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Falcons bring home Commander-in-Chief's Trophy

By Staff Sgt. Raymond Hoy
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

WASHINGTON -- President Barack Obama formally presented the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to seniors from the Air Force Falcons football team Monday at the White House.

The trophy is awarded to the military service academy football team with the best regular season record against the other two teams. The trophy was first awarded in 1972 by President Richard Nixon. It was the brainchild of Gen. George B. Simler, the then-commander of Air Training Command and former Air Force Academy athletic director. And while the Falcons won the trophy handedly this season, it's the first time they've had it home since the 2002 season.

"What a great day to celebrate an outstanding accomplishment," President Obama said. "The Commander-in-Chief's Trophy is heading back to Colorado Springs for the first time in more than eight years."

The President lauded the team and their accomplishments, but was quick to point out the dedication of the players not only on the field, but off the field as well. He also reminded the crowd that the team is preparing for the next stage of their Air Force careers.

"I'm told that offensive lineman Tyler Schonscheck has had to lose over 40 pounds since the end of the season so he can fit in the cockpit of a fighter jet," the President said. "Now that's dedication; he's a big guy."

Head coach Troy Calhoun reiterated the President's comments about the



STAFF SGT. RAYMOND HOY

President Barack Obama receives a Falcons football from fullback Jared Tew after presenting the 2010 Air Force Academy football team seniors with the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy at the White House Monday. This is the 17th time the Falcons have won the trophy and the first since 2002.

players' dedication when he reminded everyone of the senior class's next big step.

"In just 37 short days, these men will become officers in the United States Air Force," Coach Calhoun said. "I'm proud of their actions on the field, but I couldn't be more proud of what they are going to do down the road."

The Naval Academy has held the CIC Trophy for the last seven seasons.

And while the Air Force has the shortest military academy football career, it still leads the way in CIC-trophy wins with 17.

Two team members, defensive back Reggie Rember and fullback Jared Tew, presented President Obama with gifts: a team football and a Falcons jersey with "OBAMA" on the back. But the number had a special significance. "We were going to put number one

on it, but everyone does that," Rember said. "Then we were going to put number 44 on it, but the Navy did that last year so we decided that would be a bad idea. So we went with number 23, which was the number the President wore when he played basketball in high school."

"And I just want everyone to know that was before Michael Jordan," the President added with a laugh.

Wounded warriors talk about experiences

By Leslie Finstein
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

"Did that just happen, did that really just happen? ..."

"I thought I was going to die, I should have died ..."

"I wanted everything to mean something after it happened..."

It was early on a Friday evening when thirty cadets gathered in the chaplain-run Oasis coffee lounge to hear from three wounded warriors from the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Carson.

Army Sergeant and Colorado Springs native Jeremy Madrid broke his back in 2008 while on his third tour in Iraq.

"I heard the crack, saw the flash, and fell backwards down fifteen stairs," described Sergeant Madrid. "A rocket-powered grenade hit five meters away,".

First Lt. Jason Mazzella from Warwick, N.Y., almost lost his leg in February, 2010 during a rocket attack in Afghanistan. When Lieutenant Mazzella lifted his pant leg to show cadets, the scars from his



MIKE KAPLAN

Army Sergeant Jeremy Madrid, bottom left, 1st Lt. Jason Mazzella, behind Madrid, and Specialist Brandon Rethmel, center, from Fort Carson's Warrior Transition Unit shared their experiences of war with cadets.

limb salvage were clear cut on his skin.

"I came to, still standing with everything flying through the air and I had no idea where I was or what had just happened ... It felt like somebody

had punched me in the face" Lieutenant Mazzella said. "I started walking, took three steps and realized my leg should not be bent at a 90 degree angle. I went to the ground. "

His platoon sergeant was a few feet away, face down in front of the mortar tube, dead.

"We had just been shoulder to shoulder," said Lieutenant Mazzella, who wears that sergeant's bracelet every day.

Specialist Brandon Rethmel wanted to deploy ever since he joined the Army.

"I thought I was invincible; I volunteered five times for deployment," Specialist Rethmel told the cadets.

While on duty in the guard shack of his base in Bagram, Afghanistan, a rocket hit. He lost his right leg below the knee, his right tricep, and several pieces of his intestines. Specialist Rethmel was seven days into his first deployment and was back in the United States at Walter Reed Army Medical Center within a week.

These three wounded warriors came to the Academy to tell their stories, to talk to cadets in

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Sexual assault prevention begins with each Airman

By 1st Lt. Ingrid Muñiz
8th Force Support Squadron

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The day we move away from home for the first time is a big stepping stone for most of us. It is the first time we are truly on our own, no longer dependent on our family to provide us with shelter and food.

While most of us are excited to move out, there are small considerations that should come to mind during that time, one of them being personal safety at our new locations.

I personally never made it a point to think about my safety. I did the normal things like always locking my doors and windows. I lived in an apartment complex on my college campus with several neighbors around, so I never thought I could be at risk with regard to the horror stories seen on TV.

Then, my friend told me her story. My friend, whom I will call Jaelyn, was home alone when she heard a knock on her door. Not expecting danger, because she lived on campus and surely nothing would happen in her own dorm room with fellow students around, she opened the door. In the doorway stood a nice-looking young man who was holding a brochure for magazines. He quickly explained that he was competing for a scholarship and if he was the first person to sell the most magazines he could win the money, which he desperately needed to help pay for his tuition. Jaelyn, being a kind-hearted person, decided to contribute to his cause. She told him she just needed to grab her wallet.

The minute Jaelyn turned around, the man shoved her to the ground and attempted to sexually assault her. Fortunately for Jaelyn, her instincts quickly kicked in and she fought back hard, eventually fighting off the assailant. Unfortunately, the man who committed the crime was never found, leaving students feeling unsafe in their own homes. After the incident, my friends and I took steps to protect ourselves and one another from becoming victims of sexual assault.

