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A Jim Bowman, Inc. Construction employee descends the side of the 150 foot-tall Cadet Chapel after performing maintenance Tuesday to some of the building's 17 spires. The chapel, which was dedicated in September, 1963, receives maintenance work periodically to keep the structure in peak condition.

Cadets experience fifth-generation fighter

By Butch Wehry
 Academy Spirit staff

Cadet 3rd Class Jacob Mueller was viewing the future from the F-35 cockpit demonstrator in Fairchild Hall on April 23.

"Just seeing the technology and capabilities really reaffirmed my desire to fly," said the Cadet Squadron 23 aerospace engineering major from Canon City, Colo. "It is amazing to see what the war-fighter is and will be capable of. The F-35 will be more pilot-friendly. By integrating more systems into an easier user interface, the F-35 allows pilots to focus more on the fight and less on the information."

The presentation was a popular educational and awareness asset designed for use with controlled, small audiences in order to gain maximum exposure to the revolutionary capabilities of the F-35 at a grass roots level. Cadets were encouraged to visit with the Lockheed Martin team and experience the capabilities of this cutting edge, fifth-generation joint strike fighter aircraft.

The cockpit was so real that Cadet 3rd Class Chris Reichelt felt he was actually in an F-35 cockpit.

"I was very surprised at how simple it was to fly. The Cessna 150 I fly back



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Cadet 3rd Class Chris Reichelt views the future from the cockpit of an F-35 simulator.

home seemed more difficult to fly. The performance was also very impressive," said the CS-4 astronautical engineering major from Lanexa, Va. "I flew at over mach one for quite some time and was able to do high-G maneuvers easily. The avionics are perhaps the most revolutionary aspect of the aircraft."

The aircraft is entirely computer

controlled. Three touch screens are placed in front and swapped roles easily.

"Information is displayed in a clear and concise format, which is very nice for the pilot," said the cadet whose hope is to be an A-10 pilot. "The helmet visor acts as a Heads Up Display and is able to display all flight information. Acquiring

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Combat public affairs: a day in the life

By Master Sgt. Marilyn Holliday
353rd Special Operations Group
Public Affairs

DAEGU AIR BASE, Korea (AFPN) — What began as a routine MC-130 flight to snap photographs of special tactics personnel jumping from the aircraft into the waters of the Yellow Sea quickly became a combat search and rescue mission.

You see, I was a passenger aboard an aircraft belonging to the 353rd Special Operations Group and part of a group of Airmen who had traveled to Daegu for our operational readiness inspection. Our home base is Kadena Air Base, Japan, and our major command is Air Force Special Operations Command.

At the completion of the flight, an AFSOC inspector promptly gathered the 9-member crew, me, the legal advisor and the chaplain, all passengers, and read an inject card which read something like, "Your plane has crashed and miraculously the aircrew, the public affairs and the judge advocate general have all survived. Unfortunately, your chaplain was killed."

After the initial shock that our chaplain was "simulated" dead, I realized that this was the beginning of a night in the woods for us. We were taken to an undisclosed destination that was our "simulated" crash site.

Along the way, I found out that all of the aircrew members were extremely excited about surviving and evading.

There was some conversation about the two passengers who had no hands-on survival training. The talk centered on ensuring that we knew that we would be taken care of every step of the way. The crew was equipped with gadgets to help us find our way -- food supplies, maps, water, cold weather gear and even blankets.

As soon as they were told that we had survived, the crew was given three minutes

to grab whatever they would have grabbed if there had been an actual crash. Then, onto our undisclosed destination.

There we found out that one of the crew was injured. He was given first aid and his arm splinted and bandaged. We then traveled about 200 paces to a location to take cover, hydrate and most importantly call for help. It was assumed that the crew had already communicated a distress signal before crashing.

We continued our march, trying to be as quiet as possible while staying together and staying out of the sights of the enemy. We covered another 200 paces and stopped again. It was there that we learned that ground forces could meet up with us for rescue at a particular rendezvous point and block of time. It was our mission to get to those coordinates at the designated time.

At this stop, aircrew members explained to us how the global positioning satellite worked. They also reminded us of the particulars that we would need to remember when we eventually would be rescued. There were signs and countersigns that would alert our rescuers of our authenticity.

From there we trudged through sand and water, another 400 paces. There was discussion about moving the large group to the designated coordinates on time being no small feat.

This time scouts were sent ahead to ensure the safest route to our rescue coordinates. These same scouts would signal our rescuers.

We made it to the rescuers, eventually. We had trekked through sand, dirt and water. After rescuers ensured our authenticity and took us on a short ride in the bed of a pickup truck, "End Exercise," was called.

From there we all climbed in a bus and rode back to our starting point. During the ride home, the inspector provided feedback on all of the steps exercised in the scenario.

It was then that I realized that it is definitely a privilege to serve in the U.S. military.

We exited the bus and headed back to check in at work. We had just spent nearly seven hours learning what it would be like to crash land and have to fend for ourselves. The scenario was not at all far-fetched. I regularly fly with the 353 Special Operations Group during joint combined exercise training as well as real-world missions hoping to capture moments in time on my digital camera. It's my job to tell the Air Force story through photographs and words as it's written by my fellow Pacific air commandos.

It'd never really considered what it would be like to crash on a routine training mission.

It's no secret that we all complete annual ancillary training, even survival, evasion, resistance and escape computer-based training. But quite often we take our training and others' even more intense training as another hum-drum requirement. I never had been a part of anything quite like this and I had no idea what to expect. My inspector claims he had no idea either.

I'll admit that the thought of spending a few days in the woods did not sound like fun to me. And, I'll also admit that the thought of eating bugs and sleeping in the cold was not tops on my fun-things-to-do list. But, I have to admit that this survival scenario has been my favorite portion of the inspection, along with being the most humbling.

Granted, I was never at fear for my life or face-to-face with the enemy, but I feel I have a better understanding of what so many service members must feel like as they defend our country behind enemy lines.

I didn't take any photographs to remind me of the mission, but I do have one more story to tell about the training and operational readiness of my fellow Pacific air commandos.

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Character Corner How safe is your watermelon patch?

By Chaplain (Maj.) Rives Duncan
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There was a man who owned a large watermelon patch and, during the summer, he made some extra money by selling them from his truck along the side of the road. Around the middle of the summer, just as the melons were ripening, he noticed footprints in his garden and soon realized that someone had been stealing his juicy produce.

Determined to put an end to the stealing,

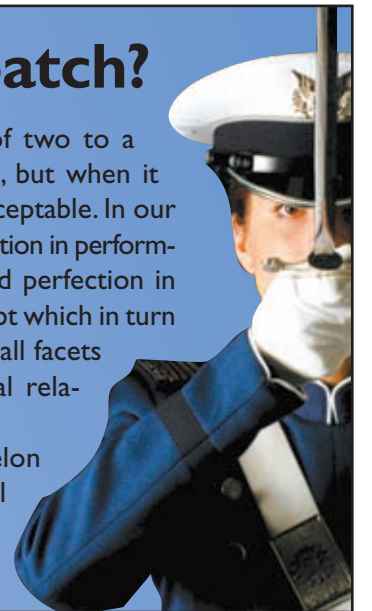
he posted a large sign, complete with skull and crossbones, that read, "WARNING: One of the watermelons in this patch has been poisoned."

The next morning he went out to inspect the patch and, as far as he could tell, none of the watermelons had been stolen. He smiled inwardly with the success of his sign and began to tend his garden. He hadn't been working long before he noticed that someone had written something on his sign.

Curious, he stepped closer and read, "Now there's two."

In many things, the odds of two to a thousand might be pretty good, but when it comes to life or death it is unacceptable. In our profession, we don't require perfection in performance of duty, but we do demand perfection in integrity. Any breach creates doubt which in turn erodes trust which undermines all facets of our lives—including personal relationships.

How safe is your watermelon patch of integrity? Would you feel safe eating from it?



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If you had to give up all your electronic devices except one, what would it be?



"My stereo equipment. I'm a musician and play electric bass and bass trombone."

Dan Cervone
Retired Air Force



"My cell phone. I need it to call home."

Cadet 1st Class Laura Millener
Cadet Squadron 30



"My cell phone. It will keep me in touch with the people I know and work with."

Master Sgt. Mike Moreno
21st Security Forces Squadron
Peterson Air Force Base



"I could pretty much get rid of all of them."

Jennifer Morris
Spouse of Air Force veteran



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and shooting down targets is literally point and click.”

He liked the unique ability to look through the aircraft. Sensors mounted on the bottom and sides allow him to turn his head or look down and see what was below him.

“This would be a great feature in a combat situation and trying to determine where enemy fire is coming from,” said Cadet Reichelt. “Everything about the aircraft is impressive from its vertical takeoff capabilities to its avionics. It is truly an exceptional fighter.”

The Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II is a single-seat, single-engine, stealth-capable military strike fighter, a multi-role aircraft that can perform close air

support, tactical bombing, and air-to-air combat. The F-35 has three different models; one is the conventional takeoff and landing variant, the second is short-takeoff and vertical-landing variant, and the third is a carrier-based variant.

Some Lockheed Martin Corporation officials told Lt. Col. Lance Avery, Academy Operation Concepts Division, that delivery of the first operational models may be in about 18 months to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Then the initial cadre of instructors will have to be selected and trained, and the training curriculum will be developed along with the appropriate Air Force Instructions.

