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Basics battle it out during the culmination of Basic Cadet Training in Jacks Valley Saturday under the watchful eye of Cadet 2nd Class Michael Masiello from Cadet Squadron 4. For more coverage on the head-to-head competition, see Pages 14-15.

**New commander looks ahead**

By Staff Sgt. Tim Jenkins  
 Academy Public Affairs

The summer brought many new members to the Academy, the most recognizable being the more than 1,300 new basic cadets who arrived in the Class of 2012.



Col. Patrick Moylan

However, the 306th Flying Training Group also saw a new member arrive, in the form of a new commander.

Col. Patrick Moylan assumed command of the 306th in May. He came to the Academy from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he served as chief of operations for 19th Air Force.

“The United States Air Force Academy is an amazing place, and I’ve had a great time experiencing some of the activities of the incoming Class of

2012 to include their in-processing and swearing in ceremony,” said Colonel Moylan, the command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours including 344 combat hours.

“While the weather can be a challenge, I can’t imagine the site selection committee could have made a better choice than Colorado Springs,” he said. “The 306th has impressed me from my first visit back in November of 2006 while I was assigned to the 19th AF.

“(The 306th FTG) has a unique mission in the Air Force, and the Airmanship programs are among the key character building programs at the Academy. I’m very impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm of the officers, enlisted members, Reservists, as well as the many civilians who comprise this group. The job they perform on a day-to-day basis with the youngest flying Airmen in the Air Force, dealing with the tremendous challenges posed by the weather on the Front Range is absolutely extraordinary,” Colonel Moylan said.

The mission of the 306th is to establish the Airmanship foundation of tomorrow’s leaders by providing the world’s premier flying and parachuting experience. To accomplish this mission, the 306th is responsible for the soaring program, launching more than 15,000 sorties a year, as well as the parachuting and powered flight programs.

According to Colonel Moylan, his immediate focus is to continue to ensure, as one of the Academy’s Mission Elements, they’re fully supporting the mission to educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character in the Air Force.

“While there were some growing pains after the 306th Flying Training Group was moved under Air Education and Training Command, we’ve learned a lot since that time, and there’s been a lot of work done to ensure the Airmanship programs and this unit were seamlessly integrated into the Academy mission,” he said. “I’d like to continue to build on that work, to ensure

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# TRICARE awareness key to vacation planning

By Kristen Ward  
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

You worked hard all year and spent time planning your vacation. Now you're looking forward to some time away from home, whether it be in the mountains, at the beach or overseas.

While counting down the days until you leave and crossing off items on your to-do list, don't forget to consider your health care benefits. Sometimes, even the most meticulous planning won't prevent you or your family members from getting the most common illness while on vacation; such as sunburn, allergies, fever and motion sickness or accidents that may require a trip to a doctor or hospital.

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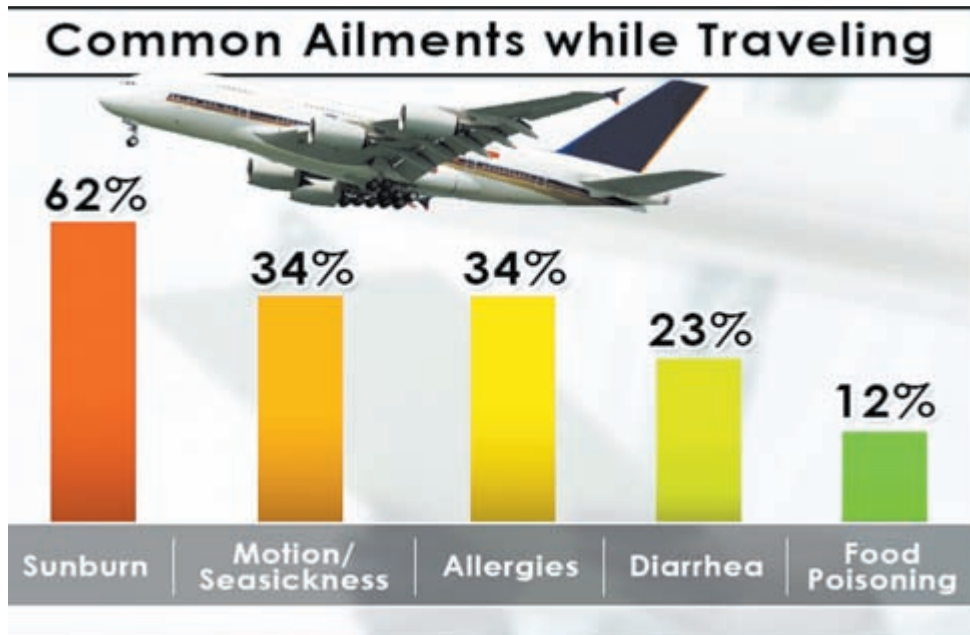
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## Character Corner Character for All Ages

By Maj. Olivia Nelson  
Center for Character Development

Somewhere around seven months old, my son began to show me what the real challenges of parenting would be. There was a defining moment when my poor helpless little boy ceased his pitiful infantile whimpering, and began a full-fledged yelling campaign. With a sudden cognitive clarity, he began to treat me like his servant, rather than his mother.

What my husband and I have learned in these formative months is that it's never too early to teach character. At 13 months, we're endlessly proud that, while he hasn't developed the restraint

to sign "please" every time, he does sometimes. He still screeches when you take a toy away, and violently kicks his feet when you pull him from the tub. But though he isn't always the model follower, he's made the huge leap of learning to sit quietly through a prayer with a steadiness akin to military bearing.

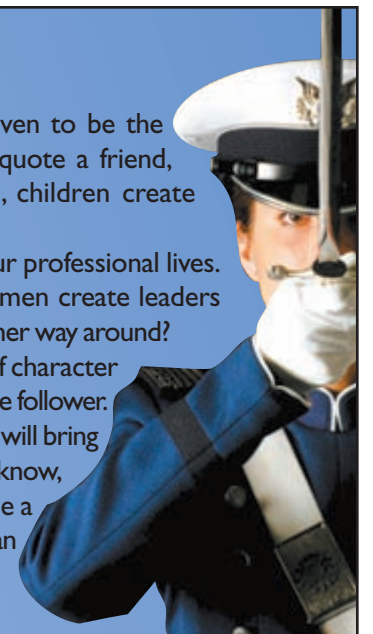
These small milestones may not represent the struggles of later years - they may not get to the heart of things fundamentally right or wrong, and he may not know yet what integrity or courage will mean in his life. But these tiny moments serve as a testament to a parent's consistent, persevering desire to teach - and exemplify - character. And however unexpectedly, the strong innate desire to

instill the best in him has proven to be the greater education for us. To quote a friend, "Adults don't create children, children create adults."

Perhaps it is the same in our professional lives. Isn't it just as possible that Airmen create leaders of character, and not only the other way around? If that's the case, then the role of character teacher falls just as squarely on the follower.

No doubt the coming years will bring countless power struggles, but I know, with my son's help, I will become a better person, mother and Airman for it.

*Character Matters* airs Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on KAFA radio, 97.7 FM.



## If every weekend had an extra day in it, what would you do?

"I would go out and do all the things I don't have time for, like hiking, skiing and golfing. I'd like to volunteer for the Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center."



Cynthia Davis  
10th Mission  
Support Squadron

"I would go to Cripple Creek and gamble. My wife and I like to get away and be together."



