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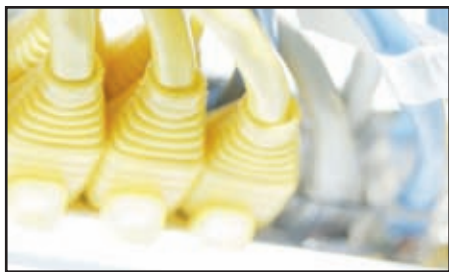
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Cadets 1st Class Travis King and Andrew Saleh, lead members of Cadet Squadron 24 and third group as a whole in "Taking the Hill" May 9. It's was last noon meal formation for the Class of 2008. Tradition dictates the departing class takes Spirit Hill on the final day of classes.

## '99 grad honored with Jabara Award

By Steve Simon

Graduate/Donor Liaison,  
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**Capt. Jonathan Graham**

Capt. Jonathan Graham, Academy Class of 1999, received the 2008 Col. James Jabara Award for Airmanship during a ceremony on the Mitchell Hall staff tower May 9.

He distinguished himself through sustained superior performance while serving as an MH-53 Pave Low crew commander, instructor pilot, and weapons officer assigned to the 20th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Captain Graham, a member of the Air Education and Training Command, is

currently a CV-22 instructor pilot assigned to the 71st Special Operations Squadron, 58th Special Operations Wing, at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

"I was honestly, completely surprised when I (won this award)," the Moore, Okla., native said. "I've gone back and read some of the citations of the people who have won this before and I don't know that I necessarily compare with them. In fact, there will be a bunch of guys here tonight who I flew MH-53s with and by virtue of the fact they didn't go to the Academy, they aren't up here getting this award. The things in my citation and

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## Former SECDEF garners T.D. White Award

By Capt. Uriah Orland  
Public Affairs

The 2007 Thomas D. White Award was presented to former Secretary of Defense, Dr. William Perry, by Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. John Regni, during a ceremony and parade here Saturday.

Doctor Perry distinguished himself

by exceptionally meritorious contributions to the defense and security of the United States during a long and distinguished career in the defense industry, in government and academic positions, and as a trusted advisor to the leaders of our nation.

"It's a great honor and a great thrill (to receive this award)," the Paolo Alto, Calif., native said after receiving the

award. "If you look at the list of other awardees over the years, you feel very humbled."

He served as the 19th secretary of defense from February 1994 to January 1997, deputy secretary of defense from 1993 to 1994, and under secretary of defense for research and engineering from 1977 to 1981.

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# Today's Air Force: 'Builders' ... not 'breakers'

By Capt. Nathan Broshear  
12th Air Force Public Affairs

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AFPN) — Ever since I was a kid, I remember fighter pilots using the phrase “break stuff and blow things up” as a way to explain their jobs. It was considered a short-handed description of the tasks modern air forces face: targeting the enemy's infrastructure while inflicting minimal damage to the civilian populace while preserving as many of one's aircraft and personnel as possible.

When members of the public envision our modern Air Force mission, thoughts of swarms of B-17 bombers flying over Berlin during World War II or shockwaves splitting apart sections of the Ho Chi Minh trail during the Vietnam War might be easily recalled. More recently, video of smart bombs flying down the chimneys of Baath party hideouts in *Operation Desert Storm*, grainy-green images of anti-aircraft fire searching out stealth fighters and mountains of concrete rubble dominate thoughts on airpower.

While it's tempting to discuss the macho aspects of the military mission,

in reality, our nation's Air Force is more a community of “builders” ... not “breakers.” Since Sept. 11, 2001, the Air Force mission has evolved to encompass every type of ground operation, civilian and military engagement, construction and education, support for emerging governments and humanitarian assistance.

While their co-workers soar overhead, Airmen in Iraq and Afghanistan are commanding convoys, training foreign police and military members, engineering infrastructure, training pilots and professors, assisting diplomats and voters, all while enabling the most proficient airlift capability in the world to bring manpower and supplies wherever, whenever.

In Latin America, more than 230 Airmen recently completed the FIDAE air and trade show, along with an accompanying exercise called NEWEN. Instead of flexing American muscle, these Airmen ambassadors spent their time educating the public on aerospace technology, visiting local charities, educating local first responders on the latest in trauma care and lending expertise to practice pararescue techniques. More than 900 Airmen are in

the region daily building for the future — their mission was once referred to as “nontraditional” — today, these operations are the norm for Air Force deployments.

During their career, Airmen today are more much more likely to “build” than “break.” They're working daily to build relationships with our partner nations, striving to build hope in regions long abandoned by their leaders and connecting our bases to build a robust network infrastructure able to thwart tomorrow's cyber criminals.

Air Force leaders are committed to this philosophy. The Air Force is supporting an increasing number of “nontraditional” operations with joint commands in Africa, Southern Command (Central, South America and the Caribbean), Cyber Command and supporting civilian authorities within the United States.

Clearly, the Air Force's core competencies must be able to engage the enemy across the spectrum of conflict, but Airmen have also come to understand how their unique military skills can be positively used to “build for tomorrow” rather than “break stuff” today.

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## Character Corner Quotes on character from notable figures

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Last semester we shared quotes from well-known philosophers, academicians, military members and historical figures. The Center for Character Development thought we'd close out the academic year by sharing additional noteworthy quotes from the Character Above All Web site and other sources. Enjoy and reflect.

“Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing. “I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if, at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on Earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and the friend

shall be down inside of me.”

— Abraham Lincoln

“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

“Character is the only secure foundation of the state.”

— Calvin Coolidge

“The qualities of a great man are vision, integrity, courage, understanding, the power of articulation and profundity of character.”

— Dwight D. Eisenhower

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet.

Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved.”

— Helen Keller

“Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.”

— George Washington

“With all the power that a president has, the most important thing to bear in mind is this: You must not give power to a man unless, above everything else, he has character. Character is the most important qualification the president of the United States can have.”

— Richard Nixon

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## What has been the greatest breakthrough in medicine?



“I have a friend who had a hip replaced some weeks ago and it only took an hour and a half. Allowing older and impaired people to improve their quality of life is important.”

Maj. Joe Morales  
U.S. Army retired



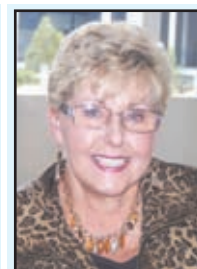
“Accessible treatment to those who need it but can't afford it. Advanced medicine is more available today than ever before from cold medicine to artificial hearts.”

Staff Sgt. Adam Smith  
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“I'd say laser surgery for eyes. I can see now and it is amazing! The doctors at the Academy did a wonderful job.”

Staff Sgt. Amanda Burns  
Quality Assurance



“It has to be cancer treatment. More and more people are surviving having had cancer.”

Christa Walter  
Air Force spouse



# Jabara

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what I did were day-in-the-life stuff for (special operations) helicopter pilots over there. That's just our reality."

Drawing upon experiences gained during multiple deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as the lessons learned from other MH-53 crews in Operation Enduring Freedom and OIF, Captain Graham developed new, detailed and realistic training scenarios and threat briefs for crews to use during training missions. The existing scenarios were outdated and did not reflect current situations and advancements. The threat briefs associated with those scenarios focused on threat systems and counter-tactics that crews were not likely to encounter in the current theater of operations.

In March 2006, Captain Graham deployed for the fifth time to OIF. Due to his high level of experience and superior instructional abilities, he was given four non-combat experienced crewmembers as part of his six-man crew. Under his mentorship and leadership, Captain Graham's crew quickly established itself as the commander's first choice to lead high-risk missions.

"One thing I learned at the Academy, especially as I moved up and became an aircraft commander and flight lead in Iraq, was the concept of being able to manage your time because you never have enough," the 1999 graduate said, reflecting on the training he received as a cadet. "As a freshman they give you more to do than you can possibly do by yourself in the time they give you to do it. So it's the realization that you have to figure out a way



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

**Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni congratulates Capt. Jonathan Graham and presents the Jabara Award recipient with a plaque.**

to work with people to get things done and figure out when to say okay that's too much, I need to give some of this to somebody else.

"The other big deal with being a freshman here is being able to operate under stress," he continued. "Everything they wanted you to do or to be able to remember or to recite, they would make you do it while you were trying to do something else. At the time that stuff is hard and it sucks, but it comes back later in the situation where someone is shooting at you and it is obviously a stressful situation. But the things you know you're supposed to do and say all just come out naturally, even in the middle of that stressful situation and that's something they do to us on purpose here. So you are

learning how to do it even before you are put in a situation like that."

