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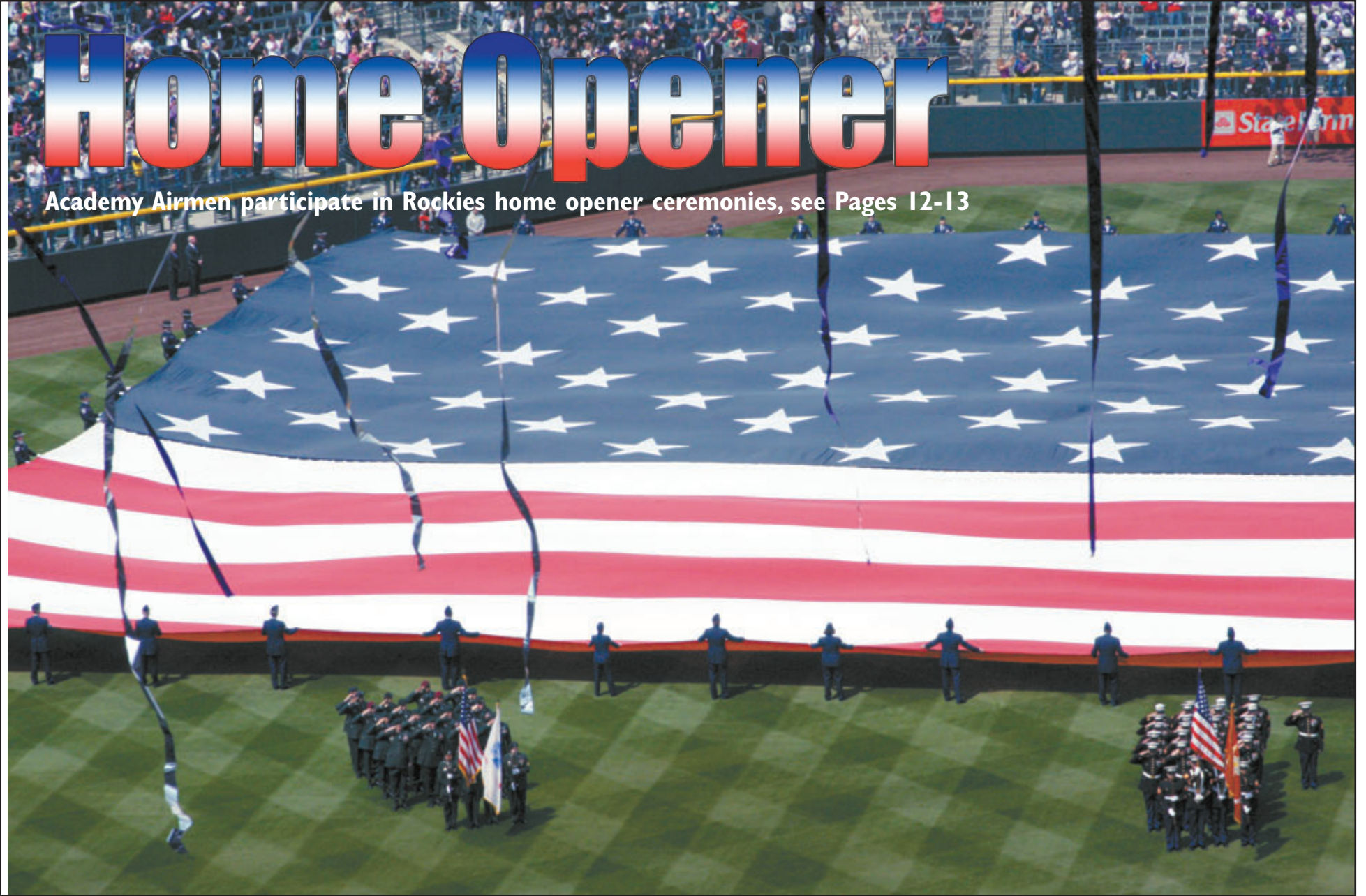


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Grace under pressure

Hero of the Hudson visits alma mater

By Tech. Sgt. Cortchie Welch
Academy Public Affairs

Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, who saved U.S. Airways Flight 1549 with a heroic water landing in January, returned to the roots of his aviation career here Wednesday to accept a coveted flight award from the Air Force Academy, his alma mater.

Captain Sullenberger, a 1973 graduate, received the 2009 Colonel James Jabara Award for Airmanship during a ceremony on the Academy's Terrazzo that included a pass and review of 4,400 cadets.

"It's humbling to be in such company - it's quite an honor," said the seasoned pilot. Past winners of the award

include 1st Lt. Karl Richter, a 1964 Academy graduate, who at the age of 23 was the youngest pilot in the Vietnam conflict to shoot down a MiG in air-to-air combat.

During his two-day return to the Academy, Captain Sullenberger, who was classmates with Lt. Gen. John Regni, Academy superintendent, and Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, made a visit to his old Cadet Squadron-18, held a question-and-answer assembly with cadets and took a glider for a flight.

"The flight was wonderful, beautiful," said the captain, who, as an Academy glider instructor pilot, amassed more than 1,000 flight hours - an

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Lt. Gen. John Regni and Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger salute during the Col. James Jabara Award for Airmanship ceremony Wednesday.

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Crossroads

Life's full of challenges, tough choices

By Maj. Jay D. Johnson
386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) — During our lives we are all presented with choices, small and large. Most of these choices go unnoticed throughout our daily activities.

We encounter choices such as our level of work production — fast, slow, conscientious or carefree — moods we portray — friendly, sad, mad or cheerful — how we respond to co-workers and even what we eat. Some choices will be trivial, while others may have a lasting effect on us.

I approached one major crossroad in my life around my mid-30s. At the time, I was in the fast lane of my life, making more money than I thought possible.

I had a beautiful, successful wife, many friends, a loving family and the business world by the tail.

However, for weeks I had fought with a dry cough and an overall feeling of being tired and totally drained of energy. I made a pivotal decision to see my family doctor.

After a few tests, I was brought in and told without emotion and very sternly that I had cancer. I was also told that the disease had aggressively progressed through my body and if I didn't take immediate action, I wouldn't survive until the end of the month. It was like entering the autobahn from a dirt road on a bicycle.

That was a road I had not expected to face in my life, at least not at such a

young age. I was at a serious crossroad and I had to make quick and decisive choices.

The initial path I chose was denial and to be bitter about the news presented to me. I had an overall feeling of self pity and wondered, "How can this happen to me?" I felt I had little or no control over the situation, and I started down the path without a lot of hope.

I was almost to the point of, "Why bother?"

I checked into the hospital the morning after the diagnosis filled with fear and loneliness. It felt like I was all by myself and I had been given a rotten hand in the game of life. I didn't realize at the time, but I still had choices to make at this critical crossroad in my life.

A few days later, still in my self-induced "pity party," a nurse was assigned to me that would make a huge impact on my life.

She would show me that I still had complete control of my destiny, and would ultimately help me to survive the disease and have a brighter outlook on life itself. She told me she had worked with patients like me over the past six years and saw all different types of attitudes and whichever I chose would make the difference in my future.

It was advice that at first was hard to take. "What did she know about how I felt and how could I make a difference at this point?"

The same nurse came to me a few days later and asked me, "What would you do different today if I told you that your results showed you were

improving?"

I responded that I would be overwhelmed, relieved and feel like I had this disease whipped. Her response was, "Then act like the results that just came back showed you were getting better, not worse." She told me to not accept a negative image in my mind that anything other than complete recovery exists. She then left the room for me to think by myself.