Ed Goldberger  
10th Services  
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"I would spend more time pursuing my hobby of photography. I enjoy photographing animals, insects and flowers."



Jim Lovely  
10th Services  
Squadron

"I would probably go hiking or fishing in a national park. And I'd drive less."



Tim Neuman  
10th Mission  
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that while we may wear a different patch, we're proud to be a part of the Academy team."

Colonel Moylan, whose aircraft experience includes the F-15A/B/C/D, F-3 Tornado, C-5, C-17, HH-60G

and UH-1H/N, said although the time-tested mission of the 306th will continue, there are changes coming, and he's keeping an eye on future possibilities.

"The biggest near-term change coming is the addition of the Powered Flight Program to expose the USAFA cadets to what in the commercial sector is

known as single-engine land aircraft. There have been many changes in this type of program over the years, but we hope to put in place a flexible program which will stand up to the test of time here this fall, and we're very excited about this opportunity," said Colonel Moylan.



Facility Improvement

Workers install and pack down new materials for the indoor track resurfacing project in the Cadet Field House. After the surface cured, track markings were applied and the track readied for use. Above: The Clune Arena/East Gym floor refinishing project consisted of sanding the floor, lining the court and applying two coats of polyurethane. The Phase II portion of the Cadet Gym renovation is scheduled to last 18 to 24 months.

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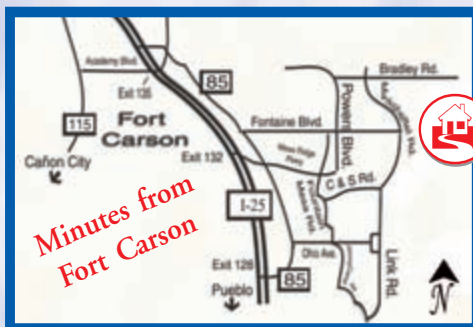
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# Books unlikely to gather dust

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

With the school bell ready to ring on the Hill, cadets will soon be swarming the bookstore in Vandenburg Hall.

"This is the calm before the storm," said Terrie Valenzuela, AAFES Cadet Store manager.

Throughout July, the store's employees have been stacking, pricing, scanning and creating shelf labels for the 557 book titles available before classes begin Thursday.

Faculty-requested texts and other academic materials were ordered in April and May.

Shift and textbook manager Bonnie Bonnin must make every storage inch count in the small textbook space inside the main store. By analyzing the number of titles and number of copies of those titles ordered per academic department, she has a good idea of where to put what.

Textbooks and materials are then shelved alphabetically by department.

Cadets begin buying books Monday.

"They may be in for a cost shock," Ms. Valenzuela said.

She added a common reaction is, "I've never spent this much before."

The average purchase of about 13 to 15 books per cadet often comes with a price tag of \$1,000 or more. Some texts may run as much as \$200 each, especially for higher-level courses.

Ms. Bonnin joked English is a "cheap course" compared to other courses in terms of textbook purchases.

Some used books will be available but they go fast.

Ms. Bonnin said the incoming class members buy books through their cadet pay account. Sophomores and juniors incrementally pay more of their own book charges, and seniors foot all of their own costs due to their higher monthly pay.

Parents have been known to call the store and leave their credit card information to ease the agony of out-of-pocket expenses.

Not all cadets buy all their books at once.

"Some wait until just before finals," Ms. Bonnin said. "Not many, but a few."

After classes have begun, instructors may also add extra required texts.



Photo by Ann Patton

**Bonnie Bonnin makes ready for the onslaught of cadets buying textbooks.**

Except for "custom" books, cadets are free to buy online, from other stores or from each other.

Custom books are tailored just for the Air Force Academy and may only be purchased at the Vandenburg store.

Ms. Valenzuela expects to add to the store's 10-member staff and keep 10 cash registers running to accommodate rush buying periods and prevent long lines.

She has abundant praise for her staff.

"They take a lot of pride in their jobs and in taking care of the cadets," she said.

They also enjoy an occasional practical joke on each other.

New to the store this year, Ms. Valenzuela was helping with stocking texts and materials and was told to be extremely cautious when placing the Molecule Model Set because it might explode if mishandled.

"I fell for it," she said and laughed.

The set is akin to Tinker Toys, which cadets use to build molecule models rather than toy tractors.

In addition to helping cadets in the store since 1982, Ms. Bonnin and her family have sponsored cadets for nearly 20 years.

"They're just so super," she said. "They're my babies, all 4,000 of them."

Basic cadets have already purchased mandatory items, such as cleaning supplies, basic hygiene items and irons and ironing boards.

Fresh from Jacks Valley, the basic cadets are expected to make a large dent in the store's inventory, especially edibles.

"They will come in and clean us out," Ms. Bonnin said.

Before classes start, they and upperclassmen will also need to purchase miscellaneous study items like notebooks, folders, pens and pencils and binders, as well as books.

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# Comedian spontaneously lets hair down during Academy visit



Story and photos by Ken Carter  
Editor

Getting a "military" haircut is no laughing matter ... unless of course you are surrounded by the posse of one of America's fastest rising comedians passing through the 98th Flying Training Squadron and he randomly decides to experience a high-and-tight at the hands of "Mary" the unsuspecting on-duty barber.

Carlos Mencia, the comedic sensation most widely known from Comedy Central's "Mind of Mencia," recently visited members of the 98th FTS, including Wings of Blue team members who escorted him. He also hung out with those preparing to exit from a perfectly good (airborne) aircraft for the first time. "I'm going to do that one day," Mr. Mencia said while looking at a photo of a tandem jump, "but not today."

When passing through the facility toward the flight line, Mr. Mencia noted a barber finishing a haircut for a unit member.

"Can I have a military haircut," he asked. Virtually all present thought the jokester was yanking the barber's chain. Within minutes after visiting cadets and permanent party outside, he was in the chair with Mary yanking his locks ... gently.

The stand-up comic was escorted by Cadets 2nd Class Justin Storm and Daniel Ecklebe (among others) through various training areas in the 98th while he offered numerous spontaneous funnies to the delight of those within ear shot. The native Honduran, and the next to the youngest among 18 siblings, had no problem connecting with cadets and permanent party alike.

Wings of Green Course Director (AM491) Master Sgt. Lee Blackwell said it was "Huge" to have Mr. Mencia visit. "Having been deployed several times, the USO shows are always a boost in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. When

I saw Carlos here I just wanted to thank him for all he does in supporting the troops because it means so much to us. We talked about deployments, our love for country, and for doing our jobs."

Mr. Mencia stopped at both Fort Carson and the Academy July 24 as part of an ongoing USO tour where he's entertaining military members both at home and abroad. His official Web site reveals one of his more touching moments, recently receiving an American Flag from those he'd shared a few laughs with during a recent trip to Iraq.

The pass through Colorado included a live performance at Red Rocks in Morrison Saturday night where an estimated 8,000 fans witnessed his often considered politically-incorrect humor.

Whether a Mencia fan or not, no one can argue the value of his verbal chops when it comes to boosting the morale of those fighting the ongoing War on Terrorism. Nor can anyone say Mr. Mencia isn't thankful for his opportunity to live the American dream.

When Señor Mencia is in town, it's anything but business as usual.



