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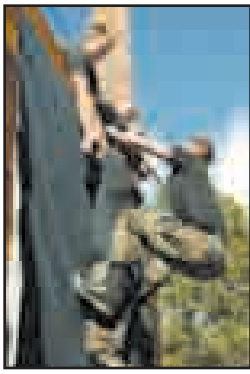
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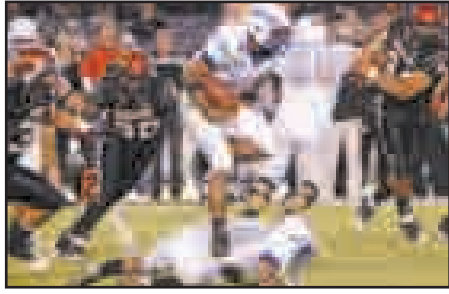
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Bright new star shines over Terrazzo



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni, left, passes the command flag to Brig. Gen. Samuel Cox signifying the assumption of command as the 24th commandant of cadets here Wednesday.

Academy Spirit Staff

The 24th senior officer to serve as the Air Force Academy's commandant of cadets assumed command during a 12:05 p.m. ceremony Wednesday on the Terrazzo.

Following his bird-to-star transition in a Tuesday morning pin-on ceremony, Brig. Gen. Samuel Cox succeeded Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins as the Cadet Wing's new commandant.

"I look forward to it," the 1984 Air

Force Academy graduate said to cadets in formation, distinguished visitors, friends of the Academy and alumni, and to his family who'd gathered to witness the traditional passing of the command flag from Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni.

Addressing his staff, the new commandant said, "This is pretty simple, at least in words, not necessarily in deeds. We're here to produce officers of character. What I ask of you is that we provide the environment, the leadership, the mentor-

ship, and the tools for that." General Cox reminded cadets they're all here for the very same reason. "That's to go out, graduate from this place, and lead."

Both Generals Desjardins and Cox emphasized the development of leadership skills has never been more important than today and that successfully executing leadership is what it takes to win the nation's wars.

"What I ask of you is to do your best

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Academy seeks tax volunteers

Academy Spirit Staff

The Academy Legal Office is seeking individuals to serve as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives for the 2008 tax season.

The Air Force annually offers its members, dependents and retirees free tax assistance by preparing and electronically filing their returns. This program is a vital service to the military community and support is being sought.

"The success of the program depends, in large measure, on the quantity and quality of the VITA representatives," said

Capt. Jacob Frank from the Academy legal staff.

Last year, Academy VITA representatives processed more than 1,300 tax returns saving more than \$125,000 for military members, dependents, cadets and retirees.

This year's goal is to provide the military community the opportunity to obtain electronic tax filing assistance for federal and Colorado returns. In order to meet this goal, volunteers are encouraged to step up.

"All officers, enlisted members, and civilians associated with the Academy

may volunteer to support Air Force members, families and retirees," the captain said. "While previous VITA representatives are highly encouraged to apply, all volunteers will be welcomed."

Training the first week of December with the Internal Revenue Service and Colorado Department of Revenue will be supplemented with TaxWise computer training organized by the legal office.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact his or her unit commander and Captain Frank at 333-6222 or 333-3940, or e-mail: jacob.frank@usafa.af.mil or jan.pardalis@usafa.edu before Nov. 3.

The “Good Ole Days” – discoverable in every generation

By Ken Carter
Editor

We’ve all heard it. Many of us (40 and older) have said it ... or something similar.

The phrase “Back in the Good Ole Days ...” has been handed down from generation to generation. Each new wave of youth has, for the most part, offered the same non-verbal response to the phrase including the rolling of the eyes and an overall facial expression that screams “here we go again.”

It doesn’t matter whether the topic at hand is the cost of a new automobile or a gallon of gas, the price of admission to the theater, a home’s value or the financial commitment that comes with completing higher education, it’s a life-long numbers game.

Numbers, costs, values and statistics will be with us forever. It’s been said that 90 percent of all statistics can be manipulated to convince 75 percent of the people almost half the time. Why go there?

