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Tuskegee Airman's stolen medal replaced

Community, Airmen come together to ensure Franklin Macon's medal is once again where it belongs

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

A personal tragedy for one of the documented original Tuskegee Airmen ended on a happy note July 22, courtesy of the Colorado Springs community, and Airmen from Peterson Air Force Base and the Air Force Academy.

Former 2nd Lt. Franklin Macon received a bronze replica of the Tuskegee Airmen Congressional Gold Medal from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz in a ceremony held in front of the Tuskegee Airmen statue on the Academy's honor court, replacing a replica that had been stolen May 31.

Three other original Tuskegee Airmen — retired Col. Lowell Bell, retired Capt. Sam Hunter Jr. and former Aviation Cadet Randy Edwards — attended the ceremony alongside Macon.

"It's an honor to present this replica to Lieutenant Macon and the other original Tuskegee Airmen," said Schwartz, who is an honorary member of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. "They are among the most revered and unforgettable members of our greatest generation. Our Air Force has been enriched by the Tuskegee Airmen, whom we remember not only for valiant service against an adversary, but also for their perseverance against inequity."

The small ceremony was designed to honor Macon and his fellow original Tuskegee Airmen without upstaging the original presentation of the gold medal by the president in 2007, Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould said.

BACKGROUND

Colorado Springs police responded to a call around noon May 31 from Macon, said Springs Police Department Sgt. Darrin Abbink. When officers arrived, they found the medal had been stolen, along with a notebook computer and an ammo can filled with roughly \$200 in coins.

"When I first discovered it was gone, it was a shock," Macon said. "It felt like my whole world had just disappeared."

After three weeks, the Springs Police Department had no leads on the case. **See Medal Page 8**



RAY MCCOY

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presents former 2nd Lt. Franklin Macon with a bronze replica of the Tuskegee Airmen Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony at the Academy July 22.



MIKE KAPLAN

Bart Holaday, a 1965 Academy graduate, cuts the ribbon on the Academy's new Holaday Athletic Center July 22, with the help of Dr. Hans Mueh, Academy athletic director, left, and Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, Academy superintendent.

Academy dedicates Holaday Athletic Center

By Athletic Communications

The USAFA Endowment, on behalf of the United States Air Force Academy and the Association of Graduates, hosted the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Holaday Athletic Center here July 22.

The HAC is the largest privately funded capital project in Academy history, housing a regulation field sized to accommodate lacrosse, football, and soccer, in addition to many other athletic activities.

This project was made possible by a generous lead gift of \$5 million from

Bart Holaday, a 1965 Academy graduate, and his wife, Lynn. It is the largest gift from a graduate to the Academy in the institution's history. Col. Joseph and Dorothy Moller, two long-standing supporters of the Academy, made a similar contribution.

"Lynn and I shared a dream of creating a safe and weatherproof place for our cadets to develop as leaders on the 'fields of friendly strife,'" Holaday said. "Thankfully, many other members of our Academy family shared this dream. It would not have been possible without their generosity, cooperation and support."

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'A wisp of smoke'

Commentary by Lt. Col. Steven Pomeroy
Department of Military and Strategic Studies

Now past my 22nd year of service, I have listened, attempted to absorb and endured innumerable safety briefings and classes. Overall, the Air Force community safely conducts its business while performing mission duties.

Sadly, we do not do so well during our off-duty time. Moreover, it is all too easy to forget that when we are off duty, other folks may not render safety a second thought, if even a first.

Two weeks ago, my family and I prepared for a lengthy 1,400-mile one-way drive to Canada, an annual event. Over two decades of marriage, we have accumulated hundreds of thousands of miles on the poorly maintained and desolate country roads of Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan and other such places. Perhaps it was natural that as we prepared for our latest sojourn, we casually ran through our standard preparations and planning with the quiet confidence any smart operator possesses.

For this trip, we used our venerable pickup truck. We would rather have used our automobile because its satellite phone system provides continuous communications, but we wanted the truck's cargo space. On our planned route, there were cell phone dead zones, but we understood this as a known hazard. We debated the point but selected the truck, thinking the problem too sporadic to worry. One could always drive another five miles and have some coverage.

On June 30, knowing Fourth of July weekend holiday traffic had let itself loose upon the highways, we set forth. We knew the route, had driven it perhaps a dozen times, and planned our rest stops. We had readied for potential hazards -- but had those with whom we shared the road?

We saw four accidents on the first day of our two-day drive. The first was north of Larkspur, Colo.: a multi-car pileup in the southbound lane of Interstate 25. No doubt, the "fast and furious" crowd zipped in and out of traffic while tailgating. This conclusion was obvious, as everyone around our vehicle did the same. Later, as we passed construction just south of Invesco Field, we saw a heavy rescue crew extracting an injured man from a three-car pileup opposite our lane.

Interstate 25 quieted down north of Fort Collins, and we made good time to the Colorado-Wyoming border, where we saw our day's third bad accident. A tractor-trailer had rear-ended another semi in the southbound lane. The tractor's cab shredded off the truck's frame; the motor dropped from its mounts to the road surface, and the fiberglass cabin shell appeared as if giant hands had ripped it. Large chunks scattered about. We grimaced and commented that no one could have survived.

With all quiet, we were hours into our final road of the day: Wyoming State Highway 59, a lousy stretch of holed concrete and tarmac undeserving of its glorified designator. Two hours from our overnight stop, we encountered accident number four near the Wyoming-Montana border. I saw a wisp of smoke coming up a hill where none should be.

Coming around a rising left turn, I glimpsed a Honda CRV 100 feet or so down the embankment. A body hung out the driver's window. We started to pull over, but there was no shoulder, so we had to drive another hundred yards to get off the road. We were in a cell phone dead zone, and I wished we had our car's satellite phone.

By this time, we parked and illuminated the hazards.

“Being safely responsible is truly a simple thing to do, and yet that is what makes it maddeningly challenging.”