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# 2008 Academy Faculty Orientation lays groundwork for success

By Ken Carter  
Editor

With nearly a 25-percent turnover this year, the 2008 Academy Faculty Orientation session in early July provided a boost in learning focus through featuring an internationally known speaker and author, Dr. Ken Bain.

According to Deputy Director for Faculty Development Dr. Ken Sagendorf, the unique faculty development program was geared to get more than 100 of the approximately 565 faculty members tuned into more effective teaching methods as well as provide a refresher for those returning. More than 60 current faculty and staff members played some role in facilitating the orientation program July 9 through 15.

"Our approach this year included having Dr. Ken Bain, author of 'What the Best College Teachers Do,' address both the new and returning faculty members, as well as those current, in what we're calling a joint mission of cadet education," he said.

The objective of the orientation is

pretty straight forward: To prepare for the faculty's role and to focus on what students learn versus what the faculty teaches.

"Extensive involvement from Academy leaders, all the way up to and including the Superintendent, is what makes the Academy so different from a civilian college," Dr. Sagendorf said. The senior leadership panel kickoff session set the tone right away for the faculty to clearly recognize the emphasis coming from Academy leaders.

As in past years, the Academy Center for Character Development was a team player in getting the new faculty members up to speed quickly with their orientation entitled, "Officers of Character." Additional daily themes included the

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**Maj. Scott Swartsfager, Department of History gives a mini-lesson during the faculty orientation. All new and returning faculty attend two mini-lessons and reflected on how to incorporate the best strategies to facilitate cadet learning.**



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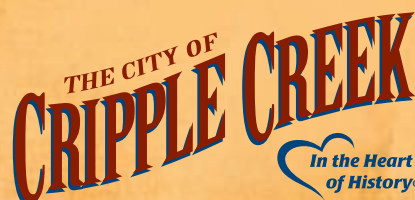
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# Orientation

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titles: "Becoming the Best"; "Our Institutional Focus on Learning"; "Learning and Motivation"; "Learning Goals and Expectations"; "Learning Experiences"; and, "Assessing Learning and Teaching." Cadets also played an important part in escorting and addressing questions from the new arrivals in the mechanics of the Academy environment from their perspectives.

Dr. Bain spent an entire day at the Academy. He kicked off the second day

with faculty orientation participants before breaking off into learning communities, 14 small groups facilitated by 28 experienced faculty members. Last year was the first time the learning communities were integrated into Faculty Orientation, according to Dr. Sagendorf.

"Dr. Bain gave a 15-minute invigorating address followed by a 90-minute Q&A session emphasizing best instruction and best learning experiences," Dr. Sagendorf said. "This is all intended to help faculty approach preparation for their own teaching."

Dr. Bain went on to spend the afternoon with representatives from all academic departments and with the Dean of the Faculty discussing ways to support learning focused education.

Typically, a copy of the book would only be provided to participants of the orientation. However, because there's so much to gain from it, this year leaders hope to provide all faculty members with a copy. "With such a high percentage of new faculty members, and in a military environment, his approach to student learning is the value we've taken from the

book," Dr. Sagendorf said. "It reveals over 15 years of research and features topics on how to approach the class, how to assess the results and one's overall teaching philosophy."

"Beginning with the senior leadership, including the Superintendent, Commandant of Cadets, the Dean of the Faculty and others, it was stressed that it's all about the cadets and about developing leaders of character," Dr. Sagendorf said. "The mission of the faculty really came through loud and clear from all the mission elements."



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New and returning faculty were busy working on "Becoming the Best" during faculty orientation.



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# Officials release facts about new GI Bill

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

(AFPN) — Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs officials are working out the details of a new education benefit recently approved by Congress that goes into effect Aug. 1, 2009.

“The absolute most important part of the new G.I. Bill is that none of it takes effect until next year,” said Rita Hughson, the chief of education and training at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. “No one should make any definite plans until the details are worked out.”

The new education bill, commonly called the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, will govern payment and reimbursement plans for veterans and servicemembers who seek to further their education. The new plan will be open to most servicemembers who served on active duty after Sept. 11, 2001. This includes people who haven't been eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill, such as Air Force Academy or ROTC graduates, those who declined to participate in the program and those whose service started before it went into effect in 1985, she said.

According to Ms. Hughson, the implementation of particular benefits and how they will apply to former and current servicemembers have yet to be established. There are, however, a few facts that are known since the bill was signed into law:

**TUITION** — The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill will cover tuition with payments sent

The Post- 9/11 GI Bill is a new benefit providing educational assistance to individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

Member Serves	Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60
At least 6 months, but less than 12 months	50
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	40

directly to the school. The formula for determining the amount of tuition and fees paid will be based on the highest cost of a state-supported bachelor's degree program. The tuition amount will be paid directly to the college.

**HOUSING** — A housing allowance will be made available to prior servicemembers who attend as civilian, full-time students. The rate will be that of a staff sergeant with dependents.

**BOOKS & SUPPLIES** — A maximum of \$1,000 per year will be allotted to the member to cover the costs of books and supplies needed for classes. The stipend will be divided by terms, so if someone attends

a two-term school, the allotment will be \$500 per semester, whereas the student will receive \$333 if they attend a three-semester school.

**TUTORING** — \$100 a month for 12 months will be available for tutor programs should the servicemember require extra help outside of his or her studies.

**AVAILABILITY** — Servicemembers can take advantage of the program up to 15 years after they are honorably discharged or retire from the service.

**CERTIFICATION** — An extra \$2,000 is available to pay for one license or certification test as approved by the VA.

In addition to the listed benefits, a

portion of the tuition stipend, as well as the tutoring allowance, may be available for servicemembers to transfer to family members. Many of the details for this, however, are still being worked out between DoD and the VA, Ms. Hughson said.

Although the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill tuition benefit will be available to most people while they're on active duty, it is actually most advantageous to use all the benefits after separating, Ms. Hughson said.

“There are so many other educational programs and benefits people can take advantage of while they're on active duty, like the various free tests for college credit and tuition assistance funding,” she said. “But just like the current G.I. Bill, people will get the greatest benefit if they wait until they are no longer serving on active duty before they begin using it.”

“That way they have the option to use all their G.I. Bill benefits for the longest amount of time,” she added.

Once the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill becomes available Aug. 1, 2009, Ms. Hughson expects people who have already elected to participate in the Montgomery Bill program will have the option to use the new plan, if they wish. However, it may be in a member's best interest to stick with the Montgomery Bill for certain distance-learning programs or if they'd prefer to be sent money directly to them, Ms. Hughson said.

“Whatever they decide to do, people should do as much research as they can as details become available,” she said.

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# Cadets meet WWII living legend

By Maj. Richard Christensen  
Instructor of German

Eleven cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy had the opportunity to meet a living legend of aviation while visiting Germany this summer.

The occasion was to present Zemke's *Wolfpack*, an autobiography of American ace Col. Hub Zemke to General Guenther Rall. General Rall is the third leading German fighter ace of World War II, amassing an astounding 275 kills by the end of the war. Zemke was an aviation pioneer during the war and led the 56th Fighter Group, one of the more successful U.S. fighter units. He and Rall actually flew against each other in combat on one occasion, and Rall was shot down by another member of the *Wolfpack*.

