

24 cadets receive Academy's 1st UAS-RPA wings

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Academy Public Affairs

Four juniors and 20 sophomores here received the first unmanned aerial systems-remotely piloted aircraft wings awarded in the school's 55-year history during a function at the Dean's Heritage House on Feb. 25.

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould and Brig. Gen. Dana Born, the dean of the faculty, presented cadets with certificates and UAS-RPA scarves during the event.

"I'm thrilled to recognize the first class of cadets to graduate from Airmanship 200, Airmanship 201 and Airmanship 202 and become the catapult leaders for the UAS-RPA program at the Air Force Academy," General Born said. "You are all pioneers."

Cadets dined and spoke with Generals Gould and Born as well as attendees including retired Gen. James McCarthy, director of the Institute for Information Technology Applications; retired Lt. Gen. Ervin Rokke, president of the USAFA Endowment; Maj. Gen. James Poss, director of Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance strategy, integration and doctrine at the Pentagon; Mike Phillips, the executive director of Mission Analysis; Col. Paul Ackerman, the vice superintendent; Col. R.K. Williams, the acting commandant of cadets; Col. Dean Bushey, head of the Academy's UAS-RPA program; Col. Patrick Moylan, commander of the 306th Flying Training Group, and others.

"I've been with RPAs since the beginning," General Poss said. "At first, it was tough going until we realized what a tremendous impact they could have on the application of air power. Now, we can't build them fast enough to satisfy demand."

The Air Force's role in that history began in the mid-to late-1990s, awarding General Atomics a contract to build the first MQ-1 Predators for \$3.2 million apiece. Teams with the 11th Reconnaissance Squadron at Indian Springs Air Station (now Creech AFB), Nev., flew MQ-1 Predators during Operation Allied Force in 1999. RPA mission frequency stepped up during Operation Enduring Freedom in October 2001 as the Air Force started deploying Predators in greater numbers to gather intelligence.

"Back then, we were doing good to get two Predators



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

Cadets talk to Maj. Gen. James Poss during an unmanned aerial surveillance-remotely piloted aircraft reception at the Dean's Heritage House Feb. 25. The cadets are the first in Academy history to receive wings and become instructor pilots for the UAS-RPA program. General Poss is the director of Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance strategy, integration and doctrine at the Pentagon.

in the air for 20 hours a day," he said.

The number of RPA missions leaped after Secretary of Defense Robert Gates demanded more ISR capability from the Air Force in June 2008. Today the Air Force flies approximately 40 combat air patrols 24 hours a day, seven days a week, primarily over Iraq and Afghanistan to provide persistent reconnaissance and strike capability. The Air Force is programmed to go to 50 CAPs and may go as high as 65, General Poss said.

"I'd tell you that you're the wave of the future, but you're not — you're the wave of the present," the general continued. "That's the kind of impact you're going to have."

Cadet 2nd Class Jeff Nakayama, a native of Warner Robins, Ga., is one of the four juniors forming the Air Force Academy's instructor pilot cadre and an economics

major with Cadet Squadron 34. He is also the son of retired Col. Dave Nakayama, a 1976 Academy graduate. He first found out about the Academy's UAS-RPA program through Cadet 2nd Class Bradley Sapper, an astronautical engineering major with CS 03.

Though he was unsure at first, he decided to join the program after participating in the soaring and parachuting programs.

"I said, 'You know what? Let's see what happens, and it took off from there,'" he said.

The instructor pilots visited Nellis AFB and Creech AFB, Nev., in the summer of 2009, to learn more about RPAs in the operational Air Force.

"It was an interesting experience, seeing the operational side and watching Airmen actually conduct a

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7 Academy NCOs selected for senior master sgt.

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Academy Public Affairs

Seven master sergeants at the Academy were selected Thursday from 71 eligible senior NCOs here for promotion to senior master sergeant.

The Academy's newly selected senior master sergeants are:

- Master Sgt. Lynn Barron, Cadet Squadron 12
- Master Sgt. John Donaway III,

Manpower and Personnel

— Master Sgt. Angela Evans, Cadet Wing Training

— Master Sgt. John Facemire, 10th Medical Group

— Master Sgt. Anna Parker, Commandant of Cadets Staff

— Master Sgt. Candace Smith, 10th Medical Operations Squadron

— Master Sgt. Daniel Thompson, 10th Force Support Squadron

The selection rate at the Academy was

9.45 percent, compared to the Air Force selection rate of 9.24 percent, according to statistics from the 10th Force Support Squadron. Air Force-wide, 1,269 master sergeants were selected from 13,741 eligible.

Academy Command Chief Master Sgt. Todd Salzman, the Academy Top 3 and the promotees will sponsor a promotion party with free food and drinks in the Stripes lounge today at 3 p.m. to celebrate the selections.

The average score for those selected Air

Force-wide was 665.85, with an average time-in-grade of 4.38 years and an average time-in-service of 20.2 years.

The average scores were based on the following point averages: 135 for enlisted performance reports, 21.30 for decorations, 61.47 for the Air Force supervisory examination and 394.06 board scores, according to Air Force Personnel Center statistics.

(Information compiled from Air Force Personnel Center News and staff reports.)

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Haiti: This is why I serve

By Capt. Nathan Broshear
Air Forces Southern Public Affairs

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFNS) — I'm often asked why I choose to be in the Air Force. Some people ask to start up a conversation, others to be polite, and some genuinely wonder what compels Airmen to swear to support and defend the Constitution, put themselves in harm's way and deploy far from home.

Most people who ask are looking for a one-word answer. They expect you'll simply say adventure or flying, travel, education or some other military benefit. Usually, after about 20 seconds of explanation their eyes turn glossy as you struggle to capture the essence of what you do and why you do it, all without using military jargon.

I've been in Haiti since January, and I know when I return, people will ask me, "What did you see there? Are we really helping?" The answer to these questions is really the same answer to the question, "Why are you in the Air Force?"

I've learned service has rewards greater than any paycheck, trip abroad or educational degree. In it exists opportunities to be where others cannot, to stand where others will not, and to do what people would do if only they could be where you are.

The rewards of serving aren't one-word answers; they're the tiny snapshots of humanity, dignity and kindness playing over and over in the minds of Airmen who've "been there." These scenes of hope replay in my mind each night as I lie down to sleep in my tent:

Airmen download thousands of pounds of lifesaving food and water from aircraft that don't even shut off their

engines. They're done in minutes and begin working on the next aircraft — 24 hours a day — more than 3,000 times so far.

I hug a Haitian man as he tells me, "Without you, I would be dead. Thank you, America." I see the man again a few days later and he greets me like we've known each other for years. All he asks is for me to take a picture with him, not for him to keep, but so I can take the picture home with me and tell others his story.

An Air Force nurse cries with a patient recovering in a clinic, not from pain, but because they would soon part. Later, the whole ward — even patients with life-threatening injuries — sings together while nurses dance for them.

People come together for the greater good. Airmen unload airplanes from Venezuela, China, Qatar, France, Brazil, Chile, Australia, Colombia, Nicaragua and dozens more. They salute every aircrew as they depart, no matter what flag is on the jet's tail.

I stare in wonder at owls flying across a full flightline at 1 a.m. A private jet pulls in, full of volunteers. They ask, "Where's the nearest hotel?" I point to a few tents and cots in the grass next to the tarmac. They sleep outside and don't mind a bit.

I hold a baby born on board a Navy hospital ship just after the earthquake. The mother lost one leg and incurred multiple other injuries after debris fell on her. Yet the baby is healthy, and all mom wants to talk about is how happy she is to be home again.

A family huddles under a tarp held up by sticks on a median between traffic lanes. They're cooking rice and beans from a huge sack marked "A gift from the people of the United States of

America." They look up, smile and give us a big thumbs-up as we drive by.

I hear my family on the phone saying, "I'm proud of you."

I give a meal-ready-to-eat to someone who's never had one, and likely hasn't eaten all day.

When the first commercial flight arrives in Port-au-Prince, Haitian families reunite a month after the earthquake. Tears of joy stream down their faces as they embrace.

A group of Airmen get off a transport airplane carrying their bags after traveling for an entire day. They've got every right to rest, but just hours later, they're building tents, marshalling aircraft, mapping food distribution points and driving earthmovers, all 700 of them.

A nurse tells me about a Haitian baby boy born on board the USS Carl Vinson. The mother names him Vincent.

A woman stands atop the mountain of rubble that was once her home. She points out where she and her son were when the earthquake hit, then explains how a fallen door miraculously protected them from harm. There's a hole in the rocks, just big enough to crawl through, marking their exit from death. The woman calls the escape, "God's hand."

When I return home and I'm asked why I serve, I'll struggle to communicate the sights and sounds of hope that come with the privilege of being an Airman. My storytelling will fall short of putting a person where I've been. I won't be able to conjure up the sensory signals of mutual respect, trust and compassion that come from being there when you're most needed.