“It will still be some time before these aircraft are available in enough numbers to sustain wartime operations,” Colonel

Avery said. “Today’s Academy grads will still be able to build an entire career flying F-15 and F-16 ‘legacy’ fighter aircraft.”

There are some differences of opinion on how younger pilots will be fed into the F-35 pipeline.

“One option is to put new pilots fresh from undergraduate pilot training into legacy fighters until they gain approximately 50 hours of flight time before moving into the F-35,” he said. “Another option is moving them straight to the F-35 out of UPT. Apparently, this is the same controversy that surrounded the F-16 when it first became operational. Old F-4 pilots did not believe new UPT grads would be able to handle the new fighter and thought the new pilots should spend time cutting their teeth in the F-4.”

The new UPT grads performed just fine in the F-16.

“It still remains to be seen how this will be worked out for the F-35, but as an indicator, some fresh UPT grads have recently been assigned directly to the F-22 Raptor and will attend training at Tyndall AFB, Fla.,” Colonel Avery said. “These opportunities are few and obviously reserved for the best performers at UPT, which pretty much means only the ‘top stick’ in the UPT class will have that choice.”

The F-35 and F-22 are presently considered to be the world’s only “fifth-generation” fighter aircraft, following the idea that fighter aircraft have progressed from 1st generation World War I era biplanes, to second-generation World War II era P-51s and P-47s, to third-generation

Korean War/Vietnam era F-4s and F-105s, to today’s fourth-generation F-14s, F-18s, F-15s and F-16s.

The fifth-generation fighters are designed and built with integrated stealth technologies, state of the art computer systems, and dramatically increased engine power, range and ordinance capacity, allowing unprecedented aircraft performance and weapons targeting and delivery. There is also much more usable information available at the pilot’s fingertips to increase situational awareness and speed up the time critical decision making process.

“The phrase ‘this ain’t your grandpappy’s airplane’ definitely applies here,” said the colonel. “These fifth-generation aircraft are capable of defeating any existing aircraft threat with ease and will ensure the U.S. stays on top in strategic attack, counterair and counterland operations.”

JSF is a joint, multinational acquisition program for the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and eight cooperative international partners. Expected to be the largest military aircraft procurement ever, the stealth, supersonic F-35 Joint Strike Fighter will replace a wide range of aging fighter and strike aircraft for the United States Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and allied defense forces worldwide. The program’s hallmark is affordability achieved through a high degree of aircraft commonality among three variants: conventional takeoff/landing, carrier variant and short takeoff/vertical landing aircraft.



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An F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter takes off for its initial flight Dec. 15 over Fort Worth, Texas.

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Nominees get the goods on Academy life

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Appointees: Leave your calculator at home during Basic Cadet Training.

"You will have very simple math," Tech. Sgt. Christopher Bell, NCOIC for BCT, told Academy nominees during orientation in Arnold Hall Monday.

He stressed counting push-ups will not require a calculator and that the Academy will provide for most, if not all, their needs during BCT, even down to socks, underwear and toothpaste.

During the three two-day orientations this month, appointees, family members and friends were briefed on cadet life, academics, athletics, honor, airmanship, in-processing and basic cadet training, which begins in earnest as soon as appointees get off the bus by the Core Values Ramp June 26.

The second day of orientation, appointees attended classes and took in fare in Mitchell Hall with cadet escorts.

"We're excited about this class," said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni. "The Class of 2012 is shaping up to be exceptional."

General Regni stressed a degree from the Academy is comparable to any Ivy League education—and more, since the Academy requires 147 credit hours for graduation, 20 or so more than other undergraduate schools.

He anticipates 1,325 to enter as the new class, 1,050 directly from high school and the remainder from preparatory schools, prior enlisted ranks and 16 international cadets.

Commandant of Cadets Brig. General

Susan Desjardins briefed appointees and family members on the importance and process of developing officers of character and thanked the appointees' parents.

"We thank you for sending us your best," she told them. "You have given us some amazing men and women."

General Desjardins said a few weeks on the Academy will bring about noticeable changes in their sons and daughters. "You'll like what you see," she said.

Honor Code chairman Cadet 1st Class James Hayes, Cadet Squadron 13, explained the code, which is run solely by cadets, and urged them to begin thinking about it now.

"It's about doing what's right, even when it's tough," he said. "The Academy is serious about preparing you, and we have to have an aspect of trust in the military."

Nominee Josh Stanley, hailing from Virginia Beach, Va., is the oldest of four brothers and is looking forward to entering the Academy.

"I am going some place different, and I can attend one of the best schools in the country," the soccer player said. "I've wanted to come here as long as I can remember."

His mother, Kathie, recalls that even as a small child he dressed up in military garb.

Dad, Gene, is with the Virginia Air National Guard and will miss him.

"It's hard to think of sending him out, Mr. Stanley said. "But maybe they can teach him to clean his room."

Corydon Butler, from Williamsburg, Va., visited the Academy in January.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," he said.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Cadet 1st class James Hays briefs nominees, family members and friends on the Honor Code.

"And I got a good image of the Academy?"

He accepted his nomination three weeks ago and plans to continue his athletic career here as a distance freestyle swimmer.

Mr. Butler grew up in a medical family and plans to major in biology. But his greatest goal is flying.

If his career path turns to medicine, however, he has a head start.

"I can tolerate the blood and guts," he said.

Katie Regan, from Plano, Texas, received a nomination for the Naval Academy as well but has signed her acceptance to come here. She is looking to major in astronautical engineering and becoming a pilot and astronaut.

Even with 14 years of strenuous ballet training, Ms. Regan has still been running and working out to prepare for BCT.

"I'm a little nervous but excited, too," she said of entering next month.

Ms. Regan's mother, Cheryl Regan, is also pleased at her daughter's nomination.

"I'm excited she's getting to do what she wants to," Mrs. Regan said. "Serving her country is very special."

Ms. Regan's grandfather was a Navy pilot, and her great grandfather was a

Medal of Honor winner.

Steven Collins, from Colorado Springs, feels he has a hand up for entering the Academy because of his experiences at Northwestern Preparatory School and Pikes Peak Community College.

"It was a big help," he said. "It will take the shock out of it."

His career goal: "Definitely fly."

His dad, Joe, with the Colorado Air National Guard, is very proud of him.

"This is a very big deal," he said of his son's nomination.

Tyler Blessing, from Denver, visited the Academy previously on a recruiting trip.

His grandparents, Helen and Warren Hanks from Littleton, Colo., accompanied him to orientation.

"I'm proud of him. And scared to death," Mrs. Hanks said, referring to the requirement to jump in the pool from the high dive.

"I'm proud of him, too, and believe he will do very well," Mr. Hanks said.

Sporting a goatee, Mr. Blessing has accepted his nomination and has a good notion of what the summer will bring.

"It's going to be difficult," he said. "I hate shaving every day."

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Academy volunteers recognized in annual ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Tim Jenkins
Academy Spirit staff

The Academy recognized 24 volunteers for outstanding volunteer service at the Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony April 25 at the Falcon Club.

"The Academy holds a volunteer recognition awards ceremony annually to recognize dedicated volunteers," said Ms. Jeannie Lopez, who has been the Volunteer Resource Program manager since 2004. "In 2007, more than 500 volunteers devoted more than 72,000 hours to the Academy. Our volunteers give so much of their time and talents; I believe that an annual recognition ceremony is the least we can do to show them how much we appreciate them."

This year's National Volunteer Week began Sunday and ends Saturday. The ceremony, which was attended by more than 250 people, recognized those who volunteered their time to activities such as the American Red Cross, Medical Retiree Activities Office, Academy Thrift Shop, Airman's Attic and Community Center Chapel.

Also recognized at the ceremony was Jane Diehl, a volunteer at the Academy for more than 30 years, who passed away recently. She was best known for her volunteer work at the 10th Medical Group Women's Health Clinic.

"She will be missed by all those who knew her," said Mrs. Lopez before requesting a moment of silence for Mrs. Diehl. "If you didn't have the pleasure of knowing her, you missed out on meeting someone truly remarkable and special."

Mrs. Diehl was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award, posthumously, at the ceremony.

In all, there are 527 registered volunteers on the Academy, not including cadets, who also work on a lot of volun-

teer community projects during the school year. The value of the Academy's volunteer work was symbolized with a check presented at the ceremony by Ms. Lopez to Col. Jimmy McMillian, 10th Air Base Wing commander. The check, made out in the amount of \$1,516,726.27, represents the value of the Academy's volunteer work throughout the past year.

"For an installation this size, to have more than 500 consistent volunteers is great," said Ms. Lopez. "Our theme this

year was 'Inspire by Example' and I hope that others are inspired to volunteer on base or in the local community by the example our volunteers have set."

"Volunteers contribute their time and talents and ask for nothing in return," said Ms. Lopez. "I believe that the selfless act of assisting others is the volunteers' greatest reward."

For more information on volunteer opportunities, call Ms. Lopez at 333-3168.