After the war was over, Colonel Zemke and General Rall became close friends and corresponded frequently until Zemke's death in 1994. Colonel Zemke's son and namesake, Hub Zemke, Jr., has maintained contact with General Rall and affectionately refers to him as a second father. When cadets from the Class of 2009 chose Hub Zemke as their class "Exemplar," Zemke, Jr., took an instrumental role in helping the class to learn more about his father.

The Exemplar program provides each class the opportunity to choose one figure from aviation history to be their class exemplar. Zemke has generously loaned and donated a number of his father's possessions, including his original leather flying jacket, and gave the cadets a copy of his father's autobiography, in the hopes that someday there might be an opportunity for them to present it to General Rall in person. This particular copy was autographed by numerous aces from WWII including Frances Gabreski, Robert "Shortie" Rankin,

Walker "Bud" Mahurin, Robert Johnson, Zemke and several others.

Colonel Zemke's book found its way into the hands of the escort officer assigned to accompany a group of cadets to Berlin with the request that he find a way to present it to General Rall, now 90 years old. The German department jumped at the opportunity and arranged for 11 cadets to travel from Berlin to Bad Reichenhall on the German-Austrian border to make the presentation at Rall's home nestled in the Bavarian Alps.

Arriving at General Rall's estate, they were greeted with a warm smile by the old fighter ace and sat down for drinks in the garden while he regaled them with tales from World War II, including his engagement against Colonel Zemke. It was during that encounter that he was shot down yet again (he was forced to bail out eight times during the war) and where he lost his left thumb. Despite his injuries General Rall always managed to return to the cockpit.

General Rall was presented with Zemke's autographed book and thoroughly enjoyed reading through all the signatures of his former adversaries on the title page, many of whom later became some of his best friends. He also related that many of those who had signed the book have since passed on, and how veterans like them and him are becoming ever more rare.

The cadets were fascinated to sit in the presence of living history. General Rall was likewise very enthusiastic to host these future Air Force officers at his home. He inquired about their stay in Germany and their future plans in the Air Force. One of General Rall's parting thoughts for the cadets was to ask them to remember the horrors of war and to strive earnestly to find other ways to settle disputes. "We've had enough war. It's time to find other ways solve disagreements."



Courtesy Photo  
**General Guenther Rall strolls with Maj. Richard Christensen as Cadets 1st Class Kate Riley and Tim Wilde follow.**

With a warm handshake and a smile for each present, General Rall wished each one success and happiness, and the cadets took their leave of one of a dwindling number of heroic veterans from World War II.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of the whole encounter was to see how even the bitterest of enemies can one day become the best of friends and allies.

Cadets who joined Major Christensen in the meeting with General Rall included: Andrew Caulk, Brian Jarrell, Mike Laney, Maverick Lewis, Ashley Miller, Kate Riley, Ryan Rutherford, Justin Weiler, Tim Wilde, John Dolan and Jennifer Nolte.

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# B-52H reaches retirement

By Airman 1st Class Benjamin Stratton  
Minot Air Force Base Public Affairs

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AFPN) — The first B-52H Stratofortress reaches retirement after more than 45 years of dedicated service to the country July 24 here on its final flight to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

“It is a truly sad time when we decommission a plane,” said Lt. Col. Bill Stahl, 5th Maintenance Group deputy commander. “But, the aircraft has served her country well.”

The B-52H with tail number LA1023 was built in 1961 and assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La., but was here due to parking shortages at Barksdale AFB. It is the first of 18 B-52Hs selected by Air Combat Command

to retire. Every two weeks a B-52H will be retired, alternating between here and the 2nd BW in an effort to maximize funding for the aging assets.

“It is easier and cheaper to modify and maintain 76 planes, than to keep all 94 up and running,” said Master Sgt. Curtis Jensen, 5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production superintendent.

While funding was a primary point of the decision process, there were other concerns involved.

“A choice was made between the Air Force and Congress stating that at this point we need fewer operational B-52s,” Colonel Stahl said.

“The decision to pick the selected aircraft was based on a number of criteria that looked at the aircraft as a whole,” he said. “It’s not like the aircraft are all rusted and corroded; it’s just that



Photo by Senior Airman Cassandra Jones

**A B-52H Stratofortress from the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La., takes off from Minot AFB, N.D., July 24 on its final flight to Tinker AFB, Okla. This is the first B-52H to be retired after more than 45 years of dedicated service to the United States and the Air Force.**

the selected 18 are not as airworthy as the first 76. The remaining planes are split equally between here and Barksdale AFB.”

When planes arrive at Tinker AFB, maintenance crews will cover all vents, engines and vulnerable areas. The planes

will then be stored in a hangar in case they are needed sometime down the road, Sergeant Jensen said.

“Our job now is to make sure we keep the planes left here flying,” said Tech. Sgt. Paul Nixon, 5th AMXS electronic warfare element chief.



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# Air Force observes integration's 60th anniversary

WASHINGTON (AFP) — In ceremonies and speeches throughout the week, the Air Force and its sister services observed the 60th anniversary since racial integration was mandated in the military.

On July 26, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981, which states, "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin."

The order established the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

In a ceremony in the rotunda of the capitol building here July 23, Defense Secretary Robert Gates spoke of how integration changed the military, even though it didn't take hold right away.

"[The directive] had to overcome stiff institutional resistance, as deeply entrenched attitudes were hard to change," he said. "Segregated units remained the norm and integrated units the exception."

The start of the Korean War in June 1950 prompted the need to put hundreds of thousands of Americans into uniform after the U.S. military had demobilized following the end of World War II.

Before the start of the Korean War, he said, 50 percent of blacks in the Marine Corps — about 750 men — served as stewards. At the end of the Korean War in 1953, Gates said, there were 17,000 black Marines, and only 3 percent served as stewards.

"By 1954, the Korean War was over, the last of the segregated units were dissolved and the momentum for equality and civil rights was

carrying over into American society as a whole," he said.

In the ensuing decades after Truman's directive took effect, "black and white Americans trained, served and fought together with honor and distinction," Secretary Gates said.

Today's integrated U.S. military continues to "put merit and integrity above all," he said, noting there's still more to achieve.

"My hope and expectation is that, in the years ahead, more African-Americans will staff the armed forces at the highest levels," he said. "We must make sure the American military continues to be a great engine of progress and equality — all the better to defend our people and our values against adversaries around the globe."

Following the ceremony, acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B.

Donley said President Truman knew that signing the executive order ending segregation in the military "was the right thing to do."

"He demonstrated personal courage, standing against pressure to continue unacceptable practices," he said. "The diversity of today's armed forces reflects his wisdom and foresight."

Mr. Donley recalled the accomplishments of the all-black Tuskegee Airmen flying unit from World War II, which ended three years before President Truman's order.

"They demonstrated a deep love of country while overcoming indignities that are not tolerated in today's Air Force," he said. "America's Airmen can honor the Tuskegee and Truman legacies by ensuring that every action clearly reflects the Air Force core value of Integrity First."



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# Honduras downrange

## NCO strives to experience culture during family visit

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

An Academy senior NCO is wearing several hats while deployed to Honduras.

Master Sgt. Keith Fields' primary duty is that of NCOIC, Patient Administration.

The parent service is the U.S. Army and he is a platoon sergeant.

As the senior Air Force enlisted member assigned to the medical element the 17-year Air Force NCO is the go-to person for questions or guidance needed by the first sergeant.

After a previous deployment to Jacobabad, Pakistan, the Academy's TRICARE Operations Patient Administration Flight superintendent from Gary, Ind., said he is encountering what he thought he would.