During his deployment, Captain Graham flew 66 combat sorties totalling 96 combat hours. He led 23 joint and combined special operations forces air-assault missions, mostly inserting American, British and Iraqi troops into hostile areas and providing air cover. He was also handpicked to lead a mission to transport the combined forces special operations component commander on a daylight tour of SOF outposts in Ramadi and Baghdad, a short-notice mission that was carried out successfully and without incident.

On April 26, 2006, Captain Graham commanded a seven-ship assault in Baqubah, tasked with inserting 83 U.S.

and Iraqi SOF troops to two separate objectives. En route to the objective area, his helicopter was engaged by insurgents armed with an SA-16. Captain Graham immediately began defensive maneuvering and deployed flares, defeating the missile. He continued to lead the formation to the objective area and completed the mission.

"People read some of the stuff I did and they are like, 'Oh my god, that's crazy! I can't believe you guys do that.' But the guys who ride in the back of the helicopter, they do all that I do and then they have to jump off and kick down somebody's door and go face to face with these bad men. We all on the flying side of it have the utmost respect for those guys and know that really our sole purpose in life is to support them and to provide them with all the tools they need to go and do the real work, which is taking bad guys off the streets."

Before departing Iraq, Captain Graham developed a briefing for replacement MH-53 crews, focusing on aircraft changes, current threat data and trends, as well as the tactics that MH-53 crews had proven during the most recent deployment. The level of detail in the brief provided the new crews with the information they required to start flying combat missions within 24 hours of their arrival, as compared to the usual 72-hour period required to prepare new arrivals for combat duty.

During the award period, Captain Graham also graduated from Squadron Officer School and was a distinguished graduate of the USAF Weapons School Weapon System Instructor Course, where he won the Flying Award for exceptional instruction during 22 training sorties.

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# Academy tackles Sandhurst finishing in top three

By the Academy Spirit staff

The U.S. Air Force Academy's team finished the Sandhurst competition at West Point third overall May 3. Only the two British teams, representing the competition's namesake, finished stronger.

Forty-two teams went head-to-head in the legendary competition including Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Royal Military College of Canada, U.S. Navy, Texas A&M, Brigham Young University, Ohio State, North Dakota University, U.S. Military Academy and 32 U.S. Military Academy companies.

The Academy trounced the three-time defending Canadian champions by 113 points on a 1,000 point scale. They also emerged as the top American team with more than a 100-point advantage over all 39 remaining teams. The effort resulted in the highest finish for any American team in the event's history.

The Sandhurst Military Skills Competition has existed in various forms since 1967. The event is one day of performing various challenging military tasks during a rapid, non-tactical move along a partly-prescribed seven-mile route in less than four hours. Scoring is based on performance of tasks along the route.

The cadets spent more than 260 hours during the spring semester training on nine different events, including Zodiac boat movement, orienteering, marksmanship, radio operations, medical scenarios and force-on-force exercises.

"During the competition what motivated us was just to do the best we could in each event and go as hard as we could ... literally be excellent at all we had to do," said team member Cadet 1st Class

Josh Barlow from Cadet Squadron 29. "We performed remarkably on pretty much every event. Our hope was that if we did our best at everything as we trained to do, we would beat out some of the less-prepared teams."

The initial reaction to their performance during the competition was different than anticipated for one team member.

"Before the competition, I would have been extremely shocked," said CS-04's Cadet 4th Class Betta Levri. "But, at the time, it wasn't that much of a surprise. During the competition, it became apparent we had trained longer and harder than most other teams."

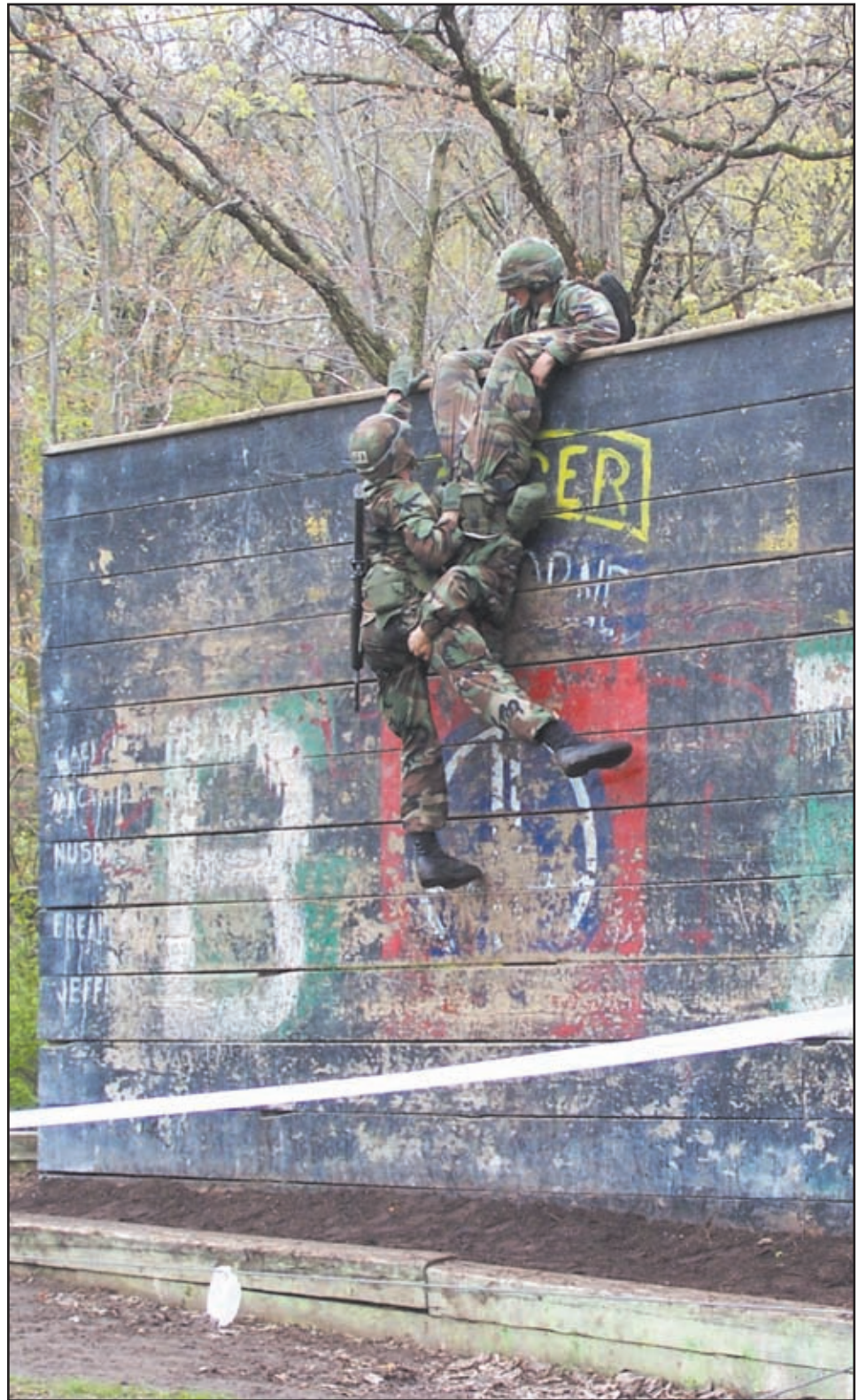
"They ran the course extremely fast, finishing in just over three hours," said Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins, Academy commandant. "I am extremely proud of each of these cadets."

Representing the Academy were: Cadets 1st Class Kevin Epstein, CS-17; Jack Glojek, CS-3; Spencer Reed, CS-34; and Josh Barlow, CS-29; Cadets 2nd Class Kedem Alon, CS-34; and Ben Otte, CS-20; Cadet 3rd Class Matt Roland, CS-35; and Cadets 4th Class Betta Levri, CS-04; and Chris Goetz, CS-03.

"When you consider how prestigious an event this was, I think it makes this kind of effort worth it," General Desjardins said. "The leadership and teamwork our cadets earned and exhibited in this demanding military skills competition, combined with their achievement, speaks volumes about our great Academy and our cadets."

**Teamwork, demonstrated with strength, endurance and perseverance, was key to Academy participants claiming a third-place finish.**

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# White

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Doctor Perry's career in the Department of Defense spanned eight years of profound changes. As under secretary of defense, he was responsible for weapon systems procurement and research and development. Most notably, he was instrumental in the development of stealth aircraft technology.

As the secretary of defense, his goals included working to end the nuclear threat to the United States while avoiding a return to the Cold War; advising the president how and when to use military force; and managing the post-Cold War era reduction of forces.