The point: Each generation is responsible for creating its own “Good Ole Days” if for no other reason to perpetuate the pleasure of the older watching the faces of the younger alike contort when the stories are shared over and over and over again.

It’s also been said that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.

In my 20’s that was impossible to believe. By 35, it became something to really consider. Approaching 50, just this summer, I saw it first-hand.

Surrounded by some 40,000 screaming country music fans in 95-plus degree heat for four straight days, on the western slope of Colorado, sat Casey. He’s a 16-year old with Spina Bifida with Cerebral Palsy added to it, both since birth. He was bound to a wheel chair as his unassuming mom pushed him through the crowd toward the front of the stage. He’d attended numerous meet and greets up close and personal with his favorite country artists and couldn’t wait to hold them around their necks for

a photo together, or to kiss their hands. To say it was touching to witness doesn’t even come close. Casey’s mom said, “I don’t know how long I’ll have him ... but I’m going to do all I can with and for him while I do.”

The excitement in Casey’s eyes as some 20 acts took to the stage that sun blistering weekend is something I’ll never forget. Nor will I forget the joy in mom’s voice when she shared what a thrill it was to do this for her son.

The Good Ole Days are not only what we make them ... they are when we make them. For this mother and her son, they shared them simultaneously despite being from different generations.

A walk across the parking lot of the Academy Base Exchange or commissary any Saturday will expose one to toddlers through 80 year olds ... and beyond. What an opportunity to enhance our perspective by talking with each generation and rediscovering not only did the Good Ole Days exist, they do exist, and they will exist again.

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Character Corner It's the small things!

By Chief Master Sgt. (retired) Bob Vásquez
Center for Character Development

I’m sitting on the airport shuttle waiting to get to the terminal for my flight out. I’m running late and the bus is full. As I look around, it seems everyone is running late — a lot of anxious faces glancing at each other. Just as we’re about to take off, a little old lady barely gets on the crowded bus. She looks just like my abuela, my grandmother! She looks around for a place to sit, but there are no seats anywhere. I hear a little voice telling me, “I am an American Airman. I am a Warrior!” I can’t help but offer ‘grandma’ my seat. She accepts, and smiles

gratefully at me as she sits down.

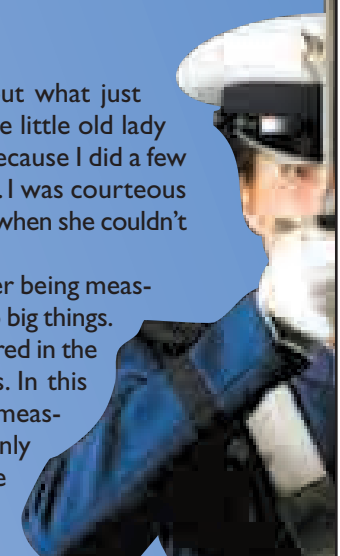
Man, there’s so much traffic this morning! It’s slow going all the way. Will we make it to our flights on time? We finally arrive at the airport, where chaos explodes as everyone rushes to get off the bus at once. There’s that little voice again, “I am an American Airman. I am a Warrior! Guardian! Sentry! I defend my country with my life. I will never leave an Airman behind!” I stand guard over abuela while everyone else jostles their way off the bus. Finally, there are just the two of us. She smiles, looks me in the eye, and says, “You’re a good man, mijo.” Abuela called me her son.

I check my flight — it’s late! Now I have plenty

of time. I sit down and think about what just happened. “You’re a good man,” the little old lady said. What a compliment! And all because I did a few small things any Warrior would do. I was courteous and considerate, and protected her when she couldn’t protect herself.

We often think about character being measured in big things, but we seldom do big things. The truth is our character is measured in the little things we do on a daily basis. In this lady’s mind, and heart, I hope, I measured up to being a good man. The only higher compliment would be to be called an American Airman!

Character Matters airs Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on KAFA radio, 97.7 FM.