"I have had the opportunity to give back and feel like what I am doing is making a difference in the lives of others," said Sergeant Fields. "It has been a very humbling experience."

He maintains the medical records for more than 500 members assigned to Soto Cano Air Base, including any retirees and their families living in the local area.

He also handles the enrollment of active-duty members in TRICARE Prime Latin America which enables the joint service medical team to offer them specialty care in the local area for services outside capabilities at MEDEL.

"We submit their referrals for authorization and schedule their appointments downtown," he said. "We also coordinate medical TDY travel for those active duty members requiring specialty care back in the United States."

He is responsible for the accountability and actions of the 26 members in his platoon.

"This can be a very challenging job at times," said Sergeant Fields.

"Everything we do here is done in formation and accountability is very important to the Army. Everything we



Courtesy Photos

### Master Sgt. Keith Fields tends to local children in Honduras

do has its challenges."

There are poisonous snakes and spiders and a high threat of gang violence off base, but he said this is a relatively safe deployment.

Soto Cano AB offers much in the form of recreation. There is a base fitness center, basketball and tennis courts, a pool, soccer and baseball fields. The base also has country sites where one can experience everything from horseback riding to snorkeling, diving and even tours of various Mayan ruins.

Living accommodations are good. They have single rooms with air conditioning. The only challenge is walking to another building with common toilet and showering facilities.

"I have had the opportunity to interact greatly with the people of Honduras," the sergeant said. "The food is great and the people here seem to be genuinely happy about our pres-

ence. My Spanish is rusty, however it improves every day. I have been fortunate enough to work directly with a civilian from the local area. She has been a great teacher in improving my Spanish.

"I have been extremely busy and have not taken the opportunity to get out and experience Honduras to the fullest," he said. "My wife is actually coming to visit in September and we have so much planned during that time. I believe I will get so much more out of it."

Soto Cano AB is a joint environment.

"The base itself is run by the U.S.



Army. The Army does things a lot differently than we do. Over time I have learned exactly why. There is a method to what they do and great importance behind why they do it that way. I have always had the greatest respect for them and it has only grown since being here. It has been a great experience and I learn something new every day.

"The lasting memories for me in Honduras will be those of the many opportunities I've had to make a difference," the sergeant said. "I have experienced Medical Readiness Training Exercises where we provide preventive medicine, dental, and basic medical and pharmaceutical support to remote villages, seeing as many as 700 men, women and children in a day."

"I've gone on hikes to remote locations delivering food to villages in need of assistance and made regular visits to local orphanages where I've had the privilege of spending the day with some very amazing kids. These are the things I will take home with me and things I will never forget."

The hardest aspect of this deployment is being away from his family. He will rejoin his wife Melissa, sons Chas and Dyland and daughter Kaitlyn in October.



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# BIG BAD BASIC:

## Pugilists pound way to earning top titles

*One calls it the hardest thing ever done*



Basic Cadet Paige Blackburn (right) attacks her peer Basic Cadet Alison Ceranski in the women's Big Bad Basic finals Saturday. Basic Cadet Blackburn won, earning the women's "Big Bad Basic" title.



Basic Cadet Jonathan Newman (right) and Basic Cadet Justin Franklin in the men's Big Bad Basic finals. Basic Cadet Newman won, earning the title "Big Bad Basic".

By **Butch Wehry**  
Academy Spirit staff

Sweepstakes in Jacks Valley Saturday highlighted the fitness test, obstacle and assault courses, self aid and buddy care, combat arms training and maintenance, rifle drill and the knowledge test. All culminated with pugilists Basic Cadets Jonathan Newman and Paige Blackburn clobbering their competition and laying claim to the men's and women's titles of "Big Bad Basic."

"Our teamwork and motivation have improved immensely," said Basic Cadet Blackburn, from Soldotna, Ala. She said her teammate and the flight staff will make Basic Cadet Training especially memorable.

When she meets old friends in the future she will "try to explain to them what eating 'at attention' really means."

"Big Bad Basic is the toughest dude out here," said Basic Cadet Newman.

"It is a great experience," said Basic Cadet Justin Franklin, who faced the male winner in the competition. "Even though the confidence course was hard because I'm scared of heights."

The basic knows where his life-long memories will come from.

"The fun times were with our men and women while the cadre wasn't around."

Basic Cadet Newman, from Rock Springs, Wyo., said outdoor living helped to make friends with other basic cadets and his cadre.

"BCT has meant good competition between me and my fellow classmates," he said. "The obstacle course was the hardest thing I have ever done, but it made me a better person. We have become a team."

Basic Cadet Alison Ceranski, Marionette, Wis., suspects she will long remember the different efforts from the courses and the times with her flight.

She had never crawled through mud, although she had fired a BB gun.

"We have become a team," she said. "I feel like we can accomplish a lot of things."

Marching into Jacks Valley July 14 were 1,323 hopefuls. Saturday night, 1,303 were left to march back.

Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. John Regni, and the Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins, were on hand to offer both their congratulations and words of encouragement following the Big Bad Basic competition. General Desjardins gave the sweepstakes banner to the Hellcat Squadron for display on its guidon.

BCT cadet commander this year was Cadet 1st Class Kellen Curry, a law major from Midwest City, Okla.

"Big Bad Basic exemplifies a Basic Cadet who has a high level of courage, stamina and toughness to last round after round of pugil stick battle against classmates," said Cadet Curry.

There were more character development classes and other training this year, he said. Success for cadre came from the leadership opportunity and lessons learned.

The Academy's fall academic semester starts Thursday.



Photos by Dave Ahlschwede

Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins, above, offers words of encouragement to member of the Class of 2012.



Left: The Commandant awards the Hellcats Squadron with the sweepstakes banner.



Classmates worked efficiently to get the job done when packing up to return from Jacks Valley.

# New preppies shaping up during BMT

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

For new Preparatory School cadet candidates, Basic Military Training is a wake-up call—starting at 4:30 a.m. daily.

Then it's off to physical training, breakfast and a slew of other activities before, once again, hitting the sack.

"They are fast asleep when their heads hit the pillow," said Lt. Col. Ida Widmann.

The 18-day BMT gets the approximately 240 cadets in shape—physically, mentally and academically—for the coming 10-month Prep School school year and the opportunity to apply for an Academy appointment.

Day one of BMT, held primarily in or near the Prep School Campus, began once students took the oath of allegiance during in-processing at the Milazzo Club July 16.

The Commando, Raptor and Thunderbolt squadron members have received multiple briefings, studied the battle history of the Air Force, mastered the Airman's Creed, learned to clean their rooms properly, worn out the Warrior's Handbook and drilled, drilled, drilled. Afternoons, squadrons rotate for drills and intramurals for flicker ball, 9-ball, soccer, basketball and volleyball.

Weekends, the preppies undergo room inspections, drill competitions and knowledge and honor tests from their handbooks. They are also viewing and discussing the film series *Band of Brothers*.

During the second phase of BMT, the preppies



Photo by Ann Patton

Drills, drills and more drills keep new cadet candidates at the Prep School on the march.

tackle, among other skills, rope challenges, land navigation and tactical self-aid. Field Day today will pit them against a 5K run, rifle relay, team integration, combat movement, a tug of war and a litter race.

BMT graduation is Saturday at 9:45 a.m. on Black Field.