My son, his friend and I ran down the hill while my wife flagged down help. Running in my flip-flops, I moved to render aid and told the two boys to hold back a distance as the scene was ugly. The Honda's engine revved high; the knee-deep water on the exhaust manifold caused the steam I saw, and its radio blasted.

Carefully wading through the water, I called to the driver while shutting off the engine and radio — we later disconnected the battery to avoid sparking. Badly injured, he was in shock, breathing roughly. His bleeding had stopped and no bones protruded. He wore only a lap belt, having tucked the shoulder harness behind him. He must have been there for a while because blood had clotted over gashes on his neck and left shoulder. His left arm, which hung down the car's side, had a large coagulation at the tip of the ring finger. I think he tried to pull himself free before collapsing. Luckily for him, the car landed upright, because had it inverted, he would have drowned. His body was thus stabilized, and after checking for external injuries, there was not much to do for him but try to prevent further shock. I did not want to move him for fear of aggravating internal injuries and restarting bleeding.

At this point, my son yelled, "Dad, there's a girl!" I was so intent at getting to the man that I had run past her.

She was pretty. Because she hadn't worn a seatbelt, the violence had flung her from the vehicle, where she rested 50 feet away. Based on the debris trail through the high, wet grass, the car had rolled many times -- the Wyoming Highway Patrol later said three times. It had pirouetted at some point and ended facing southwest, opposite its travel direction.

The woman's body was not mangled but had started to turn purple from internal bleeding. She appeared to have suffered a broken neck. The car had plunged over a barbed wire fence, and she lay over the wire the car had compressed. Maybe the car had rolled on top of her.

I checked her airway, breathing and circulation, but she was already dead, and her body had already cooled some. I covered her with a blanket.

By now, my wife had help en route, and then a couple of other fellows approached.

Amongst the debris were numerous family pictures showing the couple and a baby. We found an ejected car seat, but no child was present. Believe me, we searched, dredging the water as best we could with arms and legs while hoping not to find a drowned body.

Two dogs were involved, but they miraculously walked away without apparent injury. An old couple, one a volunteer fire chief, took them to their ranch. By this time, the professionals were arriving, and the sheriff told us to "go up the hill and wait."

Twenty-two years of self-aid buddy care had come in handy, keeping my head clear and, if nothing else, preventing me from worsening things. While I could not provide a paramedic's level of care, the professionals did the same things as did those of us who first pulled off to render aid. They ensured appropriate help, safety, and stabilized the victim while controlling the area. State troopers placed marker flares on the road. As we waited, six men struggled to remove the driver from the wreck, couple a neck brace, and strap him to a carrying board.

Meanwhile, we wondered why this tragedy happened. The probable cause? Stupidity.

We found two empty booze bottles in the debris trail, and Wyoming Trooper Scott Templeton wrote in his report that alcohol was a suspected factor in the accident. I am confident a high rate of speed also contributed. Moreover, had the woman worn her seatbelt, she would have remained inside the vehicle and would probably have survived.

There was plenty of lifespace within the cabin. The driver, remember, had not worn his shoulder belt, and for that, he paid a high price, dying later that night. Their choices not only ended their lives but also orphaned a child while endangering the lives of fifteen respondents, including my family.

We sometimes forget that life is in many ways a game of seconds and inches. It takes only a moment to clasp properly a seatbelt, and there is no excuse for driving drunk. Being safely responsible is truly a simple thing to do, and yet that is what makes it maddeningly challenging. The next time you travel, take a moment to think about what you are doing, and reassess. Reflection may just prevent your life from becoming a mere wisp of smoke.

Editor's Note: The Billings Gazette later reported that Kim W. Dawson, 41, and Jackqualine S. Hall, 44, were killed in the crash, caused after their vehicle slipped off the right side of the road and down the embankment.

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Viral stomach flu hits Academy

by Don Branum
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Health professionals at the Air Force Academy announced Tuesday that they were caring for approximately 240 cadets and active-duty personnel exhibiting symptoms of viral gastroenteritis, or viral stomach flu.

No one has been hospitalized to date for the infections, said Maj. (Dr.) Ruth German, a flight surgeon with the Academy's 10th Medical Group.

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould said the health and safety of everyone at the Academy is his top priority.

"We understand this is a serious matter, and we're taking steps to inform Academy personnel and the community of the precautions necessary to ensure their safety," he said.

As of Tuesday, approximately 240 basic cadets have shown stomach flu symptoms, which include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, German said. Providers with the 10th MDG have taken measures to prevent the virus' spread. Approximately 180 basic cadets were removed from training in Jacks Valley and bused to Vandenberg Hall, where they were placed in isolation.

"We take great care to focus on the health and safety of our basics," she added. "We immunize them when they arrive. During BCT, we watch them closely, and we can intervene if necessary to make sure they are safe and healthy."

Basic cadets are placed under physi-

cal and mental stress during BCT, which can compromise their immune systems. In addition, while cadets live in close quarters throughout their four years at the Academy, this is even more true during BCT. The field environment of Jacks Valley makes disease prevention that much more complicated, German said.

"It's much more difficult to maintain sanitary conditions," she added. "When you're camping, your sanitation is not as good as when you're at home."

The illness' timing is a silver lining: because it hit near the end of BCT, the impact on basics' training is minimal, German said.

Active-duty servicemembers who have shown service have been sent home to recover. Those who exhibit symptoms should not report for duty but should call their supervisors. Supervisors could then contact the 10th MDG Public Health office at 719-333-5186 or 719-333-9443. Active-duty servicemembers who need care should contact the Tricare appointment line at 719-457-CARE (2273) to schedule an appointment with a provider.

Stomach flu spreads through contact with contaminated surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables or direct skin-to-skin contact. The keys to preventing its spread are to thoroughly wash one's hands and clean potentially infected surfaces with a 10-percent bleach solution. Those who are ill should stay hydrated and not hesitate to seek care if needed, German said.



