricane shelters.

In addition to Continuing Promise and New Horizons, Southcom will fund \$13 million of disaster preparedness and humanitarian assistance projects designed to enhance the capacity of the Haitian government to provide for the citizens.

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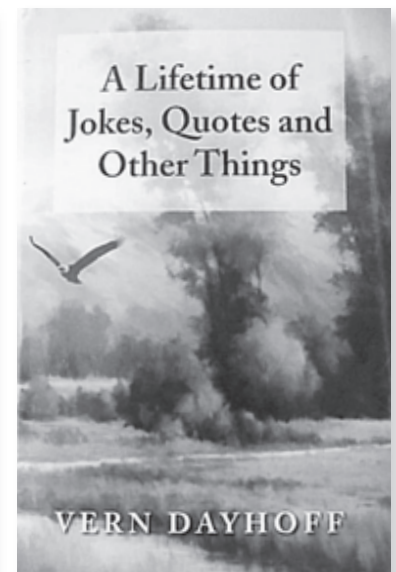
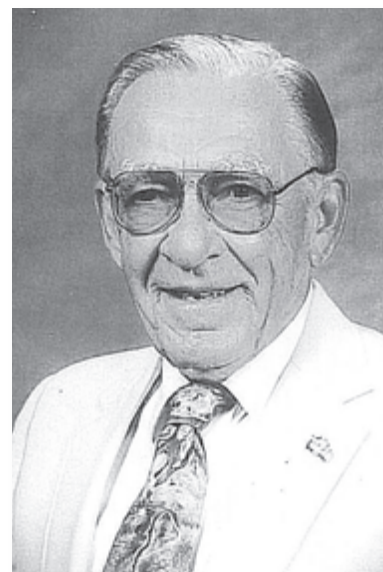
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Colorado hero flies with Thunderbirds

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Academy Public Affairs

A math teacher who subdued an active shooter at Deer Creek Middle School Feb. 23 flew in the cockpit of an F-16 Fighting Falcon over the Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base and Colorado Springs May 23.

Dr. David Benke was recognized by the Thunderbirds U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron both for his act of heroism and for 33 years of service to the community as a math teacher in public schools.

His service to the community as a teacher is enough to warrant a hometown hero incentive flight, said Lt. Col. Derek Routt, Thunderbirds operations officer and No. 7 pilot, but the Feb. 23 incident was what brought the San Antonio native to the Air Force's attention.

"A gunman came in and started shooting. And what did David do? Well, he took him out," Colonel Routt said. "So, sir, thank you for your service to the community, and thank you for what you did for your students, and I'm sure they thank you as well."

Deer Creek Middle School is in Jefferson County, Colo., the same county where the Columbine High School shootings took place 11 years ago. After the Columbine incident and a shooting at Platte Canyon High School in neighboring Park County, the Jefferson County School District began training its faculty how to respond to active shooter incidents, Dr. Benke said.

"We had done some drills, and during those drills, I'd always promised the kids that I would try and do something," he said. "When I saw the guy shooting, at first I thought it wasn't real. Then I tried to remember my promise."

The gunman, using a bolt-action rifle, fired two shots, injuring two students, Matt Thieu and Reagan Weber. Dr. Benke tackled the attacker as he prepared to chamber a round for a third shot.

"I went for him, and he dropped the gun because he knew he couldn't rechamber it," Dr. Benke said. "I basically wrestled him to the ground, and then my vice principal, Vicky Brown, came out and secured the gun." Another math teacher, Norm Hanne, helped subdue the attacker, and others provided zipties to keep the gunman secured until sheriffs arrived.

"That's awesome," Colonel Routt said on hearing Dr. Benke's story. "That is ... wow. That's exactly what I hope anybody could do, would do."

Dr. Benke, who holds a doctorate in educational technology from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, said he is trying to recruit others to become "domino pushers."

"A lot of times in a situation like that, people are



Lt. Col. Derek Routt helps Dr. David Benke familiarize himself with the cockpit of the No. 7 Thunderbirds jet, an F-16 Fighting Falcon, on the flightline at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., May 23, 2010. Colonel Routt flew Dr. Benke on a "Hometown Hero" incentive flight as a gesture of gratitude for Dr. Benke's actions taking down an active shooter at Deer Creek Middle School in Littleton, Colo., in February.

just ... standing around like dominoes," he said. "If we can make people aware that the first person to act precipitates a bunch of other people acting, that'd be really useful."

