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Photo by Bill Evans

#### Lamoureux leads Falcons to exhibition win

Air Force junior forward Scott Kozlak tries to outmaneuver Calgary defender Dustin Hatlelid during the Falcons-Dinos exhibition match. The Falcons won the match on two goals by junior forward Jacques Lamoureux. Kozlak is a native of Duluth, Minn. See story Page 10.

## Life-saving cadets receive commendation medals

By Butch Wehry Academy Spirit staff

Six cadets received Air Force Commendation Medals during the noon meal Monday for actions that saved the lives of a man in Salt Lake City Jan. 18 and three Panamanian citizens June 13.

Second Lt. Christopher Tulk, Cadet 1st Class Benjamin Garoutte and Joshua Lapso, and Cadets 2nd Class Alan Foote, Bryan Koenig and Derrick Rowe were recognized for their acts of courage.

Lieutenant Tulk, now assigned to the 47th Operations Support Squadron at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, and Cadet Garoutte were unable to attend the ceremony.

Then-Cadet Tulk and Cadet Lapso saw a man get hit by a train and dragged nearly 40 feet while in downtown Salt Lake City. Both cadets rushed to the aid of the

injured man, immediately taking control of the scene and halting traffic in the process. While checking for a pulse, Cadet Lapso realized that the man was unconscious and bleeding from the head.

The cadets immediately called 911 to summon emergency personnel to the scene. When the injured man regained consciousness and attempted to roll over, Cadets Tulk and Lapso quickly immobilized him to prevent possible paralysis. They reassured him that medical personnel were on their way and implored him to remain still. Medical responders praised Cadets Tulk and Lapso for their decisive actions and for keeping the man from injuring himself

Cadets Garoutte, Foote, Koenig and Rowe were in Panama with Victor Nell, a Spanish instructor with the Academy's Department of Foreign Languages, for a See MEDALS, Page 4



Brig. Gen. Samuel Cox poses for a photo with Cadets 2nd Class Bryan Koenig, Derrick Rowe and Alan Foote after presenting the cadets with Air Force Commendation Medals in Mitchell Hall Monday. The cadets, along with Cadet 1st Class Benjamin Garoutte, swam to the aid of three Panamanians at risk of drowning during a cultural immersion trip to Panama City in June.

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## Leadership means more than just rank A

By Lt. Col. Matt Joganich 28th Civil Engineer Squadron

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. (AFNS) — Sixteen years ago, I stood on the parade ground at the Medina Annex on Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, anxiously waiting to accept my commission as a brand new second lieutenant.

Moments before my uncle asked me to raise my right hand, he pulled me aside and said, "Matt, in a few minutes, you're going to be a lieutenant and outrank more than 80 percent of all Air Force personnel. You'll be expected to lead from this day on and I have two pieces of advice for you: Make sure you take care of your people. If you do that, they'll take care of you." (You'll have to wait for the second piece of advice.)

A few minutes later, I was a second lieutenant in the Air Force, my gold bars were shining in the Texas summer sun, and all I could think was "OK, now what? What do I know about leading?"

I thought about what my uncle said, and he was right. I've never forgotten his advice, but I soon realized there was much more to leader-

Leadership is a nebulous concept. We think we know what it is, or, at least we know what it isn't, and trying to provide an exact definition is difficult at best. But what are some of the qualities or traits of good leadership? Undoubtedly, it embodies our core values of service before self, integrity first, and excellence in all we do, but there has to be more.

I can't give you a laundry list of what leadership is made of; it's

different for everyone. Pick up a dozen different books on the subject, and you'll get a dozen different answers and perspectives. What follows isn't anything from a text book or a leadership seminar, but reflections on some common qualities of leaders I've been fortunate enough to be associated with. The qualities are by no means all encompassing, but are the ones that seem to stand out and hopefully provide you something to reflect on as

Ironically, one of traits that stood out the most was followership. Intuitively, leadership, when broken down to the most fundamental definition, implies being out in front of others and that the "leader" is typically the senior ranking person; however, some of the best leaders are those that lead by being led.

One of my previous bosses operated by the philosophy that he would "point the boat in the direction it needed to go" and then let his action officers "make the boat go." He would listen to their suggestions and recommendations; if they made sense, he'd let them press on. If the suggestions or recommendations didn't quite make sense, he would simply redirect with simple suggestions or subtle hints, and then let them proceed as if the ideas were their own.

Another significant trait that follows suit with "leading from behind" is the lack of ego. Don't get me wrong; having an ego is important. It's what makes us competitive and pushes us to higher levels of performance. Unfortunately, sometimes people forget to keep their ego in check and take on an air of artificial importance. That doesn't make them bad leaders

per se, just more difficult to follow since people like that tend to stifle creativity and organizational self-

I'd be willing to bet most of you reading this have worked with people like that. I have. One boss in particular was what I consider extremely intelligent. The problem was, he thought so too, and he'd tell you as much. He was a forward thinker and accomplished a lot of great things, but in doing so, he stepped on a lot of other intelligent people. It makes me wonder how much better we would have been with a simple "ego check."

In his book "My American Journey," former Secretary of State and retired Army Gen. Colin Powell discusses ego and the importance of not confusing confidence and arrogance. He highlights the point with a story about President Lincoln during the Civil War. It seems that one day a telegraph operator at the War Department informed President Lincoln the Confederates had captured numerous horses and a Union brigadier general, but the operator was surprised when the president showed more concern for the horses. Apparently President Lincoln explained his concern with the comment that, "I can make a brigadier general in five minutes. But it's not so easy to replace 100 horses."

Talk about relative importance. Dovetailing into this, remember the second piece of advice I mentioned? In the same breath my uncle told me to "... not let my rank go to my head because I'll need my people more than they need me." Again, something I've never forgotten.

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The Academy Spirit also accepts story submissions by fax at 333-4094 or by e-mail: pa.newspaper@usafa.af.mil.



## Character Corner Ways of being

#### By Lt Col Joel Witzel

Center for Character and Leadership Development

Leading and teaching are two prominent activities at the Air Force Academy, and they embrace some similar and very important ideals. Modeling a sense of being and authenticity is one of those common ideals.

Parker Palmer, author of "The Courage to Teach," recently gave a speech in Denver exhorting teachers, like leaders, to model and encourage a sense of being and authenticity for students that leads to a life of meaning and purpose. He said, "You can't change the world unless you are about something. Be about teach all the do's; but a consistent "be" provides something. His encouragement to "be about something" applies to us as leaders and teachers and to our students and subordinates as well.

Who are you? It's important to decide who we are and to help our students and subordinates to find their own identities. As we endeavor to develop leaders of character here, we use a "Be, Know, Do" framework, that, importantly, begins with "Be." What and who we are determines what we will do. Too often, we focus our leadership and teaching on the things one should do. But it is who we choose to be—our being—that remains stable. Additionally, we cannot

a stable guiding influence.

In essence, our identity gives us strength individually and as a community. Living in a way that's consistent with a chosen identity establishes an ethos of steadfast resolve and authentic living that's noticed by those around us. As we lead, teach, or mentor others, we can set the example. We can model our own identity, ethos, or spirit and can encourage others to find their own identity and to live consistently and authentically within that identity.