That was toughest part.

I realized that very night that my attitude was the biggest influence on whether or not I would survive this. I needed to control my thoughts and maintain a positive attitude and outlook at this crossroad in order to survive.

To make this story somewhat shorter, I used her words to not only survive the disease, but also to be here and deployed for the Air Force 13 years later.

What did I learn?

I realized that your mind and attitude are your biggest ally or your worst enemy. I realized that at the time of my cancer crossroad no matter how bad things seemed, they could get worse or they could get better; it was up to me.

Control your thoughts and focus on your end result in everything you do. If you stay focused on the negative, then more than likely your results are negative.

A positive outlook and continued focus on the right things falling into place will give you the positive results you desire. Your thoughts will equal the outcome.

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"Character is a word that seems to define almost all human activity and then some ... Power is what you do and character is what you are ... All leaders must face some crisis where their own strength of character is the enemy."
— Richard Reeves

"The (ancient) Greeks believed that char-

acter was formed in part by fate and in part by parental training, and that Character was exemplified not only by acts of bravery in battle, but in the habits of daily conduct."

— James Cannon

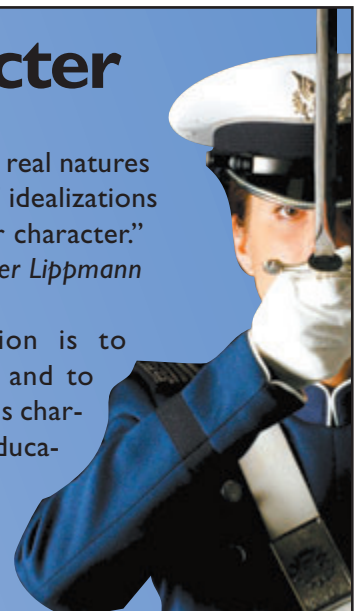
"What a man's mind can create, man's character can control."
— Thomas Edison

"Faced with crisis, the man of character falls back upon himself."
— Charles De Gaulle

"Between ourselves and our real natures we interpose that wax figure of idealizations and selections which we call our character."
— Walter Lippmann

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically ... Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education."
— Dr. Martin Luther King

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Where do you plan to get away this summer and why?

"Cotopaxi, Colo. We like to camp there, to be at the gorge and ride the rapids."

Tech. Sgt.
Paige Hanson
10th Medical
Group



"To Denver. I want to take my 9-year old there to the Lego store. He says he's going to be a builder."

Army Sgt.
Alicia Altman
NCO in charge
Academy Veterinary
Clinic



"Home to Florida ... where there's family, warm weather and nice beaches."

Tech. Sgt. Mike Davis
10th Medical Group



"Back to Florida where we have family and can go to Disney World."

Isa Block
Air Force spouse



Airman's council establishes connection with leadership

By Senior Airman Antonio Funk
10th Mission Support Squadron

The Airman's Council was established in June 2008. Its sole purpose and primary goal is to give Academy Airmen an open line of communication to leaders, allowing their voices to be heard.

The council serves as the eyes and ears for the Academy command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Arvin Davis. It makes leadership aware of quality-of-life issues, such as dorm or housing concerns, daycare or deployments, to name just a few.

- Current executive members are:
- **President:** Senior Airman Antonio Funk, 10th Mission Support Squadron
 - **Vice President:** Airman Bianca Bryant, 10th Dental Squadron
 - **Airman Events Coordinator:** Airman 1st Class Joseph Ross, 10th Medical Support Squadron
 - **Secretary:** Airman 1st Class Jennifer Miller, HQ USAFA/FM

- **Treasurer:** Airman 1st Class Chandra Block, HQ USAFA/DPY

While there are many professional organizations Airmen can join, it is important to understand the Airman's Council is here to serve them.

The council has become very active in base and community activities letting it be known Airmen here are motivated and dedicated to the military and our community.

Thus far, we have volunteered by reading to the children in the Academy Child Development Center, helped at the Marian House, and briefed during First Term Airman Center.

Some upcoming events for the council include the Academy Annual Awards Banquet, the March of Dimes, the base picnic and revitalizing the "Wingman" program.

During a typical meeting a guest speaker talks about the past, present and future of the military, professional organizations and how we fit

together as a team. We talk EPRs, feedbacks and how to make the most of our military careers. We are bridging the gap between our generation and those that have come before us, for we are the future leaders of the Air Force.

The command chief has identified goals for the council:

- **Goal #1,** "Identify and tackle quality-of-life-issues."
- **Goal #2,** "Team with the chiefs group, Top 3 & First Sergeant Council to further USAFA's enlisted professional development."
- **Goal #3,** "Team with the chiefs group, Top 3, and First Sergeant Council to further USAFA enlisted heritage."
- **Goal #4,** "Increase community support and involvement across USAFA and in the Colorado Springs area."

To find out more about the Academy Airman's Council, call 333-6276.

NEWS BRIEFS

New at the HAWC

The Academy Health and Wellness Center has a new thermal massage bed. This equipment presents everything needed to feel like you have just been to the spa. Also new at the HAWC is a state-of-the-art Bod Pod, which measures body fat, muscle mass and resting metabolic rate with a 99.9 percent accuracy rate.

Call 333-3733 for an appointment. Additional information on other classes and programs such as the Fresh Start tobacco cessation program and the Lighter Side of Cooking class is also available. Finally, one-on-one consults for weight gain, weight loss, hypertension, cholesterol, nutrition, and diabetes mellitus are available.

Tuskegee dinner

The U.S. Air Force Academy Tuskegee Airmen Club will hold the 2009 Tuskegee Airmen Dinner with social beginning at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. April 24 in the Arnold Hall Ballroom.

Guest Speaker is Dr. Granville Goggs is an original Tuskegee Airman. Cost for the event is as follows: cadets, \$10; airman basic through technical sergeant, \$15; master sergeant and above and civilians, \$20. After Monday and at the door ticket prices increase by \$5 RSVP to Greg Williams only if attend by Monday. Military and civilians: business attire/coat and tie.

Mother's Day perk

Membership has its privileges: Club members may make reservations now for the Falcon Club's special Mother's Day Brunch. This event always sells out. Nonmembers may reserve their seating beginning Monday. Don't miss this chance to treat Mom special on her day. Cost is \$23.95 for members, \$28.95 for non-members and \$9.95 for ages 5 through 10.

Military Day at Elitch

The annual Military Day at Elitch Gardens is Saturday. The amusement park in Denver will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the ITT office in the Academy Outdoor Rec Center.

Tickets are \$20 and include unlimited rides, all-you-can-eat lunch and a free ticket valid in September or October. Call 333-4475.

Sealed bid auction

The Academy impound lot currently has several unclaimed vehicles. The outdoor recreation center will hold a sealed bid auction April 24. A list of vehicles and more detailed information is available at www.usafaservices.com. The vehicles may be seen at the impound lot from 3 to 5 p.m. April 20 through 23. For more information, call 333-4753 and ask for Lee or Jake.



Photo by Paul Martin

History maker

Left to right: John Bowman Inc. Contractor Kevin Mc Laughlin, (back to camera), retired Col. Charley Meier, Class of '59; JBI employee Don Doucette, (hard hat in background); retired Lt. Col. Curtis Cook (back to camera), Class of '59; and JBI employee Ryan Bailey, finalize placement of the Harmon sculpture just east of Harmon Hall Wednesday. The formal unveiling of a 7-foot statue of Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, the Academy's first superintendent, is set for 10:30 a.m. today in a ceremony near the Cadet Chapel.