If you could welcome the new commandant of cadets face to face, what would you say?

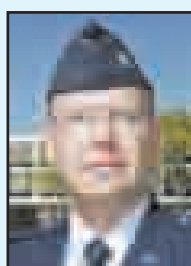
“Give us responsibility and leadership and hold us accountable. At the end of the day we have to ask ourselves, ‘did what we do today help cadets develop?’ From our perspective, sometimes it seems this message gets lost.”

C/LtCol Andrew Caulk
Wing Director of
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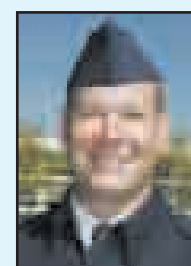
“Congratulations on your selection as the new commandant, sir! I look forward to working with you in preparing the leaders of tomorrow for the vast opportunities ahead.”

Maj. David Stanfield
Air Officer
Commanding, Cadet
Squadron 34



“The young men and women now under your command have already achieved greatness at this institution and will serve you proudly as outstanding future officers in the U.S. Air Force.”

Master Sgt. Randy
Kwiatkowski
Academy Military
Trainer, Cadet
Squadron 8



“Welcome back to a place with a lot of tradition and history. Remember the Academy isn’t only cadets — but officers, enlisted and civilians all here to properly develop our next generation of leaders.”

Steve Hunt
(U.S. Air Force,
master sergeant
retired)



Prepare, motivate the workforce – Strategic Goal #6

By Capt. Uriah Orland
Academy Public Affairs

“All thrust and no vector” is often used to describe some members of the military. The phrase implies that a person has a lot of motivation, but no direction on where to apply it. This idea is central to the U.S. Air Force Academy’s sixth strategic goal — prepare and motivate the workforce.

The goal targets developing and implementing a force development program to attract, develop, retain and support Academy personnel.

“Having a motivated workforce is very important to accomplishing our mission,” said Col. Jimmy McMillian, 10th Air Base Wing commander. “But that is only part of the equation. We need to ensure they have the opportunities to continue to learn the skills they need to do their jobs well. This includes professional development, educational opportunities and networking with peers to stay at the top of their game.”

Across the Air Force and the Academy, professional development is a uniform theme, encompassing cadets, active duty, Reservists, National Guard, civilians and contractors alike.

Military members have professional military education such as the Airmen Leadership School, Squadron Officer School, skill-level upgrades, and specialty courses based on a member’s Air Force Specialty Code. For Academy Military Trainers and Air Officers Commanding, there are specific courses as well.

“AMTs receive seven weeks of training — about 300 hours,” said Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins, former commandant of cadets. “The class covers training as a Military Training Instructor, the Principles of Instructor course and the First Sergeant course.”

“The AOC master’s program takes leaders through a one-year exploration of personal understanding and development in order to transform not only their capabilities as leaders and coaches to cadets as individuals, but to enhance organizational effectiveness,”

she continued. “Through our formal education, practical experiences and personal assessment strategy, we challenge the future AOCs’ mental models through reflection, self-exploration, various theoretical perspectives, and experiences to create dissonance. Thus, we hope to shock them into new understandings and a reexamination of the world as they see it. This enables them to become more self-aware and develops them as transformational leaders.”

In addition, job opportunities help motivate the workforce and train personnel.

“Creating opportunities for promotion and advancement, such as senior master sergeant superintendent positions and staff positions for both officers and enlisted, helps motivate people,” said General Desjardins. “In addition, training opportunities, public recognition, time-off rewards, and time for physical fitness also help.”

For civilians, there are numerous programs as well.

“Training in the Air Force is an integral and critical part of the overall human resource management function. Civilian personnel provides many classes to appropriated funded civilians,” said Tim Neuman, chief, workforce plans and programs. “Some of the classes include all of the Microsoft Office and Microsoft Operating System training classes held at New Horizons Computer Learning Centers. We also offer an array of management courses on base. Classes like Coaching and Team Building, Creative Leadership, Mentoring Skills for Leaders, and Excelling as a Supervisor.”