Tune into KAFA, 97.7 FM for Character Matters, Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Also on iTunes or www.usafa.org.

Steven Senator

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**Aeronautics** 

## What's a good way to save energy around your house?



"Keep the thermostat at a reasonable temperature, not 90 degrees. Have minimum lights on."

"Recapture heat from computing systems to heat and water, especially during the cold season."

Ed Gavagan Director, Airman and Family Readiness Center



"Turn off the lights and computer

when you're not using them, and

turn down the thermostat."

"Keep garage doors closed. Insulate the garage door if you can. Keep the thermostat at a certain temperature throughout the day and install storm

windows if you can."

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# CSAF, CMSAF to Airmen: USAFA wants you

#### **Academy Spirit staff**

Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy encouraged Airmen seeking a commission to look at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The message from the senior leaders promotes the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development, or LEAD, program, which offers eligible enlisted Airmen an opportunity to attend the Academy or the Preparatory School.

"If you have young, hard chargers in your command who demonstrate outstanding character and values coupled with leadership potential, please urge them to consider a commissioning path through our Academy," General Schwartz and Chief Roy wrote. "As commanders and supervisors, we ask for your support to encourage your sharpest Airmen to apply for the LEAD program."

The Academy accepts up to 85 active-duty Airmen and 85 Reserve and Air National Guard Airmen annually,

according to the message. The Preparatory School filled 48 out of 50 active-duty allocations for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Airmen wishing to apply for an Academy or Prep School appointment must complete an Air Force Form 1786 and return the form with a commander's endorsement to the Academy's Admissions Office before Jan. 31, 2010. The Admissions Office address is: HQ USAFA/RRS, 2304 Cadet Drive Suite 2400, USAF Academy, CO 80840.

Applicants must be less than 23 years old by July 1, 2010, for entry into the Academy or less than 22 years old to enter the Prep School. Applicants must also be unmarried, a U.S. citizen or able to obtain citizenship prior to entry, and they can not have dependents.

The point of contact for LEAD is Col. Chevalier Cleaves, the director of admissions. More information is available at the Admissions Web site, *www.academyadmissions.com*, and at base education offices.

## Leadership.

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Of all the traits and qualities that comprise leadership, the one I think garners the most "capital" with subordinates is humility. While the notion is intertwined with the lack of ego, it's difficult to discuss one without the other. It seems the most effective leaders also maintained an unassuming nature about them.

Looking back, two distinct episodes stand out and exemplify different levels of humility. The first occurred during a change of command where the incoming commander called his new unit by the wrong designation. What I find interesting is that the unit's three chiefs discretely pulled the new commander aside during the reception and informed him of the unintentional mistake, but yet he refused to admit he was wrong. In fact, he even went as far as telling the chiefs (and the other 200 plus unit members) they were wrong and he couldn't have made a mistake since his notes had the

correct unit designator.

How effective do you think he was after that episode? A dose of humility and little self-deprecation would have made a world of difference for his next two years in command.

The second episode is a little more vivid and involved a group commander I worked for when I was a brand new captain. During a tour of our construction projects, he became incensed because he didn't understand why one project was under way and another one was on hold. Within seconds, the chief and I were standing at attention, and the colonel was yelling and cursing at us at the top of his voice while slapping the eagles on his collar. An hour or so after my significant emotional event, the colonel appeared in the doorway of my office, and apologized profusely, not only for his behavior, but also for the fact that he was wrong and I was right. My respect for him grew exponentially, and do you know what? At that point in time I would have

followed him just about anywhere just because he was "big enough" to admit he was wrong and took the time to come apologize in person.

As I mentioned earlier, these are only a few leadership qualities that stand out from my career. There are so many more, but what makes up leadership is different for every person.

Regardless of your rank or position, you are a leader; whether you think so or not. What I challenge you to do now is to spend some time reflecting on what you think a good leader is, and then work to make those traits yours.

In closing, I want to leave you with a quote I came across during my recent deployment. It's pretty simple really, but the words speak volumes.

"The day Soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership," Secretary Powell said.

# TriCare suspends requirements for H1N1 shots

Starting Friday the seasonal flu vaccinations will be available for all eligible beneficiaries at two locations, 10th Medical Group Immunization Clinic or at the Pediatric Clinic located in the community center.

TriCare Prime enrollees may receive the H1N1 vaccine, when it becomes available, from any network or nonnetwork TriCare authorized provider without a referral or an authorization from now until April 30, 2010.

The immunization clinic where you are enrolled will need the following information to complete your medical record:

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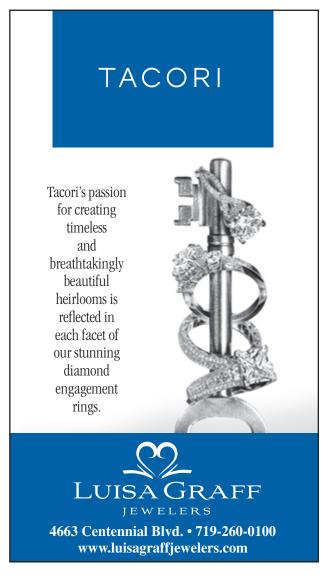
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## Academy receives bust of WWII, Korea ace at dedication ceremony

By Academy Spirit Staff

Relatives of World War II and Korean War ace Col. Francis "Gabby" Gabreski, including the vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command, came to the Air Force Academy Sept. 30 to take part in a ceremony dedicating a bust to the Air Force legend.

"Gabby's" son, retired Col. Don Gabreski, Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski, and Chester Lipinski were among the guest speakers at the event.

Mr. Lipinski was one of the principal organizers behind the statue dedication, according to Academy historian and museum specialist Paul Martin.

Colonel Gabreski joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in July 1940, training at Parks Air College and later at Gunter Army Air Base and Maxwell Field in Alabama. He graduated from Maxwell in March 1941. During World War II, he fought with the 315th Squadron and

the 56th Fighter Group before being captured by the German army.

In July 1951, Colonel Gabreski began flying an F-86 Sabre in the Korean War. Less than a year later, he recorded his fifth kill, making him the first of only a few pilots to become aces in two wars. He retired in November 1967, having flown more combat missions than any other American fighter pilot. He died Jan. 31, 2002, in Huntington Hospital on Long Island, N.Y.



Photo by Bill Evar

Retired Col. Don Gabreski speaks at the dedication ceremony for a bust of his father, Col. Francis "Gabby" Gabreski.

### Medals

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month-long cultural immersion visit when they spotted a man and two women in distress while swimming at the Santa Clara Beach in Panama City. The swimmers were struggling against a strong riptide current that was quickly pulling them out to sea.

The trip officer-in-charge and the four cadets swam to rescue the swimmers, who were in serious danger of being pulled under. News stories at the time and Monday's citations note that their quick and selfless reaction was critical in saving the Panamanian citizens' lives.