The following were recognized at the ceremony for their volunteer efforts:

Ross Meyer

Outstanding Academy Volunteer Award-Retiree 2007-2008

Charles "Chuck" Ulmer

Outstanding Academy Volunteer Award-Retiree 2007-2008

Heidi Mauk

Outstanding Academy Volunteer Award-Family Member/Civilian 2007-2008

Robin Connors

Outstanding Academy Volunteer Award-Family Member/Civilian 2007-2008

Kristen Cabanting

Outstanding Academy Volunteer Award-Youth 2007-2008

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Lt. Col. John Doherty

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Senior Master Sgt. Robert Nolen
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Volunteer Excellence Award Recipients - 2008

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Tammy Duhs Sylvia Emmons
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Donald Heitman Cathy Hart
Sherry Klayton Stacy Kluckman
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SECAF discusses alternative energy initiatives

GENEVA (AFPN) — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne championed Air Force alternative energy initiatives at the Third Aviation and Environment conference Apr. 22.

Speaking on a panel on carbon emissions with senior leaders in the aviation industry, Secretary Wynne described the problems faced by the Air Force in regard to aviation fuel.

"Today the petroleum market is controlled by a small handful of producers. This leads to higher costs and less price stability," he said.

Part of the Air Force's response, he said, has been to diversify its supplier base for energy needs. This includes seeking out alternative sources of aviation fuel and encouraging new suppliers to enter the market.

"Our goal is not to become a producer of synthetic fuels. It is to provide a stable market for fuel that will entice industry to develop the means to produce it for us," Secretary Wynne said.

He highlighted that the B-52 Stratofortress long-range bomber was certified to fly on a synthetic fuel blend

as of August 2007. He also noted that certification to fly the B-1 Lancer and C-17 Globemaster III on synthetic fuel blends is currently underway.

The Air Force has not yet found a single perfect solution.

"The search for new fuel sources must be treated holistically," he said. "We must find the right mix of fuels that provides us with greater energy independence and meets our need to lower our carbon footprint."

Secretary Wynne stated that as a consumer of nearly \$6B in aviation fuel annually, the Air Force considers the full life cycle of aviation fuel — from extraction to processing to consumption — in its decision-making. He said fiscal and environmental considerations are different at each step in the life cycle.

Other factors must also be accounted for, said Secretary Wynne. For instance, he encouraged the audience to consider how using bio-fuels on a large scale could affect food prices, land use and water resources. He also suggested that much is unknown about how various synthetic fuels affect aircraft engine life. For instance, due to residual deposits and gumming problems, bio-based fuels increase maintenance costs. However, cleaner burning coal-to-liquid based fuels can substantially reduce maintenance costs.

During his remarks, Secretary

Wynne reiterated the Air Force's goal of certifying the entire Air Force fleet for synthetic fuel blends by early 2011. He related this goal to the Air Force's mission of enhancing sovereign options for the United States.

Responding to questions after the panel, Secretary Wynne emphasized how the private sector is an important partner for Air Force alternative energy initiatives. He also noted that civil and commercial innovation often follows military sponsorship of technology "mega-projects."

"Developing a process that will produce new clean synthetic fuels is an ambitious goal," Secretary Wynne said, "but we have a good track record of succeeding at this sort of project. The military has a unique ability to overcome start up costs that commerce cannot.

"From the Manhattan Project that gave us nuclear energy, to the Atlas Rocket Project that led to commercial space, to ARPAnet that paved the way for the Internet, the military has often played an important role in moving the technological ball forward," the secretary said.

"What the Air Force is doing today is paving the way for the aviation industry to become less dependent on an expensive and unstable energy sources and implement more environmentally sound practices," he said.



KAFA 97.7 FM added webcasting to its broadcast services Thursday.

The radio station teamed up with the Academy's Association of Graduates to offer webcasting at www.kafa.usafa.org to provide its programming live, world-wide to Academy graduates, cadet families and anyone interested in a behind-the-scenes listen to one aspect of cadet life.

KAFA 97.7 FM is a noncommercial, cadet-run radio station which plays alternative rock, and offers original programming and coverage of special events, all targeted to the cadet age group. The radio station also plans to broadcast live on graduation day, with live programming starting at 7 a.m., until the ceremony begins. Live coverage of the ceremony will follow the pre-grad show.

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DoD officials announce new relocation tool for families

By Barbara A. Goodno
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — It's almost peak moving season again for military families, and Defense Department leaders want families to know new resources are available to help.

"Plan My Move," soft-launched in late summer, is the next generation of DoD's Military Homefront tools to provide an integrated "e-moving" solution, officials said.

Moving to a new community can be a stressful event for all service and family members," said Leslye Arsht, deputy under-secretary of defense for military community and family policy. "This tool helps to ease that burden. It will put our servicemembers and their families in direct contact with those who can help every step of the way, from their current home and community to the new one."

When the user enters the current location, the new location and the departure date into the new application, it generates installation overviews, a three-month planning calendar, valuable travel and arrival checklists, as well as important points of contacts and family program information, Ms. Arsht said.

The Plan My Move tool is designed to coach servicemembers and their families through the entire moving process, step-by-step. And while most moving takes

place over the summer, it's never too early to start a plan, Ms. Arsht added.

Special features of Plan My Move include:

- A planning calendar with useful information that can be customized to meet the unique needs of each move;
- Decision tools, such as best communities to live in, best schools, and affordable housing, based on data from military and civilian comparative community studies;
- "Smooth move" tips;
- Special calendars for moving to or from an overseas location; and
- Information about moving with a special-needs family member.

In addition, families will be able to access 55 directories of programs and services on installations worldwide, from the barber shop to DoD schools to the family center; maps and driving directions to most locations on the installation; overviews, photo galleries and must-know information for each installation included in the database; current local weather conditions; and extensive local community point-of-interest information.

"We're very excited about this new e-moving resource for our servicemembers and their families," Ms. Arsht said. "Change is always challenging, but we can make it easier. This new application is one more way to support and serve those who sacrifice so much for our nation."



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Matt Proietti

Sprucing up the Air Force Memorial

More than 50 volunteers from Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 300 in Washington D.C. gathered on the grounds of the Air Force Memorial April 19 to help spruce up the site. Dedicated on Oct., 14, 2006, the memorial honors the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Air Force and its predecessor organizations. The wall bears the inscriptions of combat campaigns and expeditionary operations and contains the words of Air Force leaders that relate to the service's core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. The memorial is located just outside the nation's capital in Arlington, Va., adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery and overlooking the Pentagon.

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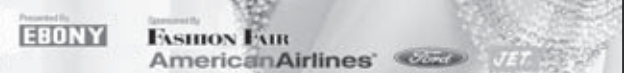
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SecAF emphasizes small business contributions

By Sherry Pittinger
Academy Director of Small Business

In his March 26 letter, Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne commended the operational commands for awarding between 40 to 75 percent of their contract dollars to small businesses. However, when this is combined with the systems, space and large sustainment and service acquisitions the Air Force achieved between 15 to 17 percent. This is significantly below the DoD's statutory requirement of 23 percent. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) has asked the Air Force to improve small business performance toward meeting the DoD goal.

Secretary Wynne goes on to state that we can and must do more a crossed the entire acquisition portfolio to grow and strengthen the Air Force Small Business Program and improve the contributions to achieving DoD's goal

Mr. Ronald Poussard and the major command Small Business Directors have kicked off a "Beyond Goals" campaign to focus on the contributions of small businesses to the Air Force mission and priorities. They have designed a strategic plan that creates an environment to promote small businesses as solutions of choice to meet mission needs not just to meet a percentage goal. They are focusing on creating small business options and solutions for the customer, improving market

research data, knowledge and tools to better support strategic sourcing and increasing leadership awareness of small business capabilities and contributions.

Secretary Wynne concludes his letter stating that to accomplish SAF/SB and the MAJCOM Directors effort, he is charging

each Airman from the Headquarters and Secretariat Staffs, to MAJCOM Commanders, Program Executive Officers, customers, contracting officers and purchase card holders to become part of the small business team.

As a way of assisting everyone in this

role, the Academy Director of Small Business, Ms. Sherry Pittinger has opened a "Resource Library" in Bldg. 8110 which serves as a great starting point with market research in locating sources for products or services. For more information, call Ms. Pittinger at 333-4561.



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Bringing the honors home

Cadet 1st Class Erik Gonsalves, with the Academy's aerobatic team, presented the team's trophy to Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins for the Cadet Wing Monday in Mitchell Hall after finishing the 2008 season with a third place finish in the International Aerobatic Club's 2008 Collegiate Cup. The team also competed in the 2008 Copperstate Invitational in Marana, Ariz., March 28-28. Cadet 3rd Class Brandon Burfeind was recognized with the highest score by a first-time sportsman competitor (both powered and glider).



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Coach shares playbook for success

By Airman 1st Class C.J. Hatch
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AFP) — Luke AFB Airmen received advice from the head football coach of the U.S. Air Force Academy during a visit to Luke AFB April 18.

Troy Calhoun returned to the Academy as the head coach in December 2006, after a 10-year absence from the Falcon coaching staff. He replaced Fisher DeBerry, who was the head coach for 23 years.

After graduating the Academy, Mr. Calhoun joined the Falcon coaching staff as the Falcon's recruiting coordinator and the junior varsity offensive coordinator. After serving six years as an officer in the Air Force, Mr. Calhoun left the Academy football team to coach at Ohio State University. He also spent time in the NFL coaching for the Denver Broncos and Houston Texans, before deciding to return to the Falcons as head coach.

Mr. Calhoun came to Luke AFB for an orientation flight at the invitation of his Academy friend, Lt. Col. Scott Gierat, 310th Fighter Squadron commander.

