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## Class of 2013 on path to learning the basics

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

“Sit up straight.”  
“Put your heels together.”  
“Put your hands on your knees.”  
Sitting up straight on the bus to the hill may be the first order incoming basic cadets receive during their Academy and subsequent operational Air Force days, but, without doubt it, won't be the last.

During in-processing July 25 the Academy welcomed the Class of 2013 as the appointees, turned basic cadets, took their first steps in the adventure of their Air Force careers.

“You are here to start a journey, an exciting journey,” William Thompson, Class of 1973 and chief executive officer of the Association of Graduates, told the new basics and their families and friends outside Doolittle Hall.

He reminded class members the Academy has produced 41,000 Air Force officers since it opened in 1955.

The Academy selected the 1,373 class members from 9,897 applicants.

Basic Cadet Training runs from in-processing to Aug. 1. Classes begin Aug. 6.

Parents, family and friends said final good-byes, in some cases not without some waterworks, as the new cadets



Photo by Mike Kaplan

**Basic cadets take their first steps into their Air Force career as they leave Doolittle Hall and cross over the Memorial Bridge during the Class of 2013 in-processing June 25.**

climbed the stairs to the second floor of Doolittle Hall to begin their Air Force journey.

After dealing with banking and mail

concerns upstairs, the new basics moved outside and were reminded of the sacrifices of other Academy graduates by the Memorial Wall. They then crossed the

Memorial Bridge on the way to waiting buses, which took them to the base of the Core Values Ramp.

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## Stripes run in chief's family

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum  
Academy Public Affairs

The newest addition to the Air Force Academy family grew up living and breathing the Air Force as the son of a chief master sergeant. He would later become the son-in-law of a chief, and in 2005, he became a command chief in his own right. Now the top enlisted Airman at the Academy, Chief Master Sgt. Todd Salzman wants to know more about the men and women who create the Air Force's future leaders.



CMSgt. Todd Salzman

Chief Salzman entered the Air Force in 1982 after graduating from Cabot High School in his hometown of Cabot, Ark., in 1981. His initial career field was administrative support.

“My first assignment was as an administrative support specialist at 8th Air Force” at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Chief Salzman said. “I was the only

junior enlisted Airman there.”

In June 1986, he cross-trained into in-flight refueling and moved to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, where he met his future wife, Kelly.

“Her dad was the senior enlisted adviser at Dyess, so here I was, a strapping young Airman dating the chief's daughter,” Chief Salzman said. “We get along great, and I've learned a lot from him.”

The chief deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, as part of *Operation Desert Shield* in 1990. He was on the boom of an 804th Refueling Wing (Provisional) KC-135 Stratotanker the night combat operations first began against Iraq on Jan. 17, 1991.

“Flying my first combat support sortie was everything I hoped it would be, and it was also a tad bit scary,” he recalled. “But that's when you realize that your training is spot-on. All of us did our jobs that night without talking — we were under an all comm-out order.”

Chief Salzman returned to the Middle East in July 2004 to support *Operation Iraqi Freedom* as superintendent for the 306th Operations Group in Southwest Asia.

“I talked with my boss and told him that I needed to be

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The Air Force Academy plans an evening of family-oriented games, music and fireworks to celebrate the nation's birthday.

The celebration is open to the general public, and is the only event in Colorado Springs this year to have a fireworks display July 4.

Academy official stress several points:

■ Parking will be extremely limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged.

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### True leadership

“I don't care about any legacy. I just care about taking care of Airmen.”

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### Cadets explore Japan

“Our cadets are shining heroes here in Wakayama. Everyone in this community is very pleased to have met our cadets, and they are quite popular.”

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### Summer escape

“Well, ain't that a Cripple Creek!”  
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# Chief McKinley showed strength, care

**Chief Master Sgt. Neil McGillicuddy**  
89th Communications Squadron  
flight superintendent

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AFNS) — In a little less than a week, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley will retire from active duty. What better time than now to reflect on the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force's tenure as our top enlisted leader?

Chief McKinley will be the first person to tell you that he's not interested in legacy talk. This was seen in his recent remarks at the 2008 Airlift Tankers Association meeting when he said, "I don't care about any legacy. I just care about taking care of Airmen." In that statement is the legacy of Chief McKinley: taking care of Airmen.

Collectively looking back over his time as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force, his achievements include speaking at the dedication of the Air Force Memorial, establishing the Enlisted Heroes Walk at Basic Military Training, advocating changes to feedback and performance report forms, championing the Airman's Creed and fitness, expanding the attendance at the Senior Enlisted Leaders Conference,

being a key voice in the anti-tobacco campaign, staunchly supporting the wounded warrior program and traveling the world as our spokesman, advocate and leader.

Of course, Chief McKinley has been a part of much more than these few achievements. In my opinion, all of these overshadow what I consider to be his greatest accomplishment, which is the leadership he provided to all of the Airmen when the top tier of the Air Force command structure faced a complete makeover in June 2008.

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force position is one of the three legs of the Air Force leadership tripod. Each leg depends on the other for balance. Imagine the shock when two of those legs disappeared. The one left standing must immediately find the strength and agility to stay calmly focused in supporting the sudden load placed upon it.

This is where Chief McKinley found himself in June 2008. The eyes of not just the enlisted force, but the entire Air Force were upon him.

Would he succumb to the pressure? Would he resign the position? Could he lead the transition as the new Air Force leadership came aboard? All of these

demands were placed upon the shoulders of an enlisted leader. This was historic and had no real precedent.

Chief McKinley did what more than 30 years of experience and airmanship had prepared him for: he led. One of the cornerstones of his leadership was the promise of getting back to basics, which was outlined in arguably his most important enlisted perspective theme: "Blocking and Tackling."

Here we are, almost a year to the day that the changes in the top tier occurred. We have shifted priorities, taken on new challenges and are still fighting two wars in different parts of the world. Historians will look back at the events and dissect, analyze and conclude. From this historic perspective comes the remarkable legacy of Chief McKinley.

When faced with one of the biggest challenges to ever confront an Air Force enlisted leader, he succeeded in the face of overwhelming obstacles and set new benchmarks for not only his office, but also all enlisted leaders as well. Why? How? A simple answer to those who know the chief: he takes care of Airmen. His legacy and a commitment to leadership excellence is something we can all take part in and be proud of. Thank you Chief McKinley.

# Patriotism alive and well at Country JAM

**By Ken Carter**  
Editor

Every year for four days in late June I surround myself with 30,000 to 40,000 of my closest redneck country music loving friends nightly in the little-known town of Mack, Colo. Most think of it as a Grand Junction event, but hard-core country fans know the real deal. It's a big field barely a dozen miles from the Utah border that comes to life in a big way every night when the sun goes down.

As the official event photographer, I get to see everything from the "general admission" perspective to the "VIP" treatment featuring choice seating and gourmet meals, to the back-stage area where you never know who you'll see or get to visit with ... what an honor. It's an honor that is if you like American patriots like *Big and Rich*, Eddie and Troy a.k.a. *Montgomery Gentry*, Randy Owen (former lead singer for *Alabama*), Neil McCoy, *Sawyer Brown*, and a host of

other nationally known country acts. Then there's the event staff. Security, production, local crews, etc., all the finest in the business and many of whom I'm blessed to call friends.

The task of documenting this live music extravaganza through photography has been a personal high for me now for more than five years. But this year was even more special.

Sunday, the final of the four days, was dedicated to the U.S. Armed Forces in honor of service members for what they are doing around the globe to keep Old Glory waving freely. Virtually every performing artist all weekend offered his or her heart-felt appreciation for the sacrifices of military members (and their families) for keeping America independent.

It was more than flag waving and red, white and blue confetti blasts that made this year special, however.