SARAH CHAMBERS

More than 240 basic cadets and active-duty personnel exhibited symptoms of viral gastroenteritis, or viral stomach flu, as of Tuesday, but Academy medical personnel are taking steps to prevent further spread of the virus.

Flu Prevention Tips

Academy health care professionals continue to work to minimize the spread of stomach flu or viral gastroenteritis that has affected many basic cadets. Please be aware of the following updates and instructions:

Many of these cases can be treated at home. The Academy's Web site has tips, home care instructions, and information on how to determine whether or not there's a need to be seen by a health care provider at: http://www.usafa.edu/10abw/10mdg/medical/style/support/home_care_instructions.doc

Academy personnel who develop nausea, vomiting and diarrhea should take the following steps in order to protect themselves and fellow staff members:

- If at home, stay at home and contact your supervisor.
- If at work, notify your supervisor and request release from duty.
- In both instances it is important to refer to the home care instructions to determine whether or not to be seen by a health care professional.

Those who normally receive medical care from the cadet or flight medicine clinic, should call 333-5181 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. to schedule an appointment. To access care after normal hours, contact the acute care clinic at 333-5005.

Supervisors should contact Maj. Brigitte French or 1st Lt. Amber Foreman in Public Health, at 333-5186 or 333-9443, to report any active duty members, DoD civilians or contractors who develop flu symptoms.

Ultimately, good hand washing is the best defense against this illness and will help decrease the spread.



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International programs give cadets opportunity to expand their horizons

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Hanging on the wall in the hallway outside the Department of Foreign Languages is a placard bearing a quote from eminent political scientist Samuel Huntington.

The sign reads: "In the post-Cold War world, the most important distinctions between people are no longer ideological, political or economic. The distinctions are cultural."

Those words embody the purpose of the Academy's Department of International Programs. It works in tandem with the Foreign Languages Department to follow through on the push from leadership to increase cultural awareness and competence among military personnel.

The office handles all international cadet education, both outgoing and incoming. So whether it's Academy cadets going abroad or foreign cadets studying here, the logistics are handled by the same people.

"We're almost always in an application cycle or an execution cycle," said Col. Ron Machoian, the director of International Programs. "It's a very busy office."

Thanks to the work of International Programs, cadets can see the world if they are so inclined.

Programs for cadets include summer language immersion, semester abroad and cultural immersion. The first two are tied to development of proficiency in the targeted language, while the last one is independent of participants' language abilities.

Cadets who go for summer language immersion typically do that during the summer between their sophomore and junior years. Fiscal year 2010 saw almost 300 cadets participate, and the numbers indicate 240 participants in fiscal year 2011.

By the numbers, China is the most popular destination. Of the 60 cadets involved in the Chinese



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Cadet 2nd Class Wendy Lathrom of Cadet Squadron 02 takes a lesson in the ancient art of weaving from an Incan woman during a summer immersion trip to Huchuy Qosqo, Peru.

language immersion, 44 are doing a four-week program, and 16 are doing a six-week program.

The semester-abroad program involves seven languages — all the languages taught at the Academy except French — in eight countries. It is for cadets with advanced language proficiency.

A trio of new countries was added in the past academic year: Austria, Brazil and Costa Rica. Morocco will be added this fall to replace Egypt, and Costa Rica replaced Mexico.

Because the cultural immersion programs are independent of language learning, every corner of the globe is potentially in play. Cadets or any Academy staff or faculty member can submit proposals for these trips. Each fall, the department conducts a workshop to enlighten cadets on what constitutes a strong proposal.

Interdisciplinary committees called area studies groups select the proposals. The groups consist

of people with expertise and interest in the given region. Recent destinations have included Bhutan, Greece and Mongolia. According to Machoian, the cultural immersion trips directly support Air Force leadership's goal of increasing Airmen's cultural awareness and knowledge of other countries.

The Olmsted Foundation provides the money for about three or four of these trips each year, and the Air Force funds the rest. In all, more than 300 cadets and 70 permanent-party escorts participated in International Programs in fiscal year 2010.

Another important activity for International Programs is the regular reciprocal exchanges with foreign military academies. Such countries as Chile, Japan, Spain and France send from two to eight cadets to spend a semester at the Academy. And each fall, the Colombian air force academy sends its entire graduating class here for a week.

Also, the International Programs folks put together the annual International Week, inviting delegations from other countries' service academies. The delegations consist of four cadets and one escort officer.

"It's not like we're creating diplomacy by any means, but we do maintain strong, active relationships and partnerships with a lot of countries," Machoian said. "This is all part of (Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's) vision for a more culturally adept and language-proficient Air Force officer corps."

The currently active summer programs will be wrapping up soon. Once classes resume in August, the cycle will start anew. That means another opportunity for would-be jet-setters to discover that the Air Force can put most of the planet within their reach.

Readers who would like to get involved in these programs should watch for announcements during the fall semester, said program assistant Lt. Col. Scott Allen.

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Holaday

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More than 500 people attended the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, traveling to the Academy from all over the nation.

"This tremendous athletic facility will help our cadet-athletes train year-round and stay competitive in Division 1-A athletics," Athletics Director Dr. Hans Mueh said. "The generous gifts from Bart and Lynn Holaday and the Moller Foundation

are vital as we continue to develop future leaders for the Air Force and the nation. We are grateful for their dedication to the Academy."

"We are thrilled to receive such an unprecedented gift and appreciate Bart and Lynn Holaday's generous and thoughtful support of our Academy," said Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, Academy Superintendent. "This facility is the first of what we're hopeful will be many 100-

percent-donor-funded major infrastructure enhancements at the Academy.

"The Holaday Athletic Center will be a part of our cadets' daily lives. Every time they see this landmark, they will know that it was built specifically for them by the dedicated graduates and friends of the Air Force Academy," Gould said.