As he saw while serving as secretary of defense, Doctor Perry sees continued changes for the military in the years to come.

"(Cadets) have a great future ahead of them," he said. "We live in a dangerous world and there are going to be continual challenges for our military. We have today, in my opinion, the best military in the world. The challenge is to keep it the best military in the world. And when I see the graduates whom I've met here at the Air

Force Academy, I have no doubt that we are going to continue to do that.

"Many things contribute to being the best. Certainly our technology is a great help. But fundamentally it comes down to the people and the leaders. When I see the young leaders being trained here, as they go out to take over their positions of leadership, I've got a good feeling about the state of the U.S. military, particularly the U.S. Air Force."

The Thomas D. White National Defense Award was established March 1, 1962, in honor of General White who was chief of staff of the Air Force from 1957 to 1961. The award is presented annually to a U.S. citizen who has contributed significantly to the national defense and security of the United States. The permanent T.D. White plaque is displayed in Arnold Hall with the inscribed names of the winners.

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**Former Secretary of Defense Doctor William Perry secures his nameplate to the T.D. White permanent display in Arnold Hall while Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen John Regni looks on.**



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# U.S. flights continue to deliver supplies to Burma

by **Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A total of eight Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft have delivered supplies to Burma as part of the U.S. relief effort following Cyclone Nargis, a senior military official said Wednesday.

Five C-130s delivered water, blankets, rations, mosquito netting and plastic sheeting.

"We have to have permission every time we go in," the official said. "U.S. officials have a verbal OK to bring in five more planeloads of relief supplies today."

Military planners said they want the Burmese to accept six CH-53 helicopters to speed delivery of the supplies to those hardest hit by the cyclone deep in the Irrawaddy River delta. Burma has only a handful of helicopters, and military officials doubt the nation has the capability to deliver the supplies to those most in need.

The U.S. effort currently is limited to deliveries to the international airfield at Rangoon. The Hercules airlifters land, offload the supplies and then depart, the military official said. No Americans are on the ground to assist in assessing what the cyclone victims need and how best to get the supplies to them. U.S. military airfield specialists are standing by for the OK to

help the Burmese manage the supplies that are flowing in.

Cyclone Nargis hit an area with 2 million people. A Burmese government spokesman said more than 35,000 people are dead and more than 30,000 are missing. United Nations estimates said the number killed could be more than 100,000.

The U.S. military is looking at options for setting up a helicopter forward operating base outside Burma, the official said. The base ideally would put U.S. choppers within easy range to deliver supplies to the southern Irrawaddy River delta. Officials said many areas in the delta are still under water and that there are no roads to many affected towns and villages. The helicopters would allow supplies to reach those people.

In addition, the USS Essex Expeditionary Strike Group is off the coast of Burma. Clean water is the biggest need now, and the Essex group has 14,000 5-gallon water bladders ready to deliver. The ship also has pallets of other supplies the crew could deliver quickly. "The capacity on those ships is incredible," the official said.

The U.S. ships are only part of a flotilla rushing to provide aid the Burmese government is reluctant to accept. British, French and Australian ships are converging on the area, the official said.



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## Higher learning

The Academy was recognized with an induction to the 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter and his Commission on Community Service Monday at Red Rocks Amphitheater. Accepting the award are Mr. Bruce Cline, Colorado Director for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Cadet 1st Class Alex Bedard of Cadet Squadron 10, Cadet 2nd Class Beth Pershing of CS-19, and Col. John Norton, Director of the Center for Character Development.

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# Prepositioning weapons at Balad to save \$1.3 million



**By Staff Sgt. Ruth Curfman**  
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) — Balad Air Base has been chosen by Air Force leaders to be the test base for a weapons prepositioning initiative expected to save the Air Force approximately \$1.3 million per year in transportation costs.

This initiative involves the prepositioning of M-9s and M-16s that will allow certain Airmen to travel here without weapons from their home stations.

The participants will, instead, sign for their weapons once arriving on station.

“If you consider that most people pay about \$85 each way for excess baggage charges for their weapon, this is a huge savings to the military,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery Swartz, the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron superintendent of supply operations deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

The first phase of this test period has already begun.

“We currently have almost 1,000 Airmen testing this new program,” said Master Sgt. Darryl Sterling, the 332nd ELRS customer service and equipment section chief deployed from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. “We figure the first portion of this test phase should save the Air Force approximately \$85,000 in transportation costs.”

All weapons, involved in this initiative, are considered to be Balad AB or U.S. Air Force’s Central assets and will be assigned to designated Airmen once they inprocess the base. When the Airmen redeploy, they will be required to outprocess through the armory here and turn in their weapon.

“By ensuring accountability of all weapons at a more centralized location we save the Air Force additional money,” Sergeant Sterling said. “Prior to this new initiative, people leaving at a moment’s notice usually due to emergency leave, would often forget their weapon at the armory. This resulted in us spending additional time and money tracking them down and sending their weapon back to them.”

Additionally, this new program will also help reduce the number of hours spent trying to figure out the base to which a weapon belonged.

“Accountability is everything,” said Staff Sgt. Lane Woods, a 332nd ELRS customer service and equipment custodian deployed from Luke AFB. “Under this new plan, we will have the ability to look up a weapon’s serial number in our database and be able to reconcile our list in a timelier manner. By having this ability, we will save many work hours allowing us to focus more directly on our other missions.”

Individual Airmen play a crucial role in the success of the prepositioning program.

“All Airmen need to make sure to read their line remarks on their orders and check with their unit deployment managers to verify if they need to bring their weapon or if they are part of the test group,” said Staff Sgt. Eric Michel, a 332nd ELRS armory customer service craftsman, deployed from Luke AFB.

“A lot of thought went into this process and we know it will be successful,” Sergeant Swartz said. “This will be a great change for Airmen deploying in the future and we need everybody’s help to show the Air Force that this program will not only save the military money, but also it benefits the Airmen by saving them time and aggravation during travel, especially with all the new rules in airports these days.”

Photo by Senior Airman Julianne Showalter

Airman 1st Class Lianette Williams hands an M-16 rifle to Tech. Sgt. Eric Michel April 5 at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Airman Williams is a 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron base supply manager deployed from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. Sergeant Michel is the 332nd ELRS base supply manager deployed from Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

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# Air Force counter-biological warfare reaches milestone

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force counter-biological warfare concept of operations recently reached a critical milestone, achieving initial operational capability across the service.

“It results from six years of analysis and testing,” said Col. Steve Lucky, chief of the Air Force Strategic Plans & Policy Division at the Pentagon.

“Although these new procedures significantly improve our ability to operate in a biological warfare environment, there is still a significant amount of work to be done to fully prepare the Air Force to meet the threat,” Colonel Lucky said. “Air Force major commands are working together to ensure the CONOPS reaches full operational capability by April 2009 and is successfully institution-

alized across the service.”

Simply put, the CONOPS for counter-biological warfare outlines the Air Force approach to countering biological warfare and terrorism, as well as naturally occurring disease outbreaks. It prescribes the actions to be taken before, during and after a biological event to limit casualties and sustain mission capability at Air Force installations. Base commanders use operational risk management to evaluate possible courses of action, identify risks and benefits, and determine the best course of action for installation response.

Several additions have been made to various Air Force instructions regarding biological warfare. An example includes AFI 10-2604, Disease Containment

Planning Guidance. This document provides policy and guidance for disease containment planning, outlines roles and responsibilities and identifies planning considerations.

There are also several online courses devoted to the CONOPS, including the (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Awareness Course, the CBRN Key Leaders Course and the CBRN Survival Skills Course.

“Now the Air Force will actively implement and integrate this CONOPS to reach full operational capability and to support its long-term institutionalization,” said Colonel Lucky. “We are embedding these procedures across the service to effectively prepare Air Force installations for potential biological warfare attacks.”

## Hospital provides family fun ...

Tech. Sgt. Matt Hummel, 10th Medical Surgical Squadron, paints whiskers on daughter, Victoria, during a recent deployment fair at the Academy Hospital. His wife, Tech. Sgt. Sandra Hummel, a 10th Medical Operations Squadron respiratory therapist, is currently deployed. “Operation Deployed Family,” was held to allow families of deployed members to socialize and to provide fun activities for children.