It was not until I joined the Air Force that I really learned

that not only is it important to defend myself, but it is also important to defend others. For me, that included wanting to get involved in a way that would support victims of sexual assault and to stop others from becoming victims. Knowing how my friends and I had been impacted after one of our own almost fell victim to this crime, I felt it was important for me to do something.

Through my personal experience in dealing with the sexual assault prevention and response program, I have witnessed first-hand that sexual assault is an existing problem in today's military. Sadly, most cases are never reported and approximately 75 percent involve someone the victim knows. Within the Air Force, the predator is often a fellow Airman.

The military has taken great strides to better educate Airmen on how to prevent this crime. They've implemented bystander intervention training, which provides Airmen with the tools necessary to combat sexual assault in their daily lives. In addition, the Air Force participates in Sexual Assault Awareness Month using a Department of Defense-driven campaign designed to further educate military members about the existing problem, show what individuals can do to stop it, and reinforce the military's zero tolerance policy.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy stated in a message to Airmen, "Unfortunately, sexual assault continues to burden our Airmen and degrade our mission effectiveness. Sexual assault is a crime, and there is no place for this behavior in our Air Force. We demand better of ourselves."

This year's theme for SAAM is "Hurts one, Affects all," a motto I think is very fitting as I was personally affected by a friend's potential sexual assault. Sexual assault is an issue that does not just affect the victim, but it directly affects friends, family and coworkers. As Airmen in the United States Air Force, we are held to a higher caliber; our duty is to take care of one another and prevent issues such as sexual assault from affecting our peers, so together we can carry out our daily mission without interruption.

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How would you respond to inappropriate sexual comments in the workplace?

"I would stop whatever conversation is going on. I would lay down a marker ... and I would give the person a chance to explain themselves or retract their statement."

Tim Sandusky, State Department
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"I'd take the immediate approach to stop the behavior followed by an offline conversation. The staff needs to see demonstrable response from leadership, and the rest of the behavior modification takes place in private."

Col. Leslie Ness, administrator,
10th Medical Group



"I'd quietly speak with them about it. I wouldn't call them out on it, but I wouldn't let it go because that's not good for morale."

Cadet 4th Class
Tyler Fuentes,
Cadet Squadron 35



"Best way I found to correct it is by not slaying the offender but simply telling everyone involved, 'However funny this might be, it's not proper in our Air Force.' Should we tolerate it, then immediately we just created a new Air Force standard, and all of us know better."

Senior Master Sgt. Spenger Zamy
Superintendent, 10th Medical
Support Squadron



Past, Present, Future; Academy Cyber Warfare

By Leslie Finstein
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Teams around the nation battling in cyberspace sounds like the plot of a Hollywood summer blockbuster but for a team of students at the Air Force Academy this week it's just class work.

Sponsored by the National Security Agency, the 11th Annual Cyber Defense Exercise took place from April 18 -21, testing service academy cadets in the realm of cyberspace battle.

The Cyber Defense Exercise is an annual cyber security competition in which cadets from various military institutions design, build and defend computer networks against simulated intrusions by the National Security Agency's red cell aggressor team.

So who are these competitive and computer savvy cadets? They are students of the Academy's cyber warfare program within the computer science major.

All cadets majoring in computer science graduate from the Academy with a foundation in programming, computer architecture, networks, operating systems, and information storage and retrieval. Those who choose to go into the realm of cyber warfare deepen their knowledge of cryptography, computer security and information warfare, and network security.

Computer security as a topic of study at the Academy grew in the late 90's and early 2000's because "as it became more important to society, it became more important to us too," said Lt. Colonel Jeff Boleng, deputy head of the computer science department and 1991 graduate of the Academy.

In the late 1990's, the Academy began hosting visiting faculty from the NSA, which according to Lt. Col.

Boleng led to greater focus on information assurance. By 2001, the NSA, in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security, came up with a recognition called "Centers for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education." That year, the Academy applied for and became one of the first schools to receive this recognition.

"Formally, we dove headlong into cyber in 2001, receiving the NSA recognition and at the same time we developed a specialty track within computer science emphasis on information assurance," Boleng said.

So why study the dark side of technology?

"As people become more and more dependent on computers, automation, and information it becomes more of a natural target. With reliance [on technology] comes greater vulnerabilities which a lot of our adversaries are trying to exploit and we are trying to do the same thing to them," Boleng explained.

In 2006, the concentration shifted from information assurance to cyber warfare. Cadets in this program must take three specific classes; CS 431, Cryptography, CS 438, Computer Science and Information Warfare, and CS 468, Network Security.

The Air Force Academy is not alone in its emphasis on the computer science and cyber warfare. Each of the major service academies have similar programs. Faculty in each institution share ideas, host visiting NSA faculty and work often with each other and compete in the NSA cyber exercise.

About a year ago according to Col David S. "Hoot" Gibson, head of the computer science department, the U.S. Naval Academy contacted USAFA for information and guidance on setting up their own cyber



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Cadets 3rd Class Michael Winstead and Francis Adkins look over data during the 11th Annual Cyber Defense Exercise sponsored by the National Security Agency. The exercise took place at the Academy from April 18 -21.

warfare program.

"When the USNA was starting up their cyber program, colleagues from there contacted me for a description of how we are organized, our cyber curriculum, and how we mapped our curriculum to the NSA's Center of Academic Excellence program," explained Dr. Dino Schweitzer, Academy computer science professor.

At the Academy, there are at any time 80 students majoring in computer science and over 90% of them will choose the cyber warfare track.

According to Lt. Col. Boleng, the Academy has always done a great job producing officers who are highly skilled computer scientists however we produce only 12 or 15 a year because half of the computer science majors go on to become pilots.

Starting this summer, more cadets than ever will have the opportunity to

learn the basics of cyber warfare with the departments first ever summer cyber training program, Cyber 256. This 10 day course will be offered six times throughout the summer, training 90 cadets in hands-on cyber warfare.

Lt. Col. Boleng believes that the summer program will provide more cadets with cyber training which is good not just for the cadets themselves but for the Air Force. The Academy hopes to produce a greater population of officers who can be cyber warriors, able to attack enemy computer systems and understand the importance of those kinds of attacks. Officers who will recognize that bombs and planes are not the only way to stop an enemy.