Retired Gen. Stephen Lorenz, president of the USAFA Endow-

ment, also shared his thoughts on the importance of the new facility.

"The completion of the center marks an important milestone in the growing culture of support for the Academy," Lorenz said. "This success is entirely due to the efforts of our thriving community of graduates, parents and friends of this great institution, and I am honored to celebrate this amazing achievement with them."

Bart Holaday, Academy Class of 1965, tries out the new Holaday Athletic Center, with the help of Howard Burkart, who was Holaday's place holder during their football days at the Academy. Holaday donated \$5 million to help fund the HAC, which is the largest privately funded capital project in Academy history.



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President certifies 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' repeal

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) -- President Barack Obama certified to Congress July 22 that the U.S. armed forces are prepared for repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law.

The law officially comes off the books Sept. 20, 60 days after the finalization of the repeal. After that date, gay service members can be open about their sexual orientation.

Based on recommendations by military leaders, the president signed the certification and delivered it to Congress.

Congress passed the repeal law in December. The legislation gave the military time to prepare the force and said repeal would happen only after the president, the defense secretary and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff certified the force as ready for repeal.

The Defense Department chartered a repeal implementation team to coordinate the necessary changes to policy and regulations and to provide education and training to service members. The team worked to ensure the smoothest possible transition for the U.S. military to accommodate and implement this important and necessary change, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said.

"Today, as a result of strong leadership and proactive education throughout the force, we can take the next step in this process," Panetta said. "The president, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and I have certified that the implementation of repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is consistent with the standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention of the armed forces."



President Barack Obama signs the certification stating that the statutory requirements for repeal of DADT have been met, in the Oval Office, July 22. Pictured, from left, are: Brian Bond, Deputy Director of Public Liaison; Kathleen Hartnett, Associate Counsel to the President; Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta; Kathryn Ruemmler, Counsel to the President; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen; and Vice President Joe Biden. PETE SOUZA/WHITE HOUSE

Panetta said he believes the repeal is essential to the effectiveness of our all-volunteer force.

"All men and women who serve this nation in uniform -- no matter their race, color, creed, religion or sexual orientation -- do so with great dignity, bravery, and dedication," he said in a written statement on certification.

Panetta pledged to support a military free from personal, social or institutional barriers that prevent service members from rising to the highest level of responsibility that their talents and capabilities warrant.

"They put their lives on the line for America, and that's what really matters," he said. "Thanks to the professionalism and leadership of the U.S. military, we are closer to achieving the goal that is at the foundation of America -- equality and dignity for all."

The services put together training courses for the force and more than 1.9 million service members have now received that training. DOD and service officials also looked at regu-

latory and legal changes that repeal entailed.

"I am comfortable that we have used the findings of the Comprehensive Review Working Group to mitigate areas of concern, and that we have developed the policy and regulations necessary for implementation -- consistent with standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention," Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a written statement.

Certification is not the end of the road. The department, the services and the combatant commands must work "to train the remainder of the joint force, to monitor our performance as we do so, and to adjust policy where and when needed," Mullen said.

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law went into effect in 1993. It allowed gay and lesbian personnel to serve in the military as long as they were not open about their sexual orientation.

On Feb. 2, 2010, Mullen testified to

that Senate Armed Services Committee that he believed it was time to repeal the law.

"It is my personal belief that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would be the right thing to do," Mullen told the senators. "No matter how I look at the issue, I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens. For me, personally, it comes down to integrity -- theirs as individuals and ours as an institution."

Mullen said he believes servicemembers can handle the changes.

"My confidence in our ability to accomplish this work rests primarily on the fact that our people are capable, well-led and thoroughly professional," he said in his written statement. "I have never served with finer men and women. They will, I am certain, carry out repeal and continue to serve this country with the same high standards and dignity that have defined the U.S. military throughout our history."

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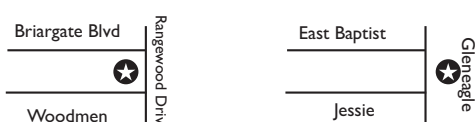


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BCT: Over and out

Basic cadets wrapped up the field training portion of Basic Cadet Training early this week with Sweepstakes and the Big Bad Basic competitions. Trainees marched out of Jacks Valley on Saturday and will finish Basic Cadet Training in the cadet area. BCT concludes after Taps on Saturday.



SARAH CHAMBERS

Basic cadets battle for the title of "Big Bad Basic" in a single-elimination pugil stick tournament during the final week of Basic Cadet Training.



RAY MCCOY

Basic cadets concluded the field training portion of Basic Cadet Training this week. The Academy's fall academic semester starts Aug. 4.



SARAH CHAMBERS

Basic cadets march back into the cadet area Saturday upon completing the field training portion of Basic Cadet Training for the Class of 2015. BCT started June 22 and concludes after Taps on July 30.

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Medal



DON BRANUM

Four of the documented original Tuskegee Airmen pay their respects to the American flag at the Academy July 22, during a ceremony to present former 2nd Lt. Franklin Macon, an original Tuskegee Airman, with a bronze replica of the Tuskegee Airmen medal. Macon's original medal replica was stolen from his home May 31. Pictured are, from left: retired Col. Lowell Bell, former Aviation Cadet Randy Edwards, retired Capt. Sam Hunter Jr. and Macon.

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case. The El Paso County Sheriff's Department had previously turned to the public for help in a case involving a stolen urn. The CSPD decided to send out a similar call for help, Abbink said.

"In the long run, that urn was returned to a church in Colorado Springs," he said. "So we thought that by putting a press release out, we might get the public's attention, and we might also alert pawn shops to call us if one of them received the medal."

The release didn't generate any leads, but the story gained immediate attention in the local area, gaining coverage by both local TV stations and the Gazette. The tale spurred local Airmen into action.