Until then, there is no such thing as dessert, phone calls or day-room privileges.

Preppies usually range in age from 17 to 21 including prior enlisted Airmen.

The Prep School leadership seems pleased with the new class.

"They are phenomenal," said Prep School NCO Master Sgt. Dawn Kottke. "They are a generation of very smart men and women. They blow me out of the water."

Chief of military training for the school. Colonel Widmann, always looks forward to BMT. This is her third class.

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# Airmen provide free services, products to Hondurans

By Staff Sgt. Joel Mease  
Joint Task Force-Bravo Public Affairs

SANTA BARBARA, Honduras (AFP) — More than 740 people from the village of San Antonio De Canada, Honduras, came to a medical readiness training exercise conducted by the Joint Task Force-Bravo Medical Element here July 25.

The exercise was designed to provide U.S. service members with real-world training in austere locations, as well as provide a population of people free medical care from U.S. and Honduran medical professionals, said Master Sgt. Laurie Walters, JTF-Bravo NCO in charge of Medical Element.

During the visit, patients received medical care ranging from medical screenings, provider visits, and medications to dental services and cervical cancer screenings.

The lines were extended by more than 100 people at times, with waits of up to three hours or more, to be seen by a U.S. or Honduran medical provider.

While the MEDRETE attracts several hundred people to see medical professionals, the goal for medical officials is to provide preventative medicine for those who attended, said Dr. Wilmer Amador, a



Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Mease

**Staff Sgt. Jennifer Kiemel hands out soap to people who attended a medical readiness training exercise in San Antonio De Canada, Honduras, July 25.**

liaison officer for MEDEL.

“When we do these MEDRETE there is obviously a large lure to the local population to see a doctor,” Doctor Amador said. “Unfortunately, the amount of medical services we can provide is limited because we don’t have labs or ultrasounds at our disposal, so promoting preventative medicine becomes the key.”

One of the preventative medicine items that can

prove to be extremely effective is screening for cervical cancer.

“We are fortunate to have two technicians from the Emma Romero de Callejas Cancer Center in Tegucigalpa come with us,” Doctor Amador said. “The earlier we are able to detect cervical cancer the better. If it’s too far along we are limited in what we can do for that person.”

Other preventative health measures they were able to stress were the importance of clean water and personal hygiene.

“When we are in the rainy season, one of the biggest problems we can have is a rise in dengue fever, so we try to stress preventative measures. That’s where we get the most bang for the buck,” said Dr. Miguel Caello, a liaison officer for MEDEL.

For those in the village, having medical care come directly to them is a unique experience as being seen by a medical professional will not come often in their lives, Doctor Caello said.

“One of the biggest challenges for them is access to medical care,” Doctor Caello said. “After spending time talking with them, I found that it can take maybe six to eight hours to travel to a hospital here because of the roads.”

## BMT

From previous page

“To think we are creating the core of the Academy Class of 2013 is really cool,” she said.

Colonel Widmann sees dramatic changes in cadet candidates, starting with BMT.

She said they begin by focusing on themselves and learning “I can do it.” As they grow, they learn “As a class, we can do it.”

“Everyone has something to bring to the table,” she said of the class’ growing experiences. “They are doing things they didn’t think they could.”

At the same time, the new students may previously have been “big fish in a small pond.”

Colonel Widmann, both a Prep School and Academy graduate herself, said they need to keep thinking of themselves as big fish with large potential.

“That’s why they’re here,” she said.

Cadet 1st Class Jasmine Pettie is serving as cadet-in-charge for BMT.

Also a Prep School alumnus, she, too, is enjoying the growth of the new class members, from wondering what they have gotten themselves into to the day they realize, “I’m doing something special here.”

Of the 27 cadet cadre leading the new Prep School class, 15 are former preppies.

“It’s much easier being on the other side,” Cadet Pettie said of her role as a leader rather than a student.

Colonel Widmann admires cadre members for their commitments to the program. Some have split their summer leaves to attend while others simply surrender part of their leaves.

“The hardest part is getting up at 4:30 in the

morning and going straight to PT,” said Cadet Candidate Basic Wolff Justin, from Dallas.

The football player said every man in his family is in the military.

His favorite aspect of BMT is meeting new classmates on his floor and becoming friends.

“They are really cool guys I got to meet,” he said.

Cadet Candidate Basic David Alvarado said he, too, is making new friends.

“The cadre has good people, and the best part is getting to know people from all over the country,” he said.

The North Carolina native added, “The food’s good, too.”

In the face of all the challenges he has been presented with, he remains confident.

“I expect to pass,” he said.

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# NORAD officials keep constant vigil for threats

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Bates  
Air Force News Agency

COLORADOS SPRINGS, Colo. (AFPN) — Defending North America's borders is no easy task. The threats are continuous and can come from anywhere — by land, in the air, on the sea or even through information systems.

Anticipating these threats and warning of them is the job of the men and women of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD. A bi-national and joint force United States and Canadian organization, the command is charged with the missions of aerospace and maritime warning and aerospace control for North America.

"These principle domains that we operate in all task NORAD to provide warnings to the two nations on potential threats," said Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., NORAD commander.

NORAD is divided into three regions — the Alaska Region, the Canadian Region and the Continental United States Region — that all work together to provide a blanket of information and surveillance resources for North America. Within these regions are four Air Defense Sectors, located in Alaska, Canada and the Eastern and Western U.S., and a myriad of alert sites that allow NORAD to execute its mission of aerial and maritime warning and control.

The aerospace warning mission includes the monitoring of man-made objects in space, and the detection, validation and warning of aerial attacks against North America. These attacks can range from a single aircraft to a salvo of missiles.

Aerospace control includes ensuring air sovereignty and air defense of the airspace of Canada and the United

States. To accomplish this mission, NORAD officials use a network of satellites, ground-based and airborne radar and fighters to detect, intercept and, if necessary, engage any aerial threat to North America.

"We can quickly launch fighters to intercept aircraft that are suspicious or that are not complying with our national airspace system," General Renuart said. "And either the United States or Canada can choose to take advantage of those fighters if they need to interdict a target."

The maritime warning mission is similar to the aerospace control one, except for the fact that the maritime portion is concerned with the waters surrounding North America instead of the sky above it.

"Maritime warning is all about telling us what's out there on the water and what among that might be a potential threat," said Navy Capt. Joseph Voboril, the Maritime Defense Division chief.

Controlling the sky and the seas means being able to see them. This is where NORAD's Consolidated Command Center comes in. Member of the 24-hour center work 365 days a year and serves as the heart of NORAD's operations by monitoring, processing and interpreting missile, space or air events that could have operational impacts on U.S. or Canadian forces or capabilities.

The command center is linked directly to the National Command Authorities of both the United States and Canada and is in constant communication with a variety of agencies in both countries.

"The command center is the culmination of a lot of great effort by people who have taken the idea of unity of effort and of integration of capabilities and brought them together as a symbol of a true integrated approach to both warning and defense of our homelands," General Renuart said.

None of NORAD's capabilities are possible without the United States' partnership with Canada — a partnership equally enjoyed and valued by both nations.

"NORAD remains the cornerstone of the Canadian-American continental defense partnership," said Peter MacKay, the Canadian minister of national defense. "This command and control center will help NORAD meet the challenges of the future and the work of the personnel who staff the command center contribute to the defense of the continent every day."