"We happened to be in the right

spot at the right time with the necessary skills to help people in need," said Cadet Foote, a foreign area studies major with Cadet Squadron 38 and a native of Wilson, N.C. "I'd never saved anybody from drowning before."

Both Cadet Foote and Cadet Rowe have swam competitively since they were 8. Cadet Rowe said this was not the first time he had saved a life: he had pulled a child out of the water while lifeguarding during his high school years.

"What I did was a gut reaction and I believe any cadet in that situation would have done the same thing as me," said the economics major from Greeley, Colo. "I feel like what I did was dependent on

a circumstance of place and time. I just happened to be at the right place at the right time, and I knew how to swim."

Cadet 2nd Class Bryan Koenig said he found himself a bit surprised to receive the medal.

"We didn't know we were getting a medal until about 30 minutes before we were on the staff tower," said the computer science major with Cadet Squadron 2. "I was very excited, and still am, to have received such a prestigious award."

The Simi Valley, Calif., native vividly recalls bringing one of the Panamanian swimmers to shore.

"I was focused in the moment, using

Spanish to try and keep her calm while asking her to continue kicking," he said. "After I brought her up on shore, she turned and said 'Thank you' in English. That's when I realized the full impact of what had just occurred."

Here too, fate may have been at work, the cadet said.

"I have always been fortunate enough to grow up close to the ocean," Cadet Koenig said. "In Florida for nine years and California for eight more years, I have always been in and around the water and in and around riptides. When someone else is in danger, you don't think twice about what you're doing. You just want to help them."







## Safety: Winter snow season approaches

**By John Sutherland** 10th Civil Engineer Squadron

Mother Nature will bestow winter upon us with its share of snow storms, icy road conditions and adverse weather. Once again, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron has geared up for the snow season.

As you drive around the base, you will notice that snow route signs and snow gates are in position. These are designed to guide you through the safest parts of the base during adverse weather. Please familiarize yourself with the attached map displaying the snow removal priorities. Emergency access or snow routes will normally be kept open 24/7. Other major roads will be open by 5 a.m. and maintained until 10 p.m., unless weather dictates otherwise.

During night clearing operations, major roads may not receive the same attention as the emergency access roads, so please stay on the emergency access roads or snow routes whenever possible. All other remaining roads will be cleared within 24 hours after each snow-

Prior to forecasted storms, snow removal crews will apply anti-icing spray to prepare the roads for your safety. After initial application, drivers may experience a slippery, almost greasy feel as they brake and turn, so while the condition is only temporary, please be especially cautious while driving.

Use extreme caution when driving near snow removal equipment. Always turn your headlights on. Snow plow operators must travel at specific speeds to cast the snow from the plow blade and clear it from the roads. The weight of the compacted snow rolling off the plow blade could damage your vehicle, so please stay at least 100 feet behind all snow removal equipment. When the granular form of deicer is applied from broadcast

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spreaders, the sand-like material can also damage your vehicle if you try to pass or if you're following the snow plow too closely.

Vehicles that become inoperative should be moved as far from the road edge as possible, have their emergency flashers turned on and be removed as soon as possible. Do not leave vehicles on road shoulders, dirt or grassy areas, as they could become buried in snow if the bad weather persists.

Never drive onto a road blocked by a closed snow gate; that is extremely dangerous. Even though it's closed to traffic, plows may be clearing the road and do not expect any other vehicles in the area.

Visibility during winter winds and snow events can be very difficult for snow removal operators and other motorists; posing major safety concerns throughout the Academy. Never jog or bicycle on roads during snow removal periods. Plow operators have had accidents in years past due to hard braking to avoid runners and bicyclists on roads and shoulders.

Parking lots will primarily be plowed at night until they are cleared. If snowfall occurs during the day, snow crews will attempt to maintain safe routes into and out of parking lots. Overall, parking lot clearance during the day is limited because of parked cars. Members departing the base for an extended period should remove their vehicles promptly from all parking lot areas.

Finally, the most important element for enjoying a safe snow season is adjusting your driving habits to match current road conditions. During snow and icy conditions, you should reduce your speed by at least 15 mph. During adverse weather, speeds on Interstate 25 can go from the speed limit to 25 mph very quickly when visibility or pavement conditions have deteriorated; the same applies on the Academy. Similarly, motorists should increase their following distance because of the reduced friction on road surfaces. Most of all, don't be in a hurry. Allow yourself enough time to get to and from your destination, and above all, be patient.

Any delayed reporting or base closures on the Academy will be released to local radio and television stations through Public Affairs. Please tune into your local radio or television stations or to *www.usafa.af.mil* before you leave for work.

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## FalconSAT-5 receives main payload

#### **Department of Astronautics**

The Air Force Academy's newest cadet-built satellite, FalconSAT-5, is nearing completion in the Astronautics Laboratory here, highlighted by the Sept. 25 arrival of the satellite's main payload, the Space Plasma Characterization Source.

When Space Plasma Characterization Source — better known as SPCS — integration is complete, FalconSAT-5 will begin a series of rigorous system tests before it is shipped to the Kodiak Launch Complex, Alaska, for a scheduled launch May 28, 2010.

"It's great to see the satellite coming together in our lab," said Col. Marty France, head of the Department of Astronautics. "More than 100 cadets and faculty members have put enormous effort into the program over the last three years. This is as real-world as it gets: the Air Force is counting on the FalconSAT team to deliver a satellite on schedule, capable of performing a very sophisticated mission and delivering important data to the Air Force Research Laboratory and our own research centers. We still have a lot of work ahead of us, too, before we get to launch and operations."

While FalconSAT-5 "fit checking" was completed in the Astronautics Lab, cadets in the program provided the latest updates to the Space Test Program at their Payload Readiness Review Sept. 29. Cadets 1st Class Clark Beesemyer, Berkley Davis, Rex Pearce and Matt Lipscomb, accompanied by Space Systems Research Center director Lt. Col. Tim Lawrence, outlined test plans and delivery schedule for FalconSAT-5 with STP director Col. Stephen Hargis. Their plans were accepted, and the team earned praise for their hard work from the entire STP leadership.

"I am amazed by these cadets. I wish I had them working for me now," said Colonel Hargis, the STP-S26 mission director and STP Systems Program Office director.

The SPCS payload was manufactured by Busek, Inc. of Natick, Mass. Busek is responsible for SPCS payload development, integration, test and delivery under an AFRL Small Business Innovative Research contract. The payload uses a 500-Watt Hall Effect thruster, propelled by one kilogram of xenon and

ammonia cold gas to stimulate the space environment around the satellite and to also provide the ability for small orbital maneuvers. The Integrated Miniaturized Electrostatic Analyzer and Wafer Integrated Spectrometers payloads measure effects from the Hall Effect's rocket plume on the surrounding space weather environment.

The \$11-million FalconSAT-5 mission is sponsored by the AFRL, headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Its mission is to perform space weather measurements with on-board sensors in collaboration with remote ground sites. The onboard payloads include the iMESA and WISPERS sensors, which measure low and high energy ion densities, an off-the-shelf plasma source (SPCS), and the Radio Frequency Signal Strength. This suite of experiments will measure the local ionosphere, stimulate the local space weather environment and measure the subsequent changes, and evaluate ionospheric effects on radio frequency signals for communication impacts.