Most of the Thunderbirds pilots arrived at Peterson Air Force Base at 1 p.m. The squadron stays in Colorado Springs three or four days each year for the Air Force Academy's graduation activities. Dr. Benke arrived at Peterson Air Force Base an hour later, accompanied by his wife, Sandra, and their three children: Marissa, age 13, and Alec and Amanda, age 8. Mrs. Benke said she first heard about the incident at Deer Creek from her husband as school was letting out.

"He called me right around 3:30 that afternoon and said, 'I'm okay ... there's been a shooting at my school, and I had to tackle the gunman, but not before he shot one of my students,'" said Mrs. Benke, who met her husband in a Japanese class in college. Shortly thereafter, their phone line "went crazy" with phone calls from concerned family members and friends and from the local media who wanted to know more about the Hero of Deer Creek.

Mrs. Benke said she was not surprised that her husband had subdued the shooter.

"My husband is a gentle, guy, but he's cut out of a different cloth than a lot of people these days," she said. "He always does the right thing. He's very quick to help people out. Plus, he's a middle school teacher with a PhD — there's a lot he could do with that, but being a schoolteacher is how he chose to give back."

After Dr. Benke and his family arrived, a flight surgeon cleared him to fly, and Tech. Sgt. Robbin Bailon fitted him into his pressurized flight suit and briefed him on aircrew flight equipment he would need in the event of an emergency. Colonel Routt talked with him about the flight plan and the maneuvers they would experience during the flight.

At 5:23 p.m., Colonel Routt and Dr. Benke took off from Runway 17/35L and quickly climbed to 15,000 feet. They returned to Peterson AFB about 45 minutes later. After the flight, the No. 7 pilot outlined some of the incentive ride's highlights.

"We went straight up ... rolled on our backs looking at the Colorado countryside, rolled out and went to the local military operating area," Colonel Routt said. "Our MOA was just south of here in those mountains. It was the most beautiful countryside I've seen in a long time. Pikes Peak was just to the north, and you could reach out and touch it."

The colonel also thanked Dr. Benke again for his service to the community. The doctor, in turn, thanked the men and women of the Thunderbirds for their service to the United States.

"In March, a 7-year-old boy called 911 on the telephone, and he said, 'Could you send police and soldiers, and a lot of them?' because some people had broken into his house," Dr. Benke said. "You'll notice he didn't ask for math teachers — he asked for guys like you. In about three seconds, I strained to barely touch the bar that you guys touch every day — that you guys set for America. Thank you."



Draft Final Environmental Assessment US Air Force Academy Center for Character and Leadership Development

A Draft Final Environmental Assessment prepared by the US Air Force Academy (USAFA) for a Proposed Action to construct the Center for Character and Leadership Development is available for public review and comment through June 24, 2010. The document is available at the following locations:

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At the end of the 30-day review period, the USAFA will consider all comments submitted by individuals, agencies, or organizations in making a decision. Public participation opportunities and decision-making on the Proposed Action are guided by 32 CFR Part 989.

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said. "Indeed, more than half of the 14 U.S.-led Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Afghanistan are led by Air Force officers, including one in the Panjshir Valley led by Lt. Col. Curtis Velasquez, Class of '93. I have visited many of these teams myself, and they are doing amazing things, not only for the mission but for the people of Afghanistan."

However, some Academy graduates — company grade officers like 1st Lts. Joseph Helton and Roslyn Schulte — cannot come home. Lieutenant Schulte was killed in May 2009, and Lieutenant Helton was killed in September.

"We've been a nation at war for nearly half your young lives. It's a reality you've literally grown up with," Admiral Mullen said. "And yet, here you are, ready to step into the breach, ready to face the enemy's fire and ready to take your place in the Long Blue Line that has preceded you. That you do so, knowing full well the risks and rewards of military service, speaks volumes not only of your character but also of your courage."

"Roz did her duty. Joseph Helton did his duty. Every Airman, every Soldier, Marine, Sailor and Coastguardsman out there today is doing his or her duty. And tomorrow, so shall you. So must you," he continued. "The stakes are too high if you don't."

The officers' first duty is to be proficient in their career fields, Admiral Mullen said.

"Some of you will learn to fly; some will learn how to collect and analyze intelligence," he said. Others will become specialists in logistics, manpower or other Air Force specialties. "I encourage you to become experts in them. Know them cold — know them better than your peers, even better than your superiors. Learn to predict when and how things will change, because pretty soon, you're going to be on the leading edge of that change. You're going to be responsible for making sure those you command and those you serve are informed and able to make the best decisions they can with little or no notice."