Following the meet and greet with *Big and Rich* back stage and before their show, John Rich was given a medal. It wasn't for

anything he'd done mind you ... but rather offered to Mr. Rich ultimately from a soldier wounded while serving overseas who asked a third party to present it on his behalf. It was the wounded soldier's way of thanking *Big and Rich* for their service to those who serve. Among those attending the informal but power-packed presentation there wasn't a dry eye in the place.

It just didn't matter which side of the political fence one was on — or one's personal feelings about the fact that we are engaged in two wars simultaneously in Iraq and Afghanistan ... the verdict was in. The vast majority of those rednecks enduring the desert heat for 96 hours in Mack to listen to live music were found guilty of being overwhelmingly patriotic and supportive of the U.S. Armed Forces. Having the U.S. Navy's Leap Frogs jump in Sunday was an added bonus that all will remember ... at least until the big show gets even bigger next year.

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## Correction

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### Congratulations to USAFA's newest Tech. Sgts.

The Academy has 23 new technical sergeant selects after the promotion results went public June 18.



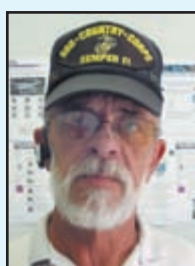
**Air Base Wing**  
Christopher Thompson

**Editors note:** italicized information corrects/adds to the original article by *Academy Spirit* staff.

## Staycation or Vacation this summer?

"Staying in the area. Unless there's a family emergency, no real time off this summer. This is the season when car owners want to have their vehicles cleaned and detailed."

**Bob Hamilton**  
Owner dri wash n guard



"We're staying close to home this summer. We may go as far as Winter Park where my family enjoys the Alpine Slide."

**Master Sgt. Katherine Steinhauser**  
10th MDSS



"We're staying home to save leave this summer because we are PCSing later this year. There's no need to travel; Colorado summers are nice."

**Senior Airman Kevin Baxter**  
10th CS



"I'll be travelling to Kansas City to spend time with my dad. He's also traveling to spend time here with me."

**Diana Whalen**  
Retired Marine spouse





# Stripes

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out there with my crew if I were to have a good sense of what they needed," he said. "The boss let me live in the crew tents and run with the crews for two weeks."

After he returned from his deployment, Chief Salzman became the command chief for the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell AFB, Kan. From there, he went to 13th Air Force, the warfighting component for Pacific Air Forces, at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

"Thirteenth Air Force was an awesome assignment — just incredible," he said.

Lt. Gen. Chip Utterback is the 13th Air Force commander.

"Chief Salzman is a friendly and approachable guy, and he is also one who expects the best of those around him," General Utterback said. "He sets high standards, then gives people the tools to ensure they can meet those standards. The chief signs his correspondence with 'In Service,' and he lives that signature. He is a teacher and a tremendous mentor."

The chief worked with foreign air forces during his 13th Air Force assignment to help them develop their own enlisted airmen. Among PACAF's working partners were Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.

"The backbone of any air force is its enlisted corps, and Chief Salzman showed remarkable vision in helping other nations in the Asia-Pacific region improve the professionalism of their enlisted men and women," General Utterback said. "His personal, direct connections built the kinds of partnerships that are vital to a stable Asia-Pacific theater. I'm excited that Chief Salzman will be able to share these experiences with our Air Force's future leaders, because building partnerships with other nations will continue to be vital to our national security."

Future officers must also be aware of what the Air Force's enlisted corps can offer, the chief said.

"What's important as we build these young men and women into leaders of character is that they have the



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

**Command Chief Master Sgt. Todd Salzman (right) and Lt. Gen. Michael Gould (center) congratulate USAFA's newest technical sergeant selects to include Staff Sgt. Johnnie Gipson (left) at the technical sergeant promotion party June 26.**

opportunity to interact with the same enlisted Airmen that they will lead," he said. "They're going to lead Airmen who have been to war, some of them multiple times. We have to make sure we prepare the cadets for that. We call ourselves the backbone of the Air Force, and we are — we have to demonstrate that and let the cadets know what the enlisted corps brings to the fight."

In addition, the Academy's enlisted Airmen must, at every level, understand their role in shaping the next generation of Air Force leaders, Chief Salzman said.

"We have 4,400 F-16s here on the hill, and we're all crew chiefs," he said. "We have to get our enlisted force to talk to the cadets and let them know that basic leadership is absolutely necessary in a combat zone."

Toward that end, Chief Salzman said he aims to get out and about.

"I want to have the opportunity to make myself available to everyone — the enlisted corps, the officer corps, faculty, cadets — everyone," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting out and meeting with all of the organizations on base, whether it's the Cadet Wing, the 10th Air Base Wing, the academic department, the dean of the faculty, the commandant, the whole nine yards."

"I'm looking forward to hearing people's stories, to hear what it is that they do. I like to talk to folks and hear about what they do because I believe our Airmen are the most educated, most trained, most dedicated, most professional in the world," he continued. "We can throw a 500-pound bomb through a window with precision, and we can take an Iraqi girl to the United States and provide surgery to save her life. That's what makes us the greatest Air Force in the world."

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# Grad becomes newest SOUTHCOM commander

By Air Force News Service

MIAMI (AFNS) — General Douglas Fraser became the first-ever Air Force officer to lead U.S. Southern Command during a change-of-command ceremony June 25 at the command's headquarters here.

More than 300 invited guests and military leaders attended the event, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright as General Fraser relieved Navy Adm. James Stavridis for the top SOUTHCOM position.

General Fraser comes to SOUTHCOM from U.S. Pacific Command, headquartered in Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, where he served as the deputy commander. As SOUTHCOM's commander, he is now responsible for overseeing all U.S. military operations in Latin America and Caribbean.

"The transnational and transregional challenges we face to security, stability, and prosperity in the Americas can only be met through strong, enduring partnerships," General Fraser said. "I'm eager to work with this great team of professionals at Southern Command and our partners in South Florida and throughout the region"

"I have followed this gentleman for many years," General Cartwright said. "I am in the General Fraser fan club and have been for a long time. This is a wonderful appointment."



Photo by J.J. Chiari

**General Douglas Fraser receives the U.S. Southern Command guidon from Marine Gen. James Cartwright during the change-of-command ceremony June 25 at SOUTHCOM headquarters in Miami. General Fraser relieved Navy Adm. James Stavridis as commander of SOUTHCOM. General Cartwright is the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.**

General Fraser is SOUTHCOM's 21st commander since it was designated in 1963. He takes over following Admiral Stavridis' nearly three-year stint at SOUTHCOM, a tenure that included the rescue of three American hostages held for five years in

Colombia, the growth of several multinational exercise programs, the institutionalization of humanitarian and disaster relief missions and a complete headquarters reorganization.

Admiral Stavridis heads to NATO as the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, headquartered in Mons, Belgium. He will also serve as the commander of U.S. European Command, in Stuttgart, Germany.

In addition to his previous post, General Fraser has also served as commander of Alaskan Command, a component command of U.S. Pacific Command; 11th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Alaskan North American Defense Region, headquartered at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

A 1975 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and 1992 graduate of the National War College, General Fraser earned a master's degree in political science from Auburn University in 1987.

Prior to the ceremony, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz officially promoted General Fraser to a four-star general at a small gathering of family, friends and military leaders in the SOUTHCOM headquarters.

SOUTHCOM is one of six geographic combatant commands in the DoD. The command's region encompasses more than 30 countries in the Caribbean, Central America and South America. Its mission is to conduct military operations and promote security cooperation to achieve U.S. strategic objectives.

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## 4th of July

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■ All visitors should enter the Academy through the North Gate, exit 156B.

■ Due to expected record-level attendance, people should arrive early.