Civilian personnel can register at the civilian personnel office and find a complete list of course offerings at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp>. Formal training is managed by the individual career fields at the Air Force Personnel Center and can be found at <https://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/SiteMaps/CivilianCareerDev.asp>.

All in all, the motivation here is the mission and the cadets.

“I think the best motivator is the opportunity to work with cadets,” said Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen.



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

Cadets use a combined effort to overcome a wall challenge at the Ropes Course during R&R Oct. 10. The Ropes Course, run by the Center for Character Development, is a place where base organizations can develop teamwork and unit cohesion in a fun and motivating environment.

Dana Born. “Cadets are so motivated and so eager to learn that it is just a privilege to see them grow into officers.”

General Desjardins shared similar thoughts. “Overall, our work force is very intrinsically motivated,” she said. “They want to coach and mentor the cadets and see them develop into leaders of character. Our biggest reward is graduation ... seeing all of your hard work pay off by commissioning 1,000 of your cadets makes everything worth it.”

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Commandant

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every day," General Cox told the future Air Force leaders lining the Terrazzo from east to west. "Give your best effort. Whether it's in the classroom, on the athletic fields; anywhere that you represent the United States Air Force Academy, do your best ... and the results will take care of themselves."

"We're going to do this together as a team, we're going to accomplish the mission, and we're going to have fun," the commandant concluded.

General Cox worked for General Desjardins in a previous assignment at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., from 2004 to 2005. Then-Colonel Cox was vice wing commander of the 437th Airlift Wing while then-Colonel Desjardins commanded the wing. General Desjardins transferred here from the 437th AW to become the Academy's 23rd commandant of cadets.

General Desjardins will soon depart for Scott AFB, Ill., where she will become the deputy director, strategic plans, requirements and programs at Headquarters, Air Mobility Command.

Reflecting on her Academy tenure, General Desjardins said, "This has been a challenging and fulfilling assignment, perhaps the most rewarding I have ever had in my Air Force career." Addressing her successor directly she said, "General Cox, this is a uniquely rare opportunity



Photos by Dave Ahlschwede

Outgoing Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins conducts a final review of the Cadet Wing before handing the guidon to Brig. Gen. Samuel Cox. The entire Cadet Wing formed up on the Terrazzo to witness the Change of Command Ceremony Wednesday.

to be part of Team USAFA – to have the opportunity to shape the next generation of Air Force leaders of character. I know you recognize this and you will be exactly the right commandant for this time in our Air Force Academy's history."

As commandant of cadets, he will lead the 4,400-member Cadet Wing, as well as more than 300 Air Force and civilian support personnel. His responsibilities include cadet military training

and airmanship education, supervising cadet life activities and providing support to facilities and logistics.

General Cox is a command pilot with more than 4,600 flying hours, including airlift missions during *Operation(s) Just Cause, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Allied Force, Iraqi Freedom* and *Enduring Freedom*. He has commanded at the

squadron, group and wing levels and held staff positions at the major command, Joint Staff, and Headquarters U.S. Air Force levels. He comes from the Pentagon, where he served as the director of the Air Force general officer management office.



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A father's official visit right on time

By Capt. Uriah Orland
Academy Public Affairs

Parents' Weekend is usually when cadets have the opportunity to highlight the Academy and share the cadet experience with family and friends. However, for an Iraqi cadet here the opportunity came a little later.

The son hosted his father, Iraqi General Nasier Abadi, Oct. 10, during an official visit here. This was the general's first time at the Academy.

"I think this is one of the world's best establishments," General Abadi said. "I've seen the discipline, dedication, knowledge, team work and love of their country with the Americans I've worked with. All this didn't come from one person. This was drilled into them to make them who they are. I think my son coming here will, one, get the best education ever, and secondly his horizons will be widened to a great degree. He will be a future officer of the world and not just Iraq."

As the Vice Chief of Staff of the Iraqi Joint Headquarters, General Abadi sees an important role for his son as he returns to Iraq after graduation in 2010.

