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Nothing scary about NCLS



MIKE KAPLAN

Cadet 4th Class Alexander Olsen, Cadet Squadron 38, helps Scary Guy, the self-proclaimed "new face of love," illustrate a point during his presentation at The 18th Annual National Character and Leadership Symposium Feb 24-25. Scary Guy challenged cadets to take control of their minds, keep out negative energy, and bring change to the world. **See Pages 8 and 9 for story and photos.**

Medal of Honor recipient inspires with 'average' story

By Master Sgt. Christopher DeWitt
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

He just wanted a free t-shirt, but 7 1/2 years and a Medal of Honor later, he was visiting the Air Force Academy with an uncommon message - being average.

Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, Medal of Honor recipient, spoke to cadets and faculty during his 3-day visit to participate in the 2011 National Character and Leadership Symposium Feb. 24-25.



Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta

Serving on both a Medal of Honor panel with retired Air Force Colonels George Day and Leo Thorsness and as a keynote speaker, Sergeant Giunta was able to share his experiences and inspirational testimony.

"Amongst the men and women I serve with, I am average, and I think that's incredibly inspiring because I'm not the fastest, strongest or the smartest, it's what we do as a team," he said. "I think so much of the fact that I am average, and how this is what happened to me, shows how much our average servicemembers sacrifice on a daily basis; I mean if I can do it, trust me - anyone can."

Speaking to cadets and faculty, Sergeant Giunta hoped to impart a message of setting the standard as leaders.

"Lead by example, don't just tell people the best way to do it, show them the best way to do it," he said. "Don't be just part of a group, lead them, be the first one there doing it. Show them that it can be done so they can push themselves further, I think that's what makes an incredible leader."

"That's how I was shown how to lead, by having them do it and then I would repeat - I think that's such an incredible tool."

Ever humble about his actions during the Taliban ambush that thrust him into the spotlight, the Iowa native is quick to honor those with him on that ridge in 2007.

"That night that everyone was shooting and getting shot or being shot at, I was not the only one there and to stand up on a stage and to be asked how does this make you feel, I feel like I'm wronging those guys I've served with, or those I've served along, underneath, above, in front of and behind," Sergeant Giunta said.

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Standouts recognized at Academy Awards Banquet

by Master Sgt. Gino Mattorano
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

Twelve of the Air Force Academy's finest were recognized at the third annual Academy Awards Banquet Feb. 26.

Winners were selected from 42 nominees from across Academy mission elements.

Chief Master Sgt. Of the Air Force #5 Robert Gaylor was the guest speaker for the banquet, that took place at the Falcon Club. Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michael C. Gould and Chief Master Sgt. Todd Salzman, Academy Command Chief, presented each nominee with a Medallion to recognize them for their accomplish-

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BILL EVANS

Staff Sgt. Hugo L. Reinor, 10th Medical Operations Squadron, and his daughter, Yasmin, 4, pass through the saber cordon at the third annual Academy Awards Banquet Saturday. Sergeant Reinor was selected as the Honor Guard NCO of the Year.

NCLS: life changing

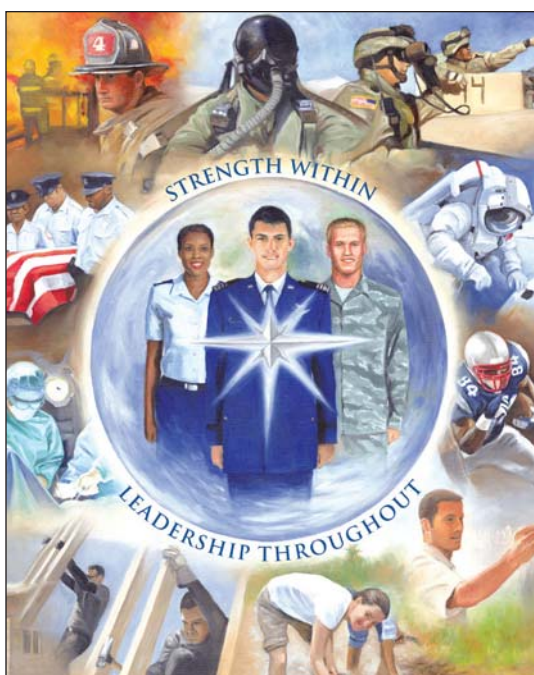
By Cadet 2nd Class J. Seth Bopp

Changing the world is a task that some consider impossible, but for three boys from southern California it's what they do every day. At the 18th Annual National Character and Leadership Symposium, one of those three boys, Laren Poole spoke of an incredible story of the "Unlikely Activist." At age 18, Poole would travel to the country of Uganda and discover the crisis of the child soldier. Upon returning to the States, Poole and his two best friends would start the foundation Invisible Children and put the word change into action.

CIC Courtney Vidt, Cadet Wing character officer, mentioned in her closing speech that NCLS has always been "life changing."