■ In the event of inclement weather, the celebration may be cancelled.

■ Parking will be available at and near the Cadet Field House.

■ Those planning to attend are encouraged to watch and listen to weather reports for last minute developments.

■ Events start at 5 p.m. on the Academy athletic fields, with numerous paid activity games, including bouncy houses, climbing walls and a bungee trampoline, as well as food and beverage vendors.

■ Music will be broadcast by the Academy's cadet radio station, KAFA 97.7FM, before and during the fireworks show. The Blue Steel combo of the Air Force Academy Band will perform from 8:50 to 9:20 p.m.

■ The fireworks show will start at approximately 9:30 p.m. and is expected to last 20 minutes.

■ Visitors can bring cameras, lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas, and sealed plastic water bottles. But, visitors cannot bring coolers, barbecue grills, pets other than working service dogs, or fireworks. Water and portable restrooms will be provided.

# Fireworks are explosives — treat them accordingly

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum  
Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy Fire Prevention Office wants people to keep safety in mind as they prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Perhaps the easiest way to stay safe is to attend the Air Force Academy's Independence Day celebration, which is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. July 4 at the Academy athletic fields.

Anyone can attend and enjoy climbing walls, a bungee trampoline, food and beverages and other activities. The Air Force Academy Band "Blue Steel" will perform at 8:50 p.m., and a 20-minute fireworks show will kick off at 9:30 p.m. Visitors can bring cameras, lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas and sealed plastic water bottles.

Fireworks are legal in unincorporated El Paso County, but anyone who plans an at-home fireworks show should follow some safety tips from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration:

Don't allow children to play with

fireworks. Even sparklers can reach 1,800 degrees — hot enough to melt gold and cause third-degree burns.

Steer clear of others. Fireworks may backfire or shoot in the wrong direction.

Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.

Don't try to make your own fireworks.

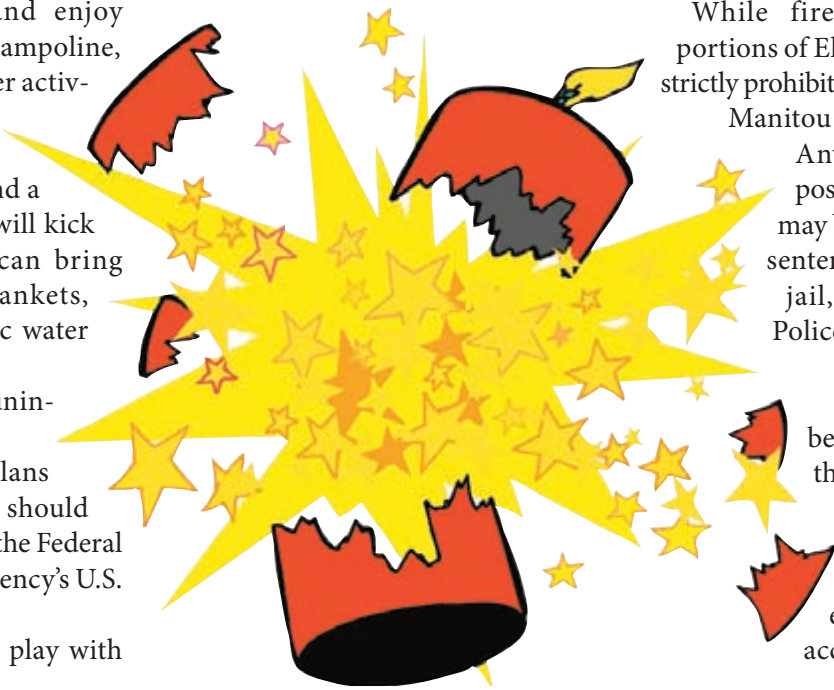
Fireworks are explosives — treat them accordingly.

In 2007, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated nearly 10,000 people for fireworks-related injuries, an increase from 9,200 in 2006, according to the Fire Administration's Web site, [www.usfa.dhs.gov](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov). Eleven people died from fireworks in 2007, including a 7-year-old boy who was struck in the chest by a 2-inch mortar and a teenager who was struck in the head by an artillery shell that another teen had pointed at him.

While fireworks are legal in portions of El Paso County, they are strictly prohibited in Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs and Fountain.

Anyone caught using or possessing illegal fireworks may be fined up to \$500 and sentenced up to 90 days in jail, Colorado Springs Police Department officials said.

Traffic is expected to be heavy before and after the July 4 Academy activities. Those traveling to and from the Academy should expect delays and plan accordingly.



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# Iraqi troops ready for added responsibility

By Samantha Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from all Iraqi cities and towns was completed over the weekend and ahead of the June 30 deadline, a Pentagon spokesman said on a cable TV news show Monday.

“Overall, the security situation is stable enough for Iraqi security forces to take on this added responsibility,” Geoff Morrell said on CNN’s “Newsroom.”

“It’s one that they want, and it’s one that the commanders on the ground feel they are capable of taking on,” he said. “It has to be OK because there’s a legal agreement, which forces us to abide by these timelines.”

The President George W. Bush administration signed the U.S.-Iraq Status of Forces Agreement, which calls for a complete withdrawal of combat troops from Iraqi cities and towns by June 30 late last year. The President Barack Obama administration must honor it, Mr. Morrell said.

Currently, the only U.S. forces remaining in the cities are advisers, trainers, and support staff, who are embedded with Iraqi units throughout the country. Since October, the United States has closed or returned to Iraqi authority 150 bases and facilities,

including 30 this month, said Bryan Whitman, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.

U.S. troops in Iraq, who up until this weekend were securing Iraq’s cities and towns, are now forming layers of defense outside the country’s major cities and focusing on Iraq’s external borders, Mr. Morrell said. This is not to say; however, that the 131,000 ground forces will never set foot in an Iraqi city in a combat capacity.

If the Iraqi government were to ask for assistance, U.S. forces are prepared to help, Mr. Morrell said.

Though the transfer of security operations to the Iraqis went relatively smoothly, it was met with a slight uptick in violence, which was expected, he said.

“Sadly, last week we saw two very high-profile attacks, one just south of Kirkuk [and] one in Sadr City, resulting in about 400 innocent civilians being killed,” Mr. Morrell said. “That is certainly unfortunate, but overall, violence levels are down to 2003 levels, the lowest in the history of this conflict.”

While Pentagon officials are satisfied with the overall security situation in Iraq, the country still has some issues to work through, Mr. Morrell said. The Arab-Kurd tensions in the north, remaining al-Qaida in Mosul and



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lionel Castellano

An Iraqi screener searches a local national before entering the base perimeter at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, April 1, the first day a new security initiative took effect at JBB. More than 100 Iraqis from the surrounding area now serve as vehicle and pedestrian screeners around the perimeter of JBB to reduce the base risk of improvised explosive device attacks against JBB.

Iranian meddling through the use of surrogates, to name a few.

With Iraq’s security stable, and the U.S.-Iraq agreement decreeing all U.S. troops leave the country by 2011, some of the troops currently serving in Iraq

will move to Afghanistan, where 57,000 U.S. troops are serving. The U.S. presence in Iraq will remain large enough to respond to any incident with which the Iraqis may request assistance, Mr. Morrell said.