Why do I serve? The one-word answer: Haiti.

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Character Corner Applied Math

By Chaplain (Maj.) Rives Duncan
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There probably isn't a math teacher alive who hasn't been asked countless times, "When am I ever going to use this?" A bumper sticker in the Fairchild Hall parking lot proclaims, accurately, "We all use math every day." Very true, or, at least, it should be.

I once heard about someone who had a huge electricity bill. She had left the ther-

mostat on all day (wanting to come home to a warm home) during a record cold snap right after rates for electricity had nearly doubled. "Why don't they teach stuff like this in school?" she complained.

They do. It sounds like a word problem, in fact. The problem isn't that such things aren't taught, but that many students forget to apply them. More often than not, the reason we don't apply them is because we have dismissed such knowledge as irrelevant.

A couple of weeks ago, more than 30

speakers came to NCLS to share knowledge and experience with us. Some people didn't even show up. Those who did heard some great messages and maybe even enjoyed them.

But the real question, the important question, is whether you will take that knowledge and apply it in a way that makes a difference? Have you learned something that you can, and will remember to, apply? Or was it more "irrelevant" information? The only one who can answer that is you.



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If you had a time machine, where and when would you go?

"I would live amongst cavemen and become one of them. I prefer the primitive aspects of life."



Cadet 2nd Class
Casey Shotwell
Cadet Squadron 11

"I'd go back to London to about 1605 - 1610, provided I had a full-time pass to Shakespeare's Theater and a ... guarantee (of) safe transportation and an occasional dash of brown ale."



Dr. Fred Kiley
Department of
English and Fine Arts

"I would travel back in time. I have always loved learning about history. Ancient Egypt is where I'd go so I can hang out with Cleopatra and finally see how they built the pyramids."



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"I would go into the future because I am anticipating great things to come."



Tech. Sgt. Lisa Taylor
10th Force
Support Squadron



Social media policy balances accessibility, security

By Ian Graham
Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The new policy allowing access to social media from computers connected to the Defense Department's unclassified network balances the mission value of Web 2.0 tools and the need for security, a top defense official said.

Since being hired as principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs in June, Price B. Floyd has made waves as the Pentagon's "social media czar," promoting the use of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social networking tools to spread the department's message.

Mr. Floyd explained the new policy announced last week to participants in a "DODLive" bloggers roundtable yesterday.

"This means all (Defense Department) components have been told ... that the default switch on access is to be open," Mr. Floyd said. "It's balanced with the need to be security-conscious and tells the combatant commands to continue to deny access to sites when people try to access them inappropriately."

The policy upholds longstanding regu-

lations denying access to Web sites with inappropriate content, such as gambling, hate crimes or pornography, he said. The new policy also keeps in mind the importance of operational security, which he said becomes more important because of social media's reach.

"Don't say or do anything on these sites you wouldn't say or do in any other form of communication," he said. "The people here in public affairs have started an education campaign to push out both the fact that we have this new policy, and the need to use it appropriately."

He cautioned that certain caveats apply to the policy. In many areas where service-members are stationed around the world, the infrastructure simply doesn't exist to support high-bandwidth applications such as video streaming, he explained.

"In a place like Afghanistan, bandwidth is going to be a problem. Just because we have a new policy, doesn't mean everything's open," he said. "If we don't have the bandwidth, we don't have the bandwidth."

The new policy comes largely as a result of a culture shift outside the DOD, Mr. Floyd said. That shift needs to be carried over into the department's culture,

he added, as young people, many of whom have grown up using sites such as MySpace and Facebook, join the military.

"I think we have work here to do at the Defense Department," Mr. Floyd said. "People who are coming into the military take all of this for granted. They can't imagine a world where one didn't have access to these sorts of sites. For those of us who are a little longer in the tooth, it's only been in the past few years that we've seen these developments and discovered how useful they can be. So we have some education and cultural shifting to do."

Along with educating servicemembers on how to use social media tools appropriately, Mr. Floyd said, some trial and error also must be part of the process. Because these technologies are constantly emerging and evolving, he explained, leaders should be less concerned about being given step-by-step guidance on how to use each application and more about finding what works best for their unit in their location.

Mr. Floyd said he's been amazed by his own ability to engage with audiences worldwide using social media to talk to people he likely will never meet in person. The

promise and outcome of Web 2.0 technology is the potential for outreach to an immense audience with relatively little effort, he noted.

"For me, this is not so much about official messaging," he said. "This is about the men and the women of the armed forces having access to these ways of communicating. Even on my own Twitter, which I would say is official, I don't communicate 'official messages.'"

The early months of the new policy will be a learning period for everyone, Mr. Floyd said. In six months, he added, a review will lead to further guidance. For now, though, he encourages exploration of social media.

"We shouldn't be so dogmatic about this stuff," he said. "Try new things, see what works. What works for me here in Washington might not work on a base somewhere else. I would encourage people to open a Twitter account, create a Facebook page, and see what works for them and their audience."

Editor's Note: Ian Graham works in the Defense Media Activity's emerging media directorate.

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mission out there," Cadet Nakayama said. "We were able to go through the program first, experiment and spend a little more time on the airplane than the 2012 cadets did, and we got to teach them, which was the biggest challenge and learning experience."

The program will take another step forward next year when the Academy acquires a ScanEagle, a 40-pound unmanned aircraft that launches from a hydraulic system similar to the catapult systems on aircraft carriers and "lands" using a skyhook and GPS guidance.

"Everyone's going to be learning again," Cadet Nakayama said.

The cadets who received RPA wings during the ceremony are:

Cadet 2nd Class Rupert Domingo	CS 23	Economics
Cadet 2nd Class Jeffrey Nakayama	CS 34	Economics
Cadet 2nd Class Stephen Pike	CS 21	Management
Cadet 2nd Class Brad Sapper	CS 03	Astronautical Engineering
Cadet 3rd Class Anthony Alt	CS 17	Astronautical Engineering
Cadet 3rd Class Simone Barrette	CS 02	Management
Cadet 3rd Class Jon Broadbent	CS 03	Physics
Cadet 3rd Class Tony Caliva	CS 29	Systems Engineering Management
Cadet 3rd Class Chris Danielson	CS 24	Operations Research
Cadet 3rd Class Christina England	CS 07	Biochemistry
Cadet 3rd Class Chelsea Esenwein	CS 11	English

Cadet 3rd Class Mike Fournier	CS 34	Civil Engineering
Cadet 3rd Class Anthony Jadick	CS 31	Information Systems Engineering
Cadet 3rd Class Andrew Kleman	CS 25	Aeronautical Systems Engineering
Cadet 3rd Class Rocco LiBrandi	CS 18	Computer Engineering
Cadet 3rd Class Erika Martin	CS 08	Legal Studies
Cadet 3rd Class Art Notini	CS 30	Computer Science
Cadet 3rd Class Travis Potthoff	CS 39	Computer Science
Cadet 3rd Class Daniel Rule	CS 06	Military History
Cadet 3rd Class Emily Ryals	CS 17	Legal Studies
Cadet 3rd Class Jeff Sasaki	CS 23	Physics
Cadet 3rd Class Zach Schneider	CS 12	Biology
Cadet 3rd Class Keegan Vaira	CS 17	Civil Engineering
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Mock trial team qualifies for nationals

By Capt Greg J. Thompson
Department of Law

The Air Force Academy Mock Trial Team finished in first place at three tournaments and ended its season with a 6-2 record overall to earn a bid in the American Mock Trial Association's National Championship Tournament

The Academy took first place in the Colorado Scrimmages held at the Academy, the Colorado Classic hosted by the University of Colorado at Boulder and the Revolution held at Arizona State University.

The debate team also finished in the top four at tournaments hosted by the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Teams placed third and fifth at regional competitions in

Topeka, Kan., and Columbia, Mo., recently.

Cadet 1st Class Matt Ross from Cadet Squadron 33 leads the Academy team and has anchored the team throughout the season, acting as an attorney and presenting closing arguments.

The Mock Trial Team has earned 41 individual awards including 17 attorney awards and 24 witness awards. Cadet 1st Class Lauren Hettich from CS 33 was named an All-Region Attorney. Cadets 1st Class Seung-Min Baik (CS 33) and Radhika Ranaweera (CS 34) and Cadets 3rd Class Carl Chandler (CS 33) and Philicia Fahrenbruch (CS 12) were named All-Region Witnesses. In all, the Academy team has garnered more team and individual awards this season than any other season in the program's history.

This year's trial is a criminal case where the defen-

dant, Jackie Owens, is accused of murdering his business partner, Jacob Bennett. The defendant and the deceased were part of a three-person, multi-million dollar movie production partnership called TriFecta Entertainment. The defendant allegedly had millions of dollars of gambling debt and was offered a multi-million-dollar buyout prior to the murder that would have provided him with immediate resources to pay off his debts. The only witness to the murder is a stargazer who, during the darkness of an eclipse, spots a Maserati sports car and hears gunshots. The defendant owns a Maserati, as well as several other high-end automobiles.