FalconSAT-5 is a secondary payload on the STP's S26 mission, scheduled for launch on an Orbital Sciences Minotaur IV — a modified Peacekeeper ICBM — on May 28, 2010. After launch, FalconSAT-5 will be monitored and controlled by cadet operators from the Michael W. Wynne Space Operations Center at the Air Force Academy.

Design work on FalconSAT-5 began almost three years ago while FalconSAT-3 was undergoing preparations for its March 2007 launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. Cadets with the Classes of 2007 through 2009 along with their faculty mentors from several academic departments and the Academy's Space Systems Research Center and Space Physics and Atmospheric Research Center, completed key design, engineering, and prototype testing milestones in preparation for final construction and testing that began during the 2008-09 academic year. The Class of 2010 must complete assembly of the satellite and prepare for satellite system testing at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., and Edwards AFB, Calif., in coming months.

Building on more than a decade of experience designing, building, testing, launching, and operating small satellites, FalconSAT is one of the Academy's



Don Waite of the Space Systems Research Center and Pat O'Grady from InStar Engineering confirm FalconSAT-5's fit check with its main payload, the

capstone undergraduate systems engineering courses managed by the Department of Astronautics and the Space Systems Research Center. Realizing the department's motto, "Learning Space by Doing Space," a cadet team acts as the satellite system integrating contractor. The spacecraft bus, with all the supporting subsystems, is designed, built, and tested to meet the requirements of real-world Department of Defense payload and

Space Plasma Characterization Source.



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In addition to already improving the appearance of construction sites around The Academy, the 10th Air Base Wing overhauled the way gates look and are manned during events. "Go Falcons'



stop sign covers, welcome signs, and the absence of many unnecessary orange cones throughout the base have fans cheering for things other than the Falcons on game days.

Academy personnel are encouraged to keep their eyes open for other areas and services that can use some tidying

"There are lots of Air Force bases...but only one Air Force Academy," said Col. Rick LoCastro, 10th Air Base Wing commander. "Our installation is the premier base in the Air Force and we need to ensure that it continues to look as special as it is."

"Everyone can make a difference in improving our base appearance," Colonel LoCastro added. "If you see something you're not proud of-raise your hand and say something...or just

Keep your Falcon Eyes open and continue to watch the Academy Spirit for further improvements to your Air Force Academy.

## Falcon Eyes Update Command post Airmen key to ops success

By Staff Sgt. Daniel Martinez 506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Editor's Note: Sergeant Martinez is deployed from Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFNS) — Whether setting alarm conditions, relaying weather information or responding to emergency notifications, command post Airmen play a vital role in virtually every base operation.

"Basically, we're the eyes and ears of the commander and the nerve center of the base," said Master Sgt. Vanessa Trujillo, 506th Air Expeditionary Group command post superintendent.

This means command post personnel must be able to work with numerous agencies and know how to perform several jobs, Sergeant Trujillo

"We're responsible for flight following the aircraft that come in and out of Kirkuk Air Base," she said. "If the aircraft experiences maintenance problems and the crew has to remain overnight, we coordinate with higher headquarters and provide the logistical support needed."

Command post Airmen also give the initial notifications for the response teams, including the fire department, security forces and explosive ordnance disposal team, as well as posturing the

base in the appropriate alarm conditions during base attacks.

"Whenever there is something significant on the base, we're the focal point for that — the nerve center," Sergeant Trujillo said.

Working behind the scenes, the Airmen compile information from various base agencies and ensure it flows to the appropriate people, including those at the top.

"The most important aspect of our job is to keep the commander informed," said Senior Airman Allyson Youngman, a 506th AEG command post controller. "Anything that happens with flight operations or any personnel, we make sure he knows what's going on."

The command post team takes center stage when an urgent message needs to be communicated immediately. It accomplishes this by using a network of loudspeakers around the base, known as "the giant voice."

"When the base is threatened, we get on the giant voice to let people know they are in danger and to take appropriate actions," said Staff Sgt. Todd Leach, another command post controller. "When I get on the giant voice it's validating my purpose here."

A purpose that is often overlooked by others on the base. Still, the command post Airmen know their job is important and vital to the base.

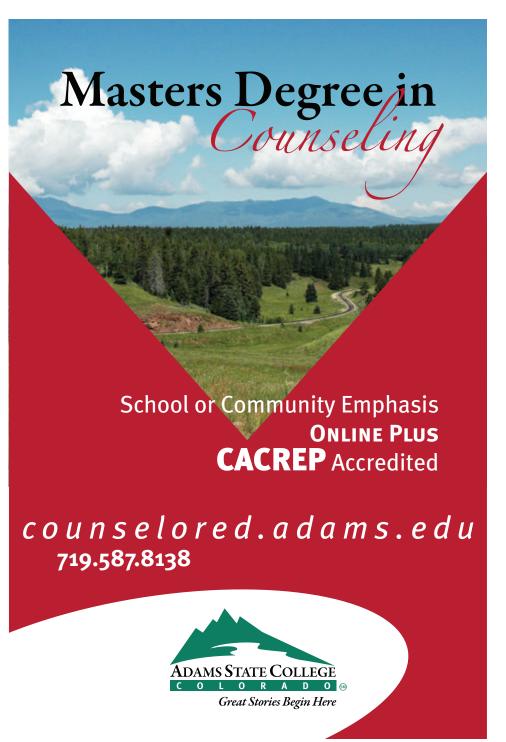
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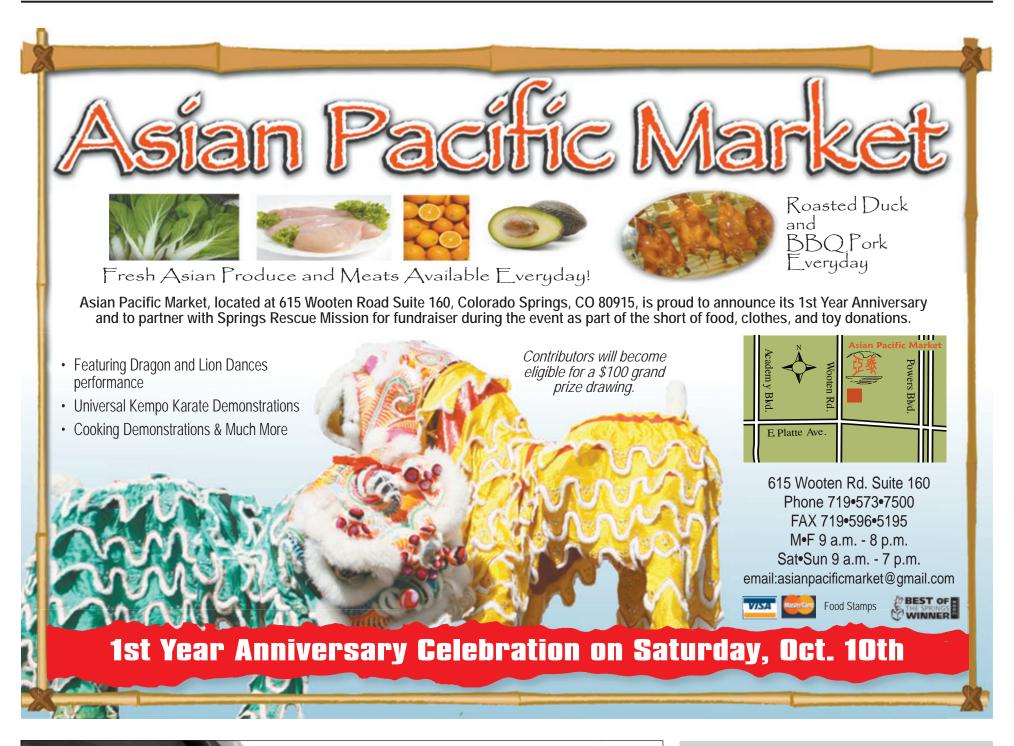
Staff Sqt. George Gomes gathers information over the phone while Staff Sgt. Todd Leach relays a notification on the public address system Senior Airman Allyson Youngman reviews the steps in a procedural checklist. The Airmen are all assigned to the 506th Air **Expeditionary Group command post** at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq.