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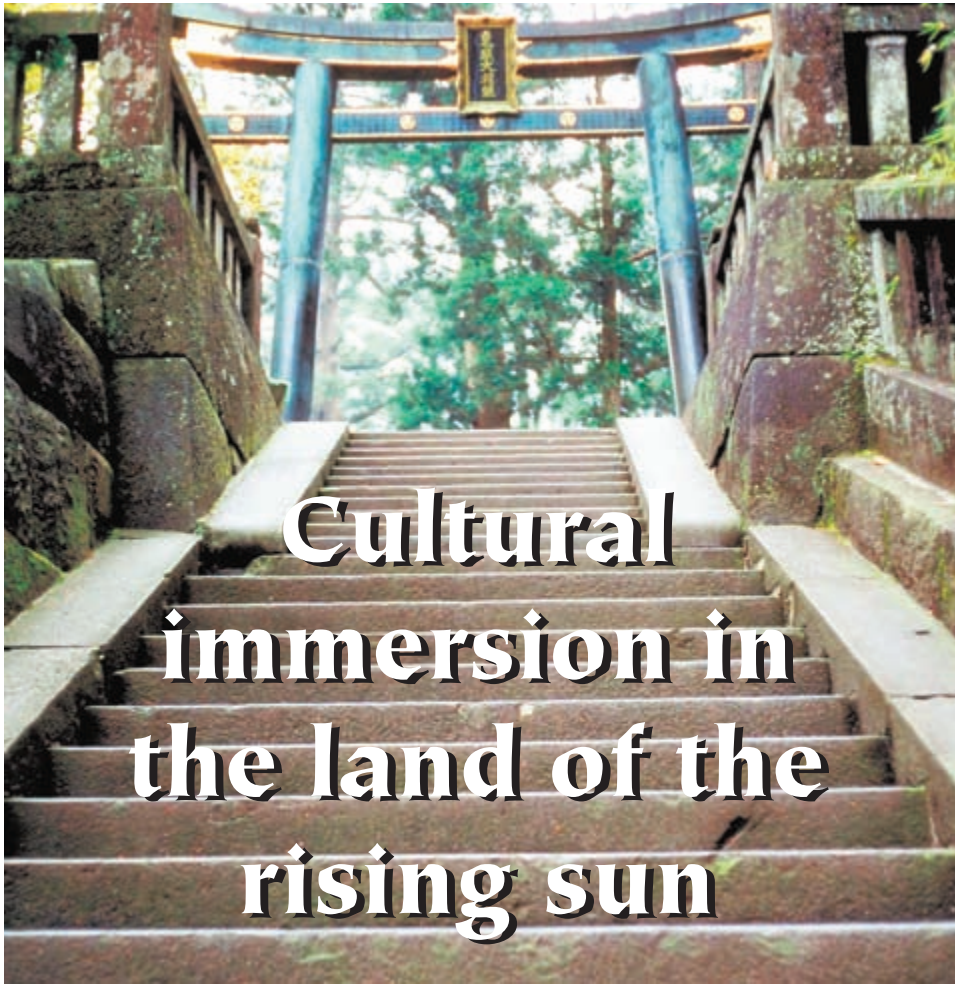
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# Cultural immersion in the land of the rising sun

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

Yumiko Guajardo, Dept. of Foreign Languages associate professor of Japanese has reason to be pleased about the cultural and language immersion program. She and a group of cadets recently returned to the Air Force Academy from a stay in the island nation, during which cadets visited major cities as well as smaller commu-

nities such as Wakayama, a small town on Honshu Island.

She sent Capt. Brett Huyser stories of cadets who have been featured in a Wakayama newspaper and being invited to the mayor's office. Captain Huyser works in the Academy's Department of International Studies.

"Here is another occasion in which our cadets in Wakayama acted as ambassadors for friendly US-Japan relations," Ms. Guajardo wrote. "News

Wakayama featured one of our extracurricular activities. Our cadets are shining heroes here in Wakayama. Everyone in this community is very pleased to have met our cadets, and they are quite popular."

Among the shining heroes were Cadet 2nd Class Stephen Donaldson and Cadets 3rd Class Geoff Simkin, Siobhan Hulslander, Daniel Klimkowski, Christin Burrows, William Remington, Joseph Kuensting, Timothy Nash and Kevin Rowe.

June 18 stands out.

"We had the cadets' presentations in front of their host families, community volunteers, YMCA teachers and staff, followed by a formal ceremony," Ms. Guajardo wrote. "The YMCA college president decided he wanted to give a certificate of completion to each and every one of the 14 cadets individually instead of giving one. It was something like a graduation ceremony. Afterwards, they had a formal farewell party for our cadets."

Cadet 3rd Class Jonathan Plyler, a physics major with Cadet Squadron 9, volunteered for this trip.

"This is my second trip to Japan, so I knew a little bit of what to expect," said Cadet Plyler, a native of Guy Mills, Pa. "It is always still a surprise. Wakayama is a 'country' town. This means that foreigners are a little rare. It the big cities, we weren't noticed at all, but in Wakayama, we stuck out. But it was fun as people would stare and wave at us.

"The culture and way of thinking are different. Japanese people are very

gentle, polite, and accommodating. The technology over there even surpasses the United States," he added.

The Academy travelers went to a baseball game in Osaka with the Yomiuri Giants and the Orix Buffalos.

"The fans have so much more energy than in the states," said the cadet. "Every player who came to bat was greeting by cheering. They had a band and someone who would lead all the fans in a cheer for the batter. I just sat there enjoying the atmosphere."

They ate octopus and squid sushi, sukiyaki, curry rice, and tacoyaki. They held most of their conversations in Japanese.

"As much as I could speak Japanese, I did," Cadet Plyler said. "I had a host family mother who was a former English teacher, so I could ask how to say something in Japanese when I got stuck. Some people weren't so lucky, but the dictionaries the Academy gave us definitely helped."

The cadet group returned to the United States June 19.

"I'm very pleased to see the outcome of this brand-new Wakayama program," Ms. Guajardo said.

"I understand the Japanese way of thinking and culture a little bit better now," Cadet Plyler said. "I also improved my language skills. It's good to get a different perspective on life. If you ever get a chance, go to another country and learn the culture and language. It will forever change your life, and you'll make good friends in the process."



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# Cripple Creek or Bust

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

In 1892 a wandering cattleman fell into a small stream in Teller County and broke his leg. A nearby miner heard his shouts for help, and while aiding the injured cattleman, he, too, fell in the stream and broke a leg.

The miner was purported to cry out, "Well, ain't that a Cripple Creek!"

The name stuck.

At nearly 9,500 feet in elevation, Cripple Creek's high valley was once little more than cattle pasture.

That was before 1890 when Bob Womack discovered the first lode of rich gold ore, and the last great Colorado gold rush took off.

In its mining heyday, Cripple Creek, which nearly became Colorado's state capital, had more than 50,000 residents.

When the old underground mines gave up their last nuggets, Cripple Creek nearly became a ghost town, and the number of residents dropped to a few hundred.

After legalized limited stakes gambling was established in 1991, the city grew to a population of about 1,500 what it is today.

But Cripple Creek, as a travel getaway, offers far more than just a chance to strike it rich at the poker and

blackjack tables or in the spin of slot machine wheels.

That is only one part of what travelers might experience in a day trip or during an overnight or two.

For one, opportunities are plentiful for exploring Cripple Creek's history as a mining town.

On a bluff off Hwy 67 overlooking the town is the Pikes Peak Heritage Center. Open every day and free, it is a must-see, especially for the younger set because of its interactive displays.

Spread over three levels, the center offers glimpses into gold camp history, a gem and mineral collection, a scale model of the Mollie Kathleen gold mine, photographs depicting life in the gold camp and dioramas of native plants and animals.

Across the road from the Heritage Center is the Molly Kathleen Mine, which youngsters could also especially enjoy. Visitors can descend 1,000 feet and tour its educational exhibits on the early days of mining.