In the trial, cadets play the roles of witnesses and attorneys. The teams have to choose three of five

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Recruiters visit DOD schools in Japan, S. Korea

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Academy Admissions recruiters made their first trip to Japan and South Korea from Jan. 20 to Feb. 14, with more trips abroad planned for later this year.

Their goal was to reach students, Airmen and counselors face-to-face, said Alton Scott, a diversity recruiter with Admissions.

"We want applicants and counselors to understand that the Academy is

looking for the best and brightest," Mr. Scott said. "Although they may not have a chance to visit the Academy, we want to bring them a little taste of it by answering questions and speaking on our experiences."

Regional director Capt. Monica Clodwick and diversity recruiter 2nd Lt. Shannon Williams made the trip, spending about two weeks in Japan to visit Misawa Air Base and Yokota Air Base, Yokosuka, Tokyo and Camp Zama before flying to South Korea to visit Osan Air Base, Daegu Air Base and

Seoul Air Base.

Their trip consisted mostly of visits to Department of Defense Dependents Schools at each base. They visited one international school: the American School in Japan, Mr. Scott said. A limiting factor is that students must be U.S. citizens or in the process of gaining citizenship when they apply to the Academy, and it was difficult finding non-DODDS schools in Japan or South Korea with a significant U.S. population. However, some students in those schools qualified for enrollment.

The Admissions official said that schools and Airmen were pleasantly surprised and appreciative that Academy Admissions took the time and effort to send Admissions representatives from Colorado Springs.

"When we first arrived at a school, the counselors and students thought that we were from the local base," Captain Clodwick said. "Once they understood that we flew all the way from Colorado Springs, their positive reception and gratitude followed."

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CCAF grad rate tops 10 percent for 2009

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Academy Public Affairs

Nearly 11 percent of the Air Force Academy's eligible enlisted Airmen received Community College of the Air Force degrees in 2009, giving the Academy a higher CCAF graduation rate than any of the Air Force major commands, according to CCAF statistics.

The Academy ranks seventh among Air Force installations in 2009 CCAF graduation rates, behind Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas (20.39 percent), Los Angeles AFB, Calif. (17.6 percent), Sheppard AFB, Texas (13.4 percent), Keesler AFB, Miss., and Brooks City-Base, Texas (13.3 percent) and the Pentagon (11.3 percent).

The Air Force's overall graduation rate was 6.6 percent.

"We don't have a whole lot of people, but when you have more than 10 percent of the base population that's eligible for a CCAF degree graduate, that says a lot about our enlisted force, Education Center counselors and base leadership," said Cynthia Davis, the 10th Force Support Squadron's Force Development Flight chief.

CCAF degrees promote the Air Force's need for a highly educated, highly technical enlisted force, said Lisa Simon, 10th FSS section chief for education and training.

"You can't make the senior enlisted ranks without a degree," Ms. Simon added.

Degrees also help Airmen downrange or stationed overseas, Ms. Davis said.

"The (Air Force) mission has taken on a different role," she said. "You have to become an ambassador of the United States when you're in a foreign country. Someone who's had a broader learning experience can make a better impression. That kind of scope is what the Air Force is after."

A CCAF degree carries other benefits. Airmen with



Photo by Johnny Wilson

Andrew Hess answers a question for Airmen 1st Class Jennifer O'Brien during an English Composition 102 class at the Air Force Academy's Education Center classroom Monday. Mr. Hess is an instructor with Colorado Christian University. Airmen O'Brien is a customer service technician with the Academy's Financial Management Flight.

degrees are more marketable once they leave the Air Force, Ms. Davis said.

"When you leave the Air Force with a CCAF degree, employers know they're getting a highly competent and reliable individual, with a great amount of integrity," she said.

A CCAF degree can also be a stepping stone to higher learning, both for Airmen and their family members, Ms. Simon said.

"In many cases, (a CCAF degree) is the first higher-education degree for a lot of families," she said.

"For children, seeing Mom and Dad still doing their

homework is a real motivator," Ms. Davis said.

Counselors at the Academy's Education Office ensure students understand and fulfill degree requirements, which can be met through attending local or online courses or through taking CLEP or DANTES tests, said Lori Collins, one of three education office counselors.

The education office partners with Colorado Christian University to offer courses on base that can help Airmen earn their CCAF degrees, Ms. Davis said.

"(CCU has) bent over backwards to make education as painless as possible," she said. "They're not pushing their degree program; they're pushing our degree program. Their focus is on courses that apply toward a CCAF degree." Classes in the education office's classroom consist of one meeting per week for five to nine weeks, depending on the course.

In order to earn a CCAF degree, a student must have a total of 64 semester hours through an accredited school, including 24 technical hours, 15 general education hours, 15 elective hours, six leadership and management hours and four physical education hours. Up to 30 semester hours may come through CLEP or DANTES tests. Basic Military Training fulfills the physical education requirement, and technical training courses also count toward CCAF requirements.

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By 10th Medical Group Marketing

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Recruiters

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Admissions representatives do not sign up applicants, Mr. Scott said. Instead, they generate students' interest through informing them of what the Academy has to offer. Potential applicants can apply online through www.academyadmissions.com.

"Our goal and mission is to spark interest in the Academy as well as make students aware of the opportunities offered," Captain Clodwick said. "We speak to the students and Airmen on admissions standards and the admissions process so that they are prepared when it's time to apply."

The two received help from the area's Admissions Liaison Officers. Capts. Susan Meng, Mike Provins and Edward Hwang are ALOs for Misawa, Osan and Seoul ABs, respectively. Each helped by giving directions for navigating the local area and providing contact information for the schools, Lieutenant Williams said.

"The ALOs played a key role in helping us decide what schools would give the visitors the most bang for our buck," she said. "They also helped by getting Admissions personnel in contact with school counselors and JROTC directors who arranged the visits."

Many of the students with whom Admissions officers spoke are bilingual, Captain Clodwick said. However, aside from their added language skills, their questions and concerns were similar to those of U.S.-based students.

In addition to area high schools, Admissions personnel talked to Airmen at meetings arranged by base education and First-Term Airmen Centers. They also visited Airmen assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron at Osan AB, reaching 150 Airmen at once.

"Many of the education centers and FTAC NCOs in charge lent a hand," Lieutenant Williams said. At Yokota AB, Japan, Master Sgt. Thaddeus Brannon

set up the entire visit and sent out notifications to Airmen and base leadership. At Osan AB, Master Sgt. Mark Reuss, the NCO in charge of the Professional Development Center, arranged informational meetings on three different occasions at the community center and raised awareness by notifying Chief Master Sgt. Michael Williams, the command chief master sergeant, and young Airmen about the visit.

Two other diversity recruiters, Capt. Oscar Ramos and 2nd Lt. Joshua Gradaille, will travel to Puerto Rico for another outreach mission later in March, Mr. Scott said.

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Kirkuk joint project lifts economy, skills

By Master Sgt. Martie Moore
506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFNS) — A joint project involving the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron readiness management support engineers and a local contractor is helping Iraqis rebuild their nation on the concepts of learning and earning.

The various civil engineers are all involved in upgrading the base sanitary sewer system at Kirkuk Regional Air Base with new or upgraded wastewater lift stations.

“The existing concrete tank was set up in an expeditionary manner,” said Master Sgt. Michael Wohlfert, the water and fuels systems maintenance superintendent.

As part of the lift station project, the crews

constructed three new pump stations and modified five others doubling the capacity of the overall system.

“The wastewater lift stations are facilities designed to move wastewater from lower to higher elevation through pipes,” Sergeant Wohlfert said.

Key elements of lift stations include a wastewater receiving well, equipment control system and alarm system.

During the process of building the new lift stations, Iraqi men learned or improved their trades as electricians and plumbers.

“The Air Force is here to see that the rules and regulations are followed by the contractor,” Sergeant Wohlfert said. “Iraq does not have the same building codes as the U.S. The electricians and plumbers are learning new skills on this project. The quality of workmanship has grown in leaps

and bounds.”

The project, in turn, benefits the community by using a local contractor, Sameh Saber, the owner of Black Gold Holding Company.

“It’s very smooth because we are all on the same page and coordinating work,” Mr. Saber said.

In addition, Mr. Saber said he sees this as an opportunity to improve the quality of work in Kirkuk.

“I talk to college friends who are engineers too,” he said. “We are learning more things here to transfer to our own local projects.”

As American forces drawdown, the new lift station is one more positive sign Iraq has a bright future.

“Except for minor things, the reliability of the new sites has been great,” Sergeant Wohlfert said. “The more successful this is, the easier (it is) for those who come after us. This is nothing but a success.”

Mock Trial

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available witnesses around whom to build their cases. The cast of characters they can call as witnesses include a high-end car salesman, an insect specialist, a movie star alibi witness, and an astronomy fanatic who still lives with his mother. However they choose, their case strategy is dramatically affected.