Photos by Dennis Rogers



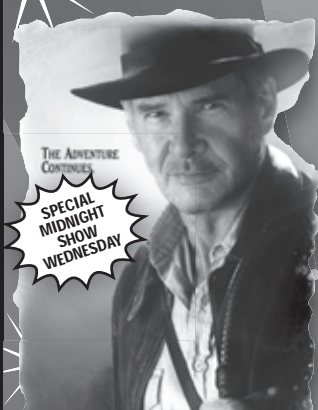
Jaidyn Oulette, 3, daughter of Staff Sgts. Jennifer and Jeremy Oulette of the 10th Medical Group, has her face painted by Airman 1st Class Maria Macalinga, 10th Medical Operations Squadron medical technician.

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## Academy firefighters encourage respect for electricity

### Courtesy Fire and Emergency Services flight

The Academy Fire and Emergency Services flight is encouraging all to get grounded in the basics of electrical safety.

According to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association, electrical distribution and lighting equipment were involved in an estimated 20,900 reported home structure fires in 2005. These fires resulted in 500 civilian deaths and 1,100 civilian injuries, with \$862 million in direct property damage.

"The best way to keep the home safe from electrical hazards is to take good care of appliances and to use all electrical equipment properly," said Academy Fire Inspector Brian Pille. "Respect for electricity must occur every day."

By reviewing the electrical safety tips below and taking appropriate action, Academy residents can help reduce potential electrical fires.

- If a circuit breaker trips often, find out why and have it fixed.
- Only plug one heat-producing appliance (coffee maker, toaster, space

heater, etc.) into a single outlet at any one time.

- Buy only appliances with a recognized testing laboratory label.
- Replace cracked or damaged electrical cords immediately.
- Avoid pinching cords against walls or furniture or running them under carpets or across doorways as each can cause a fire!
- Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.
- Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a licensed electrician.
- Arc fault circuit interrupters are a new kind of circuit breaker that shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Homeowners should consider having them installed.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters to reduce the risk of shock. They shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard.
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# Flemming Award to Academy professor

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

Will award of an Arthur S. Flemming Award, one of only 10 awarded nationally, go to the head of an Academy computer science professor?

Chances are it won't, but Professor Steven Hadfield has come a long way from being the son of a Scott Paper Company executive who moved a lot.

"Most people think I come from a military family when I list all the places I have lived," said Professor Hadfield this week.

The Arthur S. Flemming Award was established in 1948 to honor outstanding federal employees. Recognized by the president of the United States, agency heads, and the private sector, the winners are selected from all areas of the federal service. More than 500 individuals have received the award to date. Nominees may include any career federal employee as of Dec. 31, 2007, who has at least three but no more than 15 years of government service.

The Academy generated nominations that will bring him the award in Washington, D.C. June 2 show evidence of a man driven.

"I've loved computers and programming ever since my sister brought home a computer from high school when I was in 2nd grade," said the professor, who is also the advisor-in-charge who supervises all academic advising for the department of computer science.

His parents bought him a computer when he was in 4th grade, and since they didn't let him buy software, he had to write his own.

"I started helping other students with school work in junior high, and when I was in college, they actually paid me money to sit in a lab and help students with their math," he said. "I thought it was the coolest job ever."

His future may have been cast.

He got a PhD so that he could continue to teach and help students both inside and outside the classroom.



Courtesy photo

Academy computer science department professor Steven Hadfield assists a cadet. He will receive one of 10 2007 Arthur S. Flemming awards in Washington, D.C. June 2.

"I am passionate both about helping students learn, and also about helping cadets deal with life issues like making career choices, handling the loss of a relative or breakup with a girlfriend," Professor Hadfield said.

He got a call Wednesday telling him he would be receiving the award. When he heard about past recipients of the award, listing names like Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Paul Volcker, Jr., Neil Armstrong, Elizabeth Dole, Robert Gates, he couldn't help but think he didn't really seem to fit in the list very well.

"It still feels kind of surreal," said the professor. "I am grateful that my department thought enough of me to take the time and effort to put a nomination

package together."

Professor Hadfield has been on the staffs for basic cadet training, global engagement, recognition and numerous other cadet wing programs.

"The main reason I ended up at the Air Force Academy is that I wanted to be at a university where you were valued for your teaching and not just your ability to bring in grant money," he said. "Even though the closest I ever got to the military before coming here was having a roommate in Reserve Officer Training Corps, I've been able to help out with a lot of military programs, which I think has helped me to understand the cadets better."

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# IRS clarifies economic stimulus payment schedule

## Taxpayers urged to visit website

WASHINGTON — As millions of Americans begin receiving their economic stimulus payments, the Internal Revenue Service released a list of the most-frequently-asked questions and the related answers.

“Many people have questions about the stimulus payments, and the IRS has the answers available on the IRS.gov website,” IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. “The stimulus payments are automatic for eligible taxpayers who filed 2007 tax returns, and taxpayers do not need to take any additional action to receive the payments.”

Stimulus payments started going

out the beginning of the month, and the initial round of payments will continue on a weekly basis through mid-July. In all, nearly 130 million payments will go out this year. The first week in May, nearly eight million payments were direct deposited, and the first mass production of paper checks began May 1.

Since last week, millions of Americans have visited [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and called the IRS toll-free lines. The IRS reminded taxpayers the fastest way to get answers is to visit the Web site, which has payment schedules and other information.

Since the payments began, the IRS has been fielding a variety of questions centered on the payment schedule, factors affecting direct deposit of payments, eligibility requirements and

questions about the payment amounts. The IRS recently released an updated set of frequently asked questions covering everything from when someone can expect the payment to whether it will be delivered electronically or on paper. A list can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/newroom/article/0,,id=182735,00.html>.

The most common question has been when people can expect their payments. Economic stimulus payments will be issued according to the last two-digits of the taxpayer's Social Security number. For joint filers the payments will go out based on the last two digits of the Social Security number of the person listed first on the return. Payments will be made by either direct deposit or paper check, based generally on the option people chose when they filed their 2007

tax returns.

For direct deposit, the payments for people with a Social Security number ending in 76 through 99 should receive their payments today.

Paper checks will also go out based on Social Security number. For those ending in 00 through 09, checks will be mailed through today. A similar process will be repeated in the following weeks, with a Social Security number ending in 10 through 18 received May 23; 19 through 25: May 30; 26 through 38: June 6; 39 through 51: June 13; 52 through 63, June 20; 64 through 75: June 27; and 76 through 87: July 4.

The final payments should be received around July 11 for people with Social Security numbers ending in 88 through 99.



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## Three's Company

Cadets 1st Class Richard Medina, Yoshio Adachi and Daryn Nelson celebrate the end of the academic year with a quick jump into the Air Gardens fountains Wednesday. The temps were cool and the water even more so. However, at this point, they were fully committed.

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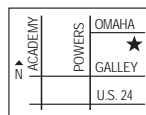
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Academy members and spectators alike were treated to another appearance by a CV-22 Osprey May 9, the last official day of classes for the school year. (Inset) Members of Cadet Squadron 1 congregate by the CV-22 as members of the cadet wing get a closer look at the aircraft. The CV-22 is an Air Force-modified version of the U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey. The first operational CV-22 was delivered to Air Force Special Operations Command's 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, Fla., in January 2007. Initial operating capability is scheduled for 2009 with a total of 50 CV-22 aircraft delivered by 2017.

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# Academy Preparatory School graduating Class of 2008

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Arredondo, Alexander	Gulla, Robert	Rideout, Lee
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Baccash, David	Harris, Brian	Rivera, Bryan
Beaulieu, Michael	Henderson, Fallynne	Robinson, Anthony
Becerra, Emilio	Hensley, Matthew	Rodriguez, Rodolfo
Beilby, James	Hu, Ye	Rodriguez, Victor
Black, Jason*	Huggins, Jonathan	Roulette, Ryan
Bolden, Andrew	Iacobbo, Victor	Rucker, Brittany
Bopp, Jonathan	Irvan, Kelcie	Salley, Christina
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Branjord, Nicholas	Jablonsky, Kevin	Satterfield, Jamela
Brazil, Robert	Jefferson, Timothy	Schirner, Jonathan
Breffitt, Elizabeth	Johnson, Eric	Schlabach, Raymond
Broadbent, Jonathan	Johnson, Frederick	Sekona, Sela
Brooks, Rodney	Johnson, Shawn	Shaw, Marcus
Brooks, Scott*	Jones, Alexander	Sheffield, Jessica
Brown, Ariane	Jones, Allanna	Shrift, David
Brown, Claire	Jones, Steve	Singletary, Janai
Brown, Michael	Jung, Christina	Smith, Michael
Camacho, Edward	Jurado, Nicholas	Smith, Ryan
Candell, Brittany	Kassing, Peter	Soto, Yunion
Cardenas, Andrew	Keith, Matthew	Spranger, Craig
Carter, Thomas	Kiyota, Catherine	Starr, Daniel
Cephas, John	Kiyota, Michelle	Stucky, Dillon
Choy, Phillip	Konemann, Andrew	Sullivan, Patrick
Chroniger, David	Koschnitzky, John	Swaney, Allison
Claggett, Ellis	Lambe, Steven	Terry, Kristen
Cleaves, Cameron	Laning, Allison	Thomas, Andrew
Clinton, Aarol	Larson, Jami	Thomas, Rachel
Collins, Courtney	Leviege, Darius	Thompson, Michael
Cross, Katherine	Lopez, Hector	Torres, Nicole
Dabney, Paul	Love, Michael	Trevino, Austin
Dallas, Abel	Main, Cody	Trudelle, Ryan
Daniels, Jillann	Margeson, Owen	Untrauer, Tyler
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Danno, Troy	Mateus, Bryant	Vasta, Mary
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Day, Kurtis	Melcher, John	Walcher, David
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D'Olimpio, Justin	Millares Chavez, Miguel	Watts, Nicholas
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# Preppies advance toward cadet status