Before his flight in a F-16 Mr. Calhoun had breakfast with 20 Luke AFB Airmen where he shared some of his life experiences and advice.

"There are parallels between football and working active duty," Mr. Calhoun said. "Every day you need to be a quality worker, and the Air Force, by in large, has many."

Mr. Calhoun gave Airmen four points to remember throughout life.

"First, it starts with integrity," he said. "In every relationship, from co-workers to friends, people have to



Staff Sgt. Melissa McCool assists Troy Calhoun, Falcon head coach, with his face mask prior to an orientation flight April 18 with the 310th Fighter Squadron. Sergeant McCool is a 56th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight journeyman.

know you're going to be honest with them."

Then one needs passion, Mr. Calhoun said. It's never just one foot in; the whole soul has to be in it.

"Whatever job you do, do it to the best of your ability," Mr. Calhoun said. "You may be smaller than someone, but you can out-perform anyone who lacks passion."

Mr. Calhoun went on to talk about the importance of having a plan while staying flexible.

"In football we have game plans," Mr. Calhoun said. "At times, plans don't work just the way they should and we improvise; we use the resources we have and we push forward."

The final thing Mr. Calhoun commented on before leaving was perseverance.

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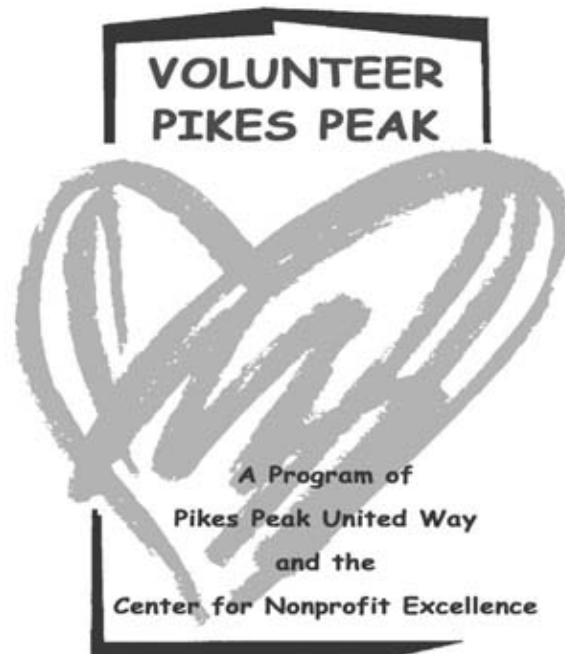
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Air Force receives last GPS IIR satellite

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — The Air Force received the last in a series of GPS IIR(M) satellites from Lockheed Martin during an recent fly-out ceremony at the Lockheed Martin facility in Valley Forge, Penn.

“The IIR satellites have been great,” said Lt. Col. Doug Schiess, operations officer for the 2nd Space Operations Squadron. He represented the 50th Space Wing at the ceremony. “One of the things they’ve done for us is allowed us to reduce our operations tempo. We used to have to do two supports per day on all GPS satellites, but the IIRs have allowed us to go down to one support per day.”

The IIR satellites require less support because they have improved autonomous capabilities. The primary autonomous capability is a IIR redundancy management function, which tracks and manages the satellite’s subsystems. Internal tests are run regularly and components can be autonomously swapped if a failure is detected.

The IIR series of satellites also has been more robust. After nearly 11 years since the first IIR satellite was launched, all the IIR satellites remain operational and are still on their primary clocks.

“We have multiple clocks for redundancy on each satellite,” Colonel Schiess said. “Our older IIA satellites are on their second or third clocks, but we haven’t had to change a clock yet for the IIR satellites.”

This robustness makes the satellites more likely to live beyond their projected design lifetimes, which means more utility for taxpayers’ dollars.

When GPS IIR(M)-20 launches this summer, it will be the 19th IIR satellite in orbit. Of those 19 satellites, seven are the newer IIR(M) models, which provide an additional signal called L2C for civilian use and additional military code, or M-code, signals.

“The M-code is a modification that the Air Force asked Lockheed Martin to do after they had the GPS IIR contract,” Colonel Schiess said. “The M-code provides anti-jam capability, and as we saw we were going into a jamming environment, we



Photo by Stephen B. Griffin

Employees at the Lockheed Martin plant in Valley Forge, Pa., prepare GPS IIR(M)-20 for shipment to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

knew we’d need the capability sooner than it would have been available on the GPS IIF satellites.”

Lockheed-Martin specialists, at the request of Air Force officials, pulled some of the satellites that were ready for launch out of storage to add the M-code, flex

power and L2C capability.

GPS IIR(M)-20 also will transmit on a frequency called L5, which is primarily designed for aviation safety-of-life applications.

“Lockheed-Martin modified this satellite (per the Air Force’s request) to transmit on the L5 frequency so we can demonstrate to the International Telecommunication Union (the United Nations body that governs use of satellite communication frequencies) that we’re using the frequency,” Colonel Schiess said. “We had to start using the frequency or we’d lose the ability to say it’s ours.”

The L5 payload aboard the IIR satellite will provide a demonstration signal that secures exclusive protection of the L5 signal spectrum for U.S. use.

GPS IIR(M)-20 is the last IIR(M) satellite the Air Force received due to the L-5 modification, but it will not be the last IIR(M) satellite to launch. GPS IIR(M)-20 is scheduled to launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station June 30. The last IIR(M) satellite to launch, GPS IIR(M)-21, is scheduled for liftoff Sept. 11.

VA to call combat veterans with info on care, benefits

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs began contacting nearly 570,000 recent combat veterans Thursday to ensure they know about VA’s medical services and other benefits.

“We will reach out and touch every veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom to let them know we are here for them,” said Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. James Peake, a retired lieutenant general who served as Army surgeon general. “VA is committed to

getting these veterans the help they need and deserve.”

A contractor-operated “Combat Veteran Call Center” will telephone two distinct populations of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, officials said. In the first phase, calls will go to an estimated 17,000 veterans who were sick or injured while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. VA officials will offer to appoint a care manager to work with them if they don’t have one already. Care managers ensure veterans receive appropriate care and

know about their VA benefits.

For five years after their discharge from the military, these combat veterans have special access to VA health care. The department screens combat veterans for signs of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. VA personnel have been deployed to the military’s major medical centers to assist wounded service members and their families during the transition to civilian lives.

The new call center’s second phase will target 550,000 Afghanistan and Iraq

veterans who have been discharged from active duty but have not contacted VA for services. Once contacted, veterans will be informed about VA’s benefits and services. The initial calls will be made by a private contractor, EDS, which specializes in technology services to improve business. If needed, VA employees will make follow-up calls, officials said.

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Airmen 'all in' to fight today's GWOT

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley have issued the following letter highlighting the contributions of America's Airmen:

Airmen,

This past Monday, the Secretary of Defense delivered an address at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., to the students of our Air War College and Air Command and Staff College. Initial press coverage of his remarks misrepresented the tone and content of his address.

Whereas some press reports characterized Secretary Gates as making a singular critique about one Service's commitment to the Global War on Terror, his remarks were instead focused on the need for innovative thinking from all the Services.

As Secretary Gates himself explained: "... I think if you read the text of the speech, you'll see that it's not a dig at the Air Force at all. In fact, a significant part of the speech was full of praise at what the Air Force had done in the Middle East and Iraq and Afghanistan and the whole theater." Secretary Gates challenged his entire Department and the leaders of every Service "to think out of the box" in continuous pursuit of better ways to deliver what is needed for the joint force in harm's way. The Air Force is well suited for that innovative pursuit. Every Airman

should take Secretary Gates' comments to heart and strive to find more and better ways for the Air Force to contribute to the War on Terror.

It is important for all Airmen to know Secretary Gates applauded Airmen for their significant contributions to the long war, just as he has praised America's soldiers, sailors, and Marines. It is also important for Airmen to know Air Force contributions are making a difference, and that Airmen continue to do everything possible to support the Secretary of Defense's priorities. He has asked all Services to accelerate transformational initiatives like those in the Quadrennial Defense Review, and the Air Force is doing just that.

In short, Airmen are "all in" to fight today's war on global terrorism. From strategy to tactics, the Air Force has leaned far forward to deliver instruments of national power in a rapidly changing world. Every able-bodied Airman—Regular, Guard, and Reserve—is fully deployable. Indeed, Airmen have filled over 524,000 deployments since the war began. Today, 24,000 Airmen are delivering a full spectrum of air, space, and cyber power to the Joint Force Commanders conducting operations in U.S. Central Command, every hour of every day.

Air Force engagement in CENTCOM's area of responsibility is only the tip of the iceberg. About

200,000-plus Airmen are in direct support of Combatant Commanders around the clock and around the globe to provide all with critical air, space, and cyber capabilities. Airmen are in the most dangerous places on the planet tonight to protect America. Airmen have been vital to the success of the Joint team in this critical Global War on Terror, while at the same time providing the global strength and deterrence that keep our enemies at bay and our friends assured.

The Air Force was born of an innovative spirit and a willingness to question the status quo. Airmen are applying that spirit daily to address America's challenges. In sum, our Air Force is 'in the fight' to win, and is deterring any aggressor from doing us harm while we succeed in the Global War on Terror.

We are proud of the hard work that you ... America's Airmen ... undertake every day. Secretary Gates has challenged us to continue to honor our heritage of innovation. The Airmen of the United States Air Force will succeed in meeting his charge.

Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force
T. Michael Moseley
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

The Contributions of America's Airmen

WASHINGTON (AFP) — From one Combined Air Operations Center in the area of responsibility, Airmen daily command and control a fleet of hundreds of U.S., allied, and coalition aircraft which provide every Joint Force Commander complete air coverage across a 27-country theater. Airmen produce and fly over 300 sorties a day over Iraq and Afghanistan, delivering precision strike, close air support, mobility, ISR, air refueling and aero-medevac. Just this past week, the Air Force surpassed one million sorties flown in the Global War on Terror. The Air Force has nearly 300 aircraft stationed in the Central Command AOR today, and Airmen operate out of over 60 locations. Intelligence reports indicate the enemy's worst fear is U.S. airpower; indeed, the majority of the dead or captured enemy leadership have been taken off the battlefield using the airpower capabilities provided Joint Force Commanders. In addition, Airmen are operating 68 Air Force satellites providing overhead intelligence, communications, and positioning continuously to every Joint Force Commander. Every 90 seconds, Airmen launch and fly an Air Force mobility aircraft from somewhere on the globe, providing vital combat logistics for the GWOT. Inter-theater assets have airlifted 2,500 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles to the CENTCOM AOR. Also, Airmen operate intra-theater airlifters that keep more than 12,000 people and 5,000 vehicles out of harm's way each



month. Moreover, in less than 10 months, Airmen developed and fielded a Joint Precision Airdrop System, allowing forward-based ground warriors in Afghanistan and Iraq to receive vital supplies daily with pinpoint accuracy in all types of weather to any remote location.

In the area of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, Airmen have pushed every available unmanned aerial vehicle to the AOR. The stated requirement is to provide 21 Predator Combat Air Patrols to CENTCOM by 2010, and Airmen beat that timeline by two years and with greater numbers—today we have 23 CAPs over Iraq and Afghanistan, . . . and we'll have 25 CAPs by June, and 31 CAPs by April 2009. General Petraeus, Commanding General, MNF-I, said this month "I don't know who the Predator pilots are here, but the Predator teams have just been doing unbelievable work down there and in Baghdad as well. And, I think there's some path-breaking work on going here....It has been really impressive." In

October 2007, Airmen fielded the first MQ-9 Reaper, with nearly twice the performance of Predator and 6 times the payload. In another example of Airmen enhancing the kill chain, the Air Force developed, fielded, and put in the hands of ground force commanders over 3,000 sets of Remote Operated Video Enhanced Receiver technology which provides real-time video situational awareness and pinpoints enemy positions. It is this development that is driving ground force demand for added coverage, and the Air Force is responding.

Airmen are also fulfilling other warfighting tasks in the AOR, as nearly 6,000 Airmen currently perform full-time duties in areas such as Detainee Operations, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and Convoy Operations. Saving lives, Airmen operate combat surgical hospitals that are saving 97percent of the wounded warriors that are airlifted to their operating tables—more than 50,000 since 2001. Building partner capacity, Airmen have built from scratch, in less than two years, a nascent Iraqi Air Force and Afghan Air Corps which now operate in combat alongside Iraqi Security Forces and the Afghan National Army. Embedded training teams filled by Airmen are performing such tasks as building the Afghan National Army's Logistics Command. Provincial Reconstruction Teams are being manned by Airmen; indeed, half of the U.S.-led PRT's in Afghanistan are commanded by Airmen.

Finally, often overlooked are the Airmen ensuring America's Air Sovereignty every day, now having exceeded 50,000 sorties flown over our skies defending the homeland since Sept. 11, 2001.

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Take path to safety on Academy trails

By Ernst Piercy

Chief, Fire & Emergency Services

Colorado could be considered a dream for lovers of the outdoors. There are endless opportunities to enjoy the sprawling views and breathtaking peaks, one of which is hiking.

Each year, thousands of people discover that walking and hiking on trails is safe and healthy fun. But, to ensure the best possible experience, people are encouraged to follow these tips:

— Learn about the terrain, conditions, local weather and your equipment before you start.

— Hike with a friend or family member. The companionship in the great outdoors is fun, and you can encourage one another to meet your fitness goals.

— Take plenty of drinking water. Leave stream, river and lake water for the wildlife. Although it looks clean and refreshing, mountain stream water can make you ill. Camelbacks make great additions to your hiking gear!

— Let someone know where you are going and when you plan on returning. Take a cell phone for emergencies only or to let someone know you have returned safely. It is also a good idea to pack emergency signaling devices like a whistle and a small mirror.

— A simple handheld GPS unit is a wonderful tool to have with you as well. A GPS unit will allow rescuers

or friends to find you easily should you become injured or lost.

— Don't walk off the trail. Cutting across switchbacks erodes the hillside and eventually destroys maintained trails; plus, walking off-trail increases chances of suffering an injury or getting lost.

— Wildlife lives in our forest. Although rare, black bears, mountain lions, and rattlesnakes may be seen. Whenever wildlife is encountered on the trail, keep a good distance, back away slowly and do not run.

— Poison oak is a common plant throughout much of Colorado. Learn to identify its shiny, three-leaf pattern and avoid touching it. If poison oak is touched, wash immediately with water and mild soap, and pat it dry with a clean towel. For those more sensitive to poison oak, it may help to keep some Benadryl cream or tablets on hand.

When you start as a group, hike as a group and end as a group; pace your hike to the slowest person.

In the last 12 months, Academy fire fighters have hiked into the mountains 11 times to rescue those who were in trouble. Most of these rescues resulted from people hiking alone, not bringing enough water or hiking off the trail.

Don't forget the weather – it can change quickly in the mountains. Fatigue and unexpected conditions can also affect your hike. Know your limitations and when to postpone your hike. The mountains will be there another day.



Cadets earn national collegiate skydiving record

By the 306th Flying Training Group

Forty-one cadets formed a mid-air formation during freefall, setting a new National Collegiate Large Formation Record March 29 above Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Airfield, Ariz.

The record was set by the Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue Parachute Team. It broke the existing record of 39 set by the same organization in March 2006.

The team consisted of junior and senior Air Force Academy cadets, with an average experience of 350 jumps. About half of the participants have never been a part of a formation larger than an 8-way prior to this record completion.

The record was set at the end of the squadron's annual Spring Break deployment. The cadets had been busy teaching basic skydiving skills to prospective new team candidates, as well as honing their own competition and demonstration skills. The last two days of the trip were set aside to attempt to break the existing collegiate record.

Although the team does not concentrate on large formation training throughout the year, it is widely recognized as "one of the most incredible team-building exercises in their Academy experience" according to the record's organizer, Maj. John Peschio of the Academy's 70th Flying Training Squadron.

"The overall goal of the exercise was safety and teamwork, not necessarily a completion," said the major. "Many of the techniques used to prepare and train were taken from World Team world record events, as well as other large formation events and organizers. The skills needed to complete a 41-way are much the same as needed to complete a 400-way so we didn't want to reinvent the wheel."

Future large formation plans for the team include a Sequential Collegiate Record where there are two formations completed on the same jump and the possible addition of U.S. Military Academy cadets from West Point to attempt a record of 50-plus collegiate jumpers.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justus Hanks

2008 AF Community Assessment Survey has arrived

By Maj. David Linkh

Air Force Medical Operations Agency

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Officials with the Air Force Integrated Delivery System and Community Action Information Board are sponsoring the 2008 Community Assessment Survey. This survey continues to be a critical tool for senior leaders in determining the strengths and needs of Air Force communities and informing community action planning at the installation, MAJCOM and Air Force levels.

The survey is for active-duty Air Force members, reservists and spouses of active-duty members. This year selected civilians are being included on a trial basis.

This survey is an opportunity for Air Force community members to provide input on their perceptions and

experiences in the Air Force. The results of the survey are used by installation, MAJCOM and AF-level IDS teams and leaders to target resources and promote resilience in Air Force communities.

Airmen at bases worldwide will be randomly selected to participate in the study. An invitation with a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out via the work e-mail address of each active duty, Reserve and civilian selectee. Participation is crucial to the success of the survey, so those selected are strongly urged to take part.

In acknowledgement of the importance of Air Force spouses, all spouses of active-duty Air Force members are encouraged to take the survey at <http://spouseafcasurvey.com/>. The access code is SpouseAFCA.

Survey results are analyzed and reported at the

local level to drive local change. Survey responses impact services and support activities. In fact, results from previous Air Force Community Assessments have impacted policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force, including:

- Expanding financial counseling programs for members and their families
- Revamping the installation deployment support process
- Increasing relationship enhancement programs for Air Force couples
- Improving services for children and youth

The survey, which began Monday and goes through June 30, is voluntary and anonymous. Questions about the 2008 Community Assessment survey should be directed to your local IDS team.

Photo by Ann Patton
Nancy Whitsel (left), Ann Stancil,
Sally Corey and Carol Hammond
recall fond memories of life in
the stone house.



Back home on the ranch

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Even curfew violations can lead to love.

Ann Margoes was in the Women's Air Corps in 1944 and stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base, Mich. She worked for the Provost Marshall, which administered, among other things, confiscated leave passes from the military police.

A young Master Sgt. Townsend "Stan" Stancil was in charge of a large group of aircraft mechanics who notoriously violated curfews.

At one point Ms. Margoes had 100 confiscated passes on her desk from that unit and contacted Sergeant Stancil.