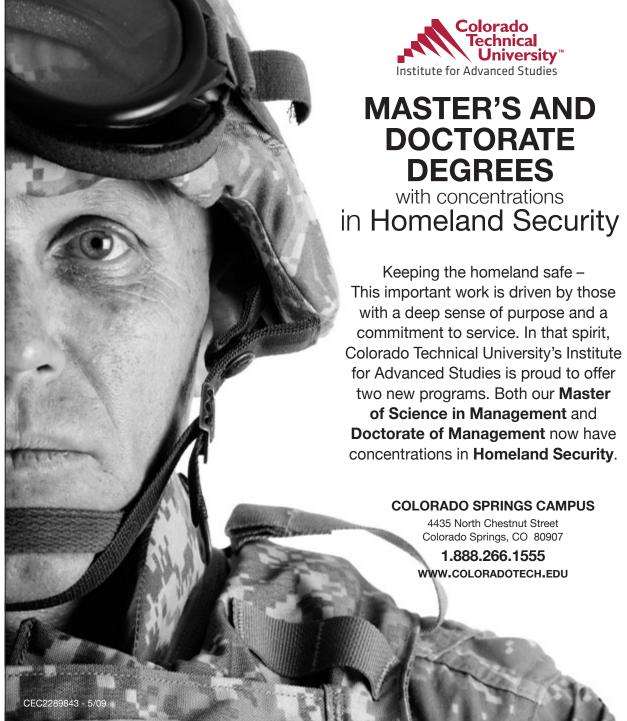
have everything to do with what goes on," said Airman Youngman. "If something happens, we know who to notify and who to get out there to respond to the situation."





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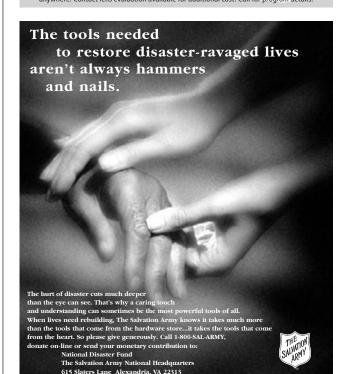
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# DoD announces details for \$555-million Homeowners' Assistance Program

#### **Department of Defense**

The Department of Defense announced details for the temporary expansion of the Homeowners Assistance Program Sept. 30.

Using \$555 million in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, this program is designed to partially reimburse eligible military personnel, surviving spouses and federal civilian employees whose service to the nation has required them to relocate and sell their primary residence at a loss.

Potential eligible personnel include:

- Active and former service members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard:
- Civilian employees of the DoD, Coast Guard, and non-appropriated fund activities; and
- Surviving spouses of both fallen service members and civilian employees.

Potential eligible personnel who have sold a primary home for a loss or are considering selling their home are encouraged to visit the DoD HAP Web site (*http://hap.usace.army.mil*) to check specific program criteria and, if eligible, apply online.

The DoD HAP has been providing financial assistance to military personnel and DoD civilians since 1966, mainly at base realignment and closure sites where government action caused a decrease in market home values. While the HAP expansion is not designed to pay 100 percent of losses or to cover all declines in value, it can help protect eligible applicants from financial catastrophe due to significant losses in their home values

Supporting military families is one of administration's highest priorities and includes leadership and engagement by Michelle Obama and Jill Biden. In February 2009, the Congress provided ARRA funding for a temporary expansion of the HAP to address unique economic pressures faced by military personnel who are forced to relocate during these unusually adverse housing market conditions. After conducting an extensive analysis to determine how best to prioritize the finite funds available while maximizing assistance to as many people as possible, the DoD developed specific eligibility criteria designed to take care of people in the greatest need. These program details have been published in the Federal Register and are now available for public comment.

ARRA funding allows the DoD to temporarily

expand HAP to partially reimburse losses from the sale of a primary residence in the following priority order:

- 1. Homeowners wounded, injured, or ill in the line of duty while deployed since Sept. 11, 2001, and relocating in furtherance of medical treatment;
- 2. Surviving spouse homeowners relocating within two years after the death of their spouse;
- 3. Homeowners affected by the 2005 BRAC round, without the need (which existed under previous law) to prove that a base closure announcement caused a local housing market decline; and
- 4. Service member homeowners receiving orders dated on or after Feb. 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2009, for a permanent change of station move. The orders must specify a report-no-later-than date on or before Feb. 28, 2010, to a new duty station or home port outside a 50-mile radius of the service member's former duty station. These dates may be extended to Sept. 30, 2012, based on availability of funds.

Each of these general categories has more specific eligibility requirements which have been updated at the DoD HAP Web site, *http://hap.usace.army.mil*. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executes the program for all the military branches. HAP administrators will immediately start processing applications.

## Academy officials begin self study of athletics

#### **Athletic Communications**

Air Force Academy superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould announced Tuesday that Academy officials will begin a yearlong, campus-wide effort to study the athletics program as part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I athletics certification program.

Specific areas the study will cover are academic integrity, governance and commitment to rules compliance, commitment to gender and diversity and student-athlete well-being.

While academic accreditation is common in colleges and universities, this program focuses solely on certification of athletics programs. Following a two-year pilot project, the NCAA Division I membership overwhelmingly supported

the program and its standards at the 1993 NCAA Convention. Academy officials completed the first certification self-study in 1995.

At the 1997 convention, the NCAA Division I membership voted to change the frequency of athletics certification from once every five years to once every 10 years. Academy officials completed a second certification self-study in 2002. Thus, the current self-study will be the third in the certification process for the Academy.

The purpose of the athletics certification program is to help ensure integrity in the institution's athletics operations. The program opens up athletics to the rest of the university/college community and to the public. Institutions will benefit by increasing campus-wide awareness and

knowledge of the athletics program, confirming its strengths and developing plans to improve areas of concern.