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE

First Lt. Alyssa Tetrault and Jennifer Rounds saw the story and looked into whether the 21st Space Wing could buy a replacement.

"We both thought it was heartbreaking, both that someone would burglarize an 87-year-old and that they'd take a medal signifying a personal honor," said Tetrault, the 21st Force Support Squadron's Manpower and Personnel Flight commander and



DON BRANUM

Master Sgt. Amy Wilson sets up the Air Force chief of staff's flag before the ceremony. Airmen from the Academy and the 21st Space Wing at Peterson Air Force Base participated.

a 2008 Academy graduate. "The Tuskegee Airmen are an icon for the Air Force and today's military. I think that's why everyone was so passionate about finding a medal replacement."

Rounds "took the bull by the horns," Tetrault said, offering to track down a replacement Tuskegee Airmen Medal replica. Within an hour, Rounds found that the U.S. mint sold replicas of the medal for \$42.

"We were expecting it to cost a considerable amount," Tetrault said. "We didn't know we could order a replacement from the mint."

Tetrault checked Defense Department and Air Force instructions to make sure the wing could legally buy the medal using a government purchase card.

"Even if we couldn't have purchased it with government funds, we would have bought it out of our own pockets," she said.

Col. Steven Whiting, the 21st Space Wing commander at the time, approved the purchase. There was just one problem: The mint only had one replica left, and officials there didn't know where it was.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Gould had also heard about the theft of Macon's medal. He asked Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Richard Clark to assign someone the task of finding a replacement medal. The two bases' efforts were "independent, but almost simultaneous," he said.

Maj. Julian Stephens, the air officer commanding for Cadet Squadron 14 and a liaison for the Hubert L. "Hooks" Jones Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., took up the challenge.

"It was the least I could do for what the Tuskegee Airmen did for me as an African-American," said Stephens, a 1996 Academy graduate and native of Sandusky, Ohio. "The barriers they broke down and the things they had to deal with well overshadow anything we have to deal with today. I felt that it was my duty to help in some fashion."

When he spoke with Macon, he found out that the 21st had ordered a replacement and that Col. Chris Crawford, the new wing commander, planned to present it to Macon.

Stephens approached officials at the 21st. The Air Force chief of staff would be in town July 22



RAY MCCOY

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, right, speaks at the ceremony. Cadet 1st Class Frederick Johnson of Cadet Squadron 14, left, served as proffer.

to dedicate the Holaday Athletic Center; why not ask him if he could spare the time to present the replacement?

"I thought it would be a golden opportunity," Stephens said. Macon could not attend the 2007 presentation ceremony in the Capitol Hill Rotunda; he had received his medal replica through the mail, courtesy of the local chapter.

Stephens asked officials at the Pentagon whether Schwartz could open 10-15 minutes on his schedule. The major said the answer he received was an enthusiastic "yes."

"He said it was the least he could do," Stephens said. "He felt obliged to make time on his calendar to do that, even though he's a busy man."

However, that still left the problem of receiving the medal. The mint said the soonest it could deliver a new medal would be August.

"It was kind of an up-and-down feeling," Macon said. "Will it happen, or won't it happen?"

Stephens, a career acquisition officer, asked officials at the 21st

if he could work the order. After getting the wing's permission to talk with the mint, he explained the situation.

"They scoured their inventories and found the last (medal)," Stephens said. "They came through."

A HAPPY CONCLUSION

As the official party departed the July 22 ceremony, Macon became the star of the day. Academy staff members and visitors formed a line to have their pictures taken with Macon and the other original Tuskegee Airmen and to thank the gentlemen for their service.

Afterward, he spoke with representatives from the local TV stations. He explained that the medal symbolizes the effort that all of the Tuskegee Airmen made through World War II. The original gold medal is on display in the Smithsonian Institution's National Mall Building in the World War II Aviation Exhibit. And Macon's replica is back where it belongs.

"To have (the medal) back in my hands again ... I can't express the great feeling I have," he said. "I really appreciate all the effort that was put into it."



A bronze replica of the Tuskegee Airmen Congressional Gold Medal was presented to Franklin Macon.



Al Holland, a community readiness consultant with the Airman and Family Readiness Center, talks with a visitor during Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday.

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Sharon Hawkes, Health and Wellness Center director, uses a Tanita scale on a retiree to provide a detailed full-body and segmental body composition analysis, including weight, body-fat percentage, body mass index and a host of other health factors.

Academy sponsors annual Retiree Appreciation Day

Yearly event helps give retirees the information they need in one venue

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

According to the Pennsylvania Dutch, we get too soon old and too late smart.

Airmen here believe they can contribute to remedying that problem, which is one of several reasons they maintained the annual tradition of Retiree Appreciation Day with a Saturday event in the Arnold Hall ballroom.

Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Luda, one of the organizers of this year's Retiree Appreciation Day, deemed the event a success. More than 40 information booths were available to the military retirees who circulated around the room throughout the morning.

Luda, who is the 10th Surgical Operations Squadron superintendent, said organizers were pleased with the outcome and are already exploring the possibilities for next year's event.

"Most likely there will be some changes so we can improve this event

even more than we did from the previous couple of years," he said. "This may include (an) alternate venue, more in-depth services like legal wills, and maybe even more medical booths."

Dispensing pertinent information Saturday were a variety of entities that play roles in the lives of military retirees. Medical knowledge, support organizations and assorted local groups and networks were well-represented.

Although former members of any branch of the U.S. armed forces are welcome to attend, Luda said the vast majority of people who showed up this year were Air Force retirees and their family members.

"While we had a significant-size crowd, we expect even better success next year while trying to reach more people through various methods of advertising and marketing," Luda said. "The key is for those who attended this year's event to spread the word to their friends as well."

If that happens, military retirees from southern Colorado could defy the Pennsylvania Dutch wisdom, getting smart with plenty of time to spare.