"I told him 'They're YOUR men. YOU take care of them,'" she recalled.

He propped himself on the corner of her desk, and the two dug into the violations.

The sergeant continued to occupy the corner for many days until her commander complained. "I got him a chair after that," she said.

A year later Ann Margoes became Ann Stancil. They were married for 62 years until his death in 2005.

Sergeant Stancil served as the Academy's initial first sergeant and marched the first class of cadets up to the Hill. A pilot, he also served in Panama, the Pacific, the Berlin Airlift and Canada.

The Stancils lived in the stone house for 12 months spanning 1958 - 1959. The house now serves as the Equestrian Center's administration center.

Mrs. Stancil and her daughters Nancy Whitsel, Sally Corey, both from the Denver area, and Carol Hammond from Sun City, Ariz., re-visited their former Academy home Monday as part of the celebration of Mrs. Stancil's 88th birthday.

The daughters' brother, Tom, lives in Los Angeles.

"We had such a happy time in this house," Mrs. Stancil said. "We felt fortunate to be all the way out here."

The home originally had four bedrooms. One bedroom has been converted into space for a bathroom and closet.

The house still contains a full kitchen. Two bedrooms have been converted into offices, and one bedroom is intact for the assistant manager who cares for the horses in case of bad weather.

The house is now laden with equine posters, photos and regalia true to the center's mission. The



L-R: ANN, SALLY, NANCY, CAROL, MSgt STANCIL, TOM

Photo donated by Stancil Family

The Stancil family circa 1956.

Equestrian Center has been a horse ranch for more than a century.

Ms. Whitsel, then 12, had a private door to the outside and two windows which brought in an abundance of light.

"I felt like a queen," she said.

Carol Hammond remembers deer peeking in the window and Buttermilk, a favorite horse.

Mrs. Stancil said the kitchen was very different while her family lived there but the kitchen table is still in the same place.

"The living room seemed so much bigger to me," she added.

While the daughters enjoyed seeing the house itself, it was the "kid stuff" they seemed to remember best.

The daughters recalled how they would halter ranch horses and ride them bareback on Academy trails. They played in the creek running by the house, and Ms. Hammond remembers a pond carved out of the creek which served as a swimming hole. During that year the family also adopted a dog, their first.

"We made our own fun," Ms. Whitsel said. "We felt like pioneers."

The visitors, stables' manager Billy Jack Barrett, who has been on the Academy since 1967, and his assistant, Jeannie Springer, all shared their stories of people who had crossed the house's path. They talked of horses and horse trainers, rodeos, veterinarians and the house's owners over the years.

Mr. Barrett said the first owner of the house

was Col. Henry Leonard who built it in 1907 or before. Colonel Leonard, who had worked for Teddy Roosevelt, used the land to raise polo ponies for the Broadmoor. The raucous polo pony crowd included Spencer Penrose.

The stables area has been used continuously for more than a century for horses.

The mother and daughters also came bearing gifts to the Academy, their father's photos and his vintage flight helmet and goggles, which they presented to Paul Martin, Academy museum specialist, who arranged the house tour.

"I think it was a wonderful experience to see people remember life as kids living on the little ranch as the Academy was being built," he said.

As it closed, the visit proved wistful for the daughters.

"We've come a long way, haven't we," Ms. Corey asked her sisters.



Photo by Paul Martin

Master Sgt. Stancil's 1942 A-11 flight helmet and goggles were donated to the Academy by his family.

Air Force takes series with wild walk-off win

By Nick Arseniak
Athletic Communications

Air Force scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth to rally to a 11-10 win over Brigham Young University in a wild Mountain West Conference baseball game Saturday afternoon at Falcon Field. The Falcons improved to 15-25, 2-12, while the Cougars dropped to 16-26, 6-9.

K.J. Randhawa singled to center, scoring Nathan Carter for the game-winning run as the Falcon team erupted out of the dugout to mob both Carter and Randhawa. It was Air Force's second walk-off win in the series and their first MWC series win since taking 2-of-3 at Utah in 2005.

Trailing 10-8 in the ninth, Vai Schierholtz and Tyler McBride drew back-to-back walks. Nathan Carter then hammered the first pitch he saw from BYU reliever Brandon Michon, off the fence in left for a triple. On any other day, the ball would have been out of the park by a long shot, but with a 25 mile-per-hour wind blowing straight in from left, Carter would have to suffice with the two-run triple to tie the game.

Moments later, Randhawa came through with the single and game-winning RBI.

The Falcons overcame a tough day defensively, committing four errors. BYU also struggled with its fielding committing three of its own.

What started as a pitchers duel turned into a high-scoring see-saw battle till the end. The score heading into the sixth inning was 1-1 before the teams scored runs in every one of the last four innings.

BYU took an early 1-0 lead with a run in the second. Josh Meents hit his first home run of the year in the fifth, a solo dinger off a hanging changeup to right to tie it up.

The Cougars seemed to take hold of the game in the sixth, when they scored four runs to jump ahead 5-1. But the Falcons responded with two runs in the bottom of the sixth to cut it to 5-3. The see-saw battle was well on its way as BYU scored one in the seventh and Air Force responded with two runs in the bottom to make it a 6-5 game.

Both teams scored three runs in the eighth and then BYU went up by two with a run in the top of the ninth before the wild turnaround in the bottom half of the inning.

Air Force reliever Michael Ruvolo (5-3) picked up the win with 3.2 innings of gritty relief, allowing one earned run while striking out three. Falcon starter Jake Petro turned in a solid effort, going 5.1 innings and striking out three batters.

Michon (0-3) took the loss for BYU. Cougar starter Blake Torgerson went 6.2 innings, allowing five runs off nine hits.

The Falcons had 12 hits in the game. Randhawa, Meents and Jeff Abt had two hits for Air Force. Carter,



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Freshman right-handed pitcher Matt Barattino winds up for a pitch in the Falcons 22-0 loss to Brigham Young University in game two of a three-game series Saturday. Barattino pitched 3 and 2/3 innings, gave up 12 hits, allowed eight runs and struck out one. The Falcons took the three game series, 13-9, 0-22 and 11-10.

Meents and Addison Gentry also had two RBIs each. Carter and Jake Allen also scored two runs.

BYU had 13 hits on the day. J.T. Musso and Jonathan Cluff had three hits each for the Cougars.

Where are they now?

Grad leads USA to CISM hoops title

By Wayne Amann
AF ISR Agency Public Affairs

When he helped lead Air Force to the NCAA and NIT basketball tournaments in his junior and senior years respectively, smooth-shooting forward Dan Nwaelele was soft-spoken.

His reserved demeanor belied his play which spoke volumes on the court.

The 2007 grad, now a contracting officer stationed at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., is still a man of few words and a pure jump shot.

The former Falcon standout pumped in a game-high 25 points leading the United States Armed Forces to an 84-74 win over Lithuania in the championship game of the 48th annual Conseil International Du Sport Militaire tournament April 22 in the Chaparral Fitness Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

CISM is the largest authority for military sports activity in the world, comprising 130 countries.

Team USA trailed, 70-61, after three quarters when Nwaelele and company took control and outscored Lithuania 23-4 in the fourth stanza to capture the Red, White and Blue's first world military men's title since 1998, the last time Lackland hosted a CISM championship (boxing).

"The refs were calling a lot of travels, it was hard to adjust," the Bothell, Wash., native said comparing the college and international styles of play. "They let some stuff go inside the lane, and it got rough in there."

Despite the physical play, USA finished with 48

points in the paint compared to Lithuania's 26.

Nwaelele, who averaged a team-high 14.3 points per game his senior season at the Academy, poured in 15 ppg during the opening pool round of six games, all USA wins over Canada, Greece, Italy, Korea, Latvia and Lithuania.

In the single-elimination championship round, he scored a game-high 26 points as the USA bounced Korea, 106-100, in the semi-finals.

The 6-5 Nwaelele graduated from the Academy as the Falcons No. 2 all-time three-point percentage leader at 45.1 percent (97-215). In the CISM pool round he was 17-for-39 from beyond the arc (44.1 percent). In the two-game championship round he hit 11-of-20 from downtown (55 percent).

"You never forget how to shoot," Nwaelele said reflecting on his performance. "I put up a lot of shots. I've been working hard, trying to get better. That's what it's all about."

He was 97-for-119 at the free throw line his senior season (82 percent). He made 23-of-26 free throws during the CISM tourney (88 percent).

Nwaelele's offense paced USA's tournament-best 99.3 ppg team scoring average and earned him a spot on the CISM All-Tournament Team.

Amid his most recent on-court success, Nwaelele reflected fondly on his Falcon days.

"We (Class of '07) left our mark on the program," he said. "Hopefully, the guys there now can continue that legacy by working hard and improve on what's in place there. They're going to be good the next few years."



Photo by Alan Boedeker

USA forward and 2007 Academy graduate, Dan Nwaelele, drives along the base line against Greece, including Efstratios Nisiotis, 10, during the Conseil International Du Sport Militaire, April 17 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The Americans defeated the Greeks, 95-85, in overtime, on their way to winning their first CISM gold medal since 1998.

Air Force football earns top marks

The Air Force Academy football team, along with men's basketball, wrestling and men's and women's outdoor track and field were honored by the NCAA for being in the top 10 percent of their respective sports in the Academic Performance Reports (APR), released recently.