One of the newest members of the team, Cadet 3rd Class Chris Chorney from CS 21, has spent a lot of time observing and learning how to become an excellent oral communicator.

“The judges are always impressed not only with our performance in trial but also how we present ourselves,” Cadet Chorney said. “When Cadet Ross

talks before the judge, his voice echoes dominance as well as respect throughout the courtroom, and that example has trickled down to other members of the team. Most other teams have difficulty finding their command voices.”

Cadet 1st Class Deanna Franzen from CS 20 said she enjoys being part of the mock trial team and finds it worthwhile.

“As much as I learn from the competition, spending time with the team and working as a team is probably the best part,” Cadet Franzen said.

The team spends a great deal of time together, including time between rounds and on long bus rides.

“There’s a time for joking around, but when we start the trial, it’s ‘game on,’” said Cadet 3rd Class

Aaron Zadalis from CS 34. “We’re serious about what we do.”

The debate team helps develop the Academy’s educational outcomes of oral communication, critical thinking and teamwork. Professors often note mock trial team members’ exceptional aptitude in these skill competencies — a credit to the time they spend developing these traits, including practice throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Editor’s Note: Capt. Greg Thompson from the Department of Law is the mock trial team head coach. Other coaches include Maj. Chris Morgan and Matt King, Capt. Hanna Astle and Judge Howard Eggers.

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70th FTS breaks ground on new home

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Academy Public Affairs

Construction began recently on a new \$750,000 facility for the 70th Flying Training Squadron near its current location, where it is co-located with four other squadrons in the 306th Flying Training Group.

The principal contractor for the construction is DWG and Associates, a service-disabled veteran-owned small business in Colorado Springs with approximately 200 employees.

The groundbreaking marks a significant commitment to total force integration at the Air Force Academy, said Lt. Col. David Rodriguez, the 70th FTS commander.

"It marks a tangible and visible presence for a lasting partnership with the 306th and the Air Force Academy," Colonel Rodriguez said.

The 70th is an integral part of the Academy's Airmanship programs, with reservists augmenting the instructor cadre for the Academy's parachuting, soaring and initial flight screening programs, said Lt. Col. William Erzen, assistant operations officer for the 70th.

Air Force Reserve Command provided funding for the new facility, Colonel Erzen said. Functions moving into the building once it's complete will include the commander, operations officer, operations section, standardization and evaluations, orderly room and administrative staff.

Currently, the 70th shares functional space with the 306th Operations Support Squadron and the 94th, 98th and 557th Flying Training squadrons. Instructors work in space provided by their respective active-duty squadrons, Colonel Erzen said.

The new facility is one of the highest priorities among several modernization projects in the airfield's sights, said Lt. Col. Gregg Johnson, deputy commander



Photo by Staff Sgt. Don Branum

Airmen with the 70th Flying Training Squadron pose for a photo during groundbreaking for a new 70th FTS facility at the Air Force Academy Jan. 20.

of the 306th.

"Although the 70th is fully integrated throughout the group, it's important that they have designated workspace that fits both mission needs and allows them the benefits of a unique squadron identity that all of our flying units enjoy," Colonel Johnson said.

The work of Airmen assigned to the 70th allows other flying training squadrons at the Academy to accomplish their missions, said Lt. Col. Bill Resnik, commander of the 94th.

"The men and women of the 70th provide outstanding support of the Airmanship programs here and especially for the 94th," Colonel Resnik said. "We fly more than 15,000 sorties per year and provide soaring opportunities for more

than 1,800 cadets annually, and we could not do our jobs without their contributions."

The 70th is one of six squadrons in the 340th FTG, based at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Its lineage dates to the 70th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), an active-duty unit that flew anti-submarine patrols in the week after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and operated in the South Pacific theater from November 1942 until August 1945. The squadron was part of Strategic Air Command's 42nd Bombardment Group from 1943 to 1946, when the 42nd became a wing. In 1972, the 70th Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, became part of the 38th Flying Training Wing. It was inactivated in November 1975 and reactivated as the 70th Flying Training Squadron Oct. 22, 2005.



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Dean reflects on history of Cadet Wing women

By 2nd Lt Meredith Kirchoff
Academy Public Affairs

The dean of the faculty never fathomed in 1979 that she would one day return to the Academy in that role. Like most fourth class cadets, her thoughts were consumed by making it from breakfast to lunch, lunch to dinner, dinner to call to quarters, and eventually to sleep.

"I absolutely can honestly say I never thought about being the dean of the faculty ... It was really just trying to do the best with each day and hope that I had the opportunity to become an officer in the United States Air Force," Brig. Gen. Dana Born said.

She received that opportunity and graduated from the Academy in 1983 as a member of only the fourth class to graduate women. While working as an exchange officer in Australia, and approaching the end of her five-year service commitment, the then-Capt. Born was struck by the power of what she became involved in through the Air Force.

"It was evident to me that I wanted to stay with the United States Air Force because of the mission we have and the people we get to complete that mission with," the general said.

Not only did she feel inspired by the mission she was advancing, she felt empowered by those who had gone before her and helped to pave the way for women in the military. As a second lieutenant, General Born had the opportunity to meet Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, the first female comptroller to attain general officer rank.

"I'd never seen a female general officer before," she recalled, noting that meeting and staying in contact with General Vaught profoundly affected her career aspirations.

Today's cadets and young officers have a far greater selection of general officers to look to as role models. General Born herself is among the pioneers of female Academy graduates as one of only 14 to rise to the general officer ranks.

General Born returned to the Academy from June 1989 to August 1991 as an assistant professor for the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, and again in June 2002 in the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership department as a professor, then later as a permanent professor and head of that department. Her history at the Academy gives her a unique perspective of the progress women cadets have made over three decades.

"When I was a cadet in 1979 there were women in each of the four classes," she said. "At that time, we had maybe one or two women per squadron and there was kind of a tokenism feel where we were, in a sense, competitors. And so, there really wasn't a unifying 'we're women in the military.'"

While cadets will always be competitive, the dean said she saw more camaraderie among women in the Cadet Wing as an instructor.

"I saw a different culture," she said. "I saw an evolution of women who were spending time together and had



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Brig. Gen. Dana Born speaks to a group of cadets, including Cadet 3rd Class Erika Martin from Cadet Squadron 08, during a visit to the Academy's Unmanned Aerial System-Remotely Piloted Aircraft training program at Fort Carson July 23, 2009. General Born is a 1983 graduate of the Academy and the first female dean of the faculty.

assimilated, as women, into a very male culture."

Although many cadets agree there is solidarity among the women at the Academy, some still attest to the strain of competition.

"Oftentimes I think we are our own worst enemy," said Cadet 1st Class Whitney Bouchard from Cadet Squadron 13. "To find the line between being 'one of the guys,' as this male-dominated institution seems to require at times, and still being a lady is a hard one to find and an even harder one to stand on."

General Born said she can see how far the Cadet Wing has come and is fascinated when she sees female cadets celebrating as women.

"Whether they want to be ultra-feminine or they want to be more androgynous. I think that there is less, 'Let's be better than the guys,'" she said.

What was once a competition between individuals has transformed into a competition within the individual. General Born said she believes women today are challenging themselves to be the best cadet, or best officer, they can be, rather than trying to be better than those around them.

It is that confidence and self determination the dean hopes a new era of women will carry with them when they leave the Academy and begin their careers as Air Force officers. The mindset General Born had hoped future cadets would adopt when she graduated in 1983 is becoming a reality in today's female cadets.

"I don't think being a woman in the military is anything different than being a man in the military,"

said Cadet 1st Class Megan Moulton from CS 15. "Women need to make sure they stand out for their own achievements." Cadet Moulton would like to see more women in space as an achievement accomplished as women progress in the military.

Cadet 1st Class Tamiko Toyama of CS 23 articulated a similar perspective.

"I hope that women simply continue on the path that they have already begun: to serve alongside our male counterparts in completing the mission, without any mental reservations along the way about differences in gender," she said.

Ultimately, General Born said she sees the posture that women have taken to advance in the military as one that can be applied across lines of gender, racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and religious backgrounds.

"It's about how you can bring the talents that you have and the strengths that you have to something that's bigger than yourself," she said. "That's really what unifies all of us; that we are contributing to something much bigger than ourselves. And, there aren't limitations based upon anything other than how well you are contributing to that mission."

General Born's message for young officers and Airmen is to invest in developing personally as well as passionately developing those around you.

When every cadet and graduate adopts that attitude, she said, "It advances our Air Force Academy, it advances our Air Force, it advances our nation, and if you take that further, it advances the world."



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Social Media tells Mazar-e-Sharif story

By John Van Winkle
Academy Public Affairs

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan – A senior NCO deployed to Afghanistan from the Air Force Academy uses social media to document the war against al-Qaida and the Taliban while mentoring Afghan public affairs officials.