At the head of Bennett Avenue, Cripple Creek's "main drag," is the Cripple Creek District Museum, spread over four buildings, including the old Colorado Trading and Transfer Building, a welcome center, the Midland Terminal Railroad Depot and historic Assay Office. The museum houses authentic memorabilia, photo-



Photo by Ann Patton

Cripple Creek's Bennett Avenue serves as main street for shops, casinos and restaurants.

graphs, Victorian household items, minerals, clothing and special exhibits on the influential people of the mining district.

A few steps away is the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad. Steam-powered, the century-old train provides 45-minute narrated trips to a few of the abandoned gold mines, the ghost town of Anaconda and a sampling of the 5,000 prospector holes in the area. Under the Cripple Creek area are more than 2,600 miles of mine tunnels.

At the Outlaws and Lawmen Jail

Museum, visitors can get a taste of both sides of the law in the gold rush era by checking out the inside and outside of original jail cells and displays which depict the crimes of "madam, minister and miner alike."

The Homestead House, called politely a "parlor house," is also open for visitors. Tour guides point out the opulent furnishings and fittings of the house where miners were provided with overnight entertainment. The restored house stands on Myers Avenue, once the location of over 20 such

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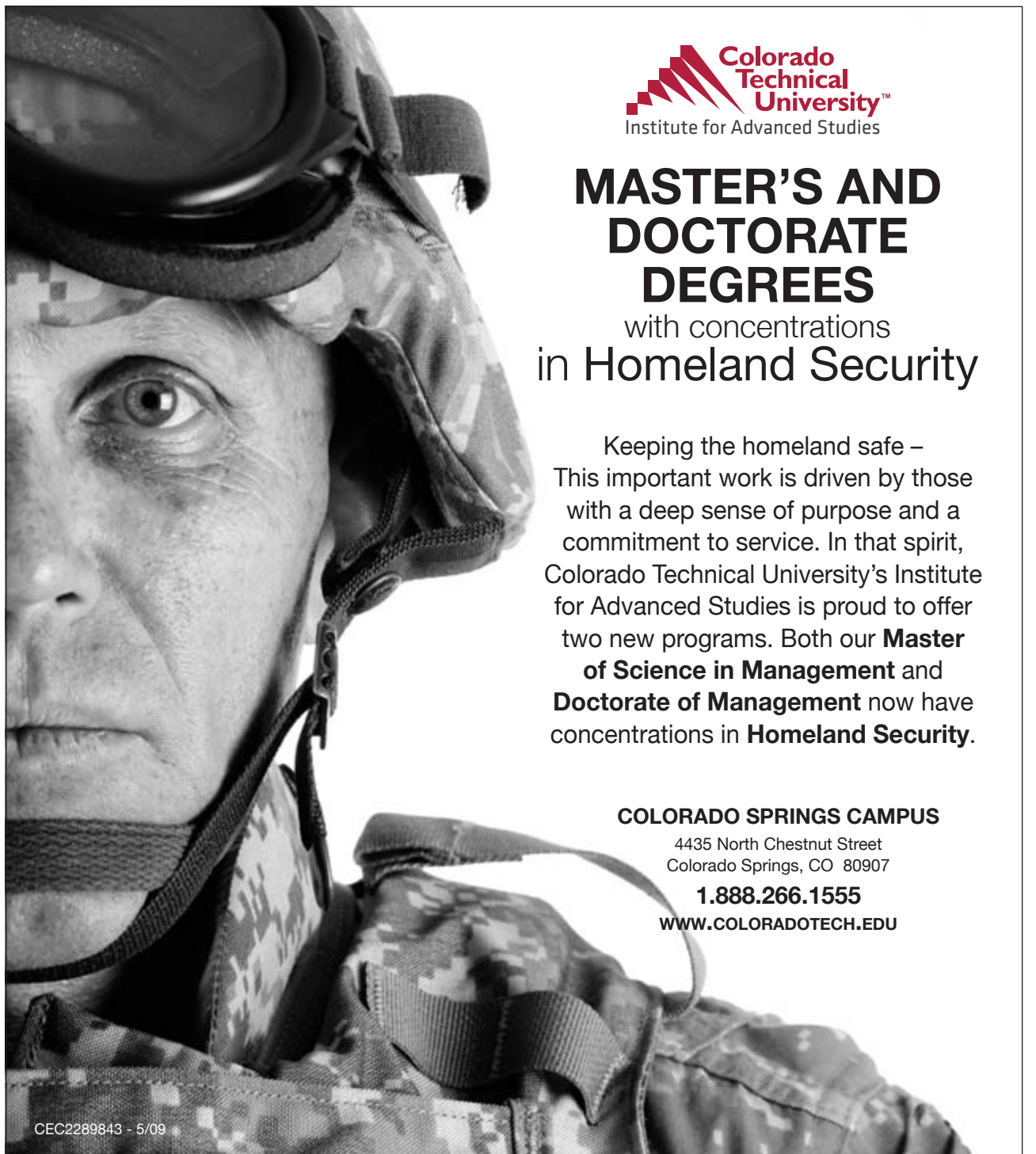
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# Tinker Airmen make their mark in *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*

By 1st Lt. Kinder Blacke  
552nd Air Control Wing Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFNS) — Airmen with the 552nd Air Control Wing's E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System here had a unique mission recently: helping Autobots fight off Decepticons in support of worldwide security.

As seen in the newly released movie, *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*, an E-3 Sentry aircrew played an integral role in fighting off the "bad guys" and ensuring the "good guys" reign victorious in the action-packed Hollywood film released June 24.

The E-3 crew is shown in action doing what they do best: providing command and control information to senior leaders to help support national and worldwide security.

This was not the first time the 552nd ACW Airmen were asked to participate in a "Transformers" film. In 2006, the 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron sent a crew to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to film for the first "Transformers" movie, released in 2007.

After using the E-3 in the first film, Director Michael Bay decided to include it again in the sequel. In September 2008, Airmen from the 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron, along with a crew of support personnel, travelled to Holloman AFB, N.M., to participate in the filming of this summer's movie.

"Mr. Bay was very aware and impressed with the E-3 and what it



Courtesy Photo

Actors Tyrese Gibson and Josh Duhamel take a break while on the set *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* at the White Sands Missile Range, N.M. In between takes, the stars spent time talking to Airmen from the 552nd Air Control Wing and thanked all of the servicemembers who supported the film.

provides to combatant commanders in theater," said Lt. Col. Jimmy Warren, the 965th AACS commander and project officer for the trip. Colonel Warren was the mission crew commander during the scene filmed on the E-3.

"Filming the scene on the E-3 was a little stressful with the lights, cameras and recording equipment," he said.

Senior Airman Joseph Dunk, a

964th AACS airborne surveillance technician, agreed.

"You hear 'Action!' and your adrenaline gets going a bit, and then you just hope you don't mess up when the camera comes around," Airman Dunk said.

Fortunately, the words flowed easily since the script was similar to what the Airmen would say on a real mission. Mr. Bay worked with the crew

to come up with the dialogue.

"He let us write our own lines for a more accurate representation," said Capt. Mitchell Mayes, a 552nd Training Squadron instructor air weapons officer.

"Once the communications started inside the E-3, the crew began speaking as if we really were providing command and control during a

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# Firefighter Challenge ensures firefighter fitness

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

After Friday and Saturday's Firefighter Challenge here, the Academy firefighters are readying for the World Firefighter Challenge in November.

"This is the first Air Force base to host a regional firefighter combat challenge event," said Ken Helgerson, Academy deputy fire chief. "There has been one other event at another installation, but it was closed to the public. This event brought in competitors from as far away as Florida."

The Firefighter Combat Challenge was originally developed to find an exercise routine directly related to the job that would ensure the fitness of the firefighters. Performing the tasks in order ensures a great workout and makes for difficult competition.

Although not a requirement, the competition showcases the skills of our firefighters, said the deputy fire chief.