Airman Holly Ayuyu and Senior Airman Barbara Coddington, both 10th Dental Squadron, discuss dental matters with a visitor to the Academy's Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday.



Col. Thomas Gibson, 10th Air Base Wing commander, poses with Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Scholarship award winners, left to right: Caitlin Jenkins, Laura Drohn, Amber Rea, Ellie Andersen, Steven Aldaz, Colin Caldwell, and Nicole Rosas, seated. Mindy Decker, representing Del Monte Foods, is also pictured at far right.

Commissary announces scholarship winners

Eleven local military family members each received \$1,500 scholarships from the Defense Commissary Agency, commissary officials recently announced.

Receiving the scholarships are Steven Aldaz, Elliot Andersen, Lydia Brewer, Colin Caldwell, Laura Drohn, Jacob Hadjis, Ruth-Ann Hadjis, Caitlin Jenkins, Maria Mandico, Amber Rea and Nicole Rosas.

Kelly Wentling, store director for the Air Force Academy Commissary, gave the awards to the families.

Thomas Milks, DECA's CEO and

acting director, said the scholarship program continues to help military families defray the cost of education. The program has awarded more than 5,400 scholarships worth more than \$8.3 million since 2001.

Scholarships for Military Children is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers. The foundation bears the program's administrative costs so that every dollar donated goes to scholarships.

CE needs residents' help to prevent water pollution

The 10th Civil Engineer Squadron has asked residents on base to help reduce water pollution as it prepares for a new stormwater runoff permit in 2011 or 2012.

The Academy was first issued a Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems General Permit, or MS4 permit, after the 2000 census classified the

base as an urbanized area, according to 10th CES officials.

Urbanized areas at the Academy include build-out areas and activities that may expose pollutants to stormwater and the resulting runoff.

Residents can help reduce stormwater runoff pollution by taking the following measures:

- **Vehicle Maintenance** – Housing residents cannot perform oil changes, antifreeze maintenance, engine or transmission maintenance at their residences. The Academy's auto hobby shop and off-base service stations provide alternate maintenance locations.

- **Lawn Maintenance** – Minimize application of fertilizer, pesticide or fungicide, which could be transported into stormwater sewer systems.

- **Municipal Trash** – Dispose of trash into designated waste containers for removal. Pick up and dispose of municipal trash whenever you can, whether on or off base. Recycle materials at your homes and workplaces. Recycling containers are available near the Base Exchange for cardboard, paper, aluminum, glass and plastic.

- **Household Hazardous Waste** – The Academy's Hazardous Waste Facility will accept off-base generated used vehicle oil and useable household materials such as paints, cleaners and antifreeze from government ID cardholders. The facility is located at Build-

ing 8125 and is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For disposal questions, call 333-3852 during these hours. El Paso County also operates a household hazardous waste drop-off facility at 3255 Akers Drive in Colorado Springs.

- **Car Washing** – Don't wash your car at home; take it to the Academy auto hobby shop or off base. Fund-raising car washes should be approved by the 10th CES' water quality manager.

- **Mission and Service Support Activities** – Various materials, including oils, lubricants and cleaners can impact receiving water quality if left exposed to stormwater. Use every reasonable precaution when performing day-to-day work duties to eliminate pollutants released into the environment which may come into contact with storm water.

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Cadets, archery club members renovate archery range

by Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

Cadets and members of the Academy Archery Club helped repair and renovate the Academy's archery range July 16.

Retired Maj. Al Duhon and Cadet 1st Class Sydney Croxton of Cadet Squadron 16 have led the effort to rejuvenate the archery programs on base.

Maj. Aaron Bell, the air officer commanding for CS 39, is the sponsor for the Cadet Archery Club, which is led by Croxton. She assumed her duties as the club's newly elected president in July.

Civilian involvement has been integral to the Cadet Archery Club, said the Academy Archery Club's Bill O'Connor.

"Members of all branches of the military are constantly on the move, so civilian involvement has made sense ... to provide a stable group of archery mentors for the cadets," O'Connor said. "The Colorado Springs area has an unusually strong and vibrant core group of traditional archers whose involvement in the sport spans 50 years. They have brought several generations of young people to traditional archery."

The archers' expertise can help beginning archers through initial frustration, O'Connor said.

"Newcomers to traditional archery inevitably have lots of unanswered questions," O'Connor said. "How do I get my arrows to fly straight? What is brace height? Where should I put my nocking point? How do I find my draw length? What does reflex and deflex mean? Where is my anchor point? Should I shoot with a glove or a tab? What is a fast-flight string?"

While the answers are available in books, there's a benefit to asking a mentor, O'Connor said.

"Asking experienced archers like Duhon, John Budnella or Ben Wilmore ... can lead to a dialogue where questions and answers flow back and forth

until all that is left to do is practice with bow and arrow," he said. "When beginners experience frustration with poor shooting or how to get to the next level, they might stick with archery if they see that everyone's shots desert them at times. Having mentors available means there's someone to help (newcomers) bring it back."

Archery can also help cadets manage their stress in what is traditionally a high-stress environment.

"We live in a stressful world. We are pressured to get results right away in everything," said Cadet 2nd Class Andrew Rodgers, who is assigned to CS 06. "Having these (mentors) here to remind us to relax in the middle of pressure is so helpful, and not just on the archery range."

Tournament director Steve Burns sets up target ranges, mixing small 3-D targets with full-size targets at varying distances, O'Connor said.

"Steve places the 'animals' in very realistic situations: with part of their body behind a tree, lying down in scrub oak or with intervening trees or limbs," O'Connor said. "He creates situations closer to actual hunting than most 3-D courses. Steve also places the targets with archer safety paramount on his mind: No shooter is ever exposed to arrows coming in from another group."

The "old guard" enjoys the company of the cadets, youth from Fort Carson and younger civilian archers, O'Connor said.

"It's a mutually rewarding relationship," he said. "Because the only paid position at our facility is that



Members of the Cadet Archery Club work on a trail at the Academy's archery range July 16.