From what Lt. Col. Boleng and others in the department say, this decade old program continues to grow as technology changes and envelopes more and more facets of life and war.

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Academy uses algae in bio-fuel research

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Cadets and researchers are using algae to find the nation's next source of energy.

Algae is a broad term, covering a large and diverse class of aquatic plant life. But in the Academy's Department of Biology, some of the simpler subspecies of microalgae are being evaluated as a potential fuel source because of the chemical similarities between algae oils and current fuels produced from crude oil or certain feedstocks.

"We're examining a number of different types of species of algae, and what we're really after is to get the oils or lipids out of the algae," said Dr. Don Veverka of the Department of Biology, the Academy's Life Sciences Research Center. "The algae make oils and lipids just like we do in living cells, and it turns out we can chemically rearrange these oils into something very similar to fossil fuels that are currently being used."

The research is funded by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the Air Force Research Laboratory, and to accomplish the research, the Academy has partnered with grads at Cool Clean Technologies in Eagan, Minn., and a professor at Brooklyn's City University of New York.

"So the catch is, you need to winnow down the number of species of algae out there that can do this. Not all of them are as prolific as others," said Doctor Veverka. "Working with our partners, we've managed to cull the herd down to about 10 or 15 real promising ones, and we're experimenting with those to see if

we can get them to grow faster and produce more oil.

A key factor in this research is involving cadets.

"We're testing their effectiveness, their growth rate, what type of lipids they produce, and what the amount of liquids they produce under different stresses. We're currently doing a carbon dioxide exposure experiment, exposing them to different levels of carbon dioxide to see what they do," said Cadet 2nd Class Chris Morehouse, a biology major working on the project. Working on this research project has allowed Cadet Morehouse and others, like Cadet 2nd Class Mike Wojdan, to apply their microbiology and botany classwork to the lab and reinforce the academic lessons and gain laboratory experience in the process.

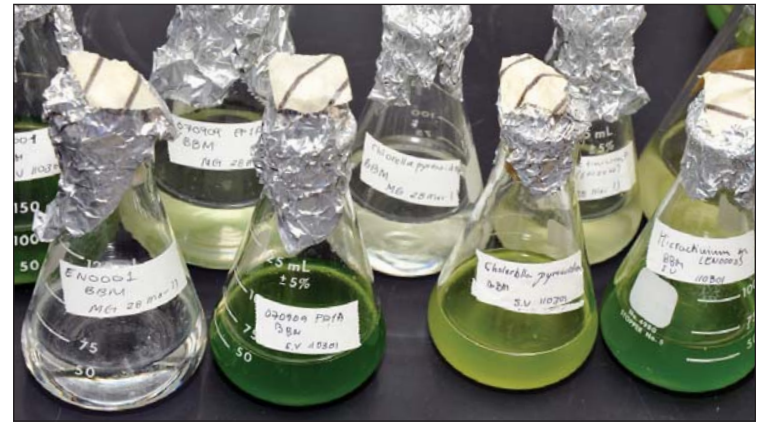
Plans are already underway for the next phases of this research project, said Cadet Wojdan. "Next semester, once we come back from the summer break, we're going to start another experiment with not carbon dioxide or light, but we're going to be working with different ion concentrations, such as potassium, nitrogen, calcium, in the media that we grow the algae in and see how that affects the growth rate of the algae and the lipid accumulation," he said.

The Academy's algae biofuels project is also one of 10 finalists in the National Security Innovation Competition. The competition is April 29 at Doolittle Hall and will be judged by experts from the Department of Homeland Security, Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Energy, U.S. Northern Command, The Aerospace Corporation, Dorsey and Whitney and The Raytheon Company.



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Cadet 2nd Class Chris Morehouse collects an algae sample.



The Department of Biology is testing multiple species of microalgae.

Warriors

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the first of what the event organizers hope to be many Heroes Endure And Relate, or H.E.A.R sessions.

"This is a conversation, not a briefing," said Lt. Col. Kevin Basik, chief of the Scholarship Division at the Air Force Academy and an organizing force behind this event.

Cadets asked questions about the WTU, about what goes through your mind when you are attacked, how their families were affected and why they stayed in the Army; questions the warriors willingly and candidly answered.

The seeds of H.E.A.R were planted in December, 2010, when discussions began with the WTU exploring partnership ideas with the Academy. The idea for a unique forum for discussion between cadets

and wounded warriors came from those discussions. Further progress was made when Cadet 1st Class Nicole Johnson and Colonel Basik came together to make this a project for their class BS 310, Foundations of Leadership Development. Their work brought the event to life.

The result was an event that touched both the warriors and the cadets.

"It was the most inspiring event that I've ever been through, Cadet 4th Class Alivia Berg, Cadet Squadron 11, said afterwards. "Just knowing what they went through and being able to ask questions and having it be so personal ... it gave you the confidence to ask questions about their injuries and what they went through ... it was awesome."

"I thought it was a great way to get in touch with the people who

have gone before us," said Cadet 4th Class Cole Donnelly, CS-25, on why he came to the session. "I just wanted to connect with them; I wanted to get to know them, to say thanks."

The soldiers agreed that it was great to tell the stories and felt they really got through to the cadets.

"It means a lot to us to be able to affect a large group and to know that maybe one day they might say, 'Hey I remember when Lieutenant Mazzella or Sergeant Madrid said this when we were meeting with the wounded warriors and I am going to apply that in my job.' I think that is one of the greatest outcomes that could come out of this," Lieutenant Mazzella said.


"This was a good chance to come talk to cadets about what it's like to embrace the suck, smell the dirty

stinky trash in Iraq, and tell them about how you get through everyday life," explained Sergeant Madrid. "It's the opportunity for me to say, 'this is what it's truly like.'"

Scheduled to last an hour, the session officially wrapped up on time but the conversations carried on. Cadets approached the soldiers one on one for another half hour.