NCLS is life changing in more ways than one, the aforementioned speaker, Laren Poole, knows and shares the meaning of life changing with thousands of children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda on a daily basis. Medal of Honor recipients Col. Bud Day, Col. Leo Thorsness, and Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Guinta all know the meaning of awe-inspiring, because they chose to do something that is beyond measure. Maximilian Lerner, World War II Army intelligence officer, knows this meaning as well, because he lived a life that is truly remarkable for any who hear it. "Life Changing" was not the theme of the 18th Annual NCLS; it just happened to accommodate the caliber of speakers that attended this year's symposium.

This year's symposium saw several major changes to in-



clude the flexibility for the cadets to pick which sessions they wanted to attend. CIC Alexis Tamosuinas, cadet in charge of public affairs, commented that cadets were generally more excited and had a better mood toward NCLS than in past years. The one thing that did not change was the caliber of the speakers. With that high caliber, also comes the challenge of the speakers. Every year and every session the speaker challenges you, whether direct or indirect, to do something extraordinary. Colonel Thorsness quoted "If not now, when? If not me, who?" For the professionals in the profession of arms, his words reverberate louder now than ever. Another change seen this year was the addition of consortiums. This addition allowed for reflections and

lessons learned from NCLS.

This year NCLS challenged all cadets to look at themselves and ask if they were the leader they truly wanted to be. It taught us not to accept the norms, but to question them. Standing up for what is right even when others may disagree. All of these things seem straight forward and easy, but as any outstanding leader knows, these characteristics, in a time of hardship, will define you. With the challenges and stories from the two-day event, cadets went into their consortiums armed with knowledge of how to be life changing. However, a quick pull back to reality, is the application of that knowledge. For all who attended NCLS – we were challenged, now it's time to answer the call. Always remembering Colonel Thorsness's quote "If not now, when? If not me, who?"

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Cadet 1st Class Adrian Ramos Sanchez, Cadet Squadron 05



"It's taking everyone's strengths and pooling them together to make the team better."

Cadet 1st Class Katie Schuler, CS16



"It's celebrating the backgrounds of everyone; celebrating where people come from, their beliefs, their lifestyles and having a good time with it."

Cadet 2nd Class Leroi Edwards, CS17



"It can be anything like your skill sets, someone being good at art or physics and it's about how we can all mesh together and learn from each other."

Cadet 4th Class Amy Vander Wyst, CS04



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"It's important to stress that because that's what it is, no one person does this alone. It's very important, incredibly important, it's the only reason why I'm still here. In no way shape or form what I did was for myself, it was for the man to the left of me and for the man to the right of me but nothing they ever did was for themselves either, we are all in this together."

"So much of me wearing the Medal of Honor is because they had to give it to one person, but this represents all of us, not just Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines, this represents a whole group of young men and women serving in the Armed Forces of today who are willing to put their lives in danger in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world at any given time."

Sergeant Giunta also understands the individual and collective efforts for each of the service branches.

"We're all just members of a team," the sergeant said. "It's not the Army team, and it's not the Air Force team, and it's not the Navy team; we're all in this together and we don't have different objectives. We all have the same objective and how we reach that is by binding together and creating a larger team, and by using each other as assets to further our progress in the overall mission."

Also speaking at the 18th Annual NCLS was Giunta's wife, Jennifer, who talked to audience members about those who supported her during deployments.

"I've had different friends and other spouses that have helped me along the way," Mrs. Giunta said. "Anybody can be a leader, you lean on other people and you learn to grow off each other. You can find a leader in anyone."

While visiting the Academy, Sergeant Giunta was treated to a glider orientation ride courtesy of the 94th Flying Training Squadron. He also had the pleasure of a tandem jump with instructors from the 98th Flying Training Squadron.

"I'm always stoked to jump out of a plane," he said. "It was a little cold but they put you at ease, they know exactly what they're doing. I just went along for the ride."

Of his experiences at the Academy, Sergeant Giunta said simply, "The Academy has been awesome, incredible!"



Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta addresses the Air Force Academy Cadet Wing and guests during his keynote speech at the National Character and Leadership Symposium in Arnold Hall Saturday. Sergeant Giunta, is the first living Medal of Honor recipient since the Vietnam War.

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Awards

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"These dedicated professionals embody our Air Force Core Values, and are representative of the outstanding men and women we have here at the Academy," said Chief Salzman. "Each one of them is committed to our mis-

sion of developing officers of character, while actively participating in community events while continuing to support of overseas contingency operations.

And each of them relies on a support network of family, friends, coworkers and their

base support structure to ensure our Air Force continues to fly, fight and win. Congratulations to each of the winners and all 42 nominees.

The award recipients will now compete for Air Force-level honors.



Honor Guard Airman of the Year: Staff Sgt. April A. Migliore, Dean of Faculty staff



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Manager/Supervisor of the Year: Claire D. Morgan, 10th Air Base Wing

Gaylor compares early days to present

Staff Sgt. Raymond Hoy
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force came to the Academy to speak to guests at the Academy's Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 26 in the Falcon Club.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Bob Gaylor also took some time to speak with enlisted Airmen prior to the awards in an enlisted call in the Milazzo Center.

The room was filled to capacity to listen to a man who had seen the early days of the Air Force, an Air Force that maybe wasn't as different from today's Air Force as people may think.