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Leadership, character, honor on '59ers' minds

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Except for a few words, the Honor Code hasn't changed in a half century.

That was one of the messages about 40 members of the Class of 1959 received during cadet-led briefings Tuesday at the Falcon Club as part of the Falcon Heritage Forum.

Before and after the briefings cadets and 1959 class members visited during roundtable discussions.

Briefing the '59ers were Cadet Wing commander Cadet 1st Class Jonathan Yates, character officer Cadet 1st Class Kavir Patel and Wing Honor Chair Cadet

1st Class Nate Leach.

Cadet Yates shared his journey from an enlisted aircraft mechanic to realizing his ambition to fly. He also reflected on the days when there were only 12 squadrons and no soaring or jump programs.

The need for leaders of character also hasn't changed, he told the class.

"One of the hardest tasks is to develop it in others," he said and added as cadet wing commander he sees very little of what goes on day to day "in the trenches."

Nonetheless, he praised those in cadet leadership positions for their accomplishments "unlike anything else I have ever seen."

Cadet Yates also spoke of cadets training members of the Class of 2012 this year.

"I'm proud of them," he said of the fourth degrees. "We put them through the wringer, and they did a great job."

Cadet Patel paid homage to the '59ers for the heritage they created.

"We are here because of the traditions you left behind," he said.

He reiterated the Academy's pattern of character development in cadets through experience and practice and touted the wing's hefty record of community service as well as the National Cadet Leadership Symposium which gives cadets opportunities to hear and visit with leaders

of character in all walks of life.

Cadet Leach detailed to class members the intricacies of the multi-layer honor system and praised the 80 cadets who serve in leadership capacities in Wing Honor.

"This is truly a cadet-run system," he said.

The cadets not only process alleged honor violations but present lessons and discussions to cadets as part of their Academy training.

"It's not just the minimum effort," he said.

See next week's *Academy Spirit* for more coverage on the Class of 1959 reunion.

Air Force officials test ability to recall retirees

By Master Sgt. Collen McGee
433rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Todd Worley and Robert Shelly hadn't seen each other in about ten years. Both are retired Air Force master sergeants. They recently met up again at the 2009 Air Force Push-Pull exercise here. The Air Force used the exercise to test their ability to recall retirees to active duty should they ever have to.

The 141 retirees used the time to catch up on changes to the Air Force since they retired and to get reacquainted with one or two people they once served with.

Each retiree was a volunteer. Several months prior,

the Air Force sent letters to Airmen who had retired between six months and three years before, inviting them to participate in the recall test. Those who wanted to help had to apply. Those accepted had to show up meeting Air Force regulations. For more than a few, it meant shaving post-retirement beards and getting haircuts.

The retirees reported to Lackland April 6 and, for a week, slept in training barracks, ate in a dining facility, took direction from military training instructors, walked to appointments and classes and learned what Air Force instructors are teaching trainees these days.

"I thought this would be a good chance to see what's going on," said retired Maj. Kevin Benedict, who left the service about 2 1/2 years ago. Since then, basic training

increased from six weeks to 8 1/2 giving more time to teach war fighting skills to new Airmen.

Many of the participants remarked on how well the trainees displayed military discipline and how the time with basic weapons training and war fighting skills paid off. In fact, two current trainees demonstrated their skills by stripping down and reassembling an M-16 in about a minute.

Maybe the most noticeable difference for many was the change from the battle dress uniform to the Airman battle uniform. But, some changes are not visible to those outside the current service.

"I was excited about him coming back to see what has changed in the Air Force," said Capt. Patricia Shelly.



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Hero

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unprecedented number for a cadet. "I spent a big part of my time here flying gliders. People seemed to think that it was really exceptional that I was able to fly so much while I was here. It was a great sense of satisfaction that I was able to do that. And this glider flight was a great reminder of that. It was a pleasure to be on the airfield again and fly with a cadet."

Captain Sullenberger, a native of Denison, Texas, and his crew with 155 people aboard Flight 1549 earned international acclaim Jan. 15 when they collectively put their emergency evacuation skills to the test.

Almost immediately after takeoff from New York's LaGuardia Airport, the Airbus 320 that Captain Sullenberger piloted lost power in both engines after striking a flock of birds. With extraordinary calm and coolness, he began to make decisions and maneuvers that resulted in a successful emergency landing the world is still talking about.

The captain explained how he and the crew showed so much composure during the crisis that carried over to the 150 passengers.

"Jeff [First Officer Skiles] and myself had been doing this for so long that we were just focused on doing our jobs," Captain Sullenberger said. "You don't allow other things to distract you. It was the experience and training of the flight attendants, who displayed an outwardly calm and professional demeanor, that got the passengers to respond in kind."

Exhibiting Air Force core values, he walked the length of the aircraft twice to ensure everyone had safely evacuated the plane.

Three months after the "Miracle on the Hudson," Captain Sullenberger said he continues to get a large quantity of letters and gratitude from admirers and well-wishers. He said he thinks often about a reunion meeting of his crew and passengers along with their families that took place in Charlotte, N.C., in February.

"The most touching part for me during the reunion was when women came up to me and said, 'Thank you for not making me a widow,' 'Thank you for allowing my 3-year-old son to have a father,' and 'Thank you for keeping my family intact,' he recounted.



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Instructor Pilot Cadet 1st Class Joseph Baldwin from Cadet Squadron 30 and Capt. Chesley Sullenberger were airborne over the Academy for approximately 30 minutes Thursday. Cadet 2nd Class Madison Burgess from CS-25 assisted with pushing the aircraft after the duo landed.

He said the story of Flight 1549 captured the imagination of America and the world because, "People were looking for good news, they were looking for a reason to be hopeful again."

"I think this event was an anecdote to all the bad news that has happened in the last couple of years," said the former F-4 Phantom pilot.

He said it's difficult to point to any particular training he'd received at the Academy that guided him during the heroic act on the Hudson River.

"It was many little things that added up to an important whole," he said. "It was the entire experience [at the Academy]."

Captain Sullenberger, who lives in Danville, Calif., with his family, said it's "been a gradual concept" to fully realize the impact of his heroic actions.

"It's taken time to process and incorporate those events into my persona," he said. "But I'm confident that we made the right choices. I'm confident that we had the best outcome that we could have under those circumstances. I'm satisfied and very grateful for a successful outcome with no injuries. Over time, I really appreciate how remarkable that event was."

Captain Sullenberger last visited the Academy about 25 years ago during his 10-year reunion.

"I'd had forgotten what a beautiful location it is," he said. "I've always loved this part of Colorado, with the big sky and a very dramatic landscape. I'm gratified to see so much construction going on. I'm glad to see the investment being made."

The airline captain said being with cadets was refreshing.

"It was great to be with the cadets," he said. "It couldn't have been more wonderful. The cadets have taken good care of the Academy while I've been gone. The future is bright."

Cadets returned the praise.

"He's down to Earth," said Cadet 1st Class Anne Marie Wathen, a native of Atlanta. "He's not in it for the fame. He deserves all the recognition he gets."

Cadet 2nd Class Erik Nelson of Uncasville, Conn., said he has great respect for Mr. Sullenberger because of the passion he shows for flying.