The soldiers each received a plaque in commemoration of the event and everyone in attendance received a piece of camo-colored rope. It was Colonel Basik's idea; he wanted everyone to have a tangible reminder of the night as a way to bind the participants to the experience.

Colonel Basik hopes to have another H.E.A.R session next semester and from what the cadets said after this one, it will certainly be another full house.



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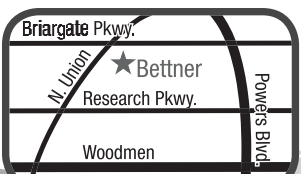
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Green Dot campaign promotes sexual assault awareness

By Gino Mattorano
Academy Spirit editor

The Academy's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response team hosted a Sexual Assault Awareness Month workshop for local community advocates Tuesday in Arnold Hall.

The Colorado Springs Advocacy Resource Team sponsored the event, which included a community resource panel and a presentation by Dr. Dorothy J. Edwards, author of the Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategy.

According to Dr. Edwards, "The Green Dot strategy is a comprehensive approach to violence prevention that capitalizes on the power of peer and cultural influence across all levels of the socio-ecological model."

This model attempts to engage potential bystanders, through awareness, education, and skills-practice, to establish proactive behaviors that enable them to react appropriately in high-risk situations, with the ultimate goal of reducing violence, Dr. Edwards said.

The Green Dot model uses dots to represent acts that either perpetuate or diminish violent acts. Red dots represent an act of power-based personal violence (partner violence, sexual violence, stalking, bullying, child abuse, or elder abuse) – or a choice to tolerate, justify or perpetuate this violence, according to Dr. Edwards' Green Dot Campaign website.

Green dots, on the other hand, represent any behavior, choice, word, or attitude that promotes safety for all our citizens and communicates utter intolerance for violence. The Academy has embraced the Green Dot concept, and is implementing it within the cadet wing.

"The Green Dot Campaign is part of our Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign," said Layla M. Hernandez, Victim Advocate and PEER Program Consultant. "Like Dr. Edwards, we are trying to impress upon the cadet wing that sexual violence can be prevented through our efforts to maintain a positive environment and change the culture and climate."



MIKE KAPLAN

Dr. Dorothy J. Edwards, author of the Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategy, speaks Tuesday at a workshop promoting sexual assault prevention.

To kick off Sexual Assault Prevention month, Brig. Gen. Richard Clark, the commandant of cadets, introduced the Green Dot campaign at Mitchell Hall April 1 and to add further incentive, sponsored a cadet squadron competition for the most Green Dots.

The response from the cadet wing has been phenomenal," said Teresa Beasley, the Academy's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. "We have well over 1,500 Green Dots earned to date, and that number keeps growing. The cadets notify us of the positive bystander interactions they have, to include efforts to educate

their peers through the use of articles and videos."

Thus far, efforts have been focused on the cadet wing, but Ms. Beasley says she hopes to spread the program throughout the Academy's permanent-party population as well.

"Dr. Edwards will be coming back to USAFA (in the July time frame) to consult with us and conduct a four-day training regarding further implementation of the Green Dot program into our sexual assault prevention curriculum/outreach efforts here at USAFA," Ms Beasley said. "We have also extended her four-day training to our community partners."

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You could say he has a knack for K-9 work

Academy kennel master renowned for ability to transform problem dogs into military working dogs

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Cesar Millan can lay claim to being the world's dog whisperer, but at the Air Force Academy that title belongs to Chris Jakubin.

The kennel master at the Academy is renowned for his ability to mold problem dogs into able partners for their human K-9 handlers and build the necessary teamwork on both ends of the leash. Even so, he shies away from the moniker of dog whisperer and downplays the powers that can leave his co-workers in awe.

"We do a lot of good training here with the whisperer," said Staff Sgt. Timothy Bailey, the current trainer at the Academy kennel. "That's a nickname that everybody has for him. Out of our nine dogs, I'd say eight are problem dogs. So it's definitely a homage to him. Having him here is a valuable asset for the Air Force Academy."

Mr. Jakubin has worked as a dog trainer most of his professional life. He joined the military in 1985 but has since retired and is now a civilian employee.

Following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Air Force Academy introduced a military-working-dog program, and Mr. Jakubin started the program from scratch. At the time, he had one dog and no kennel.

A decade of growth raised the number of dogs to eight: six bomb dogs and two drug dogs. The kennel opened in 2003. German shepherds account for half of the current total, but the kennel also has two Belgian malinois, a Dutch shepherd and a German shorthair pointer.

"Our main job here is to ensure the safety of the cadets," Mr. Jakubin said. "We also do military deployments. Beyond that, we've done a lot of Secret Service assignments."

When asked about his reputation as the resident dog whisperer, he replied, "I guess if you've been doing something for 25 years you tend to get good at it. I wish it would work out where I could fit dogs and handlers, but most of the time it's what handler just got here and what dog is open. It's up to me to ensure that team works, so I have to go into my bag of tricks to make it happen."

A small sampling of his bag of tricks was on display during a recent Cadet for a Day session at the Academy. Youngster Andrew Kent and his entourage were delighted by the half-hour exhibition

featuring Mr. Jakubin and Boda, a recently acquired German shepherd working her way toward K-9 duty.

Mr. Jakubin has also lent his expertise to law enforcement agencies and other security professionals for whom dogs are an integral part of their work. His first priority, though, is where it's been for the last 10 years.

His colleagues/trainees at the Academy kennel deeply respect the master craftsman in their midst and speak glowingly of his track record. When they don't refer to him as the whisperer, they just call him Jak.

"A lot of people Air Force-wide won't do much of the training Jak does, like attack-muzzle training," Sergeant Bailey said. "His philosophy is not to train you to be a dog handler but a dog trainer."

People like Senior Airman William Hollendonner and Staff Sgt. Chuck Dalton have thrived under Mr. Jakubin's tutelage, even though they've been paired with difficult dogs. The guiding principle they are always taught to follow is "know your dog's change of behavior — day to day."

Airman Hollendonner teams with Haus, the German shorthair pointer, who sniffs for explosives. Haus has deployed several times, once with Airman Hollendonner, who said he's been told that Haus works better with him than with previous handlers.