The committee responsible for the study will include General Gould, Dean of Faculty Col. Thomas Yoder, various members of the institution's faculty and staff, as well as athletics department personnel. A member of the NCAA membership services staff will conduct a one-day orientation videoconference with the committee and its subcommittees early in the process.

Within each area to be studied by the committee, the program has standards known as operating principles that were adopted by NCAA members to establish benchmarks by which all Division I members are evaluated.

When Academy officials have

concluded their study, an external team of reviewers will conduct a three-day evaluation visit on campus. Those reviewers will be peers from other colleges, universities or conference offices. The peer-review team will report to the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification. The committee will then determine the institution's certification status and announce the decision publicly. For institutions that fail to conduct a comprehensive self-study or to correct problems, sanctions could be imposed.

The three options of certification status are: certified; certified with conditions and not certified. While institutions will have an opportunity to correct deficient areas, those institutions that do not take corrective actions may be ruled ineligible for NCAA championships.





# Lamoureux scores two in 3-1 win over Calgary

By Dave Toller Athletic Communications

Jacques Lamoureux scored two goals as Air Force beat the University of Calgary 3-1 in an exhibition college hockey game Monday at the Academy's Cadet

Lamoureux, who led the nation in goals last season, opened the scoring at the 3:46 mark of the Oct. 9-10 at Bemidji State in Bemidji, Minn. first period. His goal from Derrick Burnett and Jeff Hajner gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead. Burnett's shot was saved and the puck sat in the crease before Lamoureux punched it in. Lamoureux struck again in the second period giving Air Force a 2-0 lead at 16:50 on the power play. Burnett and Tim Kirby assisted on the play as Lamoureux scored on a wrister from the bottom of the right circle.

The Dinos made the game interesting late in the third period when Dan Ehrman scored from the bottom of the left circle from Torrie Wheat and Aaron Richards. Calgary pulled its goalie from the net with 35 seconds left and the Falcons capitalized. Scott Kozlak cleared the puck to center ice and Paul Weisgarber fed Blake Page for an empty-net goal with seven seconds left.

Air Force out-shot Calgary 27-24 in the game. The Falcons were 1-for-2 on the power play while Calgary was 0-for-3. Goalie Andrew Volkening went the distance for Air Force, making 23 saves, including 11 in the third period. Three different goaltenders played for Calgary. Nathan Deobald started and made three saves while allowing a goal. Jeff Weber played the second period and allowed one goal on 10 shots. Dustin Butler played the third period and stopped all 12 shots he faced.

"Calgary was impressive, having played their third game in three nights. They are a classy bunch of guys and gave us a good game," head Air Force senior forward Brett Nylander checks in some areas. There are always little things you Baudette, Minn.

can improve on. This game gives us a point of reference on the things we need to improve on before we go to Bemidji. Andrew Volkening was quietly brilliant tonight. There were several flurries when they could have scored. Our top line scored two goals. Our best players were our best players and that is how it is going to have to be for us to be successful."

Air Force opens the regular season on the road,



coach Frank Serratore said. "We have to get better Calgary's Brock Nixon. Nylander is a native of



Air Force junior forward Derrick Burnett wins a face-off against Calgary left winger Tyler Swystun. Burnett assisted Air Force's Jacques Lamoureux on two goals, leading Air Force to a 3-1 win.



Air Force junior forward Jacques Lamoureux scores one of his two goals against Calgary during the Falcons-Dinos exhibition game at the Cadet Ice Arena Monday. Air Force won the match 3-1 and will play its first game of the regular season at Bemidii State in Bemidii, Minn., today,

2009-2010 Air Force Falcons Hockey Schedule				
Location	Date / Opponent	Location		
Bemidji, Minn.	12/12/09 vs. Mercyhurst	USAFA		
Bemidji, Minn.	01/02/10 at Sacred Heart	Milford, Conn.		
USAFA	01/03/10 at Sacred Heart	Milford, Conn.		
USAFA	01/08/10 vs. Connecticut	USAFA		
USAFA	01/09/10 vs. Connecticut	USAFA		
USAFA,	01/15/10 at Bentley	Waltham, Mass		
Buffalo, N.Y	01/16/10 at Bentley	Waltham, Mass		
Buffalo	01/22/10 vs. Holy Cross	USAFA,		
USAFA	01/23/10 vs. Holy Cross	USAFA,		
USAFA	01/29/10 at Army	West Point		
Worcester, Mass.	01/30/10 at Army	West Point		
Worcester, Mass.	02/05/10 at Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Colo		
Storrs, Conn.	02/06/10 vs. Denver	USAFA		
Storrs, Conn.	02/19/10 at RIT	Rochester		
USAFA	02/20/10 at RIT	Rochester		
USAFA	02/26/10 vs. Sacred Heart	USAFA,		
USAFA	02/27/10 vs. Sacred Heart	USAFA,		
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# Navy overtakes Falcons with overtime field goal



Falcons running back Asher Clark runs the ball against Navy Saturday at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md. The Midshipmen won 16-13 with a field goal in overtime. Navy has won the past seven matchups between the two schools, but the Air Force leads the overall series 25-17.

By Airman 1st Class Katherine Windish 11th Wing Public Affairs

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Air Force faced a devastatingly close overtime loss to Navy Saturday at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

In spite of a great effort, the Falcons could not answer the Midshipmen's overtime field goal and fell

Air Force running back Savier Stephens led the team with 81 rushing yards, setting the Air Force up for two field goals scored by sophomore kicker Erik Soderberg.

"We didn't score enough points, period," said Falcons head coach Troy Calhoun. "If you don't win the game, there's plenty of work to do. There's always plenty 25-17. of work to do anyway."

Falcons cornerback Anthony Wright scored Air Force's only touchdown with a 67-yard interception return in the second quarter.

"I like what we were doing on defense," Coach Calhoun said. "We've got a lot of really capable guys on that side."

Both teams played a tough game that went into overtime thanks to a Falcon field goal with no time left in regulation. The Midshipmen took the field in overtime is 5:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

and marched down to kick a 38-yard field goal to put the Navy up by three. Air Force then took their turn in overtime and moved the ball down to attempt a 31-yard field goal. Soderberg's kick sailed wide left to end the game.

The clash between two of the nation's top rushing teams made for an exciting game for the packed stadium, with Air Force gaining a total of 194 yards rushing and Navy gaining 182. The Falcons defense kept the Midshipmen at bay, allowing only one touchdown and three field goals.

Geyer to punt five times. An interception and fumble near midfield kept the Falcons from taking the lead at any point in the game.

In the emotionally charged, tied fourth quarter, Air Force fans, cheerleaders, players and coaches alike were on their toes, praying for an upset.

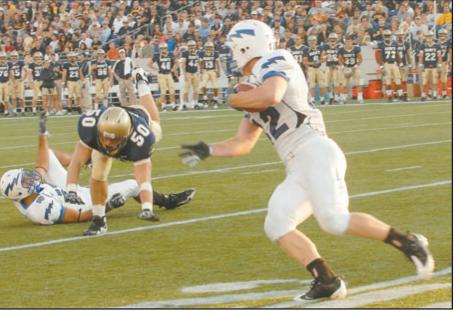
"It's unbelievably tough," said Academy senior John Falgout. "This was one of those games where you give your blood and your sweat and sometimes, in the end, even your tears."