"He's a notch above the rest," Cadet Nelson said. "His passion for flying gave him the edge to do what needed to do to land the plane safely."

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Appointees see Academy life ins and outs

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

In one of the largest appointee orientations in the Academy's history, members of the Class of 2013 got a healthy dose of what to expect during their first year on the Academy.

Close to 1,000 appointees, family members and friends attended briefings in Arnold Hall Monday for the opening day of the first appointee orientation. The event, spread over two days, will be repeated next Monday and Tuesday and again April 27 and 28.

Col. Chevalier Cleaves, director of admissions, stressed the decisions to accept an appointments can only be made by the appointees themselves.

"Once you have accepted the appointment, it is yours," he told them. "This has to be right for you."

Colonel Cleaves also cautioned them to train well, especially in light of the Academy's high altitude.

"Take time to prepare. Push yourself," he said and noted Academy life is challenging.

"Break it down in small victories. Nobody can do it for you."

Orientation appointees and visitors received briefings from Academy senior leaders as well as overviews of Basic Cadet Training, the Honor and PEER programs, Airmanship, finance, medical care, finance and the Association of



Photo by Ann Patton

As part of appointee orientation, appointees paired up with cadets Monday and Tuesday and shadowed them in cadet life.

Graduates.

Appointees also paired off with and shadowed a cadet for a day during their visit. Parents and other visitors took walking tours of Academy facilities along the Terrazzo.

Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born said a first step in succeeding at the Academy is the orientation. She estimated about four of five appointees now attend and emphasized the event helps them make informed decisions.

"It has to be 'I want to be here,'" she said.

One of her favorite monuments on the Academy, the eagle and fledgling

statue outside of Mitchell Hall, displays its symbolism of being very learning-focused. General Born said appointees can look forward to studying with world-class faculty, choosing among 32 majors and two minors and exploring out-of-the classroom experiences such as cultural immersion and research.

The dean reminded appointees the faculty and staff want them to succeed.

"We define success on how the cadets are doing," she said.

Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Samuel Cox expressed his appreciation to parents.

"Thank you for sending us your

best, your sons and daughters," he said and explained the Academy's organizational leadership, with cadets as the mainstay in cadet training.

Col. Paul Ackerman, Academy vice superintendent, congratulated appointees and their parents, noting the Academy received 9,890 applications for the Class of 2013.

After appointees board buses from the Association of Graduates to the Hill June 25, they will have no phone privileges until Doolie Day Out. Until then, Colonel Ackerman encouraged parents to communicate the old-fashioned way.

"Keep those letters coming," he said.

Kinder McCullough from Midland, Texas, has wanted to come to the Academy for two years and is excited about being here with squadron camaraderie and academics. She wants to major in "some kind of engineering" and eventually attend flight school.

"I'm very supportive of her decision," said mom Kelley. "I think she can do it and is up to the challenge."

Kenny Serafinko plans to accept his appointment.

"This is the premier military institution, and the academics are the best in the west," said the appointee from Chino Hills, Calif.

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Is that a real bird?

Left: Cadet 4th Class Jennifer Flynn and Air Force Academy mascot, Havoc, make new friends during an air show at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., April 4.

Top: Cadet 1st Class Janice Contreras answers questions about her experiences at the Academy during the Keesler air show. The falconers and their feathered friend, a peregrine falcon, were some of the main attractions.

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Academy loses pioneer in Astronautics

By Dr. Ken Siegenthaler
Professor, Department of Astronautics

The U.S. Air Force Academy experienced a profound loss.

Brig. Gen. Roger R. Bate died in his sleep at age 86, surrounded by family members, March 18 in McKinney, Texas. General Bate was the first Permanent Professor of the Department of Astronautics and Computer Science.

He also served as head of the Department of Mathematics and vice dean of the faculty.

Born Jan. 17, 1923, in Denver, General Bate attended the California Institute of Technology before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1943 and subsequently transferring to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in 1947.

A recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship, General Bate attended Magdalen College, Oxford University, earning a degree in Physics. He served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Upon return from Korea, then Captain Bate was part of a team involved in developing lightweight, portable, nuclear reactors at Oakridge National Laboratory. In 1959, he was assigned to the U.S. Air Force Academy as an instructor in the Department of Astronautics. In 1962 he cross-commissioned in the Air Force and was appointed permanent professor and head of the Department of Astronautics.

In 1966, General Bate earned his Ph.D. in control systems from Stanford University. A true visionary, he established the computer science major in the Department of Astronautics and renamed it the Department of Astronautics and Computer Science.

He served as chairman of the Engineering Science Division, member of the Academy Board for seven years, and vice dean of the Air Force faculty. He also helped found the Academy Research Institute.

In 1971, he co-authored *Fundamentals of Astrodynamics*, a textbook still used throughout the world. During this time he was an active supporter of Air Force Academy athletics, including serving as the officer representative for the Academy swimming and diving team for seven years. He retired from the Air Force in 1973.

A pioneer in computer software, General Bate spent 1973 to 1991 with Texas Instruments. He developed distributed computing solutions for ballistic missile defense, created TI's strategy for Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Management, and formed their Advanced Software Technology and Computer Science Research Departments. In 1991, General Bate retired from Texas Instruments as the chief computer scientist and a Texas Instruments Fellow.

In 1991, General Bate joined the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University and served as the chief architect for the Capability Maturity Models for Systems Engineering. He was the chief architect for the Capability Maturity Model – Integrated that fused models for software and systems. Today, more than 3,000 organizations are using CMMI to structure their development processes. In 2008, he invented the concept of constellations of CMMI components to suit a variety of worldwide applications, including CMMI models for acquisition and services. General Bate was a true visionary, scholar, and innovator throughout his life. He was named a Fellow for both the Association for Computing Machinery and the Society for Design and Process Science.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Brig. Gen. Roger R. Bate addresses attendees at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Astronautics Department.

General Bate is survived by his wife of 20 years, Madeline, two brothers, Robert and Richard, eight children, Kathryn Aberle, Donald Bate, Gordon Bate, Carol Bate, Constance Wegmann, Kristin Ferguson, Suzanne Gutherie, and Michael Kunkel. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. General Bate was predeceased by Jeannette Hockman Bate, his wife of 39 years, and daughter Anne Stevens Bate.

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Clouds lift for Cadet for a Day

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

For eight years, Academy cadets have been making wishes come true for ill youngsters.

They made it happen again April 9 through Saturday when Joe Hayford, 13, became the newest Cadet for a Day through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"His eyes were huge, and he never quit smiling," said Wish volunteer Maggie Appenzeller.

Accompanying Joe was his family—brother, Shane, 17, and parents, Chong Mi and Keith for the three-day event sponsored by Cadet Squadron -4.

Wish volunteer Peggy Nightingale said the schedule and content are kept secret from Cadets for a Day until events are happening.

"We try to keep everything a surprise," she said.

The family kicked off events with breakfast in the air traffic control tower observation deck before tours of the tower, gliders and hangers.

Then it was off to the Aero Club for a complimentary flight. Maybe.

With the cloud ceiling at a mere 700 feet, the flight appeared all but off. Firefighters with the Academy Fire Station 3 next door to the Aero Club stepped up and treated Joe to an in-depth tour of an engine and the newly-renovated station in the meantime.

Then the clouds literally parted on command, and Joe and Shane took off.

"All I had to do was control the plane," Joe said modestly.

It was the third Wish flight for pilot Wayne Morse, a.k.a. "Santa" for his white beard.