Among last week's approximately 150 firefighters competing, Academy participants included Airman 1st Class Steven Cimochoowski, Dan McAuliffe, Staff Sgt. Tanner Derosier, Tech. Sgt. Aaron Duggins, Elaine Perkins, Andrea Caraway and Airman 1st Class Jessica Morehouse.

Every competitor who trained for this event was a volunteer. Each primarily used this course to prepare for the rigors of structural firefighting.

"This event was unbelievable," said Mr. Helgerson. "We were able to encourage 28 of our firefighters to participate, which not only increased their level of physical fitness, but also enhanced their fire-fighting skills. In addition, the level of community involvement was incredible, from sponsors of the event to the numbers of local competitors."

The firefighter combat challenge involves a specific training regimen involving common firefighting skills, but to put them all together to compete requires intense training.

"Our firefighters will continue to train until the national championship in October, and through the world championship in November," Mr. Helgerson said.

The department responds to a variety of emergencies, including more than 500 responses already this year involving medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, mountain rescues as well as structural emergencies.

The event drew a large number of interested spectators.

"We estimated the crowd on the first evening at 500, which was great considering the storm that moved in just as we were ready to begin," said the deputy fire chief. "The Saturday crowd was over 1,000. I think the event was so successful because the venue is so beautiful, and it was well advertised in the media."



Photos by Mike Kaplan

Team USAFA relay member firefighter Steve Hardman finishes hoisting a 45-pound hose up a five-story tower.



USAFA GI's relay team member Staff Sgt. Tanner Derosier, left, hands the baton to Airman 1st Class Steven Cimochoowski who's ready to take on the Keiser Force Machine which simulates a forceable entry into a building.



Firefighter Mark Caraway of the USAFA Anchors relay team takes aim at the volleyball-sized target during the relay.

Right: Airman 1st Class Mathew Murrell drags the 175 pound lifesize 'Rescue Randy' the final leg of the relay with moral support from his teammates.







Photo by Dave Alschwede

# Class of 2013

From Page 1

New basics had their own motivations, preparations and goals for attending the Academy.

"It was a tough decision," said Basic Cadet Michael Duff, who hails from Illinois.

There were, however, aspects of the Academy which particularly appealed to him.

"There is an honor code, and everyone will have as much drive to succeed as I do," he said.

He prepared for the physical demands of Academy life by running and performing push-ups. In high school Basic Cadet Duff, the potential chemistry major, played baseball and football.

He was both excited and nervous about the days ahead, but he got a good night's sleep in preparation for the first day.

Basic Cadet Andrew Oury traveled from Wisconsin for in-processing by himself. He, too, had a good night's sleep, through the bed and breakfast program where Academy volunteers provide a comfortable bed, good food and camaraderie before in-processing.

He wants to major in physics but is unsure about flying. He is sure about his choice of schools.

"I really wanted to have a career in the Air Force, and this is the best place for training," he said.

Basic Cadet Rachel Allison from Gettysburg, Pa., would like, eventually, to major in English and fly helicopters.

To prepare for BCT, she has been running about four miles a day, plus doing push-ups and crunches.

The daughter of two Air Force members always considered the option of attending the Academy.

"The aspect of service is very drawing," she said.

Basic Cadet Karolyn Capes from Jacksonville, Fla., was also accepted at the Naval Academy.

She wants to major in aerospace engineering with a minor in Arabic or Spanish.

"I really, honestly wanted to get an education and

serve my country," she said.

There was no lack of pride as parents stood by as the basics boarded buses.

"He's wanted to be in the service for a long time," said Patrick O'Connor, Atlanta, Ga., whose son William is a member of the new class.

He described his son as a disciplined person, strong student, good with people, and having a "great sense of humor."

Cadet cadre do the lion's share of planning and implementing BCT. Training began in March.

"It is 100 percent professional, all the time," Cadet 1st Class Marshall Wills, BCT cadet commander, said. "We want to make these the cadets the best they can be."

Cadet cadre members follow a strict script and procedures when interacting with the new basics.

Cadet Wills said BCT is an opportunity for upperclassmen to leave their imprint on the new class, beginning with the bus trip and formation on the painted footprints at the foot of the core values ramp, symbolic of those who have gone before the new incoming cadets.

First impressions are lasting ones.

"We set the tone for the new class. This is a huge responsibility," he said. "We are very proud of the legacy we will leave behind."

During the first day, the new basics turned in medical records, had blood drawn, visited barbers and beauticians, underwent fittings for and picked up uniforms and other clothing items and organized items in dorm rooms.

During the next three weeks, basic cadets will be versed in Air Force heritage, honor, dining decorum, uniform wear, teamwork, the Airman's Creed and, of course, physical training.

It's rise and shine at 4:30 a.m. and lights out at 9 p.m.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

The second half of BCT, aka "2nd Beast," will be in Jacks Valley where basics will be tested in field exercises.

Steve Simon said in-processing has changed. Mr. Simon in-processed, when he attended the Academy, before Doolittle Hall was built and parents could accompany new basics the first day.

"I was unceremoniously dumped on the footprints by myself," he said with a smile.

Conversely, today new basics have their own, new challenges, he believes. During basic training now, basic cadets must forego technology on which

they have come to depend, including computers, cell phones and texting, MP3 players and even watches.

One thing hasn't changed: the desire to succeed and the ever-present anxiety of failing.

During BCT, Mr. Simon, standing with other class members near the post office in the dorm, was issued a pink slip.

"I thought it was over," he recalled.

The slip was a claim form for a package from home.

Mr. Simon became a member of the graduating Class of 1977 and now serves as the Academy graduate donor liaison.



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Photo by Rachel Boettcher



Photo by Mike Kaplan



## Creek

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houses offering similar services in the town's mining heyday.

Throughout the year Cripple Creek hosts festivals, fairs and live entertainment, both indoors and outdoors. Probably its most famous is Donkey Derby Days in June, featuring live descendants of the beasts of burden which hauled ore from the mines.

The city will honor military members Aug. 8-9 with ceremonies and multiple festivities suitable for families during its Cripple Creek Honors America's Armed Forces celebration.

The restored Butte Opera House on Bennett Avenue offers musicals, mysteries and classic melodramas throughout most of the year. *Godspell* is

playing through Sept. 26, and the melodrama *The Lost Soul of Cripple Creek* opens Oct. 2.

For active visitors, the area of Cripple Creek and its sister city Victor offers a wealth of outdoor activities, including hiking, wildlife watching, birding and bicycling.

Less active visitors can just "have a nice sit" on one of the many benches along Bennett Avenue and enjoy people watching.

Shoppers can enjoy browsing stores offering clothing, souvenirs, sweets, toys, antiques and gifts, all scattered on or near Bennett Avenue.

Visitors can choose from many types of overnight lodging in the area, some in hotels with casinos, others ranging from camping, bed and breakfasts and small motels to executive



Photo by Ann Patton

**The Cripple Creek & Victor Railroad offers visitors sightings of old gold mines.**

suites complete with private Jacuzzis.

To get to Cripple Creek, take Hwy 24 west to Divide, turn on Hwy 67 to Cripple Creek.

Bus service through the Ramblin' Express is also available, with several

pick-up points in Colorado Springs.

Before heading out from home, be sure to pack a must-have item—a camera.

For more information visit [www.cripple-creek.co.us](http://www.cripple-creek.co.us).

## Transformers

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wartime mission," Colonel Warren said.

"We just had to be ourselves and pretend like we were doing a real mission," Airman Dunk said. Then Mr. Bay could cut and paste sections of the footage together to get the desired effect.

Despite coming to the E-3 to film after an already-long day of work, Mr. Bay did not rush his time on the jet working with the crewmembers.