Chief Gaylor gave the Airmen a rundown of the early days of his career.

He talked about basic training and how he never had a career field until he got to his first base. And while some of the things he spoke of seemed foreign to many on hand, a lot of the issues were things current Airmen could relate to. One of those issues is communication within the chain of command.

"Today's Airmen have a voice," he said. "In my day you were told to shut up and listen. Airmen now have the opportunity to be a part of the idea process. But some don't know when to stop. Once you are listened



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Chief Master Sgt. Bob Gaylor

to, once you express your comment, idea or thought, and once the person you shared it with has acknowledged your comment, it's time to shut up and get on with the business at hand. Some people don't

understand that. It's something you develop over time to know when to talk and when to listen."

The chief was directly involved in a lot of big decisions over his career. But most of the big decisions came when he was a chief. The enlisted representation throughout the chain of command didn't exist the way it does today.

"When I was a chief, I sat there with the three and four star generals," he explained. "Frequently I was the only enlisted person in the room. And they would listen to me and take notes and action would happen. You've got enlisted representation now starting with your first sergeants to your superintendents and your command chiefs. All the way up you have conduits of information."

While some things remain the same, he said some things have to change to make it a better Air Force.

"There are some great ideas we've learned over the last 62 years: How to assign Airmen to career fields, how to take care of families, how to listen to Airmen when they want to share an idea or a thought ... we've come a long way," the chief said. "And I'd like to think I made some of that happen."

Before taking questions, the chief made some things perfectly clear:

"I no longer go to staff meetings;

my clearance is quite outdated; I am not in the know," he said. "That's what we're paying Chief (Master Sgt.) Jim Roy a bunch of money for. He's supposed to be in the know. You would know more about today's Air Force than I do. But if you want to talk about how we got where we are; if you want to talk about how a segregated Air Force became integrated; if you want to talk about we went from less than 1 percent female to 19.2 percent; if you want to talk about racial opportunity in education, I'm your man. I was there! I lived it! I'm a walking encyclopedia of Air Force history."

One question was asked regarding the current issue with resources. Chief Gaylor pointed out that this is not a new concept.

"When I served at the NCO Academy at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana, I taught two classes and they had to shut the place down because of the Vietnam War," he said. "They decided to sacrifice NCO education for the war effort."

He's also seen the flip side of that.

"By 1960, we peaked at about 840,000 enlisted men and women," Chief Gaylor said. "We almost had too many people; we were running into each other. I remember transferring into a unit where we had to share a desk. The first person in to work in the morning got the desk."

Air Base Wing welcomes 1st command chief

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. David Staton is used to turning Airmen into professional leaders: he's done it throughout much of his career, from multiple tours as a military training instructor to five first sergeant positions and a year-long deployment to build the Afghan Air Force's enlisted corps. Now he'll have a chance to continue building Airmen in both enlisted and officer ranks as the 10th Air Base Wing's first command chief master sergeant.

Chief Staton, a native of Gentry, Ark., joined the Air Force in 1988, telling the Air Force recruiter, "I want a hat, and I want a T-shirt. Where do I sign?" Twenty-three years later, he's still glad he did.

"I was an 18-year-old kid, and I didn't know what I wanted to do," Chief Staton recalled. "The best thing I ever did in my life was walk into that recruiter's office."

Less than three years after graduating from Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the chief -- a senior airman at the time -- returned to Lackland Air Force Base, this time wearing a campaign hat. He served in the 737th Training Group nine years out of the next 11. But he changed the direction of his career after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"I had wanted to become a first sergeant, but I hadn't taken that step forward," Chief Staton said. "After 9/11, I realized I needed to follow my heart." From 2002 to 2008, he held five first sergeant jobs, including a six-month deployment as a first sergeant to Southwest Asia.

Chief Staton returned to Lackland AFB one more time, serving as the training superintendent for the 323rd Training Squadron and the superintendent for the 319th TS. In January 2010, he deployed again -- this time to Kandahar Airfield for a full year.



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Chief Master Sgt. David Staton on joining the Air Force

"I was advising (Afghan air force) Command Sgt. Maj. Mohammad Hassan and Maj. Gen. (Abdul Raziq) Sherzai, and I was taking care of our Airmen," Chief Staton said. "That was probably the coolest job I've ever had. The Afghan air force is just starting, and I was right there."

Afghan airmen and soldiers who only go home once or twice a year served to inspire Chief Staton and his fellow servicemembers, he said. The

shared sense of purpose kept them focused despite being half a world away from home themselves.

Yet while the Air Force Academy is separated from the Kandahar Air Wing by some 7,000 miles, the two units share a similar mission: training tomorrow's Airmen.

"His experience fits really well into what we do here: training lieutenants about the role of the NCO and how to use them correctly," said Chief

Master Sgt. Todd Salzman, the command chief for the Academy.

Chief Staton's predecessors, most recently Chief Master Sgt. Stef Dunson, held the job title of 10th ABW superintendent. Chief Salzman thought that needed to change and worked with 10th ABW Commander Col. Rick LoCastro and the Academy Chiefs' Group to change the job's name to fit its description.