Sergeant Dalton is paired with Benga, a German shepherd. Together they go on patrol and track down explosives.

"We jelled pretty quick," Sergeant Dalton said. "There's always more to work with, especially on patrol. He always challenges me."

Being the dog whisperer is challenging work for



Boda is a recent addition to the Air Force Academy's military working dog program. Kennel master Chris Jakubin started the program from scratch after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Since then, the program has taken off under Mr. Jakubin's guidance. His ability to turn around troublesome dogs has earned him the nickname "The Dog Whisperer."

Mr. Jakubin as well, not least of all because training has to be tailored to each individual dog and the abilities of its handler. Neither the dog nor the handler ought to dominate. It is a partnership in every sense of the word.

So while there are general concepts that apply, there is no one-size-fits-all method of training. Furthermore, the job a dog will do determines much of its training regimen.

"There's one common goal in the end, but there's different ways to get there," Mr. Jakubin said. "Every dog's different. The dog tells you how it needs to be trained. There are trainers who do cookie-cutter, and they tend to fail quite a lot."

That's why an understanding of what the dog is saying about its training needs is essential. And some amazing whispering ability certainly doesn't hurt, either.

Kennel master Chris Jakubin has trained dogs for K-9 work for more than 25 years. Even after retiring from the military, he continued to shepherd the military working dog program at the Air Force Academy. Known for his uncanny success with problem dogs, Mr. Jakubin also advises other agencies and is so highly respected that colleagues routinely refer to him as "the whisperer," a reference to Cesar Millan, the noted "Dog Whisperer" of TV fame.



PHOTOS BY MEGAN DAVIS

10th MDG standouts earn medical service awards

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Air Force level awards keep rolling in for the Academy, and the latest round of recognition spotlights Capt. Kerry Phelan and Master Sgt. Angela Zurun, both of whom work in the 10th Medical Group. Both received Air Force Medical Service Awards, which honor high performers in various specialties across the medical field.

Captain Phelan oversees one of the two optometry clinics at the Academy and leads a six-person team responsible for conducting eye exams and granting waivers for cadets. She has also repeatedly led her optometry charges through Basic Cadet Training.

Awards she has won range from squadron and group levels up to the Air Force level. She is credited with saving the eyesight of four soldiers, and her award nomination form describes her as a superior performer and leader.

Her current commander, Lt. Col. Timothy Nelson, seconded that. "In my 19 years in the Air Force," he said, "Captain Phelan has proven to be the finest company-grade officer I have ever

supervised, regardless of career field."

For Sergeant Zurun, the award is going to have to wait, because she is on a deployment to Afghanistan. But her accomplishments in providing perioperative care — meaning everything involved in surgery — made her a standout.

She supervises 50 employees and five departments and manages the multimillion-dollar supply budget and equipment inventory for a unit that performs about 2,000 surgeries a year. Besides that, she is the consultant for Otolaryngology Surgical Technicians.

According to her supervisor, Lt. Col. Lisa Cole, Sergeant Zurun was an "integral part" of the Air Force/VA integrated work force, which was instituted during the past year.

She was named the latest Air Force Surgical Service Senior NCO of the Year.

"I cannot say enough about the quality of her work," Colonel Cole said. "She exemplified what a (senior) NCO should be. Her mission focus, care for her people, and attention to detail are unsurpassed."



LEFT: Capt. Kerry Phelan oversees one of the two optometry clinics at the Academy and leads a six-person team responsible for conducting eye exams and granting waivers for cadets.



BELOW: Master Sgt. Angela Zurun, currently serves in Afghanistan. She oversees surgical supplies and is a consultant for surgical techs.



Simon Wright-cadet for a day

Cadet 3rd Class Luke Hantla, Cadet Squadron 36, explains glider operations to 13-year-old Simon Wright April 8. Simon got the opportunity to be a cadet for a day through the joint efforts of the Academy's cadet wing and the Make A Wish Foundation. Simon has a rare disease called aplastic anemia, which will soon require him to have a bone marrow transplant. During his time at the Academy, he got to experience a day in the life of a cadet, received a glider demo and learned what it takes to be a skydiver.

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Sandhurst: The ultimate combination of brains and brawn

by Staff Sgt. Raymond Hoy
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. Military Academy, N.Y.— The team first takes down multiple adversaries while defending its position, traverses difficult terrain, then constructs a rope bridge to cross frigid waters. Next, team members render aid to a downed Army unit with multiple injuries before charging forward to complete their mission. And they did it all in around three hours.

No, this isn't some special ops unit on a secret mission in the mountains of Afghanistan; it's a group of Air Force Academy cadets competing in the U.S. Military Academy's Sandhurst Competition Friday and Saturday. West Point hosts the annual international event, which boasts 50 teams from Australia, Great Britain, Taiwan, Chile, and Canada; as well as the Air Force and Naval Academies and multiple ROTC units.

"I think they did really well," said Capt. Matthew Rottinghaus, director of training at the Air Force Academy. "They went really fast through the course, which I think really helped them."

Sandhurst was started in 1967 and was basically just a variety of drills and obstacle courses. Over the years, the competition has evolved into something that tests the participants' knowledge and ability to think on their feet. The competition requires each team to perform a series of challenging military tasks along a 7-mile route, and compete in a marksmanship competition.

The team quickly realized after they finished Friday's shooting portion that while their speed and strength was an asset, their marksmanship needed some work.

"They didn't do so well in the firing scenario," Captain Rottinghaus said. "I think that hurt them a lot more than they initially realized. If you do poor out there, it really hurts your overall time."

They finished in 40th place in the shooting portion of the competition.

Despite the rough start, the team gave it their all in Saturday's timed field challenges and finished in 17th place — regardless of the fact that they had no idea of what they were going to see when they got there. Secrecy is a big part of Sandhurst and the teams only have a rough idea of the obstacles they will face in the competition.