Defending the continent is a job NORAD members have performed for 50 years. In that time, NORAD has continually adjusted its structure to meet the demands of a changing world. In its early years, NORAD was the continent's eyes and ears during the Cold War and many of its resources were spent scanning the globe for outside threats. Then, on Sept. 11, 2001, all of that changed.

"We used to have an outward focus when examining threats," General Renuart said. "Now we are looking inward as well to determine any man-made threats that may arise right here in North America."

The key to this is anticipation and collaboration, the general said.

"We are taking more of a proactive approach instead of a reactive one," he said. "And we now have much better communication and information sharing with various agencies, such as the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security."

The end goal of NORAD is to provide the best possible aerial and maritime warnings systems to North America; a goal officials at the command say is getting closer every day.

"Is there always room to grow and improve? Yes," General Renuart said. "But are we better prepared today than we were on Sept. 11, 2001? Definitely."

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# Academy hosts military soccer championship

By **Dave Castilla**  
Intramural Sports Director

The Academy hosted the Inaugural Rocky Mountain Military Soccer Championships Saturday which had military teams from up and down the Front Range going toe-to-toe.

Teams represented the Academy, Schriever Air Force Base, Buckley AFB and Fort Carson. Unable to make the tournament were Peterson and FE Warren AFBs.

The tournament format was a round-robin.

Fort Carson defeated all competi-

tion downing Buckley 4-3; Schriever 1-0 (this game ended in a 0-0 tie, after 10 minutes of overtime, and six penalty kicks by both sides and the goals still even, Fort Carson finally won on the 7th penalty kick as Diego Morales kicked it threw the goal).

Fort Carson made it a clean sweep

defeating the Academy, 7-0.

The tournament's MVP was Jared Apilado who scored seven goals. The final match of the afternoon was for second place as Buckley AFB defeated Schriever, 2-0.

Fort Carson received the traveling plaque and 15 championship T-shirts, and Buckley received the runners-up plaque along with 15 T-shirts.

Next up on the Rocky Mountain championship will be Peterson AFB hosting the softball championship Sept. 6.

Below are the Saturday soccer scores and win-loss record for each team:

### Scores by match

Schriever 7, USAFA 2  
Fort Carson 4, Buckley 3  
Fort Carson 1, Schriever 0  
Buckley 4, USAFA 2  
Fort Carson 7, USAFA 0  
Buckley 2, Schriever 0

### Final record

Fort Carson 3-0  
Buckley 2-1  
Schriever 1-2  
USAFA 0-3



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede  
Academy's Jason "Dano" Kneuer, women's cadet soccer coach and coach of the all star team, left, looks on as Paul Szostak out maneuvers his Buckley defender. Buckley, however, went on to win, 4-2, and finished second overall in the tournament.

# Air Force volleyball gains new assistant coach

By **Valerie Perkin**  
Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director

Ruth Lawanson, a former member of the U.S. National Team and head coach of Angelo State University, has agreed to become an assistant coach on the Air Force volleyball staff, head coach Penny Lucas-White announced Tuesday. Details of the contract are still being worked out and are currently going through the Academy process.

Lawanson brings a wealth of knowledge to the Falcons' program backed by experience at the collegiate, national and international levels. She joins the Academy staff after spending three years as the head volleyball coach at Angelo State University at the NCAA Division II

level. Prior to her stint at ASU, Lawanson was an assistant coach at Fresno State and Purdue.

A setter and hitter during her storied playing career, Lawanson was a member of the 1992 U.S. Olympic team that won the bronze medal at the Barcelona games. She spent four seasons with the U.S. National Team, including stints on the 1991 World Cup squad that earned a bronze medal in Japan and the 1990 World Championships team that won a bronze medal in China. She was also



Ruth Lawanson

honored with the national team's 1991 Judy Bellomo Players Award won a gold medal with the 1992 U.S. Olympic Festival West Region team.

Prior to her time on the national squad, Lawanson played with the Dallas Belles and the Minnesota Monarchs of the Major Volleyball League from 1987-89 and was the league MVP in 1988. In 1989, she earned USVBA All-America honors with the national champion Chrysler Californians club team. She resumed her professional career in 1992, playing three years in Italy and France.

At the collegiate level, Lawanson was one of the greatest players in Fresno State history, becoming the first Bulldog ever to earn NCAA Division I All-America honors as a senior in 1984. She was a

three-time team MVP for the Bulldogs (1982-84) and still holds their career records for kills (962) and season records for kills (488) and services aces (55). Her senior year, Lawanson guided FSU to a 26-13 record and a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Tournament. For her efforts she was named NorPac Co-Player of the Year, first team All-NorPac and earned All-Northwest Region honors. At the conclusion of her FSU playing career, Lawanson became the first female athlete in the history of Fresno State to have her jersey retired. Her other FSU accolades include the 1984 Rosa Parks award and designation as the 1984-85 Female Athlete of the Year.

Lawanson replaces Kyle Robinson, who left the program in July.

### Correction

Last week with *Academy Spirit* identified the Retirees team as being the six time defending intramural softball champions. That honor rightfully goes to the Medical Group #1 team.

### Air Force Academy Men's Soccer 2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time				
Aug. 15	Metro State (Exh.)	Home	7 p.m.	Oct. 3	UNLV*	Home	7 p.m.
Aug. 23	CSU-Pueblo (Exh.)	Home	1 p.m.	Oct. 5	New Mexico*	Home	1 p.m.
Aug. 29	UC-Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, Calif.	7:30 p.m.	Oct. 11	Denver*	Home	7 p.m.
Aug. 31	Cal Poly	San Luis Obispo, Cali	3 p.m.	Oct. 17	Sacramento State*	Sacramento, Calif.	4 p.m.
Sept. 7	Loyola Univ. Chicago	Home	1 p.m.	Oct. 19	San Jose State*	San Jose, Calif.	1 p.m.
Sept. 12	Cal State Fullerton	USAFA	6 p.m.	Oct. 31	Sacramento State*	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	San Diego State #	Denver, Colo.	12 p.m.	Nov. 2	San Jose State*	Home	1 p.m.
Sept. 19	Navy \$	Birmingham, Ala.	5 p.m.	Nov. 8	Denver*	Denver, Colo.	1 p.m.
Sept. 21	Army \$	Birmingham, Ala.	11 a.m.	Nov. 14	New Mexico*	Albuquerque, N.M.	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	UC-Davis	Davis, Calif.	1 p.m.	Nov. 16	UNLV*	Las Vegas, Nev.	1 p.m.
				Nov. 21	NCAA Championships	TBA	TBA

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The Airman and Family Readiness Center will be hosting the following classes. Call 333-3444 with questions or to register.

#### **Medical Records Review**

Monday, and Aug. 18; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the Disabled American Veterans review their medical records. Must pre-register.

#### **Pre-Separation Counseling**

Monday, Aug. 11 and Aug. 18; 2:30 to 4 p.m.

This mandatory briefing assists you in identifying benefits and services associated with your transition and beyond.

#### **Sponsorship Training**

Tuesday; 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.

#### **Bundles for Babies**

Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn about budgeting for a baby, calming your baby, coping with stressors, and Air Force Aid Society programs. Eligible families will receive a "baby bundle". Dads are encouraged to attend.

#### **Smooth Move**

Thursday; 9 to 10 a.m. and Aug. 14, 3 to 4 p.m.