"The superintendent was already doing what a command chief does but didn't get to wear the insignia," Chief Salzman said. "He didn't get to interview for higher-level command chief jobs because he didn't have that 9E000 Air Force Specialty Code. I wanted to formalize what the (wing) superintendent role entails and allow whoever's in that position to move up to a larger wing or numbered Air Force command chief slot."

In his discussions with Colonel LoCastro and the Chief's Group, Chief Salzman divided the duties he and the new 10th ABW command chief would share, splitting them along a strategic/tactical line. For example, Chief Staton may work on day-to-day issues in the enlisted Airmen's dormitories while Chief Salzman might work on a five-year dormitory master plan.

While the 10th Air Base Wing plays a support role to the Academy's overall training mission, Chief Staton said he's proud of what his people are doing to keep the Academy moving in the right direction.

But while the scope of their duties might differ, both chiefs place taking care of the Academy's enlisted Airmen as their top priority.

"Sometimes all people need is someone to let them know what they're capable of. If you believe in your people and let them know you believe in them, and if you give them the tools to get their jobs done, they will do extraordinary things."

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Conceptual images for new Academy facility unveiled, viewed as iconic

Construction for the Center for Character and Leadership Development will begin in late summer

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer



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Preliminaries to the construction of a training facility for the Air Force Academy's Center for Character and Leadership Development are moving along briskly, and construction is expected to begin in late summer of 2011.

The building will occupy much of the space on the Honor Court between Harmon Hall and the entrance to the Terrazzo. Even though it currently exists only in conceptual images, it is already being called an "iconic facility."

"The building's importance is twofold," said Terry Edwards, director of the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment. "It allows the Academy to meet the number-one goal of prepping over 4,000 young men and women annually to be future Air Force leaders. Also, it will be a symbolic representation of USAFA's culture and the Air Force."

Mr. Edwards was interviewed for an article in *Centerviews*, a quarterly magazine of the Center for Engineering and Environment. The center,

commonly referred to as AFCEE, oversees the design and building of all military construction projects in the Air Force.

Part of the reason the leadership training facility is being described as iconic is that it is modeled on the design of an existing architectural icon, the Academy Chapel. Once it is built, the Academy's two structural icons will be adjacent to each other.

Aside from the Holaday Athletic Center, which is under construction now, the CCLD training facility will be the first major structure built in the Cadet Area since the years immediately after the Academy was founded.

People interested in bidding on the project attended a site visit Feb. 3 so they could obtain the necessary information such as an overall description and project specs. Bids are still coming in, and the next step in the process will be awarding of the contract.

"The project is being executed as a traditional design/bid/build, where the contractor is given a

specific set of drawings and specs to construct the facility," said project manager Russ Henderer.

He also said that because of the "high visibility" of this project, a local office of AFCEE has been established at the Academy to manage it.

To make way for the CCLD facility, the memorials, replica airplanes and statues that are now at the north end of the Honor Court will be moved farther south. And because the building will be outside the entrance to the Terrazzo, certain parts of it will be open to the public.

With the impending construction of yet another new cadet facility at the Academy, enthusiasm is building, both among Academy officials and AFCEE workers.

"We are very excited to be given this opportunity at the Academy," Ben Kindt, construction programs chief for AFCEE, said in an interview with *Centerviews*. "And we will continuously strive to provide first-rate service as we work ... to build this world-class facility."

Air Force announces next tanker aircraft

by Capt. Chris Sukach
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force and Defense Department officials announced the award of an engineering and manufacturing development contract valued at more than \$3.5 billion for the KC-46A aerial refueler to The Boeing Company today.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said in the briefing that many factors were evaluated during the tanker selection process.

"This selection process determined whether or not the proposals demonstrated the ability of an offerer to deliver all 372 mandatory requirements and whether non-mandatory capabilities would be addressed," said Secretary Donley, emphasizing that both offerers met the mandatory requirements. "It also took into account fleet mission effectiveness in wartime, and life cycle costs as embodied in fuel efficiency and military construction costs."

Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn noted the "competition favored no one except the taxpayer and the warfighter."

The Air Force-led selection effort included experts from the larger DOD community, including staff from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and independent review teams during each step of the process.



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The Boeing Company has received a contract from the U.S. Air Force to build the next-generation aerial refueling tanker aircraft that will replace 179 of the service's 400 KC-135 tankers. In this artist's conception, a Boeing KC-46A prepares to refuel a B-1B bomber in flight.

The thorough and transparent selection process was marked by continual dialogue with offerers to ensure the Air Force had a clear understanding of their proposals and the companies clearly understood the service's analysis of their offers, said Secretary Donley.

Secretary Donley also highlighted that the warfighter was in charge of stating the requirements for the tank-

er, and that meeting those requirements enables the aircraft to go to war on day one.

"General Schwartz and I are confident in the fact that when our young pilots, boom operators and maintainers receive this aircraft, they will have the tools they need to be successful at what we ask them to do," the secretary added.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Nor-

ton Schwartz shared the secretary's sentiment.