## *Taking the hill to become a way of life*

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Preparatory School graduated its second-largest class in the school's history Tuesday in Arnold Hall. More than 196 students received diplomas from the school, which was founded in 1961. "We have a class of integrity, service and excellence," said Colonel Jones, Prep School commander, told the graduates. "This is a beginning, not an end. Your potential is just beginning." The graduation exercises were the traditional parade Monday on Col. Lee Black Field. The graduates and faculty were recognized for excellence during graduation ceremonies over the past school year, which ended on July 11, 2007. The top cadet candidate overall was Cadet Michael Smith. Cadet Candidate Alicia Smith received top honors in academics, and Cadet Christopher Reith finished number one in character. Cadet Candidate Anthony Wright was hailed as first in character, and Cadet Candidate Stephanie Michael finished first in character. Sgt. Doug Gantz, instructor in military training, received the Col. Lee Black Award as the best Prep School faculty member for the year. Lt. Gen. Richard Bethurem is a member of the Prep School class, the Class of 1962. He has been a member of the Class of 2008 during the year and addressed the graduates during graduation exercises. "It's more than a pleasure to be here. It's an honor," he

General Bethurem, who graduated from the Academy with current Academy athletic director Dr. Hans Mueh, Academy Class of 1966, generously praised the families and friends and their importance in the development of the cadet candidates.

He also recalled his own experiences as a cadet candidate.

"The Prep School is the greatest opportunity ever given to Dick Bethurem," he said.

His year at the school and those as a cadet were followed by 33 years of Air Force active duty.

General Bethurem was honored in 2004 as an inductee into the first Preparatory School Heritage Hall of Fame. During his career he served as commandant of cadets and logged more than 4,300 flying hours. His last assignment was as the commander, Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy, and commander, 16th Air Force, United States Air Forces in Europe, Aviano Air Base, Italy.

General Bethurem told the graduates 'the who' they are today comes from parents, schools, hometowns and other early influences.

"The 'what to become' is to be determined," he cautioned the class.

"Have a spirit to hold you true," he urged and emphasized the warrior spirit must come from respect, knowledge and strength.

"Society holds you and me to a higher standard," General Bethurem pointed out.

He stressed the class should continue to stand tall and take the opportunities presented to them.

"Keep focusing on where you want to go," he said.

Following his address, the new graduates received their long-awaited diplomas from Colonel Jones, the class coin from General Bethurem and appointments to the

Academy from Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni.

New graduate Brittany Rucker, from St. Louis, Mo., feels the Prep School has given her a solid head start as a cadet.

"I'm well prepared and have been versed in every aspect," she said. "The Academy is going to be much harder than Prep School."

Cadet Candidate Rucker is leaning toward an eventual major in aeronautical engineering. She was among the top three graduates nominated for the outstanding cadet candidate in character.

Her sponsor, Julia Woodhouse, was on hand for her protégé, whom she wants to continue to sponsor.

"We're family all the way now," she said.

Hailing from Montana, Cadet Candidate Corey Eddy also feels the extra year was worthwhile.

"I definitely feel prepared," he said. "I'm ready to go."

Cadet Candidate Eddy wants to major in electrical engineering.

"I want a good solid career, and that's why I came here," he said.

Cadet Candidate Michael Beaulieu, from Michigan, is undecided on a major as a cadet.

He said his biggest challenge at the Prep School was physics.

"That was tough," he said.

"It's been a good experience," he said his year at the Prep School. "I'm better prepared emotionally and have been given a broader perspective."

Cadet Candidate Beaulieu is sharpening his sense of humor before the march to the hill.

His reason for wanting to come to the Academy?

"I like parades," he joked. "Room inspections are fun, too."



# Cadet Candidates receive academy appointments

One's family delivers shock through unexpected guest

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

During an unexpected convocation May 9, graduating Cadet Candidate Allison Swaney and her classmates at the Preparatory School had no idea a surprise was coming.

Cadet Candidate Swaney was to be doubly surprised. Called to the stage and with her back to it and after reciting the Airmen's Creed, she had no idea her father, Army Sgt. 1st Class Dave Swaney, was just inches away. He had been hiding behind a screen waiting to surprise her.

Turning around, Cadet Candidate Swaney got her first surprise as her father stepped from behind the screen.

"She broke down in tears," he said. "It was a real buzz."

The second surprise came when it was announced all the cadet candidates in the room had received appointments to the Academy.

Sergeant Swaney is serving in Balad, Iraq, as an equal opportunity advisor with the Indiana National Guard 76th Infantry Brigade based at Camp Atterbury, Ind. After his commander in Balad got wind of the Prep School events, Sergeant Swaney received two weeks' leave to attend.

The surprise presentation also required stealth. "It was a string of lies for two weeks," Sergeant Swaney said and laughed.

Mom, Julie Swaney, said the father and daughter are very close, which made the moment



Sgt. 1st Class Dave Swaney embraces his daughter Allison during a surprise visit in her honor.

Photo by David Ahlschwede

especially memorable.

"It was a heartfelt reunion and happiness," she said. "They have an incredible love for each other."

Nearly the entire Swaney family is or has been active in the military.

Son, Jon, has recently ended active duty service with the Army, and Sarah, the oldest of the three children, serves in the Indiana Air National Guard.

The new Prep School grad is the oldest.

"I wanted to follow in his footsteps," she said proudly of her interest in coming to the Academy.

Sergeant Swaney spent seven years on active duty with the Air Force before serving with the Army.

Now-appointee Swaney was also attracted to the rigors of the military.

"I'm a very structured person," she said and added structure has always been a part of what she does, including workouts and studying.

"There is also a diversity of cadets, and not everyone is coming from where I'm from," said the Hoosier.

She is interested in pursuing biology and chemistry and feels the Preparatory School has given her a strong start on an Air Force career.

"I've been through it now and know what to expect," she said. "I'll be working out and making sure I'm in shape."

Appointee Swaney is definitely looking forward to her first day as a basic cadet.

"It'll be exciting and challenging at the same time," she said.

The surprise reunion hit some rough air before it all came together.

A door of the C-130 aircraft Sergeant Swaney was to travel on out of Iraq stubbornly refused to close, but with some coaxing, it did eventually shut.

Wednesday, the Swaney parents missed their flight to Colorado Springs but fortunately found booking later in the day.

It was obviously worth the frustration.

"I've never seen anyone so surprised in my life," Sergeant Swaney said. The Swaney family resides in Seymour, Ind., about 60 miles south of Indianapolis.



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# Bluebards serving up *Kiss me, Kate*

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

Brush up your Shakespeare and head to Arnold Hall next week for *Kiss me, Kate*.

The musical comedy plays Thursday, May 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. and is presented by the cast and crew of the Academy's Bluebards theater company.

"It's a hilarious show with a lot of slapstick and one of the classic musicals of the 20th century," said show director, Cadet 1st Class Shay Brantigan.

The show is actually a play within a play, combining Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* with Cole Porter's music and lyrics.

Each of the four main cast members' on-stage performance is complicated by what is happening off-stage.

It is a story of two once-married, now-divorced musical theater actors, Fred Graham and Lilli Vanessi,



Photos by Dave Armer

**Cadets 1st Class Deborah Gaddis, as Kate, and Jason Snedeker, as Fred, practice verbal sparring during the show's rehearsal.**

**(Below) Production director Cadet 1st Class Shay Brantigan keeps troupe members on the go.**

who are performing opposite each other in the roles of Petruchio and Katherine in a musical version of Shakespeare's play.