"I have kids of my own," he said. "I'm a sucker, and it gives the kids some joy in their life."

Ironically, it was April 10, exactly one year earlier, that Joe received a diagnosis of leukemia.

After the brief flight, Joe and his brother got a taste of the cadets' 32 hours of ground training before parachuting as they hitched up on training harnesses.

"It's like a really good swing," Joe said.

Later events included hanging out with his new squad mates, leading noon meal formation, lunch on the staff tower, tour of the chapel and visit to simulators. The 10th Security Forces working dogs Rocky and Kelly bared their pearly whites during a demonstration of their patrol skills.

Before heading home, the family visited the falcon mews.

For Cadet 3rd Class Krystal Sweitzer, working with the foundation is a natural.

"I absolutely love the Make-A-Wish Foundation," she said. "They gave my best friend her wish, and I've always wanted to back to it."

Cadet Squadron 4 vied against 22 other squadrons to host the event.

"This is such a great squadron," said Air Officer Commanding Maj. Jill Whitesell. "This is a unique and rewarding experience for us. We're so blessed to have Joe today."

It was the first Academy wish visit for volunteer Adrian Walton.

"I'm just blown away," he said of the cadets. "They go the extra nine yards. I feel very humbled by the whole event."

Mrs. Hayford said her younger son is something of a comedian.

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Photos by Mike Kaplan

It's front and center as Joe Hayford, the Air Force Academy's most recent Cadet for a Day, leads the Cadet Wing at noon formation April 9. The Academy has worked in conjunction with the Make-A-Wish Foundation since 2001 to help seriously ill children experience cadet life. Joe was diagnosed with leukemia in April 2008.

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"I was always afraid he would turn into the class clown," she said of Joe who enjoys movies, music, video games, skateboarding and especially sleepovers with friends.

She was pleased both boys seemed to relish all the events.

"This is a wonderful, wonderful trip," she said.

Mr. Hayford reflected on the weekend after the family's arrival home in Louisville, Colo.

"Joe had an amazing time," he said, and added the family's official

wish from the Foundation was a trip to Hawaii. "We came away from the Academy with more fun. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The weekend for Cadet 1st Class Christie Wise was wistful. She has served as a Cadet in Charge for the Make-A-Wish events for three years. She heads off to pilot training after graduation.

"I'm sad, and I will definitely miss it," she said. "It's one of the best programs at the Academy. It makes a difference in children's lives, and we cadets have a great time."



It's all systems go as the Academy's newest Cadet for a Day, Joe Hayford, checks out an Academy glider.



Joe gets a taste of parachuting ground training at the 98th Flying Training Squadron.

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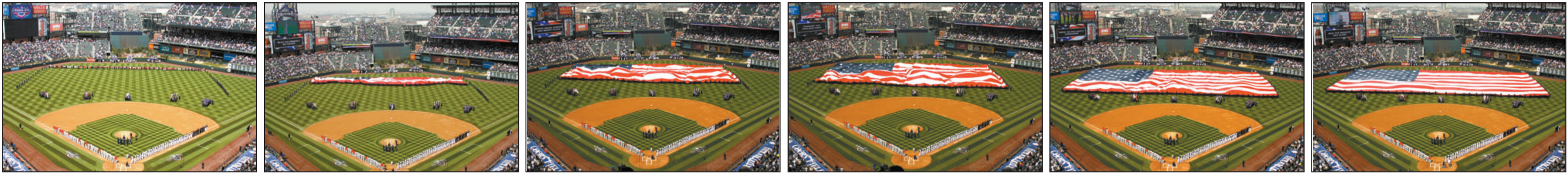
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Old Glory's stars, Airmen's stripes enhance Rockies' home opener

It's been labeled by many as America's favorite pastime. Great weather, a friendly crowd with an undeniable appreciation for America's military men and women, a spectacular show of air power, and the Rockies trouncing the Philadelphia Phillies 10-3, made for a very Good Friday.

By Ken Carter
Editor

More than 60 Academy enlisted Airmen joined other Colorado-based military members, as well as Denver police and firefighters, in a patriotic tribute during the Colorado Rockies 2009 season home opener at Coors Field in Denver April 10.

The U.S. military's rendition of the Mile High

salute was provided by a combination of Soldiers from Fort Carson, Airmen from the U.S. Air Force Academy and Buckley Air Force Base and U.S. Navy and Marine recruiters and Coast Guard members from the greater Denver area. Local police and firemen also joined forces in the tribute. The total team of more than 250 ceremoniously unfurled Old Glory (as big as a football field) across Coors Field during a pre-game event which also included a balloon release, streamer

drop and a thunderous flyover of four F-16 Fighting Falcons from Buckley AFB.

For the sixth consecutive year, Academy Chief of Community Relations Eddie Lee has facilitated Academy representation that continues to grow every year.

"My first year of involvement was 2002; the show choir sang the national anthem and I took a falconer and cadet," he said.

By 2004, the Academy's representation had increased to 30 enlisted members to help unfurl the flag.

"This year's group of 62 enlisted members once again did us proud showing off our great Air Force for a record-setting opening day crowd."

The Academy is most widely known across the United States as a military university and thus, also for the cadet population. Mr. Lee sees this annual event as an opportunity for the enlisted members assigned here to also be recognized for their outstanding contributions toward performing the Academy's mission year round.

"My office is involved in a lot of activities with the community, and many folks here get to participate, mostly cadets and officers," he said. "This is the only event every year I can dedicate to our enlisted force. Academy Command Chief [Arvin] Davis is a tremendous supporter. When I asked for help, he immediately notified all Academy chiefs and first sergeants and told them what a great deal this is for our enlisted members."

The Academy's participants ranged in grade from airman basic to senior master sergeant with members representing a diverse array of Air Force careers.

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Nolen, the ranking member on the trip to Coors Field, said, "It was inspirational to see and hear 50,000 fans provide the welcome we received." The 20-year veteran from Syracuse, N.Y., won't be able to volunteer



Across top: More than 200 volunteers took to the outfield at Coors Field in Denver pre-game ceremonies April 10 to display the Stars and Stripes. Above: Once fully unfurled, the American flag was the size of a football field.



Rockies' 3rd baseman Garret Atkins is greeted by outfielder Brad Hawpe as Atkins crosses home plate following his home-run blast contributing to a 10-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

next year as he's en route to Korea soon.

"I will highly recommend it to others, though," Sergeant Nolen said.

"Talking to fans in the stands ... all with whom I spoke were very thankful for the sacrifices the men and women in the Armed Forces and first responders make on a daily basis. So many people just walked up and thanked me for my service," the senior NCO from the Academy Plans and Programs staff said. "It will be one of those USAFA memories I will remember for the rest of my life."

With only a year in service, Airman Matthew Baker from the 10th Medical Group echoed the senior NCO's thoughts.

"It was incredible — having all the fans cheering for their armed forces was very emotional," Airman Baker said. "To me, the best experience was the fans thanking us for our service as we walked through the tunnel."

As a phase II radiology student here, Airman Baker will miss the big event next year as well. By then, the San Diego native will have transferred to Lackland Air Force Base. This single opportunity had quite an impact on him, however.

"Of course, not many people get the chance to be on the field for a professional baseball game

opening ceremony," he said.

An 11-year veteran and a group practice manager from the 10th Dental Squadron, originally from Camp Hill, Penn., Staff Sgt. Cindy Baker made her second appearance as part of the military contingent.