"I'm pleased with how this has produced an outcome after an exhaustive effort by hundreds of the department's very best people, that we will get about delivering the capability that's long overdue," General Schwartz said.

While the focus of the briefing was on the award of the contract, Secretary Donley addressed basing considerations for the aircraft, stating that those decisions involve other organizations and will take place over the next couple of years.

Secretary Donley also reiterated the service's commitment to provide quality equipment to the warfighter.

"To the men and women of our Air Force, today's announcement represents a long-overdue start to a much-needed program," Secretary Donley said. "Your Air Force leadership, supported by Dr. (Ashton) Carter and others throughout the Department of Defense, is determined to see this through, and we will stand behind this work."

Air Force and DOD officials complemented both offerers and thanked congressional oversight committees and their staffs for working with the department during the contract process that served the warfighter and taxpayers well.

The program expects to deliver the first 18 aircraft by 2017.

AF officials warn: 'SPICE' harmful to health, career

by Master Sgt. Amaani Lyle
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs



"Airmen using spice could be found in violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, face dishonorable discharge, confinement for two years, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Enlisted members also face reduction to the lowest enlisted grade."

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — A recent spate of incidents involving service members abusing the herbal mixture "spice" has prompted uniformed service leaders to stress the ramifications of using the drug and other prohibited substances, officials said here Feb 11.

Marketed and sold as incense, and closely resembling potpourri, spice, also known as K2, skunk, or fake marijuana, is among many "designer drugs" banned under Department of Defense directive 1010-3.4 and Air Force Instruction 44-120.

Air Force leaders said they want to send a clear message about the health and career gambles associated with the drug, as indicated by the service's zero tolerance policy regarding illegal substance use or possession.

Air Force officials recently updated AFI 44-120 (<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI44-120.pdf>) and issued an updated guidance memorandum for AFI 44-121 ([121.pdf\) revising the Military Drug Demand Reduction Program and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program, respectively.](http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI44-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

The revision prohibits the ingestion of any substance, other than alcohol or tobacco, for the purpose of altering mood or function. The possession of any intoxicating substance, if done with the intent to use in a manner that would alter mood or function, is also prohibited. The regulation also states that Airmen using spice could be found in violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, face dishonorable discharge, confinement for two years, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Enlisted members also face reduction to the lowest enlisted grade.

In addition, The United States Drug Enforcement Administration exercised its emergency scheduling authority to control five chemicals (JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, CP-47,497, and cannabicyclohexanol) used to make Spice. Except as

authorized by law, this action makes possessing and selling these chemicals or the products that contain them illegal in the United States.

The 10th Medical Operations Squadron's Drug Demand Reduction Program is well aware of this latest threat and is doing its part to educate Airmen on the dangers of Spice and identifying those who abuse it.

"While the primary function of the Academy drug testing program is to deter drug users, its secondary function is to detect and identify drug abusers in support of the Air Force zero tolerance policy," said L. Kent Johnson, Drug Demand Reduction Program Manager. "Individuals who choose to use Spice jeopardize their Air Force careers, and students may jeopardize their education. The gamble to use intoxicating substances is a no win situation for drug users -- they will get caught."

Air Force medical professionals assert the health risks associated with spice should also spur Airmen to avoid the drug since manufactur-

ing of the substance is not closely controlled and its ingredients can be unknown and dangerous.

Published reports on the Drug Enforcement Agency (<http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm>) web site cite that spice contains HU-210 -- a synthetic cannabinoid hundreds of times more potent than THC -- or tetrahydrocannabinol, the main psychoactive substance in marijuana. DEA studies also showed spice to contain a high quantity of other synthetic chemicals, indicating a user may not realize what is being introduced into the body.

"The lack of body control and inability to make any logical decisions to include issues of health and safety could cause severe bodily harm or death," said Dr. Aaron Jacobs, Air Force drug testing program manager.

While the long-term effects of spice are currently unknown because of its relative newness, Dr. Jacobs said the drug's impact on the body may be as severe as its known short-term effects.



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NCLS BY THE NUMBERS:

- 85 Sessions (Opening & Closing, Speakers)
- 156 Visiting Students
- 59 Visiting Faculty
- 148 Community Leaders
- 122 Graduates
- 4,354 Cadet Wing
- 919 USAFA Permanent Party
- 32 Speakers
- 5,799 Total Registrants

NCLS 2011: Strength Within ... Leadership Throughout

By Leslie Finstein and
2nd Lt. Meredith Kirchoff
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

For two days last week, academic classes were not held; the horns heralding late cadets to get a move on to the class room were silent and the ranks of those staying in the dorms swelled by almost 200.

What was the cause of these changes? The 18th Annual National Character and Leadership Symposium held at the Academy Feb. 24-25. Over two days, 33 speakers shared their life experiences and observations, imparting on the cadets, visiting students, distinguished visitors, faculty, and other attendees what leadership and character mean to them. The speaker list varied from military heroes to world activists, business leaders to educators, and everything in between. They spoke on topics ranging from the power of love, to the power of half, to the power of just doing what is right even when it seems risky to do so.