"This is what our military is going toward, this irregular warfare kind of thinking," Captain Rottinghaus said. "They are trying to get Airmen and Soldiers to think on their feet. It's incredibly more difficult to teach someone to think laterally, problem solve and mission plan than it is just to teach someone to rehearse something like just climbing over a wall over and over again."

However, not knowing the challenges didn't keep the team from doing a great job in the field. They finished ahead of teams that started as much as 20 minutes ahead of them.

"I think we did solid," said Cadet 1st Class Anthony Langdon who's been on the Academy's Sandhurst team for the last three years. "We made some mistakes here and there, but every team makes mistakes; it's how you bounce back from those mistakes."

Each team has nine members, one of which has to be a female. On the Air Force team, it was Cadet 3rd Class Dominique Amor.

"I was so nervous," she said. "It puts a lot of pressure on the females because we're just never going to be as physically fit as the guys; we just can't flip a tire by ourselves. So it was tough coming to practice knowing that I'm not always going to be able to keep up with them. But knowing that they need me and that I can contribute something to the team was really important to me."

Each member of the team has shown an interest in becoming combat rescue or special tactics officers. This course gave them a good look at the adversity they will face while pursuing that dream.

"Our combat rescue and special tactics officers typically have roots in the Sandhurst Competition," said Captain Rottinghaus, who brought his own experience as a combat rescue officer to the Academy. "When we screen individuals for those fields, we really look for individuals who are not only physical specimens, but also someone who can lead troops and think on their feet. I think this competition does a great job of testing that."

Their future careers as officers remain to be seen. But one thing is certain; they will be ready for next year's Sandhurst.

"I can't wait to get back here next year," Cadet Amor said. "I'm ready to start training once we get home."



LEFT: Members of the Air Force Sandhurst team try to flip a large tire across roughly 50 yards during the Sandhurst Competition Saturday at the U.S. Military Academy, N.Y. The competition requires each team to perform a series of challenging military tasks along a 7-mile route, and compete in a marksmanship competition. The team only had a rough idea of what to train for as most of the challenges were kept secret until the day of the event.



Cadet 2nd Class William Friedl and his team secure a rope to a tree during the rope bridge portion of the Sandhurst Competition Saturday.



LEFT: The Air Force Sandhurst team pull their boat from the water following the water portion of the Sandhurst Competition.

BOTTOM CENTER: Members of the team were required to take an impromptu test that included map orientation after finishing the field portion of the competition.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Cadet 2nd Class David Fox pushes through one of the final obstacles during the Sandhurst Competition.



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STAFF SGT. RAYMOND HOY

Cadet Joe Martin, right, and Jobu got acquainted with students from the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind on Wednesday. A group of deaf students and a group of blind students toured the Academy and spent part of their afternoon being immersed in the human behavioral sciences.



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Students study behavioral sciences with cadets

David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

The Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind continued to foster its working relationship with the Air Force Academy on Wednesday, bringing about a dozen students for a Behavioral Sciences Department all-access pass.

The group was about equally divided between deaf students and blind students. After lunch at Mitchell Hall, the rats and brains were waiting for them.

“The gist here is human behavior,” said Dr. Michelle Butler, an assistant professor of behavioral sciences and the group’s tour guide. “We’re very interested in how people think and how people behave. We’re going to give you a little taste of that today.”

Alas, the lab rats chosen for the demonstration were not named Pinky and The Brain. And neither Tiger nor Jobu seemed obsessed with scheming to take over the world. Both were on their best rat behavior

and didn’t mind the humans sampling their food.

“We use our rats as a way to understand learning,” Dr. Butler said.

The tour also allowed students to get inside people’s heads, so to speak. This was an experience in human behavioral study, after all. Models of the human brain, ear and eye were played across tables for disassembly. Although the blind students could only feel the items, they were clearly enthralled.

Dr. Butler told the group that the department has been offering the tour for six years now. The students on this tour needed little prompting to engage in conversation and active participation.

The Academy in general and cadets in behavioral sciences in particular have reciprocated on a variety of occasions.

The most recent partnership between the two educational institutions involved a handful of cadets recording the reading of children’s books for addition to the library at the School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Open burning prohibited on Academy

Campfires, bonfires, trash fires, or vegetation fires are prohibited anywhere on base unless an inspection is conducted by the Fire Department and approved by the Fire Chief.

The Air Force Academy is identified as an Urban Interface Zone, which means Academy homes are interwoven into the forest. That coupled with high winds and dry vegetation means the danger of wildland fires is always prevalent.

Recently, the Academy experienced a wildland fire encompassing almost seven acres that came dangerously close to homes in Douglas Valley and the historical landmark, Capp’s Cabin.

Fire Prevention is everyone’s responsibility, according to Mr. Jonathan Milam, the Academy Fire Department’s Assistant Chief for Fire Prevention. Sparks from chimneys, charcoal barbecue grills or children playing with matches or lighters can start fires that endanger everyone on base.

“BBQ grills are ok; even charcoal/wood burning grills in normal fire conditions,” said Mr Milam. “Gas fueled fire pits used in Base housing are also allowed. However, if El Paso County increases their fire restrictions to a Stage II restriction, then we (Fire) will recommend to the Commander that the use of charcoal/wood grills be prohibited. The use of chimeneas (outdoor charcoal/wood burning stoves) would also be prohibited.”

The exception to that rule, according to Mr Milam, is during tailgating at home football games or other major events, charcoal grills are authorized in the stadium parking lot, if the user has a fire extinguisher on hand.

The fire department is committed to a fire-safe season for the Air Force Academy, and offer the following tips:

- During all outdoor activities where the use of fire is needed or desired, keep the area around the fire clear of tall grass and away from forested areas.

- All cooking activities must be “attended”, unattended cooking is always dangerous and still one of the major causes of residential fires.

- BBQ grills will not be used inside or within 10 feet of any Air Force facility.

- Charcoal should be thoroughly soaked with water before disposal.

If you have any questions or need to alert the Fire Department to potential hazards, you can reach the Fire Prevention office at 333-2051. Of course, if you detect a fire, call 911 immediately.