Master Sgt. Christopher DeWitt, the NCO in charge of media relations in the Academy's Public Affairs Office, is a photojournalist and mentor on a three-person public affairs advisory team, or PAAT, to help Afghan National Security Forces build a sustainable public affairs capacity in the Northern



Regional Afghan National Police Headquarters and Afghan National Army's 209th Corps.

The team has covered route-clearing and medical missions and squad tactics training with Afghan National Army soldiers, Sergeant DeWitt said.

"Often, outside the wire, we're faced with challenges that we typically don't encounter at home, but we're thankful for the security conditions here in the

north," he said.

Sergeant DeWitt is part of the second wave of advisory teams there, so they've got a good base of knowledge in place from their predecessors. Part of that is the use of "Web 2.0" sites such as Facebook and YouTube to share their stories.

"Regional Command - North PAAT led the way in the use of social media to highlight both achievements with our Afghan National Army counterparts and other mentor team's accomplishments with the ANA," Sergeant DeWitt said.

And like the Academy's recent forays into the realm of social media, individual units in Afghanistan are making efforts to put this newer communications medium to use, highlighting both their own missions and the Afghan National Army's accomplishments.

"Leveraging social media sites ... allows us to keep people informed in a timely manner without using traditional methods," Sergeant DeWitt said. "Such methods are driven by current news events, and in the case of hard-hitting stories, the news about our progress here might not get out there. Using social media also lets the viewer check for updates at their convenience versus missing the only airing on a specific news channel."

"We've had success by initially inviting our own family and friends to become fans of our Facebook page but also by showcasing the site to our hometowns and the respective bases of our four-person team members. In less than a week we approached nearly 100 fans on Facebook and nearly 200 views for videos uploaded to YouTube," he added.

In addition to combat operations against the Taliban and al-Qaida, servicemembers from the U.S. military and multinational forces also continue to help rebuild Afghanistan's economic and government infrastructure and train and prepare the Afghan military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Afghanistan's sovereignty.

Learn more about Sergeant DeWitt's team and their accomplishments at <http://www.youtube.com/TheRCNorthPAAT> and <http://www.facebook.com/pages/RC-North-PAAT>.



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Master Sgt. Chris DeWitt of the Academy Public Affairs Office is deployed as a photojournalist mentor to a three-person Public Affairs advisory team in Northern Afghanistan, working to build sustainable public affairs capabilities for Afghan National Security Forces.

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Scouts test survival skills in Academy's outdoors

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Freez-O-Ree lived up to its name, with temperatures dropping to 17 degrees during the Scouts' overnight stay Feb. 26.

About 450 Scouts from across the Pikes Peak Council of the Boy Scouts of America attended the event Feb. 26 through Sunday in and around the Academy's woods near the Preparatory School.

This year's winter event marks Freez-O-Ree's return to the Academy since the events of Sept. 11, 2001 closed the base to many outside groups.

"It's nice to have it back here," said Mike Bartusek, Troop 698 committee chairman, adding that the environment is more hospitable than past Freez-O-Ree events held at Eleven Mile Reservoir.

Cold weather camping takes some preparation and bringing the right equipment, such as a low-temperature resistant sleeping bag, ground pad and fleece liner, plus wool socks with liners. A full stomach also helps ward off the cold, as does exchanging damp clothes for dry ones.

Mr. Bartusek said he has been involved with the event since his son was in first grade. The son is now 24, but Dad keeps helping out with



Spencer Shuman practices rigging a snare as one of the survival exercises.

Scouting.

"It's fun to see them grow and mature," he said.

Highlighting the weekend were challenges involving outdoor survival skills in a possible scenario.

"The idea is that you've crashed in a plane here in the Rocky Mountains," said Steve Fisher, assistant scoutmaster for Troop 537.

Preceding the event, Scouts in individual troops built sleds to carry gear, which included first aid kits, tarps, two liters of water for each Scout, extra clothes, a compass, flashlight, signaling mirror and fire starting kit made up of flint and steel, petroleum jelly, steel wool and a 9-volt battery.

Events included archery, building a natural fire, gully crossing, capture and release, water treatment, signaling to the sky with a mirror, relocating, and verification, which tests Scouts' knowledge and serves to verify they are indeed Boy Scouts when approached by rescuers.

Playing a key part in Freez-O-Ree was the Academy's Eagles Club, made up of Eagle Scouts and Gold Award Girl Scouts, plus volunteer cadets.

Cadet 1st Class John Oliphint of CS 36 readily volunteered to help out.

"I didn't know what to expect because I wasn't a Boy Scout," the Eagles Club member said. "It's a great time. We've been having lots of fun."

Cadet 3rd Class Andrew Gibler and other volunteer cadets at the archery range received special training before they staffed the range station.

"Scouting was a big part of my life growing up," said Cadet Gibler, a Wisconsin native assigned to Cadet Squadron 39. "I



Photos by Rachel Boettcher

Cadet 1st Class Talon Pope (above) sets up a three-tiered water filtration system. The filter cleans impurities from water, making it safe to drink. Max Ogden (left) samples the end product.



wanted to give back to the Scouts the benefits I had."

Sam Hoskins, 13, with Troop 537 is a first-class Scout nearing completion of requirements for the star rank. His favorite parts of Scouting are being outdoors and being with friends in his troop.

"I'm having a great time," he said.

Chris Early, 16, has been a Boy Scout for about six years following his Cub Scout experiences and is currently working on a merit badge for citizenship and nation. Cub Scouts advance to Boy Scout ranks at about age 11 or fifth grade. The Troop 777 Scout's favorite part of Freez-o-Ree is, in one word, "Camping."

Anthony Astle, 13, is a Life Scout in Troop 537.

"I enjoy going camping and doing the achievements," the first-time Freez-O-Reer said, adding that he also looked forward to getting the sleds judged.

The Pikes Peak Council of the Boy Scouts of America consists of four Districts: Ute, Frontier, High Plains and Jamboree. Between 25 and 40 troops compose each district.



Liam Hemsworth looks over a relief map of Rampart Range.



Christian Olson begins his troops timed trial on fire starting as Cadet 1st Class Mathis judges his effort during the Freez-O-Ree at the Air Force Academy.

Fort Sam Houston celebrates 100 years of military flight

By Tech. Sgt. Matthew McGovern
Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas (AFNS) — Servicemembers and civilians remembered 100 years of military flight during the Foulois Centennial Military Flight Celebration here Tuesday.

The celebration honored Maj. Gen. Benjamin Foulois, a Signal Corps pilot who flew the "Wright "B" Flyer" aircraft. In his honor, a demonstration of two Wright "B" Flyer replicas were watched by the more than 1,500 in attendance at the MacArthur Parade Field at Fort Sam Houston.

On March 2, 1910, this parade field was where General Foulois made his first take-off, solo flight, and landing and after four flights, his first crash. He survived.

"General Foulois marked Fort Sam Houston and this great city of San Antonio as the birthplace of military aviation 100 years ago," said Army Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, the Fort Sam Houston commander. "Since then, we all know it's been amazing what we have done in military aviation and today we value so very much the air transport and air superiority. It's essential to obtaining our military objectives."

During the celebration, one of the Wright "B" Flyers, called the "Yellow Bird," taxied in front of the spectators as the other similar "Brown Bird" made several passes 1,000 feet over the crowd.

Don Gum, the Wright "B" Flyer "Yellow Bird" pilot, one of only five



Photo by Lance Cheung

Rich Stepler and Don Stroud, Wright "B" Flyer pilots, performed a demonstration flight of their "Brown Bird" Tuesday, over MacArthur Parade Ground at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, during the Foulois Centennial Military Flight Celebration event.

such pilots, has flown several other aircraft but said flying this aircraft is a different kind of experience.

"With other airplanes you have a reference out front, you have instruments," Mr. Gum said. "In (the Wright "B" Flyer) there is nothing around you, no cockpit; it's beautiful, you can see directly below you."

During the ceremony, sitting next to Mr. Gum in the "Yellow Bird," was Amanda Wright Lane, the great grandniece of Orville and Wilbur Wright,

the two Americans who invented and built the world's first successful airplane.

"It's nice to be related to a history that is still happening as we're standing here today, and it's so relevant for young people," she said. "There are so many things that touch our lives that aviation has brought to us: the space program, huge advantages in agriculture, medicine, business, travel and military. Some of the great leaps we've taken in the past 100 years have

somehow been directly related to aviation research."

One young person in the crowd, Ryan Terry, a four-year-old spectator, said the Wright "B" Flyer was much different than the airliners he is used to.

"I wouldn't want to ride in (the Wright "B" Flyer) because it doesn't have any walls or roof and if I rode in it I would get wet," said Ryan.

Weather factored in for the pilots of the original Wright "B" Flyer, which weighed slightly more than 1,200 pounds and was powered by a 35- to 40-horsepower engine and had cruise speed of 40 mph. The replica Brown Bird that flew over the ceremony has a 225-horsepower engine and a cruise speed of 55 mph.