"He was genuinely interested in what we all do," Airman Dunk said. He came around the plane and asked everyone about their role on the jet, spending nearly three hours talking and filming for just a short clip in the movie.

"I don't think there could be any better way to make the armed forces feel appreciated than that!" Airman Dunk said about the experience. "It makes you feel really good about what you do."

Colonel Warren agreed, remarking how "outstanding" it was that Mr. Bay used Air Force assets in the movie, especially the E-3.

"We were able to showcase the best airborne

tactical command and control platform in the world," he said. "The best part about the whole experience was the actual filming of the E-3 scene in the movie and getting to see the behind-the-set dynamics of making a movie."

Not only did the crew see the movie-making process on the jet, they also spent some time on one of the movie sets built in the middle of the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

Captain Mayes was amazed by the amount of time and effort put into building the set. The movie production team gave the E-3 crew a tour around the war-torn town, which they had created out of wood, plaster and Styrofoam. The staff demonstrated some special effects and one of the staff members even started a fire, Captain Mayes said.

The Airmen got to stay on the set and watch the filming for a couple of hours.

"It's a pain-staking process to get that perfect shot, but now I know why the movies turn out to be so good," Airman Dunk said.

They even saw some of the action scenes being filmed.

"The explosions were incredible and very realistic," Colonel Warren said. "The debris was flying everywhere!"

In the midst of the excitement, the actors who were not involved in the current shot were hardly shy.

"Tyrese Gibson and Josh Duhamel were extremely nice and supportive of the military," Colonel Warren said. "Tyrese was very happy to see Air Force personnel since he was playing an Air Force special tactics chief master sergeant."

Airman Dunk also got a chance to meet the stars.

"They were really nice, down to earth folks," he said. "Some even got us water, which was a shock to me since they have people to do that for them. They expressed their thanks and were really grateful for what we do."

"It was a once in a career opportunity to rub elbows with Hollywood and tell the Air Force and E-3 story, and the 552nd ACW personnel who deployed in support of T2 represented the wing, group, and Air Force extremely well," Colonel Warren said.

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# Air Force hockey team welcomes newcomers

**By Dave Toller**  
Athletic Media Communications

The Air Force hockey team has to announced the eight members of the Class of 2013.

The Falcons welcome two defensemen, five forwards and one goaltender, as announced Monday by head coach Frank Serratore.

"I believe this to be a very solid freshman class," Serratore said. "We are not expecting them to lead us to the promised land, but we definitely need them to fill the voids in our lineup."

Air Force is coming off its third consecutive Atlantic Hockey Association championship, three straight trips to the NCAA Tournament and its first ever trip to the

NCAA Elite Eight. Air Force opens practice on Oct. 3 and the season begins Oct. 5 with an exhibition game vs. the University of Calgary at the Cadet Ice Arena.

**The new Falcons are:**

#4 Eric Artman, 5-9, 170, D, East Lansing, Mich./Topeka Roadrunners (NAHL)

#35 David Bosner, 6-0, 175, G, Chesterfield, Mo./Bismarck Bobcats (NAHL)

#14 Clinton Bourbonais, 5-11, 180, F, Whitmore Lake, Mich./St. Louis Bandits (NAHL)

#19 Stephen Carew, 5-10, 175, F, Eden Prairie, Minn./Owatonna Express (NAHL)

#18 Kyle De Laurell, 6-1, 180, F, Mission Viejo, Calif./Wichita Falls



Photo by Dave Alschwede

Wildcats (NAHL)

#11 Dan Durham, 5-11, 175, F, Chicago, Ill./North Iowa Outlaws (NAHL)

#27 John Kruse, 6-0, 180, F, Eden

Prairie, Minn./Owatonna Express (NAHL)

#24 Mike Walsh, 5-10, 190, D, Vernon Hills, Ill./Chicago Steel (USHL)

# Air Force volleyball adds eight freshmen to 2009 roster

**By Valerie Perkin**  
Athletic Media Communications

The Air Force volleyball team and head Coach Penny Lucas-White announced the eight members of the Class of 2013 who completed in-processing at the Academy June 25. The newest members of the volleyball program, who will promptly begin Basic Cadet Training, join 12 returning letterwinners from the 2008 squad.

Maile Lolohea enters the Academy after spending the 2008-2009 academic year at the USAFA Prep School. Prior to her stint at the Prep School, Lolohea was a first-team all-region and all-state selection for Highland High School, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Grace Konstanzer paced Woodbridge High School,

Irvine, Calif., to an undefeated, league championship in 2007, while Julianne Haun was a two-time team MVP and three-time all-area selection at Navarre High School, Navarre, Fla. Maiya Perich was an all-district honoree at James E. Taylor High School, Houston, Texas.

Jackie Bringman, Redondo Beach High School, Torrance, Calif; Briana Jones, Saint Ignatius College Prep, Chicago, Ill; Preslee Maki, Frenchtown High School, Florence, Mont, the daughter of Air Force football All-American Terry Maki, and Molly Frick Doherty High School, Colorado Springs, Colo., the sister of rising junior Emily Frick, round out the Falcons' incoming class.

The Falcons open the season Aug. 28-29 at the LaSalle Invitational in Philadelphia, Pa.

## Husky Athletics seek volunteer wrestling coach

The Air Force Academy Preparatory School is soliciting a final call for a volunteer wrestling coach for the upcoming 2009-2010 season (Oct. 15-March 10, 2010).

This opportunity will allow for working with exceptional athletes and help mold them into future officers of character. Last season, the Huskies finished 7th in the nation—producing four National Collegiate Wrestling Association All-Americans and a National Champion.

**Description:** Head Coach responsible for all aspects (budgeting, scheduling, logistics, conditioning, and competition) of a 10-to-12 man wrestling squad and a 15-meet season.

**Qualifications:** Division I wrestling experience, coaching experience, availability 3 to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, weekend travel, attendance at local/regional/national competitions.

Contact Prep School Athletic Director Lt. Col. Ken Korpak, at: [kenneth.korpak@usafa.edu](mailto:kenneth.korpak@usafa.edu), 333-2291.

# Med Group #1 dowses Fire Dept., 25-18

**By Dave Castilla**  
Intramural Sports Director

The former six-time intramural softball champions Medical Group #1 showed why they are still a top program by coming from behind to defeat the fire fighters 25-18 in Monday night action here.

Medical Group opened the scoring with a Mark Lomenick sacrifice fly followed by a two-run blast from James Heller.

The Fire Dept. quickly turned things around with a seven-run first inning. Firefighters loaded the bases on an error and two singles. With the bases loaded,

Derrick Damien and Jackie Jacobs drove in a run apiece prior to Ken Helgerson landing a three-run homer over the left field pole putting the firefighters up by three.

The medics counter punched with five runs in the second. Two of the medic's five runs came off of errors allowing the medical to regain the lead.

The Fire Dept. kept pace scoring four additional runs, off two, two-run homeruns from Damien and Gilhooly put CES up 11-8.

The medics scored one in the third inning as Chet Bryant lead off with a single. A few batters later, Fred Walker hit a triple off the center field

fence driving in Bryant.

The Fire Dept. only managed to score one third-inning run; Helgerson hit a triple to right and came home on a base hit from Horace Conney.

After holding the medics scoreless in the fourth, the Fire Dept. put up four more runs after a base hit from Damien and a double from Jacobs. Travis Perkins laced a two-run single to center followed by a two-run home run by Helgerson pushing their lead to 16-10.

Medics closed the gap in the bottom of the fifth with Fred Walker driving in two runs with a double off the left field fence and a sacrifice fly hit by Heller.

CES only managed a run in the

bottom of the fifth after a single by Hans Barkley, Damien blasted a triple to right center driving in Barkley.