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- A light informal meal

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- Egyptian pharaoh
- Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
- The sun (Spanish)
- Surface layer of lawn
- Honorable title (Turkish)
- An enlisted person
- Atomic #89
- Attacking violently
- A heavy stick or bat
- Fifty-one
- Shoe cording
- Master of Science
- Supports the rudderpost
- PO moving form
- The flower of a plant
- Cigar
- Foots
- A way of joining fabric
- Portraying
- An employed position
- Male parent
- Droop
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- Adheres to strict religious principles
- Heavy cavalry sword
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- Tokyo
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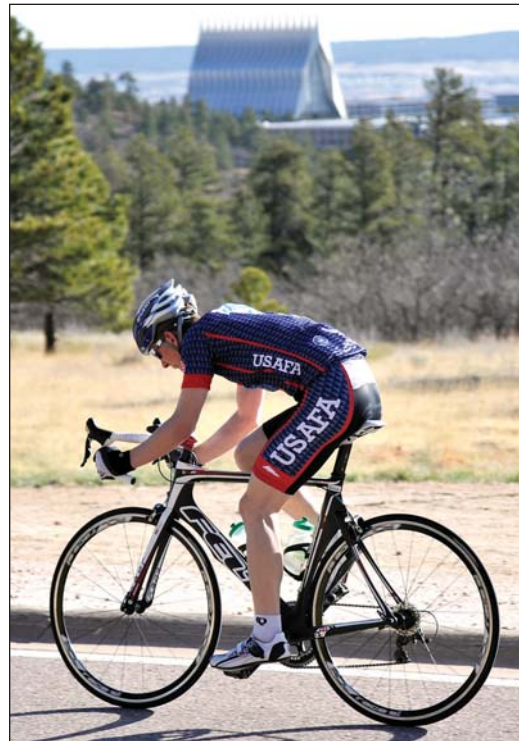
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FAR LEFT: Cyclists participate in the Collegiate Road Race Sunday. More than 300 riders participated in the two-day collegiate and USA Cycling event.

LEFT: Cadet 4th Class Stefan Zavislan, a member of the cadet cycling club, competes in the Criterium race Saturday on his way to a third-place finish in the Men's B category.

PHOTOS BY BILL EVANS



Front Range Cycling Classic at the Academy

Cyclists ruled the roads at the Academy last weekend as a part of the Front Range Cycling Classic, a two-day collegiate and USA cycling event.

The competition took place Saturday and Sunday, with three courses set up on different parts of the base.

"We had over 150 racers on Saturday and over 300 on Sunday," said Cadet Zebulon Hanley, the cadet in charge of the event. "The weather was great the

whole weekend and there were very few mishaps (crashes) during the races."

Cadets were integral in the planning and execution of the race, working with USA Cycling to preside over the races, getting the approval and logistical support of the 10th Air Base Wing, and coordinating the riders on race day.

"The cadets gained invaluable experience organizing and leading a large event," Cadet Hanley explained. "At times, we were limited with resources

(especially vehicles) which proved to be a stressful burden, but no significant problems arose."

The event was well received by the cycling community. Mr. Chad Hafa, who rode for Rio Grande Cycling in the Pro/1/2 Category Road Race said, "The road race was fantastic and the pro/1/2 field was full of talent."

For full race results visit <http://usacycling.org/results/?permit=2010-297> or scan the above QR Code with your smart phone.

Team Air Force wins Armed Forces Triathlon in Point Mugu

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Team Air Force won its second consecutive Armed Forces Triathlon Championship earlier this month thanks in large part to a pair of triathletes from the Air Force Academy.

The three-part course at California's Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu on April 9 pitted individuals and teams from all branches of the armed services against each other. An all-military team from Canada also took part this year, making up for last year's absence.

Men's individual champion Major James Bales, an orthopedic surgeon

at the 10th Medical Group clinic, defended his title and helped the Air Force team establish a winning streak. The Air Force's follow-up win this year punctuated its 2010 victory, which broke the Navy's five-year reign of dominance.

Joining Major Bales on the Air Force team was Major Scott Poteet, the air officer commanding for Cadet Squadron 02. The Academy accounted for two of the 12 members of the winning team.

The dual triumphs buoyed Major Bales' hopes heading into the World Military Championships, to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June.

The Armed Forces Triathlon is typically scheduled for June, but

the world games, which are held every four years, took precedence and forced the California event to be moved up.

"I really enjoy this race; it's a perfect venue," Major Bales told the Ventura County Star. "The wind is always a factor, and the tides, but it's so well run. They always do a great job."

Speaking of great jobs, the Air Force women replicated the success of the men's team, giving the Air Force a clean sweep of the triathlon.

The Armed Forces Triathlon Championship subjects competitors to a one-mile swim, a cycling course just short of 25 miles, and a run of

10 kilometers, or roughly 6 miles.

Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu has been the permanent host of the triathlon since 2001. The Air Force will try to make it three wins in a row when racers head back there next year.

In the meantime, though, it will be off to Rio for the top six finishers. The California triathlon was the United States' lone qualifying event for the World Military Championships. Major Bales is savoring the individual and team gold medals while keeping an eye toward Brazil.

"I'm pumped," he told the Ventura County Star. "It will be great to be there, and I'm sure we'll have a strong team."



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Volleyball champs

Aaron Drake, from the Dean of Faculty Law and Biology department, goes up against Mike Zupan and Scott Nelson, from the Athletic Department, in the intramural volleyball championship match April 13. The DF team went on to defeat the Athletic Department to clinch their third straight championship 25-14, 25-23. The DF team has gone undefeated all three years posting a 46-0 record in regular season games and 9-0 in post season.



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Bravery that's rarely matched
Sgt. 1st Class Jarion Halbinschitz received a Distinguished Service Cross from Navy Adm. Eric Olson, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, on Thursday at the post. Halbinschitz, a Green Beret, was awarded the second-highest U.S. medal for valor for his actions in a 2007 mission in Iraq. Full report, Page 3.