Their second duty is to lead — which includes loyalty, strength of character, integrity and imagination, Admiral Mullen said.

"When you think about it, imagination has been the key to our success as a nation and without question the root of the success of the Air Force," he said. "It was imagination that drove you from propellers to jets ... and from manned to unmanned aircraft. Imagination set you free to explore the wild idea of supersonic flight, which today we take for

granted, and to expand into the realm of space, which today forms the backbone for all our communications and navigation. It's frightening to think where we would be without pioneers like Hap Arnold, Jimmy Doolittle, Chuck Yeager or John Boyd."

The graduates' final duty, Admiral Mullen said, is to listen — to one's instinct and to others.

"As President Barack Obama said at West Point, 'The burdens of this century cannot fall on America's shoulders alone.' No one military, no one nation, can do it alone anymore, and no one nation has the corner on the good ideas market. We need each other in ways we could not have imagined when the Berlin Wall came crashing down," he said.

Admiral Mullen concluded his speech by advising cadets that their four years at the Academy marks only the end of the beginning of their education.

"The Air Force is now your classroom, and Airmen are your instructors," he said. "Take full advantage of their knowledge to improve yours. Show them your loyalty, and they will show you theirs. Demonstrate integrity in everything you do, and they will respect you. Tap into your and their imaginations, and there will be no limit to what you can accomplish."

"Only by the support of those you lead can you become a leader yourself. Only by doing your duty, straight and true, can you hope to prove worthy of the trust this nation places in you today," he said. "Best of luck to each and every one of you and your families. God bless and congratulations."



Photo by Rachel Spencer

Commencement speaker Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen addresses the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2010 during graduation ceremonies at Falcon Stadium in Colorado Spring, Colo. May 26.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Cadet 1st Class William Weindel salutes his classmates during the U.S. Air Force Academy class of 2010 graduation ceremonies May 26 at Falcon Stadium. Cadet Weindel, the last cadet to cross the stage to receive his diploma, was honored with the traditional name "Tail End Charlie".



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Brig. Gen Sam Cox administers the oath of office to the 1001 members of the graduating class of 2010 May 26. General Cox is the commandant of cadets.



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Cadet 1st Classmen Alicia Quaco and Brendan Sullivan assist each other with putting on their 2nd Lieutenant shoulder boards before taking the oath of office during the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2010 graduation ceremonies.



Photo by Rachel Spencer

The Thunderbirds fly over as 1,001 U.S. Air Force Academy cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants at the close of the class of 2010 graduation ceremony May 26.

Gates addresses troops on 'don't ask, don't tell' repeal

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told troops worldwide May 28 that any repeal of the so-called “don’t ask don’t tell” law will be delayed until the ongoing Defense Department high-level review is completed.

The secretary said the law will change only after he, the president and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff all can certify that the department is ready to make the change without hurting unit cohesion, military readiness, military effectiveness and recruiting and retention.

Secretary Gates recorded a special message that will be broadcast on the American Forces Radio and Television Service and the Pentagon Channel to speak directly to servicemembers and their families about the moves toward repeal of the law that bars gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

“There’s been a lot of political posturing and maneuvering on this issue this week, and the secretary wanted to communicate directly to the troops about what this all means to them,” Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said. “He wanted to make it clear that the department’s review of how to smartly implement a change in the law is more important than ever, and their participation in it is absolutely critical to its success.”

The members of the House of Representatives passed an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Bill May 27 that would allow gay men and lesbians to serve openly. Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee passed a similar amendment last night.

President Barack Obama said he is pleased with the congressional actions. He has long favored repealing the law, in which has been in effect since 1994.

“Key to successful repeal will be the ongoing Defense Department review, and as such, I am grateful that the amendments ... will ensure that the Department of Defense can complete that comprehensive review that will allow our military and their families the opportunity to inform and shape the implementation process,” he said in a written statement released by the White House May 27.

President Obama said being the commander in chief is his greatest honor.

“This legislation will help make our armed forces even stronger and more inclusive by allowing gay and lesbian soldiers to serve honestly and with integrity,” he said.

Any change in the law will take time, Secretary Gates said in his recorded message on AFRTS.

“The legislative process is long and complex,” he said. “While it appears likely that Congress will eventually change the ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ law, we do not expect the legislation that would do this to be presented to the president for months - perhaps not until the end of the year.”