Air Force continues to be the leader in academic excellence among the Mountain West Conference. The football team's score of 975 ranked highest among the nine-team MWC. Air Force is one of only five football playing Division I institutions to post a four-year APR in the top 10 percent nationally while playing in a major conference

with the football bowl subdivision. Duke, Rice, Rutgers and Stanford are the other four.

Air Force football also tops the MWC in the other NCAA academic benchmark of graduation success rate. The Falcons have a 92 percent graduation success rate. The rate is more than 20 percent higher than any other school within the conference.

Falcons Wrap Up Competition at Drake Relays

DES MOINES, Iowa - The Air Force track and field team wrapped up competition at the Drake Relays on Saturday. Backed by a pair of top-10 finishes, three seniors and one sophomore competed in four events during the final day of competition of

the 99th running of the prestigious meet in Des Moines, Iowa.

Senior Kevin Hawkins and sophomore Sara Neubauer each picked up ninth-place finishes in their respective events. Hawkins clocked a time of 1:52.31 in the 800-meter run, while Neubauer posted a distance of 48'4¾" in the shot put. Senior David Lissy finished 12th in the discus throw

Academy grad prepares for U.S. Olympic Trials

By Athletic communications

Chris Knaute is undeniably one of the most decorated swimmers in Air Force history. In his tenure at the Academy, Knaute was a nine-time Mountain West Conference champion, two-time conference swimmer of the year and three-time NCAA qualifier. Yet upon his graduation in 2007, Knaute's career as a swimmer did not end. He, along with classmate Paul Parmenter, was admitted to the Air Force World Class Athlete Program.

The WCAP is a two-year program that provides Air Force personnel the opportunity to train and compete at national and international sports competitions with the ultimate goal of selection to the United States Olympic team. It targets athletes who have already achieved world class status in their respective sports. The program ends with the Olympic Trials or after competing with the national team at the Olympics.

Knaute started thinking about the WCAP as a freshman, when he earned all-conference honors in three events and captured his first MWC title. Some of his older teammates encouraged him to keep the WCAP in the back of his head, where it remained throughout his career.

"I first heard about [the WCAP] my freshman year, and that was probably the first time it ever stuck," said Knaute. "We had a great group of guys that graduated in 2004 who taught me a lot. A lot of them were saying, 'This guy's gonna be good,' and 'You should keep this World Class Athlete thing in the back of your head, so I did. I remember talking to people about it for a long time, for almost three years.'"

Finally, in his senior season, he and Parmenter competed at the U.S. Open,



Photo by Danny Meyer

Kris Knaute, a 2007 Academy graduate assigned to the Air Force World Class Athlete Program, is preparing for the U.S. Olympic Trials, which will take place June 29-July 6 in Omaha, Neb.

where they each earned Olympic Trial cuts, the first step in qualifying for the WCAP. Just before graduation, the two former Falcon swimmers discovered they had been accepted to the program.

Following their acceptance into the WCAP, Knaute and Parmenter headed to North Carolina. There they have been training at the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club, which has been designated a Center of Excellence by USA Swimming. Meanwhile, other swimmers training at the MAC include 2004 Olympians Mark Gangloff and Jeremy Knowles. Clearly, the former Falcons have surrounded themselves by some of the top names in the sport of swimming—something that would not have been possible without the WCAP.

"This is an incredible opportunity for [Chris and Paul]," said Air Force head coach Rob Clayton. "[They] were the

foundation of our team during their time here. This is just a great way for them to see what they can do when they spend a whole year when all they're doing is focusing on swimming."

While the past year has certainly been a learning experience for Knaute, training among some of the nation's best, the importance of his experience at the Academy has not been lost. Recently, Knaute spent several weeks back in Colorado on a training trip, working to improve on some of his fundamentals in an environment that has helped shape him into the swimmer he is today.

"I was in this program for four years, and I saw a lot of success and a lot of improvements," said Knaute. "I wanted to come back to where my roots are, to the kind of training that I'm used to and the guys that I feel comfortable around. When I go back to Charlotte, I'll be mentally

more relaxed. I'm fresh and I'm ready to go and I have a lot more confidence in my training."

In addition to providing a comfortable training environment for Knaute, the Air Force has given him something that few of his teammates enjoy—financial security. While other swimmers at the MAC have been forced to acquire second jobs or coach at the Aquatic Center to help work off their dues, Knaute and Parmenter continue to receive their lieutenant's pay and have nothing to worry about other than their current focus—swimming.

"Unlike most other swimmers after college, these guys have no financial concerns, because they're getting paid by the Air Force," said Clayton. "For Chris and Paul, they had the opportunity to pursue their dream of swimming in the Olympic Trials and earning a spot on the Olympic team. The Air Force is the one that's supporting them in that."

Just as important for these former Falcons is the fact that once they are finished with their Olympic journey, their future plans are already set. Knaute, who was slated to attend pilot training following his graduation, has a slot remaining open for him when his stint with the WCAP ends. Knaute's association with the WCAP will continue until the conclusion of the Olympic Trials, or the Olympics in August, should he be fortunate to qualify for the U.S. team.

For more information on the U.S. Olympic Trials, which will take place June 29-July 6 in Omaha, Neb., visit www.usaswimming.org. Meanwhile, to learn more about the Air Force World Class Athlete Program, visit www.usafsports.com/WCAP.htm.

Falcons fall to no. 18 Denver in season finale

By Melissa McKeown
Athletic Communications

In its lowest scoring output of the season, the Air Force lacrosse team dropped a 14-1 contest to 18th-ranked Denver Saturday afternoon at the Cadet Lacrosse Stadium. With the loss, the Falcons end their season with a 3-9 overall record and 1-4 mark in the Great Western Lacrosse League, while the Pioneers, who head into next weekend's GWLL Tournament, move to 10-5 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

Denver scored the first goal of the game with 10:23 on the clock in the opening period and held a 4-0 advantage after one quarter. The Pioneers' lead grew to 6-0, before junior Griffin Nevitt put the Falcons on the board with 5:20

to play in the first half. However, Air Force would not score again, while Denver closed out the second period with three unanswered goals and outscored the Falcons 5-0 in the final two periods.

While Air Force did manage to outshoot Denver for the game, 42-36, the Pioneers' three goalkeepers combined for 19 saves in the win. The Falcons also had the advantage on face-offs, as senior midfielder Reilly Smith won a career-best 13-of-18 face-off attempts (.722) in his final contest.

Leading the Pioneers' offense was freshman Jamie Lincoln with five goals.

Photo by Mike Kaplan

Senior Reilly Smith outruns a Denver player.



with a toss of 157'4", while classmate Josh van Wyngaarden clocked 9:31.14 in the 3000-meter steeplechase to place 15th.

The Falcons travel to Laramie, Wyo., on Saturday for the first-ever Front Range Invitational. Air Force will take on its counterparts from Colorado, Colorado State, Northern Colorado and Wyoming.



INTERCOLLEGIATE

Baseball

April 24-26 at AFA

Falcons 13 BYU 9
Falcons 0 BYU 22
Falcons 11 BYU 10

April 29 at AFA

Falcons 13 Colorado Christian 4

Lacrosse

April 26 AFA

Falcons 1 Denver 14

Track and Field

April 24-26 at Azusa, Calif.

Drake Relays

Parker Cowles, 10,000-meter run, 31:06.46, 2nd
Sean Houseworth, 5000-meter run, 14:08.65, 3rd

April 26 at Fort Collins, Colo.

Jack Christiansen Invitational

Terry Robinson, 110-meter hurdles, 14.55, 1st

Skylar Morgan, 110-meter hurdles, 14.75, 2nd

Scott Balcao, 5000-meter run, 15:46.45, 1st

Ryan Workman, 5000-meter run, 15:56.91, 2nd

Harmon Gage, javelin, 202'0", 1st

Connor Van Fossen, 180'1", 2nd

Hatton Updike, pole vault, 14'7 1/4", 2nd

Kyle Ellsworth, pole vault, 14'7 1/4", 3rd

Zach Nordahl, steeplechase, 9:55.36, 1st

Terry Robinson, 400-meter hurdles, 53.66, 2nd

Noah Palicia, John Payne, Kyle Meakins and Troy Jensen, 4X400-meter relay, 3:25.57, 3rd

Dan Paladino, hammer throw, 190'4", 3rd

Jessica Soto, javelin throw, 122'6", 1st

Rachel Miller, pole vault, 11'1 3/4", 3rd

Smithsonian puts UAVs on display

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Officials at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum unveiled a new exhibit April 24 of military unmanned aerial vehicles representing each branch of service.

Of the six UAVs on display, three came from the U.S. Air Force:

- MQ-1L Predator A
- RQ-3A Darkstar
- X-45A Joint Unmanned Combat Air System

"UAVs are the future of combat air forces," said Dik Daso, the museum curator for modern military aircraft. "This generation is familiar with UAVs and most of what they see here they'll recognize."

Each of the UAVs in the exhibit is unique in its individual accomplishments. For example, the Predator in the display was one of the first three MQ-1s over Afghanistan after Sept. 11, 2001. In addition, it was the first Predator to launch a missile in combat.

The curator said the Predator on display flew 196 combat sorties, racking up more than 2,700 flight hours, about the same number of flying hours Mr. Daso accumulated as a pilot during his 20-year Air Force career.

For one museum patron, seeing the UAV exhibit was a welcome surprise.