Not long after the "Brown Bird" flew over the ceremony, a centennial salute fly-over honoring General Foulois, wrapped up the aerial show. The fly-over included four F/A-18 Hornets; four T-38 Talons; and three Army National Guard helicopters, an HH-60 Blackhawk and two AH-64 Apaches.

"One hundred years ago, when Uncle Will realized he would not turn away from solving the problem of human flight, he wrote these words, 'I am afflicted with the belief that flight is possible to man,'" Ms. Lane said. "It is my hope that Texans and the rest of us here on earth never recover from the disease that was Uncle Will's and General Foulois'. And the symptoms are the desire, the curiosity and the romance that keep us looking to the skies."



Photo by Lance Cheung

Don Gum was ready to taxi when the Ford Model A engine warmed up and propellers were spinning behind him as the Wright "B" Flyer "Yellow Bird" was ready to taxi onto the parade grounds at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Sunday. Volunteers from the Wright "B" Flyer Inc. assembled two Flyers in San Antonio for the Centennial of Military Aviation event held Tuesday.

Military scientists study Earth's ionosphere

By Bob Freeman
Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — At a facility in a remote part of south-central Alaska, the largest radio transmitter on Earth sends high-frequency signals into the ionosphere to help scientists better understand the influence of charged particles on radio communications and satellite surveillance systems.

"The High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program, a program known as HAARP, is basically a joint Air Force-Navy program to investigate ionospheric physics and radio science," explained James Battis, HAARP program manager at the Air Force Research Laboratory, during a Feb. 24 interview on Pentagon Web Radio's audio webcast "Armed with Science: Research and Applications for the Modern Military."

Mr. Battis was joined in the interview by Craig Selcher, HAARP program manager at the Naval Research Laboratory, and Todd Pedersen, a senior research physicist at AFRL.

"The ionosphere is a region of the upper atmosphere where there are a significant number of charged particles," Mr. Pedersen said. He explained that energy from the sun, particularly in the ultraviolet wavelengths, strikes atmospheric gas molecules with enough force to dislodge electrons. This results in a field of negatively charged electrons and positively charged atoms and molecules (ions), maintained in a plasma state, which conducts electrical currents and responds to electric and magnetic fields.

Mr. Battis mentioned that radio waves passing through the ionosphere are affected by the charged particles. "This can affect things like the quality of the signal from a satellite to the ground, or short-wave communications from ground to ground," he said.

He added that the signals from satellite-based surveillance and positioning systems also can be affected by the ionosphere.

"When the signals from GPS come down (from the satellite), their paths are actually deflected by the structure of the ionosphere," he said, "and some GPS errors are due to distortions created by the ionosphere." He explained that while these errors may not be significant to the average user, they can be significant for precise military positioning. "That's one of the reasons (the Defense Department) is interested," he noted.

But the scientists all agreed that communications are the major reason for Defense Department interest.

"These are the transmissions which are used to communicate with aircraft and satellites, so the Air Force is interested largely in effects of the ionosphere on communications," Battis said.

Mr. Selcher agreed. "We have ships all over the globe that we want to be in contact with at all times, so any effect the ionosphere has on communications is something that we want to study," he said.

Mr. Battis noted that the research conducted by HAARP will benefit civilian communication systems as well, including those supporting civil aviation and ground communications.

"Satellite radio and satellite television can also be impacted by naturally occurring ionospheric conditions," Mr. Selcher added. "And trying to understand those is to begin to learn to predict, and maybe to (improve), the problem."

Mr. Battis described the unique nature of the HAARP array, consisting of 180 transmitters distributed over 35 to 40 acres of land, with a frequency range of 2.65 to 10 megahertz.

"We can actually direct the signal within about 15 degrees of the zenith and move the signal in time," he said. "We can paint the sky. Similar facilities are typically restricted to three or four frequencies in that band, whereas we're able to do more continuous frequencies."

"That allows you to really expand the kind of experiments that you can do," Mr. Selcher added. "You can



Photo by Lance Cheung
Master Sgt. Yolanda Hernandez, left, and Staff Sgt. Stephen S. Ensminger, electronic systems maintainers, stand under the sweeping dipoles on a Solar Radio Spectrograph. The SRS measures radio wavelengths between 25-75 MHz.

start sweeping the beam around in space, and you can change frequencies to determine if there's a frequency that has a stronger interaction with the ionosphere."

Mr. Pedersen described a surprising advance in the use of HAARP transmitters. At full power, HAARP's signals not only light up the gas molecules, they also knock additional electrons off, creating small areas of artificial plasma.

Mr. Pedersen remarked that the next step was to figure out exactly what's happening in this artificial plasma and how to control it.

"This field has been data-starved for many, many years," Mr. Selcher noted, "because there weren't enough facilities that had the kind of power that HAARP has." He explained that theorists proposed many ideas to explain ionospheric interactions, but the data wasn't available to support them. HAARP is changing that.

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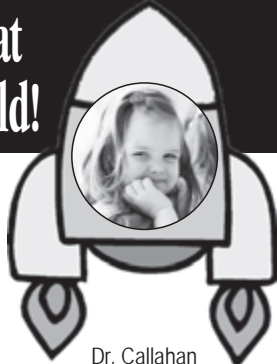


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AF clinches home ice with win vs. Sacred Heart

By Dave Toller
Athletics Communications

Air Force scored five goals in the second period, including three on a power play, to defeat Sacred Heart in Atlantic Hockey Association action at the Cadet Ice Arena Feb. 26 and clinch home ice in the AHA quarterfinals.

Air Force improved to 13-14-6 (13-8-6), while Sacred Heart fell to 18-11-4 (16-8-3).

Sacred Heart opened the scoring with 5:46 left in the first period. Eric Delong started a 2-on-1 rush up the ice and fed Matt Gingera who gave the Pioneers a 1-0 lead.

Air Force had not scored a goal in five periods and more than 100 minutes until Scott Kozlak scored at 2:19 of the second period. Jacques Lamoureux skated down the left side and fed Kozlak coming down the slot. Kozlak was taken down, but as he slid on the ice, he batted the puck past Steven Legatto.

Four minutes later, Air Force took a 2-1 lead as Matt Fairchild scored his 10th of the season on the power play. Scott Mathis took a shot from the point and Kozlak and John Kruse battled in front as Fairchild gave the Falcons a lead they would never relinquish.

A minute later, the Falcons had a 3-1 lead. Stephen Carew skated the puck down the right side and went around the



Photo by Johnny Wilson

Freshman Kyle De Laurell set up a screen that allowed junior Jacques Lamoureux to score on a wrister as the Falcons scored a season high eight goals, beating the Sacred Heart Pioneers 8-1.

net. His wrap around pass found Tim Kirby coming down the slot for his fifth of the year at 7:11.

The Falcons took a 4-1 lead at 8:16 when John Kruse scored the eventual game-winner. Kirby's point shot got to the net and Kruse put in the rebound for his first of the game. After the goal, junior Olivier St. Onge replaced Legatto in the SHU net. SHU stopped the Air Force rally at 10:04 when Eric Delong redi-

rected a shot from Alex Stuart on the power play. With nine seconds left in the period, Kruse gave the Falcons a 5-2 lead. Scott Mathis made a centering pass from behind the net and Kruse scored his fifth of the year from the top of the crease.

Early in the third period, Paul Weisgarber scored a short-handed goal at 2:09 for a 6-2 lead. Weisgarber forced a turnover in the neutral zone, skated down the right side and sent a wrister past

St. Onge. Midway through the period, SHU cut the Falcon lead to 6-3 when Delong took a shot from the left circle that was saved by Andrew Volkening. However, Nick Johnson poked the puck away from the goaltender and Stuart scored his first of the year.

Air Force outshot Sacred Heart, 35-30. The Falcons were 3-for-3 on the power play, while the Pioneers were 1-for-1. Volkening made 27 saves for the Falcons. Legatto was tagged with the loss as he gave up four goals and made 17 saves in 28 minutes. St. Onge played the final 31 minutes and had 12 saves while allowing two goals.

"We were 0-5-1 in the last six and in the majority of those games, we haven't played that bad, but (we) haven't been scoring goals," head coach Frank Serratore said. "Tonight, pucks went in for us."

"Securing home ice in the playoffs is huge. We needed a legitimate win for our confidence, and tonight we beat one of the top teams in the league and one of the hottest teams in the country. Knowing what we did tonight, when we get into the playoffs, we are capable of beating anyone," Coach Serratore said. "Tonight we were the better team and we deserved to win. My hat is off to the boys. I really liked our blue collar attitude tonight."

Tickets for the AHA quarterfinals are on sale now at www.GoAirForceFalcons.com or by calling the ticket



Here's the pitch!

Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould throws the first pitch after dedicating the Falcons' newly renovated baseball field at the Academy Tuesday. Air Force won on the new field, defeating Colorado Christian University 15-5 on 20 hits and 10 extra bases to improve to 2-6 on the season.