The amendment is the result of a compromise worked out between the administration and Congress. It allows the military to revoke the “don’t ask, don’t tell” provisions 60 days after a military study group chaired by Jeh C. Johnson, the Defense Department’s general counsel, and Army Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe, presents its report in December.

The legislation is a deferred repeal, Secretary Gates stressed.

“It would repeal ‘don’t ask, don’t tell,’ but only after

— I repeat, after — the ongoing Department of Defense high-level review is completed, and only after the president, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and I all can certify that we are ready to make this change without hurting unit cohesion, military readiness, military effectiveness and recruiting and retention,” Secretary Gates said.

As the legislative process continues, nothing will change in current policies and practices, the secretary said.

“Current law, policies and regulations remain in place, and we are obligated to abide by them as before,” he said.

The vote in the House and at the Senate committee makes the results of the Defense Department study even more important, Secretary Gates said. The panel will conduct a thorough and fact-based assessment of the impact of the potential law change and will develop “an implementation plan that minimizes any possible disruption to the department’s mission and on-going operations,” he added.


Secretary Gates urged servicemembers to participate in the review.

“We need to hear from you, and your families, so that we can make these judgments in the most informed and effective manner,” the secretary said. “So please let us know how to do this right.”

He asked all servicemembers to stay informed on this issue, but to not let it distract them from the “critical mission to defend our country and our duty to uphold the values represented by the uniform you wear.”

The message will play on AFRTS broadcast outlets overseas and on the Pentagon Channel in the United States.

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AF embraces energy efficiency as priority

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force's top uniformed officer urged the integration of energy efficiency and conservation into all aspects of the service's mission at the close of the U.S. Air Force Energy Forum here May 28.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz addressed more than 500 attendees including wing and major command representatives, international partners and industry leaders during the two day event.

"We must embrace the notion that energy efficiency is not a stand-alone priority because it binds together and enables every dimension of our mission," General Schwartz said. "Energy efficiency affords us greater resiliency, which translates to greater capability and versatility."

The general declared that incorporating energy efficiency into all actions is "a long-term imperative that carries near-term urgency."

"All Airmen - in operations, maintenance and mission support...from the flightline, to the hangar, to the military personnel flight - must further realize the critical link between energy and our ability to continue making needed contributions to the joint team," General Schwartz said. "We must all share a sense of urgency, particularly in light of flat-



Photo by Scott Ash

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz talks at the U.S. Air Force Energy Forum May 28 in Washington, D.C. General Schwartz urged the integration of energy efficiency and conservation into all aspects of the service's mission.

tening budgets, decreasing purchasing power, and rising costs in operations, maintenance, sustainment, personnel and yes, in energy as well."

The general pledged ongoing support of the Air Force Energy Plan 2010, and commended the smaller-scale progress at installations, adding "the frank, free, open exchange of ideas at this forum is only a beginning."

"Only with a systematic approach, determined leadership on all of our parts

and firm commitment will we be able to drive workable solutions," the general said.

The general closed with an emphasis on the need for continued collaboration, teamwork and partnership in energy issues.

"The imperative to do better is so important, it is simply compelling," the general said. "As Airmen, as partners in a common cause, and as a nation ... my appeal to you - my charge to you - is let's

pick up the pace ... together."

At the Air Force Academy, energy conservation steps have been underway for quite some time. The Academy's green energy goals include:

- Become a "Net-Zero" electricity installation by the end of calendar year 2015;
- Meet all Federal energy reduction mandates; and
- Play a leading role in renewable energy research.

The Academy has already completed many upgrades in high efficiency mechanical, electrical, and HVAC equipment; security and energy efficiency upgrades to window and wall systems; improved building insulation; utilization of natural lighting; and energy-focused roofing replacements.

The Academy is also working in partnership with Colorado Spring Utilities, for an \$18.3 million project to install a 2.0 MW solar plant (enough electricity to power about 1,600 homes). Additional wind, hydroelectric, solar and biofuel projects are also in the works.

The Academy's academic research centers are also contributing. Research into biofuels and improving photovoltaic cells are ongoing, as well as a National Science Foundation-funded project to successfully demonstrate the harnessing of the energy from ocean waves to make the ultimate in hydroelectric power generation.

AAFES goes green at Academy base exchange

From AAFES Public Affairs

The Academy base exchange is rewarding military shoppers who are doing their part for the environment through its new "Use a Bag, Save the Planet" initiative.