"By and large, physically it was an extraordinary football game," Coach Calhoun said.

Though the Navy has won seven straight games in the series, the Falcons still lead the overall series

"It's a heartbreaker," said Academy senior Ben Garland. "But we've just got to put this behind us and get ready for the Mountain West (Conference) next

The Falcons fall to 3-2 on the season and 2-0 in the Mountain West Conference. The Falcons return to the gridiron Saturday against conference foe Texas Christian University, which is 4-0 overall and ranked 10th nationally in the Associated Press Top 25. Kickoff



Air Force dominated in Falcons running back Jared Tew runs upfield against the Midshipmen in offensive yardage but couldn't the Air Force-Navy game Oct. 3, 2009. Tew ran 18 times for 49 yards. Air capitalize, forcing Brandon Force had 183 total rushing yards.

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## CBS-C sports highlights Falcons' Ben Garland

**Academy Spirit staff** 

A senior defensive lineman for the Air Force Academy's Falcons football team will be featured on *Inside Academy Football*" a 30-minute CBS College Sports Network program that debuts tonight from 5-5:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

The segment on Senior Ben Garland was filmed the week of Sept. 21 and includes shots of him attending class, eating meals at Mitchell Dining Hall and engaging day-to-day activities such as doing homework and performing squadron

Interviews with Garland's coaches, teammates, classroom instructors and air officer commanding will also be included in the segment, interspersed with shots of the Grand Junction, Colo., native at football practice.

Garland and the current senior class are scheduled to graduate May 26, 2010.

"Inside Academy Football" is billed as "exploring how the players' sport intersects, enriches and informs their lives as officers-in-training for the United States military...(and) delving into the tradition and meaning of football at Army, Navy and Air Force."

The program will highlight a player from each of the nation's service academies as a prelude to the Saturday night game. Each team will play as part of a tripleheader which culminates the CBS-C's "Armed Forces Appreciation Week." The Air Force



Photo by Bill Evans

Air Force defensive lineman Ben Garland rushes San Diego State quarterback Ryan Lindley during the Falcons-Aztecs game at Falcon Stadium Sept. 26, 2009. Garland, a senior and native of Grand Junction, Colo., will be featured on CBS College Sports Network's "Inside Academy Football," scheduled to air tonight at 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

Academy will play TCU on the Academy's home field, Falcon Stadium, with kickoff scheduled for 5:30 MST.

To access the full week-long programming schedule on the CBS College Sports Network, go to www.cbscollegesports.com.

## Four fencers win titles at the Amarillo Open

By Madeline McGuire Athletic Communications

Four Air Force Academy fencers earned titles at the 10th Annual Amarillo Open in Texas Saturday and Sunday.

Michael O'Connor won the mixed saber title, Peter French won for mixed épée, Nick Stockdale won the mixed foil title and Simone Barrette was the women's épée champion.

In mixed saber, O'Connor, the top seed, won the gold medal bout against Michael Gallagher from the Colorado Fencing Academy 15-8. Brent Lavey tied for third place and earned his "D" rating in U.S. Fencing Association after advancing to the final four, where he lost 15-8 to O'Connor. Scott Pippin also tied for third place.

Geoffrey Pamerleau finished in fifth place, while Heather Nelson placed sixth, Edward Wong finished eighth, Amanda Terry finished in 12th place and Anthony Lorenzini finished in 15th place among 26 saber fencers.

"Saber had a strong showing. Brent Lavey stepped up this weekend and is a big asset to the team," said head coach Abdel Salem.



Photo by J. Rach

for third place.

Geoffrey Pamerleau finished in fifth e, while Heather Nelson placed sixth.

Air Force fencer Michael O'Connor, left, scores a touch against the Colorado Fencing Academy's Michael Gallagher. O'Connor, the top seed, defeated Gallagher 15-8 for the mixed saber title.

In mixed épée, French, Nathan Sorensen and Phillip Choy finished in the top three among the field of 50 fencers. French won the gold medal bout 15-11; Sorensen took second place, while Choy finished third. Daniel Trapani finished in fifth place, while Barrette and Mister Jackson finished in eighth and 10th place,

respectively. Jackson also earned his "D" rating in USFA. Also competing were Ben Rinaldi, who finished in 18th place, Jennifer Nolta, who finished in 34th place, and Kaitlyn Bogan finished in 49th place.

"In épée, Phil Choy was the surprise of the event," Salem said. "He is the No.

2 man on the foil team and he finished third in the épée open and second in the foil event. He went through tough obstacles to achieve these results and I am very happy for him."

Christina Jung, AFA's only competitor in women's foil, lost in the final four, 10-5, and finished in third place in the field of seven competitors.

Stockdale advanced to the final round as the No. 2 seed and won the mixed foil gold medal bout, 15-11. Returning after a knee injury last season, Barrette won the women's épée gold medal bout 14-13.

"Barrette is almost fencing at her level of competition before her injury," Salem said. "She had a serious knee injury last season and did not come back to practice until a few weeks ago. It was exciting to see her go through tough bouts, beating top fencers in the women's épée event."

Also in mixed foil, Choy took second place in the 29-competitor event. William Hock finished 10th and Jung placed 25th. In women's épée, Jennifer Nolta finished in fifth place, Nelson finished 11th and Bogan finished 13th among 18 competitors.

#### Women's soccer

The women's soccer team played at TCU Thursday and will play at New Mexico Saturday.

Air Force dropped its lone match last week, losing to Wyoming at home 3-1. Stephanie Patterson scored seven minutes into the match to give the Falcons an early lead but didn't score again as Wyoming rallied.

#### Golf

The Air Force golf team captured first place at the Service Academy Golf Classic, held at The Courses at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Monday and Tuesday, with junior Kyle Bailey winning medalist honors.

The Falcons' team score of 1093 (+13) beat Army (1116), Navy (1127) and the Merchant Marine Academy

(1408). Bailey, a native of Austin, Texas, shot a three-round total of 211, including a career-low 65 that was also the low round of the tournament.

#### Volleyball

The Air Force volleyball team dropped a 3-0 decision to New Mexico in Mountain West Conference action Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

After dropping the first set 25-7, the Falcons fought hard but ultimately lost the following sets 25-22 and 25-20.

The Falcons were 8-9 on the year heading into a scheduled match against Wyoming at Clune Arena Thursday.

Read more about Air Force sports at the Falcons Sports Web site www.goairforcefalcons.com or at www.usafa.af.mil.



#### 10th ABW Wingman Day is **Thursday**

The 10th Air Base Wing will hold a Wingman Day Thursday in the Arnold Hall Ballroom at 7:30 a.m.

Topics to be covered at the event will include leadership, mentoring and safety.

For more information, contact the 10th ABW at 333-1010.