Photo by Mike Kaplan

AF falls to St. John's in lacrosse opener

By Melissa McKeown
Athletics Communications

The Air Force Lacrosse team dropped its season opener to St. John's, 10-7, Sunday at the Cadet Lacrosse Stadium despite a career-high six points from junior Zack Carroll.

Carroll, a native of Freehold Township, N.J., who entered the game with one career point, registered two goals and four assists to lead the Falcons' offense, which got off to a slow start. St. John's (2-0) scored the first two goals of the game before Air Force got on the board with the first career goal by senior Jimmy Curran (North Brunswick, N.J.), assisted by Carroll.

The Red Storm dominated the second period, scoring five unanswered goals to take a 7-1 lead. The Falcons finally stopped the St. John's run with a goal from Stephen Vu (Fr., Springfield, Va.) with 1:23 remaining in the half.

Air Force took control of the third period, outscoring the Red Storm 3-0, beginning with Carroll's first career goal,

a man-up score assisted by senior captain Ridge Flick (Plano, Texas). Junior midfielder Tristan Newkirk (Albany, N.Y.) tallied an unassisted goal, while Curran registered his second goal of the game with just over a minute remaining in the period.

St. John's regained its three-point lead with the first goal of the final stanza. However, Carroll won the ensuing face-off and passed the ball to sophomore defender Dayton Gilbreath (Bainbridge Island, Washington) in front of the net, who notched his first goal of the year to bring the score to 8-6.

After seven scoreless minutes, the Red Storm tallied back-to-back scores to take a 10-6 lead with just 3:15 left on the clock. The Falcons closed out the game with their second man-up score, as Carroll registered the goal with another assist from Flick.

In addition to scoring six points, Carroll was also solid at the face-off, winning 9-of-15 face-offs for the Falcons. Air Force was 2-of-5 on the EMO.

Basketball

The women's basketball team lost to Wyoming in Clune Arena Wednesday, 87-60, to fall to 3-25 (0-15) on the season.

Wyoming hit 58 percent of its shots from three-point range, hitting 18 three-pointers against the Falcons.

Raimee Beck led Air Force with 14 points, seven rebounds and four

assists. Kathleen Schjodt and Alicia Leipprandt added eight points each, and Kelsey Berger and Anna Gault each scored seven.

Men's Tennis

Air Force won its fourth straight match Sunday by defeating Portland State 5-2 at the Academy.

The Falcons jumped out to an

early 1-0 lead by sweeping the three doubles matches. Senior Brett Rodgers and junior Taylor Soster defeated Kyle Erickson and Branislav Vanach, 8-2, and junior Alex Beaussart and freshman Sam Barnes defeated Jeff Cero and Matt Erickson, 8-6.

Rodgers led the Falcons' charge in singles play and gave Air Force a 2-0 lead with a decisive 6-1, 6-4

victory over Matt Erickson. Freshman Lance Wilhelm defeated Chris Rice, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, and Beussart defeated Vanach, 6-3, 6-3.

The Falcons will host Metro State Saturday at 10 a.m., followed by a match against Colorado College at 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis

The women's team shut out

Football recruiting — more than just sports

By John Van Winkle
Academy Public Affairs

Editor's Note: This is the first article in a two-part series about football recruiting. The second part will run in the March 12, 2010, Academy Spirit.

While many schools focus on what a football recruit can do on the athletic field and the possibility of playing professional football after graduation, the Academy gave recruits and families the whole picture, including athletics at the Division I level, academics at the Ivy League level and 100-percent employment upon graduation.

To bring the message home, Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, the Academy superintendent, spoke with football recruits and parents.

"We are only as good an Air Force as the people who come in," said General Gould, a 1976 Air Force Academy graduate and 1975 Academy Preparatory School graduate. "The same is true of football, basketball: we're only as good as the people we bring in."

The general was one of those recruits in the early 70s, starting his career as a football recruit from Kent, Ohio. He opened up to this year's football recruits to share a little bit of his past and to illustrate the opportunities awaiting the recruits at the Academy and beyond.

"It's an opportunity to do something important with their lives that you do not get at other schools," he said. "If you go to another school, that's when the real work begins — when you try to find work after graduation. What we're doing for you is guaranteeing you a job doing some really cool stuff."

For General Gould, one of those unique job opportunities came during the early 1980s, when he was assigned to the Academy as a T-41 Mescalero flight instructor and head football coach at the Prep School.

He shared a tale of a wide receiver who was so fast that the opposing team was lucky to catch a glimpse of him — and had no hope of actually catching him.

The general was playing quarterback for the Prep School's intramural football team, and one of his wide receivers was a class of 1983 grad by the name of Alonzo Babers. Unbeknownst to his intramural competitors, Babers was a two-time NCAA All-American who held — and still holds — the Academy record in the 400-meter, 300-yard and 500-yard dashes.

It was during the prototypical smack talk that the challenge was laid down.

"I told them, 'you can't catch my wide receiver,'" the general told the recruits with a grin. "They said, 'we'll see about that.'"

In the huddle, the general told Babers to go deep. At the snap, Babers took off, burned a path downfield and outdistanced the defenders. Then-Captain Gould completed the pass to him for an easy touchdown. Thus, the other team learned about Babers's speed the hard way — not that they weren't warned.

Babers later went on to the 1984 Summer Olympics, where he won gold medals in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400-meter relay. He reported back to the Academy and went on to an Air Force flying career for several years before continuing his flying career with United Airlines.

The general also moved on with his career, progressing through promotions, aircraft and assignments. He told the recruits about an assignment that took him to the



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

Air Force football players warm up before practice at Falcon Stadium Tuesday. Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, the Academy superintendent, and Troy Calhoun, the Falcons' head coach, spoke to recruits and their families about what the benefits of joining the Academy.

White House. As senior Air Force aide to the President, the former high school quarterback carried a different type of football at the right hand of The President, traveling with the President George H.W. Bush across six continents.

"This little quarterback from Kent, Ohio, never would have had the opportunities to do all this if it wasn't for the commitment I had at the Academy," General Gould said.

Recruits paired up with freshman cadets for their weekend visit to see the Academy up close and personal.

"I want you to ask them about the good things about the Academy, and I want you to ask them about the challenges here as well," said Football Head Coach Troy Calhoun, a 1989 Academy alumnus. "You've got to get every question answered. Hammer them. Find out what it's like to go through the first year at the Academy."

Coach Calhoun spoke with each family member and prospect individually to put a personal touch on the visit, to catch up with those with whom he had met before and to thank all for visiting the Academy. To the entire group of parents and prospects, he spoke about several aspects of the visit and the Academy, introduced his coaching staff in great detail and spoke about Falcon Football's recent successes.

Under Coach Calhoun, the Falcons bounced back from three losing seasons and a combined 13-21 record to go 9-4, 8-5 and 8-5, face several nationally ranked teams and make three straight bowl appearances. But the Falcons' goals for success go beyond the football field, Coach Calhoun said.

"One of the things we pride ourselves on here is our success on the football field. The other thing we pride ourselves on is the academic success," said Coach Charlton Warren, recruiting coordinator, secondary coach and a 1999 Academy graduate.

The Air Force Academy has a 90-percent graduation rate among football players over the last 10 years. In 2009, the NCAA's Division I Academic Progress Report ranked the Academy as second in the nation — behind only Stanford, and just ahead of Duke, Rutgers and Rice.

"We are here to make sure these young men graduate," Coach Warren told the recruits and parents. "Other

schools look at an 80-percent graduation rate as successful, but not me. If we bring in 25 guys into this next freshman class, and we graduate only 80 percent of them, then we've lost four or five guys along the way. That's not success in my book."

Coach Warren spoke of the keys behind that academic success.

"The key is balance," he said. "In order to compete in athletics at the Division I level and academics at the Ivy League level, you've got to be diligent in your work ethics — but once you get the hang of it, you're set."

What happens after the Academy was also a subject of focus. Coaches weren't promising multi-million dollar contracts for future first-round NFL picks. In reality, the NFL draft only calls to a fraction of college football players. But for the Air Force, there's a 100-percent job placement rate, after graduation and beyond.

"We're recruiting you hard here, and once you graduate from the Academy, it starts all over," said Coach Warren. "The Fortune 500 companies are recruiting you hard. Character-wise, an Academy graduate brings something special to their company, as well as dependability and good work ethics. So there's a job awaiting you after graduation if you put the lightning bolts on your helmet. If you go someplace else, I can't guarantee it."

One parent asked whether injuries could negate a scholarship. At some schools, a severe injury can end a player's athletic and academic future.

"Not here," replied Coach Warren. "We make a four-to five-year commitment to you when you decide to come here," he said, counting a possible year of prep school in that commitment. "An injury doesn't take that away. If you get injured, we get you treated and work with you to rehabilitate that injury, and get you back on the playing field. But if you can't come back, we'll still make sure you graduate. We don't cut our kids loose because they get hurt."