Their personal wars threaten the success of the production. Keeping the show together only comes after threats from a pair of gangsters bent on collecting a gambling debt from the show's Lucentio/Bill Calhoun.

In the show's mix are musical numbers, including *Why Can't You Behave*, *Wunderbar*, *I Hate Men*, *Too Darn Hot* and *So in Love am I*.

The complications lead to hilarious entanglements that end well.

It is the give and take of the characters which Cadet Brantigan said is at the heart of the show.

"It is how humanity interacts which the audience can see and take away from the show," he said.

Cadet 1st Class Deborah Gaddis, from Portland, Oreg., plays Kate.

"It's a gift," she said of the role, her last with the Bluebards before graduation.

Cadet Gaddis is enjoying the opportunity to play the temperamental and shrewish Kate.

"It gives an outlet for my creative side," the political science major said.

She also previously appeared in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and *As You Like It*, and, like many of the cast members, began appearing on stage in high school and continued acting on the Academy.

Cadet 1st Class Cait Sutties plays Paula. The trained dancer also began her stage appearances in the high school choir, which lead to theater.

Hailing from Des Moines, Iowa, Cadet Sutties said the role attracted her for one big reason.

"I get to sing *Too Darn Hot*," she said and laughed.

Cadet 1st Class Jason Snedeker plays Fred Graham. He started acting out shows with his cousins in the second grade.

The humanities major from Long Island, N.Y., who gave up Academy fencing, is looking forward to presenting the role.

"I like what Fred has to say," he said and added the egomaniac Fred is fun-loving but still a "strong-willed guy."

His favorite song in the show is *So In Love*, which

he sings with Cadet Gaddis.

"It is when we have the most stage chemistry," he said.

Cadet 3rd Class Ryan Hess plays Ralph, the stage manager.

"He holds the whole thing together," he said of his character. The Denver native looks forward to making the most of Ralph's neuroses and craziness.

The Bluebards for the entire company is a welcome relief.

"It's just a lot of fun," Cadet Hess said. "It's good to go do something else besides the military and studying."

Cadet Snedeker added the company also includes "an amazing amount of talent."

Cadet Brantigan has appeared in six shows and directed two since he came to the Academy.

*Kiss me, Kate* is his biggest production as a director.

"It's a huge challenge, especially with a 30-member cast," he said and noted the technical staff numbers more than 50.

"The hardest part is the number of people."

Besides the troupe of players, the company includes set designers and builders, sound and lighting technicians, costume designers and coordinators and a seven-member orchestra.

All but a handful are cadets.

Further complicating the production is the set's size, one of the largest yet for the Bluebards. The dressing room set alone weighs nearly 800 pounds, and a 15-foot tower is needed to showcase Kate's shrewishness.

Producing any show requires long hours, large doses of energy and stage precision.

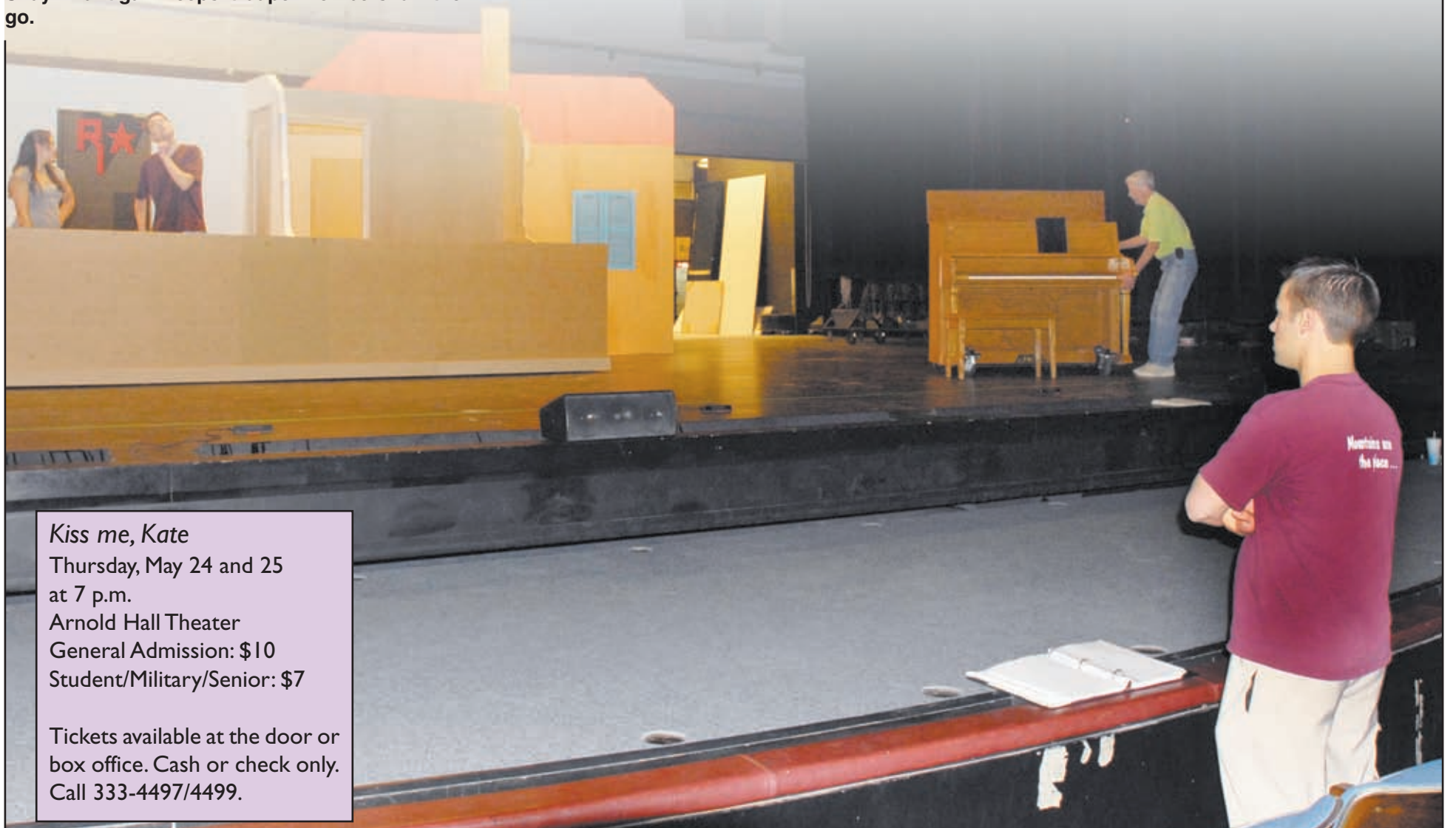
But the Bluebards seem to relish it.

"I wouldn't have it any other way," added Cadet Gaddis.

"There is something cathartic about standing in front of an audience," Cadet Sutties reflected on her stage appearances.

As opening night looms, Cadet Brantigan said rehearsals are going as well as for any other theater production.

"Things always come together at the last minute," he said.



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# New wings to secure A-10 longevity

By Tech. Sgt. Russell Wicke  
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — New wings are the answer to Air Force concerns on the aging A-10 Thunderbolt II, an airframe flying since 1975.

Air Force officials awarded a contract to Boeing last year requiring 242 new A-10 wings constructed and delivered to depots for installment on the thin-skinned airframes by 2011.

Not all 356 of the Air Force's A-10s require new wings because more than 100 airframes were constructed in the 1980s with "thick skin," giving them a stronger structure, said Master Sgt. Steven Grimes, A-10 maintenance liaison for Air Combat Command.

Those aircraft are rated for 16,000 flying hours, which is estimated to keep them airworthy sometime into 2030, according to Sergeant Grimes. The original thin-skinned A-10s were designed for 8,000 hours and were extended beyond that in the 1990s with depot repairs.

Based on the rate flying hours accumulate, the extension is expected to expire in 2011, which is when the new wings are scheduled to be installed. The new wings will extend the thin-skinned A-10 fleet to 16,000 hours, keeping them

flying until about 2030.

Replacing the wings saves the Air Force "a great deal of money over a long period of time," said Lt. Col. Ralph Hansen, ACC A-10 program element monitor and pilot. The value of the Boeing contract is more than \$1 billion between 2007 and 2018. Colonel Hansen said that equates to about \$4 million per aircraft, a price far below what it would cost to recapitalize the A-10.

Maintaining the old wings would require repeated removal, inspection and installation of beef-up straps at A-10 depots, said Tony Mizar, an A-10 depot mechanic and maintenance scheduler.

According to Sergeant Grimes, continually repairing old wings, as opposed to replacing them, would cost approximately \$1.3 billion more than the Boeing contract.