Learn innovative ways to make your move a smooth one. This is a mandatory

class for individuals departing the Academy.

#### **Career Advancement Account**

Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m.

Spouses of active duty Air Force members with more than a year left at this duty station and who are continuing education, may be eligible for an educational grant of \$3,000 per year, two-year maximum. Students must be pursuing training/certification in an in-demand career field such as health care, education, financial services, information technology, or skilled trades.

#### **Virtual Assistants**

Aug. 12-13; 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm

Virtual Assistants are military spouse self-employed professionals who provide off-site support services to their clients from home. Learn more.

#### **Résumé Writing**

Aug. 20; 9 a.m. to noon

Learn different types of resume and cover letter styles and how to improve yours.

#### **Heart Link**

Aug. 20; 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm

This program is for Air Force spouses, especially those who are new to the military.

The goal is to impart information about Air Force life, providing a greater awareness of the Air Force and Academy missions, customs, traditions, protocol and the resources and services available from our key base agencies. Must RSVP by Aug. 18.

#### **Civil Service Class**

Aug. 21, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Learn how to submit a resume, search for positions, and apply for Air Force Federal Civil Service employment.

#### **Red Carpet Tour**

Aug. 22; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This informative, fun filled base tour gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals all there is to see and do here.

### **Regionalized Contracting**

Peterson Air Force Base's 21st Contracting Squadron invites area businesses and industry associations that work with the Air Force to a presentation on the upcoming centralization of Air Force acquisition services.

This presentation on the Installation Acquisition Transformation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 11, at the Peterson Air Force Base Auditorium and will outline an Air Force-wide move to transform contracting from 71 separate buying offices into five Regional Contracting Centers. The transformation will make Peterson the hub for western U.S. acquisitions.

Attendees will learn about the new business opportunities and changes the contracting transformation will bring to base-level and regional-level procurement.

Business people and media representatives will have the opportunity to speak with Air Force Material Command and 21st Contracting Squadron officials. This new structure is projected to bring more Air Force contracting officials to the area and will allow the Air Force to buy in bulk and save money.

Area business people wishing to attend should register with Capt. Mark

Harris at 719-556-4875 by Thursday.

### **Military Appreciation Day**

Academy Ice Arena military appreciation day is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 7. Skate for free, win prizes and learn about "Learn to Skate" programs. The arena is located in the Field House. The program is based on the U.S. Figure Skating Association Skate with Us, basic skills program. Military personnel, family members and accompanied guests and government civilian employees are welcomed. For more information, call 333-0389.

### **The Next Level**

The Protestant parish of the Community Center Chapel begins one night of ministry. The Next Level begins Aug. 20 and continues each Wednesday at 6 p.m. through May 2009. The night begins with a hearty meal followed by an inspirational opening assembly in the chapel and dynamic programs for all ages: TNL Youth (6th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade classes), TNL Kids: Grades 1-5, rotating between five exciting stations: music, crafts, snacks, games, and surprises, as well as classes for Pre-K through kindergarten and infants, toddlers, and twos. Adult small group studies are also offered as part of TNL. Volunteers needed. Contact Chaplain Yelton or Diane Brewner with questions. Registration begins today at the chaplain's table at the base picnic and will continue at the chapel following all the weekend worship services.

### **CPO Relocates**

The Academy Civilian Personnel Office reopens Monday in the Community Center (lower level, east side), Bldg. 5136, Eagle Drive. Anyone needing emergency assistance, should call 333-4363 or 333-3535.

### **Volunteers Sought**

The Academy's Base Honor Guard needs volunteers. Join an elite team and gain valuable leadership skills while having fun and advancing your career. Training is held periodically. All ranks are eligible. For more information, call 333-5684.

### **2nd Annual 1/2 Marathon**

Sign up for the Base Fitness and Sports Center's 2nd Annual 1/2 marathon is open. The free 13.1-mile race is Saturday, 6:30 a.m. The race begins and

ends at the Santa Fe Trail at the south entrance to the Academy. Eligible participants include valid military ID card holders including active duty, retirees, civilian employees and family members 18 and older. For more information, call 333-4522 or 333-9133.

### **Volunteer Recognition Golf**

The Volunteer Recognition Golf Fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday at 1:30 p.m. on the Eisenhower Golf Club Silver Course. Entry fee is \$30 for airman through staff sergeant and first and second lieutenant, and \$40 for all others. Entry fee includes lunch, golf cart, green fees, range balls, post round drinks and rental clubs if needed. Additionally, the Professional Golfers Association staff will conduct a clinic from noon to 1:15 p.m. All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Academy Volunteer Recognition Program. Prizes will be awarded to the first-place team, and men's and women's longest drive and closest to the pin. For more information, call Tim Neuman at 333-2137 or Jeannie Lopez at 333-3444.



### **Fairly Focused**

The Colorado State Fair in Pueblo runs Aug. 22 through Sept. 1 and offers entertainment for the whole family. The hours of operation will be as follows: Grounds, daily, 10 a.m. to midnight; creative arts building, daily, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; cultural heritage, Monday through Thursday noon to 10 p.m.; cultural heritage, Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; exhibit halls, daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; fine arts building, daily, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Aircraft Hall, daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; carnival rides, weekdays, 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. and 10 a.m. to midnight weekends.

Directions: From the Academy, take I-25 South to Exit 97A (Central Avenue). Go north one block to Northern Avenue. Turn left on Northern Avenue to Prairie Avenue. Turn right on Prairie Avenue and go two blocks to fairgrounds. Driving time is approximately 50 minutes. For more information visit: [www.colorado.statefair.com](http://www.colorado.statefair.com)

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 Mass - 9:30 a.m.  
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**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.  
 (September - May)

**Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality:**  
 Contact Tech. Sgt. Longcrier at 333-6178  
 Robert.Longcrier@usafa.edu  
 For more information, call 333-3300.

**Academy Fire Department Open House**

Antique Fire Trucks

Equipment Displays

Vehicle Extrication Demo

Flight for Life Helicopter

Sparky & Smokey

Saturday, 2 August

1100-1400

Pine Valley  
Fire Station #1

Stop by for  
free hot dogs  
and drinks!

# Thanks Troops Golf Tournament

1st Annual  
To Benefit  
Thanks Troops  
Charitable  
Fund

**Friday, August 8th**  
**Shotgun 7:30 am or 1:30 pm**  
**Springs Ranch Golf Course**

Wounded veteran Jeremy Henderson with the SoloRider

Help a "wounded warrior" stay in the game by supporting the 1st Annual ThanksTroops Golf Tournament. Proceeds put SoloRiders modified golf carts at courses throughout Southern Colorado for use by soldiers who have lost strength and stamina from traumatic injury or amputation. Other recreational equipment and activities for wounded vets are funded, too.

- Participation and support packages are available from \$100 to \$10,000
- Sign up to play as part of a foursome (\$500 per Foursome) including vets and celebrities, Includes breakfast (Egg and I), lunch (Chipotle), dinner (Outback), team competition, silent auction throughout the day and live auction after dinner
- Participate as a sponsor, or make a donation of any size.

**For more information or to sign-up, call 719-243-6400,  
email [Scott@ThanksTroops.com](mailto:Scott@ThanksTroops.com) or visit [www.ThanksTroopsGolf.com](http://www.ThanksTroopsGolf.com).**

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