Here are a few memorable moments from NCLS. At the Medal of Honor panel, retired Air Force Cols. George "Bud" Day and Leo Thorsness along with Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, told their stories with laughter and earnest sentiment, driving home that these recipients, though they committed extraordinary acts of bravery, are proud to be ordinary American Soldiers and Airmen.

There was the Scary Guy (it's his legal name, look it up), whose

look truly deceives the eye. He calls himself the new face of love and challenged cadets to take control of their minds, keep out negative energy, and bring change to the world.

On the first day of NCLS, during his one and only speaking session, Dennis Muilenburg, executive vice president of Boeing took a phone call from the secretary of the Air Force informing him that his company had won a long sought after contract to produce the Air Force's newest tanker. Despite the fact that he could not say anything, the audience found out via a few tech-savvy cadets and the New York Times online. "This is the beauty of technology," he quipped and then went on to comment on the contract.

The first-ever panel discussion on the topic of religion, respect and global security took place this year. Moderated by Academy Chaplain Col. Robert Bruno, those in attendance heard a stimulating discussion on those topics, and perhaps left with a better grasp of the important role understanding and respect play in the wars of today.

Although the event lasted only a few days, the Center for Character and Leadership Development and the Academy's leaders hope the stories shared and the thoughts and discussions they provoked have a lasting impact on those who heard them.

"Some of you will shed some tears, many will break out into huge smiles," said Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, Academy superintendent. "You'll have some deep reflections and some wonderful celebrations, and it's all to help build leaders of character for our nation."

Quoteworthy "quotables"

"We are the representatives of all those guys who went out there and did the right thing. It's a humbling experience to suddenly be elevated to the same status as Charlie Lindburg, Jimmy Doolittle." - Retired Air Force Col. George "Bud" Day, Medal of Honor recipient



"I know that I represent people that are bigger, faster, stronger, smarter, better than me in every way and if they could remember me as anything, I just want to be remembered as one of them." - Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, Medal of Honor recipient

"Col. Leo Thorsness said that he never expected to earn the Medal of Honor and it was a shock, so to me, it's inspiration for my future to just do my job well and not expect anything else." - Cadet 3rd Class Britta Bigej, Cadet Squadron 24, after attending the Medal of Honor panel.



"Pretty eye-opening speaker and a different way of thinking about things and how we can choose what we process in our mind, I'm going to take some ideas to heart and think about them." - Cadet 2nd Class Trent Rodriguez, Cadet Squadron 23, after attending a session by the Scary Guy.

"I thought the session was engaging and interesting, its inline with what we're working toward and what our career field has in store for the future." - Cadet 3rd Class Margarita Balish, Cadet Squadron 8, on seeing Dennis Muilenburg, executive vice president of Boeing

"I'm most looking forward to the diversity of the speakers and presenters we have at this year's NCLS. They're going to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to help us better understand our 'Strength within, and leadership throughout.'" -Brig. Gen. Richard Clark, commandant of cadets



"In the common experience that we've all had here, as graduates and those who will graduate soon, you bought into the concept of service before self. It wasn't about us as individuals; it was about serving others, about being servant leaders." -Chad Hennings, former Dallas Cowboy, USAFA '88

"We see our story as one of relationships, one of connection, one of a family transforming from being about what we have to being about what we give. Our family learned that we could be more generous than we ever dreamed we could be, and that it would be the most self-interested thing we ever did." -Kevin Salwen, author, The Power of Half

FAR RIGHT: Jacques Lamoureux makes a power-play goal assisted by Derrick Burnett and De Laurell, Kyle in the third period Saturday.

RIGHT: The Falcons celebrate the win over Robert Morris at the sold-out Clune Arena.



PHOTOS BY MIKE KAPLAN

Air Force clinches bye in first round of playoffs

AFA will host a quarterfinal series, March 11-13 at Clune Arena

Air Force scored three goals in the third period for a 4-2 win over Robert Morris in an Atlantic Hockey Association game Saturday at a sold out Cadet Ice Arena at the Air Force Academy. In front of 3,047 fans, Air Force clinched a bye in the first round of the AHA playoffs with tonight's win.

The Falcons improved to 16-11-6 overall and 14-7-6 in the AHA. AFA is off until March 11-13 in the AHA quarterfinals when the Falcons will host a best of three series at Cadet Ice Arena. Robert Morris fell to 18-

11-5 overall and 13-9-5 in the league.

Robert Morris opened the scoring at 13:39 of the first period on the power play. Cody Crichton took a pass from Nathan Longpre behind the net and fed Ron Cramer in front. His first shot was saved, but his follow went five hole for a 1-0 lead. Air Force tied the game late in the second period when Tim Kirby scored on the power play at 14:12. After winning a faceoff in the offensive zone, Kyle DeLaurell gave the puck to Derrick Burnett in the left circle. His pass through the slot was right on the tape of Kirby

who scored his seventh of the season.