BILL O'CONNOR

of range manager, (almost) all trail and range maintenance is taken care of with the help of volunteers. I cannot tell you how wonderful it is to have young, strong backs helping out with digging landscape timber steps into the hillsides, horsing around 250-pound target bales and hauling large 3-D targets up onto ridges."

A stone house on the archery grounds provides space for meetings, storage, building arrows and escaping bad weather, O'Connor said.

The range has been National Field Archery Association-certified since its inception in the late 1960s, O'Connor said. Its current certification runs through 2014. The 3-D targets were introduced in the mid-'70s. The range now has practice animals, including full-sized bull elk, Rocky Mountain goats, bighorn sheep, white-tail deer, mountain lions and others.

Memberships at the Academy Archery Club are \$60 per year for individuals and \$100 per year for families of two or more. Day passes are available for \$5. For more information, contact the club at 333-3557.

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AFA grad represents armed forces in international soccer tournament

By Kate Blais
95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.— A field full of Tasmanian Devils running in a pack, tirelessly chasing a rolling object for more than 90 minutes, is 1st Lt. Erin Wallace's first memory of playing the game she still loves. She was four, her jersey was yellow, and her mother was the coach.

Twenty years later, Wallace, a human factors engineer with the F-22 Combined Test Force's 773rd Test Squadron, still plays competitive soccer. Moving on from the Tasmanian Devils, her YMCA team, she's now representing the Air Force on the All-Armed Forces women's soccer team for the second-straight season.

"It's a family sport, so we all played at some point," Wallace said about herself and eight siblings. "But I still play because I like the team aspect and competitiveness of it."

The lieutenant began playing competitively when she was nine years old -- traveling year-round with her club teams -- and continued to play through college when she attended the U.S. Air Force Academy. After graduating from the Academy, she tried out for the All-Armed Forces team.



TIM HIPPS

Military Team USA athletes, coaches, trainers, referees and support staff walk in the parade of 109 nations during the Opening Ceremony of the fifth-annual Conseil International du Sport Militaire Military World Games at Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on July 16.

"There were probably 50 people who tried out," Wallace recalled. "They took 18, and I got picked up for goalie."

Wallace reported to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., on July 5 for this year's training camp. She and her teammates practiced for a week and a half, then traveled straight to Rio De Janeiro to represent the United States and compete in the 2011 Conseil International du Sport Militaire Military World Games, which ran from

July 16 through Sunday.

"The (2011) CISM Military Games in Brazil is the highest level of military sporting competition an active duty member could participate in as a team sport member," said Steven Lowe, sports director for the 95th Force Support Squadron. The U.S. finished fifth, defeating Canada 4-1 after losing to Germany, 4-2, in the quarterfinal round.

Drawing parallels between representing the U.S. Armed Forces on the soc-

cer field and serving in the Air Force is easy for the goalkeeper.

"You'll always be part of a team when you're in the Air Force," she said. "You learn to work with others, learn each other's strengths and weaknesses, and gain the ability to communicate with one another. Playing soccer my whole life taught me how to manage my schedule (between practices and homework). And as far as discipline goes, it helps me make sure I keep my head on straight and listen to my superiors."

She has proven her ability to listen to her superiors and perform to high standards.

"Erin's work at the F-22 CTF has been nothing short of excellent," said Paul Robinson, 773rd Test Squadron Human Systems Integration Flight chief. "She has frequently been tasked to write test plans and execute them on very short notice."

Being dynamic and clutch as a goalkeeper on the soccer field is the same way Wallace approaches her job at Edwards.

"I know from the team she works with at the F-22 that this is the way she approaches everything in life," Robinson said. "She also shows amazing self-discipline through her dedication to a key passion in her life: soccer."

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For more information, call the ITT office at 333-3348.

Take an outdoor adventure

The Outdoor Adventure Program has several upcoming opportunities for those who enjoy trekking through the Colorado wilderness.

For information on these and other offerings, contact Outdoor Adventure at 333-2940 or visit their website at <http://bit.ly/m8vddh>.

Hiking on the Academy: Women's casual-paced hiking is held Tuesdays at 9 a.m., with co-ed quick-paced hiking held Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. The hikes are free, but registration is required. Contact Outdoor Adventure for more information.

Family Advocacy offerings

For information on Family Advocacy programs, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 333-5270.

Anger Management: Held Tuesdays, July 19 through Aug. 9, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Learn how to manage your anger and how to better relate to others using simple, innovative techniques.



Cadet Chapel

SUMMER SCHEDULE

BUDDHIST
Sundays: 10 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP
Combined Worship Service:
Sundays, 9 a.m.

CATHOLIC WORSHIP
Mass: Sundays, 10 a.m.

JEWISH WORSHIP
No Jewish worship services during the summer.

Community Center Chapel

CATHOLIC WORSHIP
Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP
Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Common Sense Parenting: Held Thursdays, through Sept. 8, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. This skill-based parenting program teaches parents of children ages 5-18 practical and effective ways to increase their children's positive behaviors and appropriate alternatives to negative behaviors.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting: Held Aug. 10 and 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. This class offers parents of children ages 2-12 easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children without arguing, yelling or spanking. This is a two-session course.

Honor Guard candidates

The Air Force Academy Honor Guard wants volunteers who can help pay final honors to those interred at the Air Force's only active cemetery.

Airmen must have 12 months of retainability on base and be able to support at least two details per month for one year.

Training is held every other Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Benefits of Honor Guard membership include consideration for a medal upon completion of the 12-month commitment and free attendance to some major sporting events.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lissy Slezak at 333-9309 or Staff Sgt. Hugo Reinor at 333-5621.

Biking Trips

All bike trips include support, transportation for people and bikes and an experienced guide. Call 333-2940 for more information.

Pikes Peak Downhill: Saturday and Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. \$59 per weekend, \$49 per weekday.