Instead of using traditional plastic bags, Army & Air Force Exchange Service retail facilities at the Academy are encouraging shoppers to bring their own reusable bags.

Beyond helping the environment, shoppers that "Use a Bag, Save the Planet" will get five cents back for every reusable bag used.

"The Army & Air Force Exchange Service desires to be an environmentally responsible retailer and a 'green' place to shop," said Kim Lopez, Academy base exchange store manager. "By rewarding the use of environmentally-friendly bags we hope to begin changing behaviors

today to put us on a path for a cleaner tomorrow."

The five cent credit applies only to shoppers who bring in and use reusable shopping bags (plastic bags do not apply) at the base exchange and the shopette and all other AAFES retail facilities on the Academy. As such, Airmen who simply decline a plastic bag, but do not utilize a reusable bag, will not qualify for the five cent credit.



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Academy introduces new women's hoops coach

From Athletic Communications

Andrea Williams has agreed to become the new women's basketball head coach at the Air Force Academy, according to an announcement May 24 from Director of Athletics Dr. Hans Mueh. Details of the contract are still being worked and are going through the Academy process.



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"I am delighted to welcome Andrea Williams as our new women's basketball head coach," said Mueh. "Andrea brings unbridled enthusiasm, experience in one of the nation's top basketball conferences and a commitment to excellence that will give us the opportunity to bring this program to the next level."

Williams joins the Falcons after serving as an assistant coach at the University of South Florida for the past two seasons. While at USF, Williams helped lead the Bulls to a pair of WNIT appearances, including a WNIT championship during the 2008-09 campaign. The Bulls finished that year with a 27-10 overall record, including an amazing 19-2 mark in non-conference competition. In addition, USF posted an 8-8 ledger in the ultra-competitive Big East Conference before falling to national champion Connecticut in the quarterfinals of the league tournament.

Meanwhile, the Bulls returned to the postseason in 2010, earning a trip to the WNIT Tournament before ending the year with a 15-16 overall record, which included a win over nationally ranked

conference rival Syracuse.

A native of Fort Wayne, Ind., Williams brings a wealth of experience at all levels of the college game. Prior to joining the Bulls, she spent four seasons (2004-08) as an assistant at Jacksonville University, where she helped turn the Dolphins into a power in the Atlantic Sun Conference. Before her arrival at JU, the Dolphins had never recorded a winning season. In addition, the most wins since the program began competition during the 1999-2000 season was 13. However, during Williams' final two seasons at Jacksonville, the Dolphins recorded a cumulative record of 44-17 and a 25-7 slate in Atlantic Sun competition, while notching a school-record 23 wins in 2007-08.

Williams is also no stranger to the rigors of coaching at a service academy, as she spent two seasons (2002-04) as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the United States Naval Academy. While at Navy, Williams helped the Midshipmen compile 29 wins over the two-year period and qualify for the Patriot League Tournament both seasons.

In addition to her coaching responsibilities, Williams was in charge of coordinating Navy's national recruiting efforts, which resulted in two All-Patriot League first-team selections, a Patriot League All-Rookie selection, a Street & Smith honorable mention selection, two CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and two Patriot League Scholar-Athletes of the Year, among others.

Williams also spent three seasons (1999-02) as an assistant coach at the University of Tampa. During her time there, the Spartans enjoyed three consecutive winning seasons, boasting a 55-31 ledger during that span. During the 1999-2000 season, Tampa compiled a 20-10 record, earning the Sunshine State Conference Championship and a trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Before heading to Tampa, Williams served as the head basketball coach at Waynesburg State (Pa.) for two years (1997-99). During that time, she recruited NCAA leader Christina Nicol, who ranked third in the nation in blocked shots and 25th in scoring en route to Presidents' Athletic Conference accolades. Williams also served as the head coach for cross country and softball at Waynesburg State and was a member of the ECAC South Selection Committee for NCAA Division III.

Williams began her collegiate basketball coaching career at Division II Edinboro University (Pa.) as an assistant from 1995-97. The Fighting Scots won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight during her second and final season with the program. During that year, she coached the NCAA's rebounding leader (Heather Gates) and recruited the nation's eventual No. 2 scorer (Jessica Rowe).

Williams played two seasons of basketball at Vincennes University (Ind.), followed by two seasons of basketball and one season of softball at Edinboro. She helped lead Edinboro to a pair of NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and captained the squad in her senior season (1993-94).