The medics secured the game in the sixth inning scoring eight runs. Walker started the scoring on a sacrifice fly and Mark McKenzie finished the scoring with a RBI base hit to left.

After Fire Dept. was held scoreless in bottom of the sixth, the medics added four more runs in the top of the seventh.

The firefighters only managed a one-run comeback attempt in the bottom of the seventh as Lee Simms tripled down the left field line, Rob Sanders drove him home for the final run of the game.

**Track and Field**  
EUGENE, Ore. - Former Air Force standout Dana (Pounds) Lyon collected the Falcons' best finish of the day at the USA Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore. Lyon, one of two Academy graduates to compete at the national meet Saturday finishing fifth in the javelin throw.  
Paul Gensic, a 2005 Academy

graduate, tied for 13th in the pole vault with a clearance of 17'8½". Discounting the ties, Gensic's height was the fifth-best clearance of the day in that event.  
Nick Frawley attempted a personal-best clearance of 17'8½" on the meet's opening height, but was unable to clear the bar in the three chances allowed.  
At the junior national champi-

onship meet, which is also took place at Hayward Field, Paige Blackburn picked up a 14th-place finish in the javelin. During her second event of the weekend, she finished 16th in the shot put during the competition.  
James Walmsley picked up an impressive sixth-place finish in the 5000-meter run with a time of 14:59.66.

**Intramural Softball**  
June 29th  
MDG#1 30  
10 CS 2  
MDG#1 25  
10 CES 18  
SFS Rain  
DRU/MSS  
June 30th  
MDG#2 11  
DRU/MSS 9

**RETIREES** 21  
MDG#3 6  
**306 FTG** 23  
MDG#3 12  
**STANDINGS** Won Loss  
1. RETIREES 7 1  
2. MDG#1 6 2  
3. MDG#2 6 2  
4. 10 CES 6 4  
5. DRU/MSS 4 4  
6. 10 SFS 3 3  
7. 306 FTG 4 5  
8. 10 CS 2 7  
9. MDG#3 0 10





### Tobacco Seccession

If you or someone you know is a tobacco user, there is help. The Academy Health and Wellness Center is offering a Tobacco Cessation class. This class is taught by health promotion technician Dirk Spaulding July 9 at 12 p.m. or 5 p.m. Call 333-3733 to reserve a spot.

### Cooking Demo

Learn how to prepare healthy and delicious dishes. Receive free recipe cards for the presented meal, Healthy Heart Cookbooks, and sample the food. Call 333-3733 to reserve a seat for Wednesday at 5 p.m.

### Grand opening change

The grand opening of the AAFES main exchange in the Community Center has changed to July 24.

### Track repair

The repairs on Husky Field Track will continue through July 15. For safety reasons, the track is unavailable for use during the construction period. Call

Tricia Borsos at 333-3400 for more information.

### 'Meet Me in the Park'

Fit for the Future "Meet Me in the Park" is held from 9-11 a.m. every Tuesday at Pine Valley Park and every Thursday at Douglass Valley Park through July 30 where parents join their children in physical activities and a healthy snack. For more information, call 333-7957

### Sponsors needed

Sponsors are still needed for Preparatory School students for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Prep School is designed to prepare students for admission and success at the Air Force Academy. If you are a 0-3, E-7, GS-07 or NSPS equivalent and above or general contractor and would like to apply to sponsor one or more of these students, please contact Cleo Griffith at 333-3057 or e-mail [cleo.griffith@usafa.edu](mailto:cleo.griffith@usafa.edu).

### Academy Flea Market

By popular demand the Academy Flea Market will be held twice monthly through July and August. The dates are as follows: July 18 and 25; and, Aug. 15 and 22. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot between the Academy Exchange and the commissary. Set-up time is 8 a.m. Spaces are \$10

each, \$15 for front to back space with auto and table rental is \$5. Call 333-2928 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays for more information or to reserve a space.

### Spaced out?

There's space available at the Milazzo Center and Community Activities Center downstairs for functions. Rooms are available for military functions, retirements, promotions, dining in/out, off sites, meetings and training sessions, etc. Call 333-2928 to make an appointment to visit facilities.

### A&FRC offerings

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will host the following classes during July:

#### Group Pre-Separation Counseling

Held every Monday (except during TAP week) - Friday, July 13, 20; 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.

#### Smooth Move

This class is set for 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday and from 3 to 4 p.m. July 14. Being prepared certainly lessens the stress of an upcoming move. Learn innovative ways to make your move a smooth one. This is a mandatory class for individuals departing the Academy.

### Medical records review

Monday and July 27; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the DAV review his or her medical records.

### Sponsorship Training

Thursday and July 14; 8 to 9 a.m. This class is for those who have been assigned to sponsor a newcomer to the area. Contact your unit sponsorship monitor for details.

### Newcomer's Orientation & Information Fair

Monday; 9 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

Mandatory orientation for all newly assigned Academy personnel. Spouses are welcome to attend. Event held at the Milazzo Center.

### Resume writing

July 15; 9 to 11 a.m. Learn different types of resume and cover letter styles and how to improve your own.

### TAP Seminar

July 28-31; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Separating in a year or retiring in two years or less? Call now to reserve your spot in the next available TAP class.

### Red carpet tour

July 24; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This informative, base tour gives newcomers insight into the mission and reveals much of what there is to see and do at the Air Force Academy.

### You're hired!

July 22; 8 to 11 a.m.

This 'how-to' e-networking course will cover online networking sites, netiquette, and making online connections. Popular networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and others will also be featured.

Contact the A&FRC @ 333-3444 for any questions or to register.



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### Academy hosts July 4th fireworks

The Air Force Academy plans an evening of family-oriented games, music and fireworks to celebrate the nation's birthday.

The celebration is open to the general public.

Events start at 5 p.m. on the Academy athletic fields, with numerous paid activity games, including bouncy houses, climbing walls and a bungee trampoline, as well as food and beverage vendors.

Music will be broadcast by the Academy's cadet radio station, KAFA 97.7FM, before and during the fireworks show. The Blue Steel combo of the Air Force Academy Band will perform from 8:50 to 9:20 p.m.

The fireworks demonstration will start at approximately 9:30 p.m. and is expected to last 20 minutes.

Visitors can bring cameras, lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas, and sealed plastic water bottles. But, visitors cannot bring coolers, barbecue grills, pets other than working service dogs, or fireworks. Water and portable restrooms will be provided.

Visitors attending the event should enter the Academy through the North Gate, Exit 156-B off of I-25, July 4. Parking will be available at and near the cadet field house, but carpooling is recommended. Traffic is expected to be heavy before and after the event. Those traveling to and from the Academy should expect delays and plan accordingly.

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

### CADET CHAPEL

#### Catholic Masses:

##### Sunday

Confession - 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Mass - 10 a.m.

##### Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament - 5:30 p.m.

Confession - 5:30 p.m.

Mass - 6:30 p.m.

##### Weekday

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

#### Protestant Services:

##### Sunday

Combined Worship - 10 a.m.

#### Jewish Services

No public services through Aug. 2, 2009

#### Buddhist Worship

No public services through Aug. 2, 2009

#### Muslim Prayer

No public services through Aug. 2, 2009

Call 333-2636 for more information

### COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

#### Catholic Masses:

##### Saturday

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.

Mass - 4 p.m.

##### Sunday

Mass - 9 a.m.

Religious Formation - 10:15 a.m.

(September - May)

##### Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

#### Protestant Services:

##### Wednesday

Wednesday Night Live - 6 p.m.

Dinner followed by Religious Education

(September - May).

##### Sunday

Evangelical - 10:15 a.m.

Gospel - 11:30 a.m.

#### Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality:

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