Labor Day at Moab. Sept. 2-5. Cost range from \$173.25 to \$247.50 per person depending on lodging choices. This trip includes all lodging in comfortable cabins, experienced guide, park entry fees and all transportation for people and bikes. Must sign up before August 1 and attend a pre-trip meeting August 26.

Get help to quit smoking

Tricare now offers a counseling benefit for smoking cessation. Having a smoking-related illness is not a requirement to be eligible for the benefit. The only requirement is that the insured receive the counseling from a Tricare-authorized provider who is licensed or certified for this type of counseling.

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Various websites offer more information about the program or about quitting smoking. The options include www.triwest.com/tobacco, www.tricare.mil/tobaccofree, and www.ucanquit2.org.

Rumble in the Rockies

Falcon Stadium will host the annual Firefighter Combat Challenge Aug. 5, 4-6 p.m. and Aug. 6, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Admission is free. Visitors should enter through the Academy's North Gate. Come out and cheer for your favorite fire department, and bring the entire family. Kids can also take part in the challenge.

Take care of that dental work

The 10th Dental Squadron is currently seeking non-active-duty patients to be treated in the dental residency training program. If you are an eligible beneficiary and have been told you have gum disease and need gum surgery or a root canal, call 333-5490 for a screening appointment.

Volunteers from the enlisted and officer corps are needed to help clean up the Woodmen Trail, which the Academy has adopted. The trail is 2.05 miles long and is split into three sections, so volunteers work on a section that is a little more than half a mile. The next cleanup is scheduled for Aug. 20. For more information, call 333-3310.

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Community Center activities

Flea market: Aug. 6 in the AAFES Parking Lot. The flea market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with set up from 8 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 per space, \$15 for a truck. Please call 333-2928 to register.

Environmental audit coming

The Academy's annual Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program will take place Sept. 12-16.

The audit evaluates an installation's overall compliance with environmental, safety, and occupational health laws and regulations.

As with past audits, this year's encompasses all organizations, tenants, and contractor operations on the Academy. The audit team will distribute a schedule prior to commencing the audit. A briefing on the findings will be given Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. in the CE Conference Room, building 8120.

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The audit team will consist of 10 CES/CEV personnel and volunteers from the Academy. Anyone interested in volunteering must obtain approval from the respective supervisors.

Once findings are distributed, each organization will be responsible for completing all required closure actions according to the management action plan developed after the audit.

For questions or to volunteer as an audit team member, contact Jeanie Duncan at 333-0812 or jeanie.duncan.ctr@usafa.af.mil.

Readiness center offerings

Career Tracks – Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Two-day class covers all aspects of job search preparation: resume writing, interviewing, assessing & evaluating skills/values/interests, and building a "job toolkit". (Must attend both sessions) (Note: class is being held at the Peterson AFB A&FRC this month)

Mock Interviewing – Thursday, 8:00-noon. Learn what questions to expect and how to best answer them, how to prepare your 30-second commercial, and formulate an interview preparation strategy. (Conducted by a local area HR professional)

Smooth Move (PCS) – Thursday (3-4 p.m. One Stop Shop for relocation information, "Know Before You Go." Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Sports program deadline



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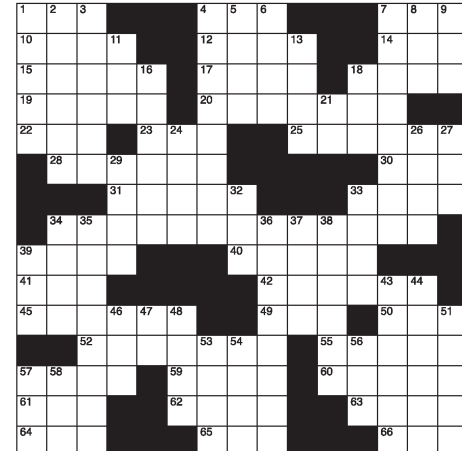
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Male sheep
4. Make an explosive noise
7. Upper left keyboard key
10. Freshwater duck genus
12. Armenian King 928 - 953
14. House member title (abbr.)
15. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
17. Haystack
18. Afrikaans
19. Sylvia _____, Am. poet
20. Takes upon oneself
22. Adult female hog
23. Irritate
25. Quarrels
28. Appropriate for young women
30. Chest cavity bone
31. Directed a weapon
33. Nothing more than
34. Keyboard partner
39. Meets the Danube at Belgrave
40. Adult male pigs
41. Point midway between NE and E
42. Least crazy
45. Ricochets
49. Coach Parseghian
50. _____ Te Ching by Lao Tzu
52. Dead body of a human being
55. Plural of 18 across
57. Indication of skin damage
59. Oasis (Arabic)
60. A legally binding command
61. Woolen Scottish cap
62. Common stuffing herb
63. Wild sheep of north Africa
64. Woman (French)
65. No. French river
66. Senior officer
37. Picasso's mistress
38. Rich in decorative detail
39. Unit of time
43. A set of steps
44. Toilet powder
46. Paddle
47. Doctor of Medicine
48. Board cutters
51. Port of ancient Rome
53. River in South Africa
54. Tense
56. 74820 OK
57. Opposite of LTM
58. Br. University town river

CLUES DOWN

1. Coarse files
2. Opposite of digital
3. Lilongwe is the capital
4. Slender long-tailed parrots
5. Obeahs
6. Political action committees
7. Expungings
8. A very large body of water
9. Jr. to a sergeant (abbr.)
11. Disappear beyond the horizon
13. Bonxie
16. Metacomet of Pokanoket
18. Two-year-old sheep
21. Mister
24. New Zealand red pine
26. Irish Republic
27. One point E of due S
29. 7th avatar of Vishnu
32. Woman making her debut (abbr.)
33. A guiding spirit
34. Town of Jesus' 1st miracle
35. Surmounted
36. Prayer beads



SUDOKU

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