"I was honored to be there again to represent USAFA and to cheer on the home team," Sergeant Baker said. "I loved the experience, watching the huge flag wave, watching the game, the smell of the ball park, and excitement of opening day and the roar of an appreciative and patriotic crowd."

Sergeant Baker is taking advantage of the social media site Facebook, to share her story with friends.

"I told everyone there to be looking out for a picture in the near future."

Mr. Lee was quick to identify the entire experience as "amazing."

"Seeing the crowd's response to the military presence was truly amazing," he said. "Many of our volunteers remain in their uniforms after the opening ceremony as they watch the game, and fans approach them, shake their hands and thank them for their service to the country. It's great to see that appreciation for all U.S. military folks in uniform."

Academy members who participated in the pre-game ceremony included:

(alpha by last name)

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Senior Airman Antonio Carreno	Tech. Sgt. James McClung
Staff Sgt. Pamela Cavit	Tech. Sgt. Brady McCoy
Senior Airman Adrian Chavez	Staff Sgt. Dwayne McDowell
Tech. Sgt. Mark Christmas	Master Sgt. Jerry Molina
Tech. Sgt. Michael Davis	Tech. Sgt. Steve Morris
Tech. Sgt. James Dickson	Airman Anna Noel
Tech. Sgt. Brian Edick	Senior Master Sgt. Robert Nolen
Airman 1st Class Richard Flores	Airman 1st Class Ursula Ortiz
Staff Sgt. Erik Gallion	Tech. Sgt. Jason Otto
Staff Sgt. Mary Gates	Master Sgt. Robert Pemberton
Master Sgt. Brian Gott	Master Sgt. George Poli
Staff Sgt. Luis Guillen-Diaz	Tech. Sgt. Ernesto Reyes
Tech. Sgt. Jason Haag	Staff Sgt. Alexandria Rice
Staff Sgt. Amber Hawkins	Master Sgt. Tracy Sanders
Master Sgt. Robert Hill	Staff Sgt. Michael Schmuke
Master Sgt. Michael Hillier	Master Sgt. Dennis Scott
Senior Airman Joseph Hodges	Tech. Sgt. Charles Sims
Airman 1st Class Timothy Hosteater	Airman 1st Class Katherine Solis
Tech. Sgt. Sandra Hummel	Airman Elaine Stewart
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hummel	Airman Patrick Sullivan
Airman 1st Class Christopher Jones	Staff Sgt. Karvin Vega
Airman 1st Class Shelia Jordan	Tech. Sgt. Pamela Wilson

Buckley claims top IM honors

By Dave Castilla
Intramural Sports Director

Members of the Buckley Air Force Base's basketball team will get to put their name on the Rocky Mountain traveling plaque for defeating Peterson Air Force Base in the final game of the round robin tournament 56-54 to go undefeated in Saturday action at the fitness center.

Buckley was down 10 points in the first half but pulled it together to lead Peterson at the half, 27-21.

Late in the second half Peterson took the lead, however, Buckley's Arlington Riley's 3-pointer put them up 53-51.

James Lewis followed with a bucket making it 55-51. Peterson's Derrick Canty, 3-pointer closed it to 55-54.

Then Buckley's Daevon Wall hit one of two free throws making it 56-54 with 17.9 seconds on clock. Peterson had the ball called time out with three seconds on the clock and missed a half-court shot.

The top two teams, Buckley and Fort Carson, also received T-shirts for their efforts.

All games were played intramural style with a running clock, with exception of the last two minutes of the second half.

Next up will be the Rocky Mountain Volleyball Championship at Schriever AFB Saturday.

Tim Filzen who assisted with coaching the undefeated DFL intramural team will coach the USAFA team, the reigning volleyball champions from last year's Schriever tournament.

Results:

	Wins	Losses
Buckley	3	0
Fort Carson	2	1
Peterson	1	2
USAFA	03	

Buckley 47, USAFA 44

Fort Carson 50, Peterson 39

Buckley 60, Fort Carson 57

Peterson 62, USAFA 61

Buckley 56, Peterson 54



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Buckley's Daevon Wall tries for tap in on a missed shot while Academy's Jarrod Gates fights for the rebound.

Track and Field teams finish third at invitational

By Valerie Perkin
Athletic Communications

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Highlighted by numerous outstanding performances, the Air Force track and field team wrapped up competition at Missouri's Tom Botts Invitational Saturday in Columbia, Mo. The men accounted for 175.50 points to finish third, while the women placed third with 130 points. In all, the Falcons claimed six first-place finishes and one meet record.

The women picked up multiple first-place finishes, including a one-two punch in the javelin throw. Katie Weber won the meet with a distance of 143'10", while Paige Blackburn threw a 138'4" to finish second. Blackburn's toss is the eighth-best in Academy history.

Air Force also took two of three in the discus throw, as Sara Neubauer set a new Tom Benich Invitational record (173'7") to win the event. Her distance, a career-best by three feet, continues to push at the Academy record standard of 177'3". Blackburn earned a third-place finish in the discus with a personal-best throw of 144'5". In addition, Neubauer finished second in the shot put with a throw of 47'3¾", while Blackburn moved into fifth on the program's all-time list with a throw of 44'4" to finish fifth overall.

Ally Romanko crossed the finish line in a career-best time of 4:32.56 to win

the 1500-meter run, while Kimber Shealy won the pole vault after clearing the bar at 12'1 ½".

In addition to her impressive day with the discus, Neubauer improved her 'PR' in the hammer throw for the fourth straight week, as she finished third with a toss of 165'2". That is the sixth-best throw in program history. Christina Burke scored for the Falcons with a ninth-place toss of 122'8".

Jessica Mapes picked up a third-place finish in the 400-meter dash, as she clocked a time of 57.49 to improve her seventh-place standing in the program record book.

Nercessaine White, who scored for the Falcons on the long jump with a fifth-place distance of 17'9", ran the leadoff leg of the 4x100-meter relay that finished third in a time of 48.73. Also contributing to that time (the 11th-fastest in program history) as Nicole Elliott, Gabrielle Quirao and Mapes. White and Quirao scored for the Falcons in the 200-meter dash, as they clocked respective times of 25.73 (seventh) and 26.49 (ninth). White's time in the eighth-fastest in Academy history.

Elliott also scored for the Falcons in the 100-meter hurdles (eighth, 16.12) and in the 100-meter dash (seventh, 13.00). She was one of two Falcons to score in the dash, as White finished fourth with a time of 12.50. Cathy Haycraft scored in the 400-meter dash,

as she finished 11th with a time of 62.32.

Amanda Wineman picked up a fourth-place clearance of 5'1" on the high jump, while Becca Burditt accounted for the same placement in the 800-meter run behind a career-best time of 2:14.84. That time moved her into ninth on the program's all-time list. Auriele Fain finished sixth in the 800 with a time of 2:17.07.

On the men's side, senior Kellen Curry paced the Falcons, picking up two event titles. In addition to posting the third-best time in Academy history to win the 200-meter dash (21.20), he won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.51. Curry also ran the final leg of the 4x100-meter relay that placed second. In addition to Matt Davis, Maxwell Lutton and Kevin Rivers, the quartet recorded a time of 41.75.

Connor Van Fossen picked up a first-place finish in the javelin throw behind a distance of 199'10". He was one of two Falcons to place within the top three, as Harmon Gage finished third with a toss of 188'6".