The Colonials regained the league at 8:16 of the third period on a wristed from the right circle by Tom Brooks. The Falcons scored the final three goals of the game. Just over a minute later, AFA tied the game at the 9:17 mark on a power-play goal by Jacques Lamoureux. Burnett gave him a pass in the slot and Lamoureux scored his 18th of the season. DeLaurell also assisted on the play. AFA took its first lead of the game at 15:29 on Burnett's eighth of the year. Mike Walsh knocked down a puck at the blue line and took a shot from the center point. Burnett's tip in gave the Falcons a 3-2 lead. With just under four minutes left in the game, Brad Sellers drew a penalty, the third one he drew of the game. On the delayed penalty, Scott Kozlak took a shot that bounced hard off the back wall. Kirby tried to stuff it in on the wrap around but was denied by Brooks Ostergard. Sean Bertsch put in the rebound for a 4-2 lead at 16:37.

RMU pulled its goalie with 1:16 left, but was unable to score.

"Getting a bye from the west pod is no easy feat," head coach Frank Serratore said. "It was a street fight all the way. We had to win five of six against some of the top teams in the league down the stretch. Our guys took care of business tonight. It wasn't a great start and I thought Robert Morris had more energy early on. In 30 years of coaching, I have never coached a team as resilient as these guys. They have gotten off the mat so many times season. Twice tonight. We got it from everyone tonight. It takes a lot of instruments to make an orchestra. Our guys are so unselfish. Everyone has a role and we needed everyone tonight. That is how we have to play."

Air Force outshot RMU, 40-22, in the game. AFA was 2-for-7 on the power play while Robert Morris was 1-for-2. Ostergard made 36 saves for the Colonials. Jason Torf made 20 for the Falcons.

Air Force Routs Colorado State 74-57

(AP) — An off night from the floor may have just knocked Colorado State right off the bubble for the NCAA tournament.

The Rams were held scoreless for nearly nine minutes in the second half, allowing the Air Force Falcons to cruise to a 74-57 win over the Rams on Saturday night.

Michael Lyons scored 21 points and Evan Washington dished out eight assists as the Falcons (14-13, 5-9) snapped a four-game skid.

Washington also broke the school record by making his 107th start.

But the senior was much more elated over the way the team finished, holding off the Rams' charge in the second half.

"Now that's a great feeling," Washington said with a grin.

Up by as many as 13 points in the opening half, the Falcons' lead began to shrink as the Rams used an 11-2 spurt early in the second half to climb back into the game.

Colorado State pulled to within 47-45 with just over 13 minutes remaining.

To wake the Falcons out of their funk, coach Jeff Reynolds called a quick timeout.

He didn't scream or yell — at least at first — but still managed to get their attention.

"I simply slammed the clipboard down as hard as I could," Reynolds said. "I said, 'Here we go again.' We talked about that today in shoot-around, saying, 'Hey, it's time for us to step up. And we did.'"

Relying on their suffocating defense, the Falcons held the Rams without a point for nearly nine minutes.

In that span, Air Force quickly built the lead back up to 15 points with 5:26 remaining. The Falcons hit 12 of 16 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

"We needed this bad. We're just trying to build wins," Lyons said. "Getting defensive stops was big in our minds today. We carried out the game plan."

Colorado State struggled from behind the 3-point line, hitting just 5 of 29 shots. Most of the looks were rather uncontested, too.

"It's frustrating," said CSU's Andy Ogide, who provided the bulk of the offense with a 27-point night, one away from tying his career high. "But we're a team that's never had it easy. We've got to go out there and try to make something happen."

"We had a good run early in the season, but we've kind of faltered toward the end."

The only offense the Rams could generate was getting the ball down low to Ogide. The next highest scorer was Adam Nigon with eight.

"We couldn't get our 3-point shooting going," CSU head coach Tim Miles lamented. "Just having no offensive balance hurt us."

The 17 turnovers didn't help, either.

"We've got to look ourselves in the mirror and see what type of team we are," said Ogide, who finished with 10 rebounds. "We've been shooting well most of the year, but this last stretch of about 10 games, we just haven't been able to knock them down. We've got to get better on defense."



MEGAN DAVIS

Evan Washington drives for the basket against Colorado State Saturday. Washington broke the school record by making his 107th start for the Falcons.

Air Force lacrosse team loses contest to Vermont

Freshman attack Mike Crampton looks to drive against defenseman Matt Jankow in Air Force's game against Vermont on Feb. 25. Crampton finished the contest with a goal and an assist. The Falcons return to action Saturday and Sunday at the Pioneer Face-Off Classic, hosted by the University of Denver. Air Force will take on Manhattan in Saturday's game, while facing Jacksonville on Sunday.

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CCAF graduation

The Education Office will hold a Community College of the Air Force graduation and reception May 5 at the Falcon Club for the October 2010 and April 2011 graduating classes. For more information, contact the Education Office at 333-4821.

A&FRC offerings

For information on these or other classes or to register, contact the Airmen & Family Readiness Center at 333-3444. Classes are held at the A&FRC unless otherwise indicated.

Bundles for Babies - Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Learn about nu-

trition, developmental play, basic parenting skills and how to budget for a baby. This class is open only to active-duty families who are expecting a child. Eligible attendees will receive a bundle of gifts provided by the Air Force Aid Society.