The A-10 was designed and produced by Fairchild Republic, which discontinued aircraft production in 1984. This created complications in reproduction of the wings because there are limited extant engineer drawings, said Sergeant Grimes.

For this reason Boeing engineers have developed a three-phase process for the contract, said Jennifer Hogan, Boeing spokeswoman. The first phase is in progress now. It involves modeling the wing and scanning it to duplicate



Photo by Senior Airman Jesse Shipps

**An A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 354th Fighter Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., flies a training mission over the Barry Goldwater Range in Arizona.**

the 3-D model of existing wings. Colonel Hansen said the new wing will be no different from the current wings and will be transparent to pilots and maintainers. The one exception is "incorporation of reliability, maintainability and (production) improvements learned over the years," said Ms. Hogan.

The second phase is manufacture and assembly, and the third phase, set for 2011, is full-rate production and installation on the aircraft.

Wing installations will occur during regularly scheduled depot inductions which will preserve the mission capable rates, said 1st Lt. Nancy Dias, A-10 wing replacement program manager. The wings will fly 10,000 hours, or approximately 25 years, without inspection.

The A-10 is a valuable asset to the Air Force and Army because of its unique capabilities, said Colonel Hansen. It can

deliver precision guided weapons at high altitudes, as well as surgical close air support at low altitudes. It's also the only fighter wielding the renowned 30mm cannon, capable of firing about 65 rounds a second. Colonel Hansen said the 30mm Gatling gun is the commanders' weapon of choice because it can be used much closer to friendly forces than bombs, and it is four times more powerful than the 20mm cannon (on other fighters).

A-10s also are undergoing modernization. The old airframe is midway through a major upgrade to a more capable A-10C by loading it with newer capabilities. It boasts the latest technology of smart weapons: GPS guided bombs, and all weather capability.

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# Air Force Falls to Utah, 12-4

Carter goes 2-for-5 with a pair of doubles.

By Nick Arseniak  
Athletic communications

Three home runs and a big seventh inning powered Utah past Air Force, 12-4, in Mountain West Conference baseball action Sunday at Falcon Field. The loss drops the Falcons to 16-32, 2-19, and improved the Utes to 21-24, 9-12.

Utah broke open a close 6-3 ballgame with a six-run seventh. Jesse Shriner hit a pair of homers and Cooper Blanc also homered for the Utes, which had 16 hits on the day.

Stephen Streich (1-1) picked up the win in relief for Utah, allowing one run in four innings pitched. Ute starter John James went three innings, allowing three runs while striking out four.



Photo by Arnie Spencer

**Shortstop KJ Randhawaprepares to apply the tag at second base against the University of Utah Saturday. The Falcons lost the game 17-3.**

Falcon starter Matt Barattino (1-3) took the loss, allowing six runs in three innings. Josh Meents, Brad Pingel, Jeff Abt and Michael Ruvolo also pitched in relief for the Falcons.

The Falcons had eight hits in the game, led by freshman Nathan Carter. Carter went 2-for-5 with a pair of double and two RBIs. Addison Gentry also had two hits for the Falcons and Chay Derbigny stole his

conference-leading 30th base.

Utah put up a run in the first and two in the third to take a 3-0 lead. The Falcons answered back with two runs in the bottom of the third to make it a 3-2 game. Utah put up three and Air Force one in the fourth to make it a 6-3 game.

After Utah's big seventh, the Falcons put up a run in the bottom of the inning to make it a 12-4 game.

# Marathon officials spread word about upcoming event

By Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Officials from the U.S. Air Force Marathon office made a stop at the Pentagon May 6 and 7 to increase awareness for the Sept. 20 event held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

This is the twelfth year for the annual marathon, and officials hope to make it the biggest year yet.

“Our goal is to have 10,000 runners signed up for the events this year,” said Molly Loudon, marathon director. More than 6,700 runners participated last year.

Marathon events will include the 26.2 mile marathon, a 13.1 mile half-marathon, a 10K individual and four-person team race and a family-friendly 5K race the evening before on the grounds of neighboring event partner Wright State University. There also will be a two-day sport and fitness expo as well as a gourmet pasta dinner.

Bart Yasso, Runner's World chief running officer, will conduct running clinics at the expo, speak at the dinner and talk with runners. He also will present awards on race day.

The marathon will begin and end at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, and includes a few new elements from previous years.

“The course is walker-friendly, and people will have up to seven hours to complete it,” Mrs. Loudon said. “The course was also redesigned this year. There used to be a challenging hill at mile 23, and we've changed the

course to get rid of that hill.

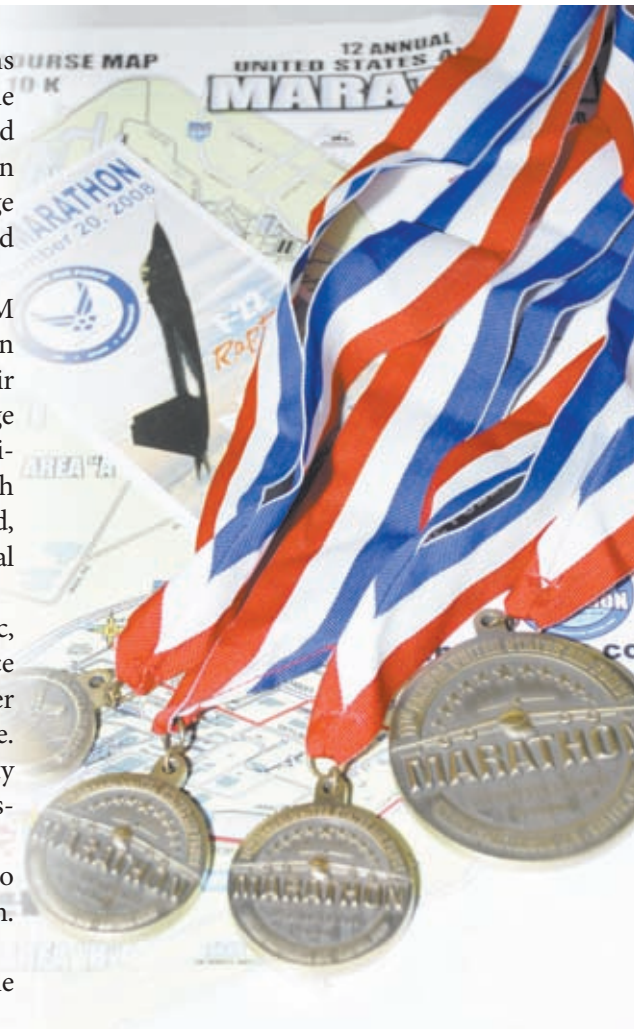
“We've also added some new spectator locations including the city of Fairborn, which is right outside the gates of Wright-Patterson,” she said. “The city is on board and they're planning a community breakfast and other fun things for spectators to do. We've also added mileage around the flightline so runners can see the planes parked on the runway.”

The marathon also will feature the “MAJCOM Challenge” to encourage competition among Airmen assigned to the Air Force's major commands and the Air National Guard. The winner of the MAJCOM Challenge is based on a point system that accounts for the participants' ages and the percentage of participation from each major command. Air Education and Training Command, headquartered at Randolph AFB, Texas, won the inaugural competition in 2007.

The Air Force Marathon is open to the general public, all military members, family members, and civil service employees. Those who wish to participate or volunteer can register on the U.S. Air Force Marathon Web site. Permissive temporary duty is authorized for active-duty Airmen who participate in the marathon, with permission from their chain of command.

Senior Air Force leaders will present medals to everyone who completes the marathon, said Mrs. Loudon. This year's medal will depict the F-22 Raptor.

The Air Force Marathon is a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.



## Academy wins volleyball tourney

The Air Force Academy volleyball team went undefeated to win the 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Volleyball tournament Saturday at Schriever Air Force Base.

During preliminary round-robin play, the Academy, Peterson AFB, Buckley AFB and Schriever AFB played one another in two game matches to 25 points, for a total of six games played. The Academy went

through round-robin play undefeated (6-0) to earn the top seed and automatically advanced to the championship match. Peterson (4-2) finished second, Buckley (2-4) third and Schriever (0-6) fourth. The top three teams advanced to the championship round.

Peterson defeated Buckley (2-0, 25-22, 25-21) in the semi-final match of the single-elimination tournament to advance to the championship match against the Academy. The Academy continued their domination of the tournament and defeated Peterson (2-

0, 25-23, 25-21) to win the tournament.