Dan Paladino was the runner-up in the hammer throw, tossing a distance of 179'9", while Robert Drye placed fourth with a throw of 175'0". Drye also scored for the Falcons in the shot put, as he and James Cole placed seventh (44'6") and eighth (44'2"), respectively, in that event. Drye and James also earned points for Air Force in the discus throw, as the

duo finished eighth (142'4") and 10th (123'3"), respectively.

Brandin Bear tied for second with a pole vault clearance of 15'1".

Air Force collected two of the top three spots in the 3000-meter steeplechase, as Zach Nordahl and Justin Mason finished second (9:25.90) and third (9:29.63), respectively.

Rivers and Davis finished third (11.24) and fourth (11.27), respectively, in the 100-meter dash, while Lutton and Chris Severino scored for Air Force in the 400-meter dash with respective times of 49.83 (third) and 50.18 (sixth). Matt Williams clocked a third-place time of 8:28.76 in the 3000-meter run, while James Walmsley finished sixth in 8:44.04.

Sebastian Ortiz and Justin Tyner finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in the 1500-meter event. Ortiz clocked a time of 3:53.64, while Tyner crossed just behind him at 3:55.63.

Skylar Morgan, who placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.44, also scored for the Falcons on the high jump, as he cleared 6'0¾" to place fifth. Taurean Singletary also scored on the high jump, as he finished sixth with a clearance of 5'10¾". Morgan recorded a long jump distance of 20'9" to finish fourth in that event, while Dillon Stucky finished fifth with a mark of 20'7". Stucky and Singletary teamed up for fourth (44'5¼") and fifth (44'2¾") place finishes in the triple jump.

Women's gymnastics

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Air Force Aftan Boudreaux earned USAG All-America status as the women's gymnastics team concluded the 2009 season at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships this afternoon Saturday in New Haven, Conn. Boudreaux finished

seventh on the uneven bars with a score of 9.650. Boudreaux, the lone Air Force gymnast to compete in the event finals, was the fourth competitor on the bars, tallied a score of 9.650. That mark matched her third-highest score of the season.

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Hockey highlights

The Air Force hockey team just completed its most successful season in school history with a school record 28 wins, the first-ever Atlantic Hockey Association regular season title, the third consec-

utive AHA Tournament title and a victory over Michigan in the NCAA tournament. Now is your chance to get in on the action for the 2009-2010 season. Season tickets are available now. As an added bonus, anyone who buys or renews season tickets prior to June 1 will receive a free copy of the 2008-2009

Front Range Cycling Classic hits Academy

By Jim Weinstein

Cycling Club Officer in Charge

This weekend's Front Range Cycling Classic (weather permitting) will offer many thrills for participants and spectators alike.

The following general information is provided for those who plan to check out the event:

Saturday

The time trial will run from 7:15 to 10:30 a.m. The best viewing location is at the finish line on West Monument Creek. If you drive to the finish, please park off the road as riders will be travelling at high speed.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. the criterium (a small closed course where packs of riders do multiple laps) will be held at the football stadium. Southbound Stadium traffic will be rerouted onto the western side of the northbound lane (similar to the reroute during football games) for the short distance in front of the stadium only. This is a spectator-friendly race. The Best place to watch from is right in front of Falcon Stadium.

Sunday

The Road Race will go from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will use the outside loop of the Academy going clockwise. Racers will climb Pine Drive in packs being led and followed by race vehicles. There will be several categories on the course at the same time. The start line is in the upper cadet fields and the riders will begin racing once they reach the perimeter road. The finish line at the top of the overlook hill will also be the best place for viewing. There are other great locations for viewing along Pine Drive.

Helpful definitions

Time trial: A race against the clock. Riders proceed individually (usually at one-minute gaps) and go from the start to finish. The person with the fastest time wins. A team time trial is where four to six riders on the same team, riding at very high rates of speed, draft off each other to get from the start to the finish. The U.S. Air Force Academy Team placed 5th in the Nation last year in the event and they are one of the best teams in

the country this year!

Criterium: A spectator-friendly event on a closed short course, usually about one kilometer in length. Riders travel around the course in packs. The winner is the person across the finish line first. Prizes are often given along the way for riders who cross the finish line first on given laps. These are called "primes" and make the race exciting to watch.

Road race: A road race is a longer course and the racers travel over a distance (sometimes more than 100 miles) in a peloton (or pack). Riders try to break away from the pack to cross the finish line first. These "breakaway" riders might ride away from the peloton early in a road race but because of the distance, riders must pace their efforts cautiously. Often, the smartest, not the strongest, rider wins a road race. A fun place to watch a road race is in the feed zone. Riders will grab water bottles while riding their bikes, the feed zone is always hectic and scary but more often than not, riders emerge unscathed with new water bottles in hand.

Safety paramount

Vehicle etiquette during a bicycle race: Cyclists are acutely aware of the dangers of a bike race on roads shared with vehicles. Thousands of races happen every year throughout the United States and serious accidents are very rare.

To ensure the safety of riders in this race, corner marshals throughout the course will direct traffic. Medical personal will be on hand, and riders will be briefed on safety and specifics about the Academy. For example, they'll be told about the animals that frequently jump into or across the road.

Vehicle operators must realize these bicycle racers travel at much higher rates of speed than average cyclists on the Academy. In fact, for most of the course, riders will be travelling near the speed limits. Vehicle drivers should only pass cyclists when it's safe; they should never pass a pack of cyclists nor should they pass race vehicles. Because of the high rates of speed, delays are usually minimal.

Anyone caught behind a pack of cyclists is encouraged to cheer on Academy Cadets riding in the red, white and blue uniforms.

For more information, call 333-5305.

Saturday Time Trial Map

● Corner Guards (2 everywhere except for corner 11 where we need 4 (total of 24 volunteers at a maximum))

<p>Schedule</p> <p>06:00 Meet at registration on 30th (Delivered to the field 06:30) (Pine Drive off 07:15) (Start 08:00) (09:00) (10:30)</p> <p>Do not leave until released</p> <p>1 Minute (Upper Stadium Field)</p> <p>Cancelled (Lap cars are on duty on morning at high rates of speed. Using lap cars will mean that other (could) not be between participants)</p>	<p>Important #'s</p> <p>Jim Weinstein: 925-586-5282</p> <p>SMSGT Hughes: 719-439-2403</p> <p>Cadet Moon: 602-881-0149</p> <p>Cadet Fraser: 480-216-3926</p> <p>Cadet Johnson: 916-715-7163</p> <p>Security Forces: 333-2000</p> <p>Emergency: 911</p>
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Phillipich wins Derek Hines Unsung Hero Award

By Dave Toller

Athletic Communications

Air Force hockey player Mike Phillipich earned the Derek Hines Unsung Hero Award as announced by the Hockey Commissioners Association in Washington D.C. The award was established by the HCA in honor of former Army player Derek Hines, who was a "consummate team player and team builder." Hines played at Army from 1999-2003 and was a four-year letter-winner as well as a co-captain his senior season. He was killed in the line of duty

in Afghanistan in September 2006.

"I cannot begin to express what it means to win an award named after such an amazing individual like Derek Hines," said Phillipich. "I was honored to be considered for the award and this is truly humbling. My teammates inspired me to give my all every day and I simply attempted to return the favor to them. It is hard to be singled out from such a brotherhood of friends and teammates, any of which would fit the bill for this award. Derek Hines gave everything he could for those around him. My contributions to my team seem miniscule in

comparison to the sacrifice he made for our country."