"The display looks great and it's amazing to see (the UAVs) in person," said Chicago native John Perseghin, who was visiting the Air and Space Museum with his daughter's class. "To me, it's obvious we need these in our military. They're important in doing things like reconnaissance without jeopardizing human lives."



Photo by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
An RQ-3A Darkstar (top), MQ-1L Predator A (right) and X-45A Joint Unmanned Combat Air System (left) hang in the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in a new exhibit of military unmanned aerial vehicles. The exhibit, which opened to the public April 24, includes six UAVs from all four services and will be on display for the next 10 years.

Mr. Daso said their goal is to inform museum patrons about the role UAVs play in modern warfare.

"We want to educate our visitors even more on what UAVs have done and what they currently do for us today," he said. "We used unmanned aerial vehicles

in World War II and Vietnam, but things like the Predator have utterly revolutionized the way our military fights. The UAVs in our display have significant combat histories and important stories to tell. That's why they're here."

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Holocaust remembrance

The Academy presents a Holocaust Remembrance Day event today at 4:30 in Arnold Hall. The event features guest speaker Dr. Walter Joelson, presenting "A Jewish Story of Survival in Berlin During WWII."

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Gary Davidson at 333-2636.

Fire, Fire, Fire!!!

In the past few months the Academy has experienced four small fires which were unreported initially but were reported to the fire department days after the fire occurred. The fire department wants people to know that all fires need to be called in to 911 immediately, even if they are extinguished. This is required to ensure there are no hidden fire areas that are smoldering and could reignite. Additionally, the fire department needs to document the fire cause in order to track fire trends



CADET CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Sunday

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

(or by appointment)

Mass - 10 a.m.

Weekday

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

Wednesday

Catholic Adoration - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Mass - 6 p.m.

Protestant Services:

Sunday

Traditional - 9:00 a.m.

Hill Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Jewish Services

Fridays - 7 p.m.

Buddhist Worship

Wed. - 6:30 p.m. - All Faiths Room

Muslim Prayer

Fridays - Noon - Muslim Prayer Room, Chapel Basement

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Saturday

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.

Mass - 4 p.m.

Sunday

Mass - 9:30 a.m.

Religious Formation - 10:45 a.m.

(Sept. - May)

Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Saturday

Contemporary - 6 p.m.

Sunday

Traditional - 8 a.m.

Gospel - 11:15 a.m.

Religious formation - 9:30 a.m.

(Sept. - May)

Military Academy Pagan Society

Third Thursday - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

(For more info, call TSgt. Longcrier at 333-6187.)

For more information, call 333-3300.

and educate base personnel in correcting any deficiencies that may be discovered. Each of the four fires did result in minor damage, but fortunately no one was injured. For more information, call the fire prevention office at 333-2473.

TAP Seminar

People separating in a year or retiring in two years can call the Airman & Family Readiness Flight to reserve a spot in the next available Transition Assistance Program class. The class guides people through building a resume, interviewing skills, networking, dressing for success and more. For more information, call 333-3444.

Tax assistance

The Academy Tax Center remains open past the traditional filing season in an effort to further assist redeploying Airmen. While this service is aimed at accommodating deployers, Airmen who have delayed in filing their taxes for other reasons may be seen on a limited basis. If you will receive a refund, there is no penalty for filing your taxes after the April 15 deadline. If you have taxes due, penalties and interest may be assessed. Airman can avoid these fines by submitting an extension request, along with a check for the amount of taxes owed. Even if a refund is anticipated, submitting an extension request is recommended to preserve any actions tied to a "timely filed" return. The Tax Center operates under the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which is designed to assist in the preparation of simple taxes. The tax preparers are prohibited from preparing business taxes as well as a few other types of taxes requiring specialized expertise. Hours will be limited. For more information call 333-3642.

CCAF graduation

The 10th Mission Support Squadron's Education and Training Flight hosts a Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony at the Base Theater today at 2 p.m. A reception follows the graduation in the Community Center Ballroom honoring graduates from the Academy. CCAF, the largest community college in the world, is a federally chartered, regionally accredited institution which offers Associate in Applied Science degrees related to the service member's Air Force Specialty Code. Enlisted personnel earn credits through Air Force technical training and voluntary off-base education programs. One of the major contributions CCAF makes to the base and to the nation is through mission readiness. Recent research indicates CCAF graduates and those working toward a CCAF degree tend to be promoted faster and achieve their AFSC skill level significantly faster than those members who do not participate in CCAF. Faster promotion and upgrade times mean having fully qualified personnel earlier and that equates to enhanced readiness and better personnel retention for the Air Force.

The Education and Training Flight cordially invites all base personnel to join the celebration. The Education and Training Office will be closed all day for the event.

Spouse appreciation

A Military Spouse Appreciation Day event will be held Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Armed Services YMCA at 2190

Jet Wing Dr. in Colorado Springs. The free event will feature hair cuts, cooking on a budget demonstrations, massages, fashion shows, lunch, crafts and more. Limited childcare is available with prior reservations. For more information, call (719) 622-9622.

Heritage Month Luncheon

The 2008 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon, themed "Leadership, Diversity, Harmony - Gateway to Success," is Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Falcon Club. The guest speaker is Grand Master Jhoon Rhee, the "Father of American Tae Kwon Do." Tickets are \$10 for club members, \$11 for non-members. For more information or for tickets, call Tech. Sgt. Linda Brent Sanderson at 333-9516, Staff Sgt. Ritchie at 333-7999, Senior Airman Carl Billado at 333-8300 or Airman 1st Class MariaBarreto at 333-1757.

Home buying seminar offered

The Academy presents a home buying seminar Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. in the 10th Civil Engineering Squadron conference room in Bldg. 8120 on Edgerton Drive. The class provides participants with essential information regarding the process of purchasing a home. The class is taught by experienced, licensed mortgage lenders, Realtors and inspectors. Topics covered include shopping for the right house, working with a Realtor, obtaining pre-approval for a mortgage, loan types (including VA), inspections, understanding closing costs and more. For more information call Aleasha Moore at 333-2247.

Qualification Board

The 2008 Air Force Reserve Brigadier General Qualification Board will convene at the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver Sept. 9. Although not a promotion board, it will identify AFR colonels who have the potential to be assigned to a Reserve general officer position and subsequently compete for promotion. AFR colonels who are currently serving in general officer positions when the board convenes are exempt from consideration. All AFR colonels assigned to the Selected Reserve, those serving in the Participation Individual Ready Reserve, those serving on extended active duty under U.S. Code 10211 and 12310 and reserve officers serving on limited EAD tours are eligible if they meet following criteria: A minimum one year time-in-grade as a colonel on July 9; at least 50 points accrued in each of the two most recent retention/retirement years closing out prior to June 15 and at least 50 points in four of the last five retention/retirement years (if the member's R/R date is between Jan. 1 and June 14, these R/R requirements must be met for R/R years closing out between 2004 and 2008; if the member's R/R date is between June 15 and Dec. 31, these R/R requirements must be met for R/R years closing out between 2003 and 2007); date of birth no earlier than July 10, 1954; mandatory separation date not earlier than Oct. 9, 2009; evidence of satisfactory completion of senior developmental education (any method must be updated in the Military Personnel Data System prior to June 9, (Completion of a one or two week orientation or a similar short course does not satisfy this requirement. Contact your education officer for

an inclusive list of applicable schools); and a lead officer with a DOS no later than Sept. 9, 2009.

HQ AF/REG will mail letters announcing the board to all AFR colonels who meet the eligibility requirement specified above. If you believe an individual is eligible and they have not received a letter by June 30, call AF/REG at (703) 695-6811.

For more information, call Maj. Rose Hoffman at (703) 695-6811 or Master Sgt. Purvis Alexander at (703) 614-5384.

MOA lecture

The Military Officers' Association of American presents a "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" lecture June 6 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. The presentation, given by the deputy director on the MOAA's national staff, is beneficial for those contemplating retirement or separation within three years. The lecture includes comprehensive information on resumes, cover letters, job search, networking, career fairs, interview techniques, salary negotiation, benefits packages, the current job market and other relevant and important transition topics. The presentation is geared toward officers, but those of all ranks as well as spouses are welcome to attend. All who attend will receive a free copy of the lecture's companion book, *Marketing Yourself for a Second Career*. For more information or to register, call 333-3444.



NCOA Job Fair

The Non-Commissioned Officers' Association will host a National Job Fair Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., in Colorado Springs. A free seminar, "How to Work a Job Fair," will be offered to attendees at 9 a.m. The NCOA invites retiring or separating military members and their family members to attend the event. People are encouraged to dress appropriately, bring resumes and be prepared to meet with over 40 local and national recruiters. For more information, call 1-800-662-2620, ext. 222, or visit www.militaryjobworld.com.

NORAD celebrates 50

NORAD will celebrate its 50th anniversary at the NORAD Golden Jubilee Gala Event at the Broadmoor Hotel May 12. The reception will be held at 6 p.m., and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Guest speakers at the event include Dr. Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Peter Gordon McKay, Minister of National Defense, and Dan Clark, motivational speaker. Dress for the event is mess dress or semi-formal for Air Force personnel, service dress whites for Navy personnel, service alphas for Marine Corps personnel, service dress white for Coast Guard personnel and dress blues, class A's with white shirt and bowtie or skirt with white shirt and black tie for Army personnel. For tickets, call the Isis Company at 635-7558. For more information, visit www.norad.mil/50.

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