A 1994 graduate of Edinboro University, Williams earned her bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in health fitness. She is currently working towards her master's in education. She was also a member of the first graduation class at the Women's Coaches Academy in Bryn Mawr, Pa., in 2004 and is currently a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and Black Coaches Association (BCA). In the summer of 2006, Williams was one of 11 female college coaches accepted into the Achieving Coaching Excellence Program by the BCA.

AF gets new assistant basketball coach

From Athletic Communications

Air Force men's basketball coach Jeff Reynolds announced Tuesday that Drew Long will join his staff as an assistant coach, effective immediately.

Long, who spent the last three seasons on the basketball staff at the University of Colorado, replaces Kevin Carroll, who left the Falcon program in April to become head coach at Maryville University-St. Louis.

Long was one of three assistant coaches at Colorado under Jeff Bzdelik last season, responsible for recruiting, player development and game preparation. Prior to becoming an assistant coach, Long was CU's coordinator of men's basketball operations and video coordinator. During his time in Boulder, the Buffaloes improved from seven



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wins during the 2006-07 campaign to 15 last season.

"Drew brings a high energy level and will be a great fit for our staff," said Reynolds. "His insight as a player at Northwestern and coaching experience at the Division I level under Coach Bzdelik will be a great asset to our program. We are very excited to have him join our staff."

The 29-year old native of Houston graduated from Northwestern University in 2004 with a bachelor of arts degree in communication and earned two letters with the Wildcats' basketball team under head coach Bill Carmody. Long returned home shortly after graduation to serve as the Director of Operations for the Houston Swoosh AAU organization. He also coached a variety of youth basketball teams and instructed clinics across the state of Texas.

Prior to joining the CU staff, Long was the assistant coach at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas from 2006-07. As the sole assistant, he was in charge of numerous duties including recruiting, on-court workouts, game preparation and video editing.

Neubauer qualifies to NCAA Finals in shot put

From Athletic Communications

Senior Sara Neubauer punched her ticket to the finals of the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, as she finished within the top-12 of the shot put during the first day of competition at the NCAA West Preliminary Meet in Austin, Texas, May 27.

Neubauer was one of 10 members of the Air Force program to take part in today's competition.

Competing in the national semifinal of the shot put, Neubauer finished ninth with a distance of 52'5¼". The recently-commissioned second lieutenant opened the meet with a toss of 51'5½", before recording a foul attempt.

Neubauer recording the qualifying mark of 52'5¼" on her third chance of the trial round. During the final three attempts, she added a throw of 51'0¼" and a pair of foul marks.

The finals of the shot put are scheduled for June 11, in Eugene, Ore. This is the second consecutive year that Neubauer has advanced to the finals of the NCAA Championships.

Golfer earns west region accolades

Air Force golfer Tom Whitney of La Quinta, Calif., has been named a Division I PING All-Region honoree, as announced by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) on Wednesday. A total of 153 players across six regions—Northeast, East, Southeast, Midwest, Central and

West—earned all-region honors for 2010.

Whitney was one of just five golfers from the Mountain West Conference to be named an all-region selection. Johan de Beer and Travis Woolf of TCU were each chosen as all-region honorees in the Central Region, while BYU's Robbie Fillmore and UNLV's Derek Ernst joined Whitney as West Region selections.

Whitney, who earned his commission as a second lieutenant last week, wrapped up his career with the Falcons as one of the most prolific golfers in school history. A finalist for the Byron Nelson Award, Whitney was a two-time All-Mountain West Conference selection and two-time qualifier to the NCAA Regionals.

The recent Academy graduate also holds numerous school records,

including lowest tournament scores for 18 holes (64), 36 holes (133) and 54 holes (200), as well as lowest season stroke average (71.7, during the 2009-10 season). Whitney, who recorded a 72.3 stroke average for his career, owns 10 top-three finishes in his career, more than any other golfer in Air Force history, including four tournament wins.

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Firefighter Combat Challenge

The Academy Fire Department hosts The Rumble in the Rockies, a regional firefighter combat challenge competition June 19-20 at Falcon Stadium. Firefighters from the Academy, surrounding communities and adjacent states will meet at Falcon Stadium to practice their firefighting skills on a timed course.

The public is invited to attend, and watch the Academy Fire Department defend its national and world championship titles from the 2009 Firefighter Combat Challenge season. For more information, call 333-2051.