Phillipich is one of just five players in Air Force history to be a two-year team captain. He was the MVP of the 2007 Atlantic Hockey Association Final Four as a sophomore as Air Force claimed its first ever conference championship and berth in the NCAA Tournament. As a junior and senior, he captained the Falcons to two more AHA tournament championships and NCAA appearances. A systems engineering management major, he carries a 3.77 overall grade point average and a 3.87 GPA in his

major. He has been on the dean's list every semester and is a three-time academic all-conference selection.

A finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, Phillipich was named to the Lowe's All-American team, recognizing excellence in academics, athletics, character and leadership. He is the third straight Air Force player to earn a spot on the Lowe's All-American team, joining Billy Devoney in 2007 and Frank Schiavone in 2008.

The winner of the Derek Hines Award was chosen by sports information directors from the six conferences.

Air Force Hockey Season Highlight DVD!

Men's tennis

The TCU men's tennis team clinched at least a share of the Mountain West Conference regular-season championship for the second straight season Saturday

morning with a 5-0 victory over Air Force in both teams' regular-season finale San Diego, TCU finished the regular season 11-10 overall and 5-1 in the MWC, while the Falcons finished 7-17 overall and 0-5 in the league. The Horned Frogs won all five singles matches that

played out Saturday, with each victory coming in straight sets. Air Force Cody Hall's match at No. 2 singles with Slah Mbarek went unfinished, while doubles were not played due to the threat of rain.

Baseball

Air Force hosts #16 TCU

today through Sunday at Security Service Field, home of the Colorado Springs Sky Sox. Live stats and internet radio are slated to be available for all five games.

Lacrosse

The Air Force lacrosse team opens its home slate today and Sunday, when it

hosts Ohio State and Detroit. Today, the Falcons take on the Buckeyes in a conference matchup, slated to begin at 4 p.m. In the team's home finale Sunday, Air Force will face first-year program Detroit in a noon contest. Both games will be played at the cadet lacrosse stadium.



Community Center Happenings

Call 333-2928 for more information on any of the following three events.

Today: 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Bingo in the Academy Community Center downstairs ballroom, Bldg. 5136. Card packs \$5 play all 10 games.

Saturday: The Academy's first 2009 outdoor flea market will be held in the Base Exchange parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weather permitting. Space fee is \$10. Space with car is \$15; tables are \$5 each.

Sunday: Open ballroom dancing from 2 to 5 p.m. in the downstairs ballroom, Bldg. 5136. Entry is \$10 per couple.

A&FRC offerings

The Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts the following classes.

Group pre-separation counseling

Held every Monday (except during

TAP week); 2 to 4 p.m.

Separating or retiring from the Air Force in a year or less? This mandatory briefing covers benefits and services associated with transitions.

Newcomer's red carpet tour

Today; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This informative tour gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals much of what there is to see and do at the Air Force Academy.

TAP seminar

Tuesday through April 24; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Separating in a year or retiring in two years or less? Call to reserve a spot in the next available Transition Assistance Program class.

Volunteer recognition

The "Celebrating People in Action ... Celebrating Academy Volunteers" awards ceremony is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 24 at the Academy Falcon Club. All can partake in the complimentary deli and hors d'oeuvres buffet from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The ceremony will immediately follow.

Medical records review

April 27; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the DAV review their medical records.

Veterans Affairs

April 27; 8 a.m. to noon

This briefing provides information on VA benefits for separating/retiring military personnel.

Cadets getting married Smooth Move

April 28; noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.
April 30; noon to 1 p.m.

Cadet Smooth Move briefings

April 29; noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

Sponsorship training

April 30; 8 to 9 a.m.

This class is for those who have been assigned to sponsor a newcomer to the area. Contact your unit sponsorship monitor for details.

Call 333-3444 for information and registration.

Academy Airman & Family Readiness Center offers the following Transition events:

Civil Service Class

May 7

9 a.m. to noon

Mock Interviewing Workshop

May 13

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SCORE

Starting Your Own Business

June 2

9 a.m. to noon

MOAA

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

June 5

9 to 11:30 a.m.

Troops to Teachers

June 17

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Call 333-3444 to register!

Law Day Golf

Law Day was created in the late 1950s, by the American Bar Association to draw attention to both the principles and practice of law and justice. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by proclamation in 1958. The staff's Law Day Golf Scramble is set for 11:30 a.m. May 1 on the

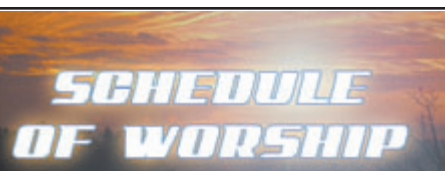
Eisenhower Blue Course. Entry fees are: \$55 per person for active duty and USAFA DoD civilians; and, \$85 for those non-affiliated with the military or DoD. The cost covers: greens fees, cart fee, use of practice balls on the driving range, lunch, and prizes. Call Capts. Jacob Frank or Jay Bragga at 333-3940 for more information. Entry deadline is Wednesday.



Operation Purple

The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple® camps offer a free week of fun for military kids whose parents have deployed, are deployed or will deploy. Colorado offers three sessions of Operation Purple camps: May 31st – June 5; June 7-12; and, June 14-19. Outer Edge Performance and Operation Purple camps are designed to promote: Realizing Potential! The camps are all outdoor adventures serving youth and teens entering third through 12th grades. They will be held in Black Forest and will provide opportunities to participate in activities such as: high and low challenge course, team-building activities, outdoor rock climbing, mountain-biking, whitewater rafting, horse-back riding and more. Each child may register for one summer camp. Deadline is April 20. For more information and to register visit: www.operationpurple.org

Call Vivian Sylvest, Alison McKay, Tim Burke or Mary Marcantonio at Outer Edge Performance at: 303-458-1909.



CADET CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Sunday

Confession - 9:15 a.m.

Mass - 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 5:30 p.m.

Confession - 5:30 p.m.

Mass - 6:30 p.m.

Weekday

Mon., Tues. and Thurs. - 6:45 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Sunday

Traditional/Liturgical - 9 a.m.

Contemporary - 11 a.m.

Jewish Services

Friday

Sabbath Service - 7 p.m.

Buddhist Worship

Wednesday

Traditional Mahayana Service - 6:30 p.m.

Muslim Prayer

Friday

Salaat ul-Jumman - 12:30 p.m.

All Other Faiths

Call 333-2636 for more information

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.

Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality:

Contact Tech. Sgt. Longcrier at 333-6178

Robert.Longcrier@usafa.edu



Courtesy photo

Birthday bash

Airmen enjoy a steak dinner at the High Country Dining Facility during the Airmen Birthday Dinner. The High Country Inn Dining facility hosted the 1st Quarterly Airmen Birthday Dinner Wednesday. Dining-facility manager Mr. Lou Moya said it was great to see Airmen in the facility again and enjoying a festive dinner. The Airmen Birthday dinner is a time honored Air Force tradition that allows base leadership the opportunity to enjoy a dinner with their Airmen during their birthday month. Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, 10th Mission Support Squadron superintendent, reminded Airmen what an important role they play at the Air Force Academy. "The Airmen Birthday Dinner is a tradition we practice at many of our bases all over the world. We are extremely proud to be able to do this for you. Your leadership is here today because they want to wish you a happy birthday and tell you they appreciate the value that you add to our mission set. You represent our future and we are very pleased with what we see. Happy Birthday, Hooyah!"