DAV Medical Records Review -

March 7 and 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the Disabled American Veterans review their medical records. You must pre-register. Call for an individual appointment.

Smooth Move PCS -

This one-stop shop offers information about your next base, allowances, Plan My Move, household goods shipments, claims and more.

Resume Writing Workshop -

March 9, 9 a.m. to noon: Learn how to write an effective résumé that will open the door to your next career opportunity. This class offers information on different résumé formats, how to best highlight your qualifications and experience, how to target your résumé to specific jobs and more.

Civil Service Class - March 10, 8 a.m. to noon: Learn what you need

to know about federal employment applications, searching for positions, reading position descriptions, hiring preferences and authority, eligibility categories and more.

Military Family Life Class -

March 10, noon to 1 p.m.: Each month's class offers a different family life topic for presentation and discussion.

Family Advocacy

Anger Management Class

Anger Management Class: April 7, 14, 28 and May 5, 8-9:30 a.m. This four-session class teaches how to manage anger in day-to-day

Dads 101 Class

April 5, 12, and 19, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This three-session class is for dads and taught by dads. Learn about becoming a dad and the role of a father. Topics include pregnancy, gender stereotypes, labor and delivery, communicating with your spouse, and caring for an infant.

All family advocacy classes are open to Active Duty, family members, DoD civilians, and retirees. Please call 333-5270 to sign up.

Award nominees sought

The Academy is seeking nominations for the 2011 Air Force Academy Distinguished Service Award, which the superintendent will present to a servicemember, civilian or group whose contributions outside of their official duties had a positive effect on the Academy.

Nominations must be submitted no later than April 1 to: HQ USAFA/CMA, 2304 Cadet Drive Suite 3200, USAF Academy, CO 80840-5002. Packages should include a single page with biographical data, including name, rank (if military), organization or company, telephone number and mailing address, and a typed narrative less than a page in length describing the nominee's accomplishments.

Community Activity programs

Contact the Community Activities director at 333-2928 for more info.

Ballroom Dance - Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Classes are ongoing every four weeks. The cost is \$28 per person or \$52 per couple.



Cadet Chapel

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Sundays: 10 a.m.
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LENTEN SCHEDULE

8 March, Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
5 p.m.
9 March, Ash Wednesday Masses
11:30 and 6 p.m.
11, 18 and 25 March, 1, 8 and 15 April
Friday Stations of the Cross/Lenten
Suppers 5:30 p.m.

Community Center Chapel

CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays,
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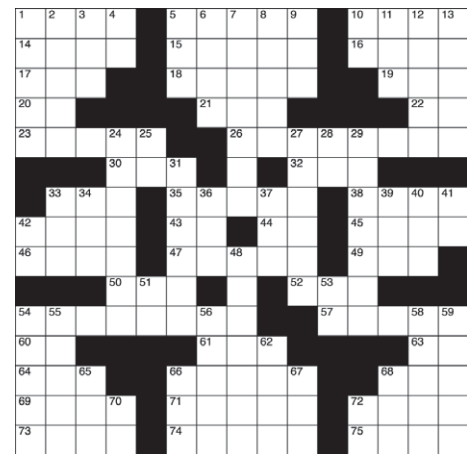
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- Midway between S and E
- Herbal tea

- Devil worship
- Soak fibers in liquid
- Tax advantage savings acct.
- Young women's association
- Green regions of desert
- Picasso's mistress
- Netherlands river
- 3rd note
- Cathode (abbr.)

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- Literary language of Pakistan
- Former Senator Specter
- British thermal unit
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- Indicates near
- Wrestling point maneuver
- Cavalry sword

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- Tossed or Cobb
- Million gallons per day (abbr.)
- Precisely executed
- A way to excuse
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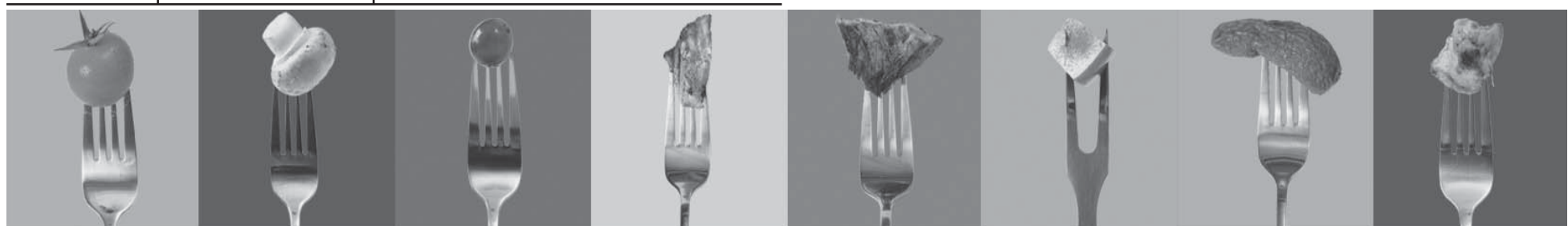
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