Because of NCAA and Air Force Academy rules, recruited students' names are not released until they report to the Academy for Basic Cadet Training this summer. Air Force coaches and administrators are likewise unavailable to discuss any specific details about recruits.

Abilene Christian, 7-0, Saturday to improve to 11-2 on the season.

The Falcons won two of three doubles matches and swept all six singles matches. Junior Christen Monreal won in three sets, beating Julia Mongin 6-1, 6-7, 6-1. Freshman Hannah Dake went 6-0, including a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Cassie Carver.

The women's tennis team will play

the University of Alabama-Birmingham today at 11 a.m.

Women's Gymnastics

Sophomore Jenna Dudley was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation's gymnast of the week Tuesday after career-best performances in the floor exercise and all-around events.

The award is the second for Dudley, a native of Lynden, Wash.

Men's Gymnastics

Junior Nash Mills was named the United States of America Gymnastics Collegiate Division gymnast of the week ending Sunday, the College Gymnastics Association announced March 3.

It is the first such honor for Mills, who shared the award with Oklahoma's Steven Legendre.

Mills collected three first-place scores and matched the Academy record of 14.900 on the parallel bars during the Falcons' 335.900-333.600 win over Arizona State.

He also tied for first on the high bar with a season-best 13.800.



Annual awards

The second-annual Air Force Academy Awards banquet is scheduled to be held at the Falcon Club Saturday at 5:30 p.m., with admission set at \$25 per person.

Dinner choices will include herb-roasted chicken breast and London broil with red roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables or vegetarian pasta primavera.

Dress for the event is mess dress or semiformal for military guests and formal for civilians. For more information or to RSVP, contact Tech. Sgt. Ernest Dinolfo at 333-1782 or Master Sgt. Christopher McEwan at 333-6620.

Free tax preparation

The Air Force Academy will prepare tax returns free for active-duty servicemembers stationed at the Academy as well as cadets and retirees in Arnold Hall near Hap's. To have your tax return

prepared, you will need a military ID card, wage and earning statements from your employers and any interest and dividend forms. You will also need bank routing and account numbers if you would like your tax refund issued through direct deposit.

For more information, contact the tax center at 333-3905.

Women's history month luncheon

Brig. Gen. Dana Born, the dean of the faculty, will speak at a Women's History Month luncheon at the Academy's Falcon Club March 15 at 11 a.m.

Admission is \$10 for club members and \$12 for non-members.

The theme of Women's History Month is "Writing Women Back into History." For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Alvena Salley at 333-4145 or Gina Moore at 333-4258.

10th MDG closure

Most 10th Medical Group clinics will close March 31 due to a 10th Air Base Wing exercise.

The Acute Care Clinic and Cadet Clinic will be open for active-duty personnel and cadets on a limited basis.

For more information, call the 10th MDG at 333-5101.

Civilian tuition assistance

The Civilian Tuition Assistance Program has money available for appropriated-funds employees of the Academy who are in an active civilian pay status. For more information or to apply for tuition assistance, call Christy Pfalmer at 333-4821.

Sports camps

Regular registration is currently open for 12- to 18-year-olds to attend 2010 Falcons Sports Camps. Sporting events include baseball, basketball, football, cheerleading, and diving and swimming.

Prices start at \$175 for three-day commuter camps, \$350 for one-week commuter camps and \$550 for weeklong camps with boarding at the Academy.

For more information on prices, check-in times and registrations, call the Athletics Department at 333-2116.

Family Fun Friday Bowling

The Academy Lanes Bowling Center will offer free bowling today from 4 to 6:30 p.m. with admission to the Family Fun Friday event.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-12 and includes a buffet.

For more information, call the bowling center at 333-4709.

National Nutrition Month activities

The 10th Medical Group will hold several activities in recognition of National Nutrition Month in March.

Events will include a Lighter Side of Southern Cooking class at the HAWC March 11 at 5 p.m.

Tours of the Air Force Academy Commissary will be available by appointment March 9. One-on-one nutrition and fitness consultations will also be available by appointment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for a National Nutrition Month event, contact the HAWC at 333-3733.

Community activities

For information on upcoming activities at the Milazzo Center, contact the Community Activities office at 333-2928.

Bridal Faire

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The faire has everything a couple needs to plan their wedding day: venues, catering, wedding cakes, a fashion show, wedding coordinators, travel planners, florists, music, dance instructors, photography and more.

A&FRC offerings

The Academy Airman and Family Readiness Center will host the following classes in March. Contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 or 333-3445 with questions or to sign up for a class. Class dates and times are subject to change.

Group pre-separation counseling

Held Mondays (except during TAP week), 2 to 4 p.m.

Separating or retiring from the Air Force in a year or less? This mandatory briefing assists you in identifying benefits and services associated with your transition and beyond.

Medical records review

Monday and March 19, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Airmen who will separate or retire within 180 days can have the Disabled American Veterans review their medical records to prepare for filing for Veterans Administration disability compensation through the VA Form 21-526. Call 333-3444 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Sponsorship training

Tuesday, 8 to 9 a.m.

This class is mandatory for those who have been assigned to sponsor a newcomer to the Academy. Contact your unit sponsorship monitor for details and to sign up.

Résumé writing

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon

Learn different types of résumé and cover letter styles and how to improve your own résumé to make it work more effectively for you. The main purpose of the résumé is to entice an employer to call you for an interview; if your résumé isn't doing this for you, then it may need some refinement.

Smooth move

Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m.; and March 16, 3 to 4 p.m.

This class is mandatory for Airmen leaving the Air Force Academy and helps prepare Airmen and family members for an upcoming move.

Heart Link

March 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This class introduces new spouses to the military: Air Force customs, protocol, mission, terminology, benefits and services. The class includes briefings from the base finance office, TriCare, Academy protocol and more.

Transition Assistance Program

March 15, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Designed for Airmen separating or retiring in the next two years, the Transition Assistance Program workshop

provides the knowledge and skills necessary for a successful transition to the civilian workforce. Learn interviewing skills, résumé writing, networking, negotiations, dress for success and more. Call 333-3444 to reserve your spot in the next available class.

Newcomers' orientation

March 18, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This orientation held at the Milazzo Center is mandatory for all personnel newly assigned to the Academy. Spouses are also welcome to attend.

Family advocacy classes

All Family Advocacy classes are open to active-duty servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members unless otherwise specified. Classes are held at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. For information on classes offered by the Family Advocacy Office or to sign up, contact Kristin Larkey of Family Advocacy Outreach at 333-5270.

Common Sense Parenting

Thursdays, March 18 - April 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This is a skill-based parenting program for parents of children ages 5-18 that teaches parents practical and effective ways to increase their children's positive behaviors, decrease their negative behaviors and appropriate alternative behaviors.

Anger Management

Mondays, March 22 - April 26, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This class will help participants better understand their anger and where it comes from, how to handle conflict in frustrating situations and how to relax and de-stress their lives.

Couples Communication Seminar

April 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This one-day seminar teaches participants how to communicate more effectively and improve their relationships. Everyone is welcome, whether they are married, engaged, dating or single.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting

May 13 and 20, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

This class offers easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children ages 2-12 without arguing, yelling or spanking.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 27th-annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will start at St. Vrain Street and run down Tejon Street in downtown Colorado Springs March 13 starting at noon and will feature marching bands, floats, cars and leprechauns. The event is free and open to the public.

'Extreme Ice'

The Smokebrush Gallery in Colorado Springs will host an exhibit of photographer James Balog's "Extreme Ice Survey," a series of large-scale photographs and time-lapse animations, beginning Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will continue through March 26, open weekdays from noon to 5 p.m.



CADET CHAPEL

Call 719-333-2636 for more information.

Buddhist

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Jewish

Friday - 7:00 p.m.

Muslim

Friday Prayer - 12:15 p.m.

Protestant

Liturgical Worship Sun. - 8 a.m.
Traditional Worship Sun. - 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Sun. - 11:30 a.m.

Roman Catholic

Mass
Sunday - 10 a.m.
Academic Year, when cadets are present
Mon, Tues, and Thurs - 6:40 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Sunday - 9:00-9:40 a.m.
Academic Year, when cadets are present
Wednesday - 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Academic Year, when cadets are present
Wednesday - 5:30-6:20 p.m.

Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality

Academic Year, when cadets are present
Monday, 6:30 - 7:50 - Room 1M125
(1st Floor - Fairchild Annex -- Astronautics Museum)
Contact TSgt Longcrier at 719-333-6187

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Saturday

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.
Mass - 4 p.m.

Sunday

Mass - 9 a.m.
Religious Formation - 10:15 a.m.
(September - May)

Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Live - 6 p.m.
Dinner followed by Religious Education
(September - May).

Sunday

Evangelical - 10:15 a.m.
Gospel - 11:30 a.m.



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