VETERANS GROUP DISBANDS OVER MAN DECEPTION!
A Denver-based veterans advocacy group issued a statement Wednesday in which it announced that founder invented his post a wounded Iraq veteran. A 19th-century group for the Colorado Veterans Alliance said the group had hoped to see the director they knew as Bill Thomas but changed the name Wednesday night at a board meeting.

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CCAF graduation

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AOG Bed and Breakfast program

Inprocessing for the Class of 2015 will be June 23. Many appointees will arrive at the Colorado Springs Airport the day before and will need a place to stay that night. The Association of Graduates Bed and Breakfast Program provides accommodations for these appointees.

Local Academy graduates as well as Academy faculty and staff are being asked to provide appointees with dinner, a bed for the night, breakfast the

next morning, and transportation to Doolittle Hall for inprocessing.

If you would like to participate as a host family, log on to the AOG website at www.usafa.org, click on the "Bed & Breakfast" button on the left side of the home page to access the host information and registration forms.

Santa Fe Trail closure

A portion of the Santa Fe Trail will be closed weekdays but remain open weekends from April 18 to Oct. 30 while repairs are made to the Tri-Intersection Bridge on Southgate Boulevard.

Safety hazards caused by heavy construction traffic under the bridge on the trail are forcing the closure of a stretch of the trail about 2 miles from the south trail entrance to the Academy and about 4 miles from the north gate Santa Fe trailhead.

Community Activity programs

Community Dance - April 30 at the Milazzo Center from 8-10 p.m. Cost is \$10 per couple or \$5 per person. Ballroom and line dance music will be provided by a DJ. Please sign up by today.

Call for bird watchers

Whether you are a casual birder or a dedicated naturalist, the Natural Resources program could use your help to monitor birds at the Academy.

Through the web-based eBird database (www.eBird.org), volunteers can report and share their real-time observations of bird abundance and distribution, while easily creating a personal online life list.

If you are interested in helping, please visit the eBird website and call Natural Resources at 333-3308.

Need some dental work?

The 10th Dental Squadron is seeking patients to be treated in its resi-

dency training program. If you are an eligible beneficiary and you have been told you have gum disease, need gum surgery or that you need a root canal, please call 333-5490 for a screening appointment.

Repairs being made at clinic

The Academy's main clinic is undergoing a complete repair of the roof and façade. No impact on parking is expected, but occasional closure of an entrance or walkway may be required. This project is estimated to be completed by late September.

Spotlight on hypertension

May is Hypertension Awareness Month, and the 10th Medical Group is sponsoring Hypertension Awareness Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 11. There will be drawings for gift certificates and other small prizes. For more information, call Juan Martinez at 333-5804.

Two concerts coming up

The chaplain's office is sponsoring a pair of upcoming concerts by the Academy Cadet Chorale with Orchestra and the United States Air Force Academy Catholic Cadet Choir and Cadet Orchestra. Schubert's Mass in G and Rutter's Requiem will be performed at 7:30 p.m. April 29, and an assortment of choral and orchestral music will be offered at 2 p.m. May 1. Both concerts will be held in the Cadet Chapel.

Family day at USAFA stables

Cadets in Behavioral Science 310 are sponsoring a day at the stables Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of a class project. Children welcome.

Readiness Center events

Career Tracks: May 3 and 4, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Two-day class cov-

ers all aspects of job-search preparation - resume writing, interviewing, assessing and evaluating skills/values/interests, building a "job toolkit," career planning, education, and volunteerism.

Sponsorship training: May 5, 9-10 a.m. This training is required for all sponsors of incoming Academy personnel. Learn about the various resources available to help you sponsor a newcomer to the Academy.

Disabled American Veterans medical record review: May 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the DAV review their medical records. Must pre-register. Call for an individual appointment.

Smooth move: May 10, 9-10 a.m. One-stop shop for relocation information, "Know Before You Go." spouses are encouraged to attend. Great information about your specific destination base, allowances, Plan My Move, household goods shipment/claims, and more.

Civil Service Class: May 12, 8 a.m. to noon. Learn what you need to know about federal employment applications, searching for positions, reading position descriptions, hiring preferences/authority, eligibility categories, and more.

Easter events for children

Youth Egg Scramble - Saturday, 10 a.m. at the Prep School Parade Field. Age groups are birth-4, 5-8 and 9-12. Bring a bag or basket for goodies. Location for inclement weather is the Milazzo Center and Fitness Center.

FunFest - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Falcon Trails Youth Center. Games, craft projects, petting zoo, ponies and more.

Chief's group bowl-a-thon

A Chief's group bowl-a-thon is May 13 at the Academy lanes and Peterson Air Force Base bowling alley. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Leo Castro at 333-7959.



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Religious formation: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
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PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Wednesday Night Live: 6 p.m.
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September-May
Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Catholic Good Friday Service:
6 p.m. today.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass:
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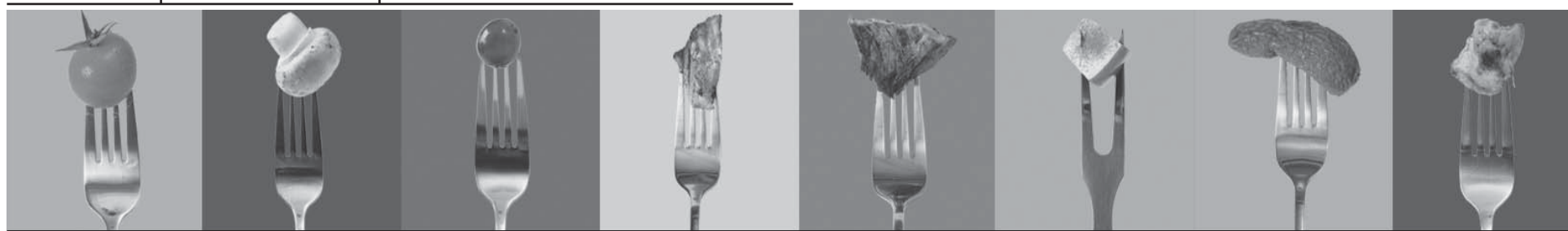
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