July 4th fireworks

The Academy hosts an evening of family-oriented games, music and fire-

works to celebrate the nation's birthday. The celebration is open to the general public. Events start at 6 p.m. on the Academy athletic fields, with numerous games, vendors and displays on the Cadet Athletic Fields.

The Colorado Symphony Orchestra plays 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., and the Academy Orchestra plays 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., followed by a fireworks display. Attendees can bring cameras, lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas, and sealed plastic water bottles. However, no coolers, barbecue grills, pets other than working service dogs, or fireworks are allowed. Water and portable restrooms will be provided.

Prep School sponsors

Sponsors are needed for cadet candidates attending the Air Force Academy Preparatory School for the 2010-2011 school year. The USAFA Prep School is designed to prepare students for admission and success at the Air Force Academy. Eligible sponsors are: active/retired GS-05, E-6, O-3 and above.

Academy graduates and professors may also apply. To volunteer as a sponsor or form more information, contact Mark Winter at 333-3057 or e-mail him at: mark.winter@usafa.edu

Vacation Bible School

The community center chapel hosts vacation bible school runs Monday through June 11, 5-7:30 p.m. Kids ages 4 years through fifth grad will have an adventure on the "high seas," to include meeting new friends, enjoying arts & crafts, games, snacks, swashbuckling bible adventures and music.

Registration is available today, and Monday by either calling the chapel at 333-3300, or stopping by the chapel.

A&FRC offerings

The Academy Airman & Family Readiness Center will host the following classes in June. 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 every Monday (except during TAP week); 2-4 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

Monday and June 25: 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the DAV review their medical records in preparation of filing for VA Disability Compensation through the VA Form 21-526.

Sponsorship Training

Tuesday, 8-9 a.m.

This class is for those who have been assigned to sponsor a newcomer to the USAF Academy.

Contact your unit sponsorship monitor for details and to get signed up for this class.

Smooth Move

Wednesday and June 16, 9-10 a.m.

Being prepared certainly lessens the stress of an upcoming move. Learn innovative and proven ways to make your move a smooth one — "Know Before You Go" This is a mandatory class for individuals departing USAFA.

Troops to Teachers

June 11; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This workshop provides information for military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher.

Heart Link Class

June 11: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The main purpose of this class is to introduce new spouses to the military – Air Force customs, protocol, mission, terminology, benefits and services. Briefings by Finance, TriCare, Protocol and much more.

From Stuck to Unstoppable

June 15: 9-11 a.m.

Career search not going anywhere? Come and learn how to jumpstart your job search engine and take yourself to the next level of motivation.

Resume Writing

June 16: 9 a.m. to noon

Learn different types of resume and cover letter styles and how to improve your own. Improve your resume to make it work more effectively for you. The main purpose of the resume is to entice an employer to call you for an interview. If your resume is not doing this for you, then it probably needs some refinement.



Get your football fix

Football addicts can get their first fix of full-contact football with the start of the Colorado Springs Flames' 2010 football season. This Flames are part of the Colorado Football Conference, a semi-pro, full-contact league.

The Flames return after two consecutive undefeated seasons with 10 starters on both sides of the ball, and have several up-and-comers who are pushing to start. The Flames will next face inter-town rival the Colorado Springs Cyclones on June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Harrison High School memorial football stadium.

This will be this season's military appreciation game, and the Flames are offering free admission to all active duty and retired military personnel.

Roller derby

The Pikes Peak Derby Dames host an indoor roller derby match June 12, 7 p.m. at the Colorado Springs City Auditorium. This womens flat track league roller derby match will feature the Pikes Peak Derby Dames' Slamazons against the Castle Rock'n'Rollers from Castle Rock, Colo. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door.

A military discount is offered at the door, and admission is free for kids 10 and under. For more information, visit www.pikespeakderbydames.com.

Free summer concerts

The First and Main Town Center on Powers Boulevard starts its 6th annual free summer concert series, starting today, 5-7 p.m., and continuing each Friday through July 30. Today's summer concert artist is Jake Loggins.

Upcoming acts are provided via the Pikes Peak Blues Community, and include local artists such as: The Nostalgics, Latigo, Parable Sons, Phat Daddy, Martini Shot and George Whitesell & His All Stars. For more information, visit www.firstandmaintowncenter.com/

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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.
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(September - May).

Sunday
Evangelical - 10:15 a.m.
Gospel - 11:30 a.m.

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