## Pounds and Korte Shine in WCAP Competitions

Dana Pounds and Olivia Korte, two former Academy track and field standouts, competed in separate events this weekend as a part of the Air Force World Class Athlete Program. Pounds competed in the javelin at the Oregon Invitational, while Korte participated at the Hartnell Throwers Meet in Salinas, Calif.

Pounds won the nine-competitor javelin throw with a toss of 194'7” to defeat Kim Kreiner (191'4”) for the third time since entering the WCAP. As usual, the duo separated themselves from the field by nearly 30 feet. Featured within a series that bettered 180-feet, Pounds' toss was the third-longest of her career.

Korte won the second session of the discus-only meet in Salinas. Her career-best toss of 181'0” was nearly 12 feet farther than the rest of the field in her section.







## Academy school closures

Because of increased security measures and road closures due to the Thunderbirds performance at the Academy graduation May 28, Academy District 20 schools located on base will be closed that day. May 27 will be the last day of school for Air Academy High, Pine Valley Elementary and Douglass Valley Elementary. All other Academy District 20 schools will be in session for a full day May 28. Air Academy High School has revised its finals schedule to accommodate the change for students. Students who are bused off the base to attend Eagleview Middle School May 28 could experience slight delays in getting back on base after school is out. May 28 is a regular school day for all Academy District 20 schools not located on the Academy.



### CADET CHAPEL

#### Catholic Masses:

##### Sunday

Reconciliation 9:15-9:45 a.m.

(or by appointment)

Mass - 10 a.m.

##### Weekday

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. - 6:45 a.m.

##### Wednesday

Catholic Adoration - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Mass - 6 p.m.

#### Protestant Services:

##### Sunday

Traditional - 9:00 a.m.

Hill Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

#### Jewish Services

Fridays - 7 p.m.

#### Buddhist Worship

Wednesday. - 6:30 p.m.

All Faiths Room

#### Muslim Prayer

Fridays - Noon - Muslim Prayer Room, Chapel Basement

### COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

#### Catholic Masses:

##### Saturday

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.

Mass - 4 p.m.

##### Sunday

Mass - 9:30 a.m.

Religious Formation - 10:45 a.m.

(September - May)

##### Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

#### Protestant Services:

##### Saturday

Contemporary - 6 p.m.

##### Sunday

Traditional - 8 a.m.

Gospel - 11:15 a.m.

Religious formation - 9:30 a.m.

(September - May)

#### Military Academy Pagan Society

Third Thursday - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

(For more info, call Tech Sgt. Robert Longcrier at 333-6187.)

For more information, call 333-3300.

## Legal office closure

The Academy legal office will close May 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an official function. The legal assistance session for that day is cancelled. The next session will be June 3 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. If you have an emergency while the office is closed, please (719) 330-5960.

## AFRF offers options

The Airman & Family Readiness Flight presents:

**-Heart Link;** Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: This program is for Air Force spouses, especially those new to military life. The goal is to impart information about Air Force life, providing a greater awareness of the Air Force and Academy missions, customs, traditions, protocol and the resources available from our key base agencies. Reservations required by Monday.

**-Resume writing;** Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon: Learn different types of resume and cover letter styles and how to improve them.

**-Air Force Civil Service Class;** May 29, 8:30 a.m. to noon: Offers information on how to prepare and apply for a civil service career.

**-Sponsorship training;** June 3, 8 to 9 a.m.: This is a mandatory class for those who have been assigned to sponsor a newcomer to the area. Contact your unit sponsorship monitor for details.

**-Bundles for Babies;** June 4, 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.: Expectant active-duty Air Force personnel and spouses are invited to attend this class. It offers information on budgeting for a baby, calming a baby, coping with stressors and Air Force Aid Society programs. Eligible families will receive a "baby bundle." Dads are encouraged to attend. All other expectant parents are welcome to attend, but will not receive a layette bundle.

**-Smooth Move;** June 5, 9 to 10 a.m.: Lessen the stress of an upcoming move by learning innovative ways to make it smoother. This is a mandatory class for all Academy people going through a permanent change of station.

**-SCORE, Going into Business;** June 10, 8:30 a.m. to noon: This workshop provides answers to key questions for those interested in owning and running a business.

**-Troops to Teachers;** June 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: This workshop provides information for military members interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher.

**-Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Orientation;** June 12, 1 to 3 p.m.: If you are the spouse of an active duty Air Force enlisted member up to staff sergeant or junior officer, have more than a year left at this duty station and are continuing your education, you may be eligible for an educational grant of \$3,000 per year for up to two years.

**-Newcomer's Orientation and Information Fair;** June 19, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: This mandatory orientation, held at

the Milazzo Center, is for all newly-assigned Academy members. Spouses are welcome to attend.

**-Transition Assistance Program Seminar;** June 24-27, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: People separating in a year or retiring in two years can call the Airman & Family Readiness Flight to reserve a spot in the next available TAP class. The class guides attendees through building resumes, developing interviewing skills, networking, dressing for success and more.

**-Newcomer's Base Red Carpet Tour;** June 27, 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: This base tour gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals much of what is to see and do here.

Call 333-3444 for more.

## Fire, Fire, Fire!!!

The fire department staff reminds all to call 911 immediately upon spotting any fire, even if it's just been extinguished. This is required to ensure there is no hidden fire areas smoldering that could reignite. Additionally, the fire department needs to document the cause to track fire trends and determine how best to educate. Call 333-2473 for more.

## Purple Summer Camps

The 2008 Operation Purple Summer Camps are free outdoor adventure camp experiences open to all military youth and teens ages 10-17. Priority for registration is given to children whose parent has been, is, or will be, deployed. Visit [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org) and click on the Operation Purple Camp link or contact Tracie Modrell at [tracie.modrell@us.army.mil](mailto:tracie.modrell@us.army.mil) or call (719) 282-8351 for more.

## Fitness runs offered

The Academy Health and Wellness Center offers a weekly 5K run on the Santa Fe Trail Tuesday and May 27. Runs start at 3:30 p.m. Run times, drinks and refreshments provided. The run will begin at the Santa Fe Trail entrance by Park Drive. Call 333-3733 for more.

## Vacation Bible School

Register now and join the Protestant and Catholic communities at the Community Center Chapel for the 2008 Vacation Bible School, June 9-13 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. This year's science-themed VBS, "Power Lab," bubbles over with activities for 4-year-olds through fifth graders. Call 333-3300 for more.

## MOA lecture

The Military Officers' Association of America presents "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" lecture June 6 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. The presentation, given by the deputy director on the MOAA's national staff, is beneficial for those contemplating retirement or separation within three years. The lecture includes comprehensive information on resumes, cover letters, job search, networking,

career fairs, interview techniques, salary negotiation, benefits packages, the current job market and other relevant and important transition topics. The presentation is geared toward officers, but all are welcomed to attend. Call 333-3444 to register.



## Fine Arts Center Holds Military Appreciation Day

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center offers free museum admission to *Life as a Legend: Marilyn Monroe* <http://www.csfineartscenter.org/Marilyn.asp> and the FAC Permanent Collection galleries for active-duty military from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. Military identification cards are required for admission. There will be a guided tour starting in the front lobby at 1 p.m. The event also features a 20-percent discount in the museum shop. The FAC is located downtown at 30 West Dale St. Call 634-5583 for more information.

## Ruff n Ready event

The Memorial Hospital for Children 2nd Annual Ruff 'n' Ready Pet & Kid Safety Fair is at Bear Creek Park Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to all families and their pets. Activities and demonstrations include dancing dogs, El Paso County K-9 Unit demonstrations, Bernese mountain dog drafting, agility courses, pet therapy dog training, alpaca obstacle course/petting, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo animals, pet contests, a bike safety rodeo, helmet giveaway and appearances by Smokey the Bear, Buster the Bus and Spark the Dalmatian. There will also be information on car seat, window, balloon and backpack safety, as well as music, food, prizes and giveaways. Admission and activities are free; however, donations will be accepted throughout the event. All proceeds benefit the Memorial Hospital for Children Pediatric Unit helping to continue making this care area more child-friendly and family-centered. Visit [www.mhchildren.com](http://www.mhchildren.com) or call 365-9094 for more.

## Rodeo coming

Tickets for the 68th Annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo are on sale. The rodeo is July 9 through 12 with the Academy sponsoring the matinee on July 12. Adult tickets are \$10, \$15, and \$27 depending on seat location. Children's tickets are \$5, \$7.50 and \$12.50. Military personnel and groups of 20 or more receive a \$2 discount. For tickets, visit [www.ticketwest.com](http://www.ticketwest.com) or call 576-2626. Visit [www.coloradospringsrodeo.com](http://www.coloradospringsrodeo.com) or call 635-1101 for more.



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