#### Fire prevention for kids

The Academy Fire Department's fire prevention show goes on the road today, hitching up the USAFA Fire Prevention Trailer for the Falcon Youth Center at 1

The presentation starts off with a fire prevention video called the Smoke Alarm show, highlighting how smoke detectors work and what to do when you hear one sounding in your home.

Children will then visit the Fire

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

#### **CADET CHAPEL**

Call 719-333-2636 for more information.

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

#### <u>Jewish</u>

Friday - 7:00 p.m.

Friday Prayer - 12:15 p.m.

#### **Protestant**

Traditional Worship Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Liturgical Worship Sunday (Music Room) - 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Sunday - 11:00 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 - 9:15-9:45 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 Contact TSgt Longcrier at 719-333-6178 or Robert.Longcrier@usafa.edu

#### **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.

Clinic Relocations				
Department	New Location	<b>Expected Move Date</b>	Clinic Re-opening	
CC Physical Therapy	3rd Floor Bldg. 4102	In Progress	Tuesday	
CC Occupational Therapy	3rd Floor Bldg. 4102	In Progress	Wednesday	
Allergy and Immunizations	1st Floor Bldg. 4102	Mid November	Mid November	
Pediatrics	1st Floor Bldg. 4102	Mid November	Mid November	

Prevention Trailer, which simulates smoke-filled room conditions, to show what children should do to find a secondary means of escape and the importance of crawling low beneath the smoke

The window of the trailer acts as thesecondary means, and children can climb down a fire escape ladder to safety.

#### AFSA picnic

The local AFSA Chapter will have a picnic at the Milazzo Center Oct. 13 from 1 to 4:30 p.m., for current and prospective members.

Cost is free for AFSA members and \$3 for non-members. For more information or to attend, contact Master Sgt. Timothy Frison at 333-5463, Senior Airman Damien Jenkins at 333-5162 or Airman 1st Class Richelle Hutto at 333-5200.

#### **CFC Fundraiser**

The 10th Air Base Wing will hold a car wash and chili cook off to benefit the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign.

A donations-only car wash will be held today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Part-day Enrichment Center at 5150 Community Center Drive. Volunteers are needed; no experience is required.

The chili cook off is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Milazzo Center Ballroom. Vote for your favorite chili while listening to the talented 10th ABW karaoke singers.

Donations at either event can benefit a specific CFC organization or go toward all CFC organizations. Contact Diana Thrasher at 333-8264 or diana.thrasher@ usafa.af.mil for more information.

#### Trick or Treat

Academy resident and Air Force dad, Tom Piña, is developing a map of both Douglas and Pine Valleys to show kids where they can trick-or-treat on the Academy this year. The goal is to have 15 to 30 homes in each valley participate.

In order to make the map, Mr. Piña is looking for people who will hand out candy. Other activities are also encouraged: Mr. Piña is doing a haunted carport. Whatever it is, let him know, and he'll put that on the map, too.

Scheduled timing for trick or treating is as follows: 5 - 6 p.m. while still daylight for the younger kids and 6 - 8 p.m. for all others. Those interested in participating should e-mail usafahalloween2009@ comcast.net before Oct. 28. The final map and all updates can be found at: http://usafahalloween2009.blogspot.com

#### Men's varsity basketball tryouts

Tryouts for the men's varsity basketball team is each Wednesday at 6 p.m., through Nov. 18. All Academy DoD ID cardholders may compete and show who owns the paint, including family members 18 years and older. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Norman Henderson at 333-4260.

#### Post-9/11 GI Bill info

Informational briefings on the post-9/11 G.I. Bill will be offered Oct. 22 at 10 a.m., Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. and Nov. 18, at 10 a.m., at the Community Center's Civilian Personnel office, room 129, lower level.

Topics to be discussed include eligibility criteria, transfer option to dependents, a comparison to the Montgomery Era G.I. Bill, and more.

To register, call 333-3298 or 333-

#### Football night

The Milazzo Center Sports Bar features Monday Night Football on five television sets, 5-10 p.m., complemented by darts, pool, ping-pong, beverages, hotdogs, chili dogs, nachos and more. All are welcome.

#### Intramural bowling league

The league bowls every Monday at 5:30 p.m. Contact Mary, the league's secretary, at 648-6319 or at shattom@ hotmail.com, or call Academy Lanes at 333-4709 for more information.

#### Avalanche, Nuggets tickets available

The Outdoor Recreation Center is now a ticket outlet for Denver Nuggets and Colorado Avalanche games. All customers will be able to chose their row and seat and receive their tickets the day of purchase, and no advance ticket ordering necessary. Tickets for the Denver Avalanche games are available for purchase now, and prices range from \$24 - \$99 based on seating. Tickets for the Denver Nuggets will go on sale Monday and will range from \$22-\$73 based on seating. For more information, call 333-

#### **Falcon sports blitz**

Cris Shumaker and James Cornell update all weekend Falcon sports action, upcoming Air Force events, and other college sports notes every Monday at 6 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. on KAFA 97.7 FM. Call Dave West 333-9885 for more information.

#### **A&FRC offerings**

The Academy Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts the following classes in October. Call 333-3444 with any questions or for registration.

### Group pre-separation counseling

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

Separating or retiring from the Air Force in a year or less? This mandatory

briefing assists in identifying benefits and services associated with your transition and beyond.

#### Mock interviewing

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Preparing for your next career move? Feeling a little rusty or insecure about your interviewing skills? Sign up for the next best thing to the real thing! Mock interviewing with real HR reps!

### Orientation and information fair

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mandatory orientation for all newly assigned personnel. Spouses are welcome to attend. Event is held at the Milazzo Center.

#### Medical records review

Oct. 19, 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 in preparation of filing for VA Disability Compensation through the VA Form 21-526. Call for more information or an appointment.



#### Boo at the Zoo

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo offers kids Halloween festivities in a safe and unique environment with this year's Boo at the Zoo, Oct. 16-18 and 23-25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. each night. Candy will be available at more than 20 spooky treat stations, and select animal exhibits will be open, including the Rocky Mountain Wild exhibit, the Zoo's famous giraffes, hippos, Monkey Pavilion and Lion's Lair.

The popular haunted fun house and the ghostly graveyard both return this year to offer frightful fun for all members of the family. At the entry to Rocky Mountain Wild, the Lodge at Moose Lake will feature education interpreters providing an entertaining introduction to Spooky Zoo creatures for multiple shows each evening. Tickets are sold each night of the event at the Zoo only.

Admission is \$15 for kids ages 3-65 and free for those under 3 or over 65. Zoo member admission is only \$9. No passes or coupons will be accepted.

#### Coffin race

The Emma Crawford Festival will be held Oct. 24 from noon to 3 p.m. in downtown Manitou Springs.

Ms. Crawford, who died in 1891, is remembered in this annual festival. She was buried on Red Mountain near Manitou Springs, but stormy weather washed her remains down the side of the mountain.

The festival remembers her with a light-spirited race wherein participants race coffins and a stand-in for the late Crawford down the city's historic district. The race is followed by a parade.

Registration for the race begins at 10 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information about the festival, contact the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau at 685-5089 or go online at www.manitou springs.org.

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