"We are rebuilding our air force and the first things we need are flying officers and he'll be one of the first to join in that air force," he said. "We have old officers of the old way of thinking, and now we have this new breed of officers who are



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Iraqi Gen. Nasier Abadi talks with Capt. Uriah Orland. General Abadi spent his first visit here touring the Academy and attending classes with his son Oct. 10.

coming in line to join the air force and they have new visions and new ideas and will help build a new air force and bridge the gap between the past and the future."

The bridge between the past and future is something that is ingrained in the Abadi family.

"Coming here to the Air Force Academy, [my son] will have a chance to serve his country like I did, like my father did, like my grandfather did," General Abadi said. "It's in the family to serve our country and do whatever we can, especially in its hour of need. It is a new government, a new democracy, a new

prospective, a new army and a new air force."

The war in Iraq brought many changes to the region and opened the doors of the Iraq military to renew a partnership with allies in training its service members. General Abadi completed basic pilot training in India and weapons training in the United Kingdom. But opportunities like these changed during the reign of Saddam Hussein.

"During Saddam's time we were isolated from the world because of the embargo and other things. The army, the air force, the navy and the whole nation

were sort of in a recession, not advancing, looking inwardly not outwardly, and learning and advancing with the world," the general recalled. "So there is a big gap between us and the modern world with technology and things; and we don't have the people now who would bridge that gap. So thankfully you have sent [Academy and Air Force personnel] to Iraq to help bridge that gap - to tell us how you're thinking and how things are done in the West."

But there is more than simply learning how the West does business.

"We did not do everything bad. We still had a battle hardened army that fought and had its own reputation and was respected in the region. We had lots of good things," General Abadi said. "And now we have to marry those good things with the good things that the rest of the world has come up with."

General Abadi sees a bright future for his son during this time of transition.

"Forty years of my life, I've dedicated to the air force," he said. "I wished very much that someone from the family would continue the legacy in the air force. Thankfully, my son has decided to walk in my footsteps and I know he has what it takes to become a fighter pilot and serve his country like I have."

Editors note: Due to DoD security regulations, the name of the cadet is not releasable.

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Academy Rabbi celebrates with those downrange

By Tech. Sgt. Denise Johnson
380th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA – A U.S. Air Force Academy chaplain visited the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing to conduct religious services and visit with Airmen of all faiths during a key time of year on the Jewish calendar.

Rabbi (Capt.) Gary Davidson arrived Oct. 5 to begin his week-long visit in which he conducted Yom Kippur services, visited with deployed Airmen and shared messages from cadets at his home station in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I was deployed to the Persian Gulf to conduct holiday worship services for Jewish men and women in uniform," Rabbi Davidson said. "I'm also here to support all our service men and women. As a chaplain, that's one of my responsibilities and I love it."

Military chaplains, although typically trained and ordained in one denomination, are assigned to base chapels or staff positions to serve the spiritual needs of the entire base populace.

The Rabbi brought boxes of religious gifts and worship items to share with the Jewish community. He also carried one particular item to bring a sacred touch to the holiday services, a Torah Scroll.

"Jewish people believe the Torah reveals the will of God; it's the word of God. It details not only the early history of the world but it also talks about the early history of Judaism," Rabbi Davidson said. "When a synagogue acquires a Torah, they celebrate its acquisition with dance and song; it's a very joyful occasion."

The Torah is considered the holiest text in Judaism and is venerated by Jews. The Torah Scroll is a hand-written parchment containing the Five Books of Moses. A scribe writes the scroll with a quill in



painstaking accuracy under strict standards in permanent black ink. The Torah Scroll contains no vowels or punctuation; hence the ability to read the text is considered a valuable skill.

The rabbi brought the scroll from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, one of the three locations he will visit during his month-long deployment.

"I thought it was important to read the scripture from a traditional Torah Scroll. It adds a different feel to the services and lends an air of sanctity," he said.

The Jewish lay leader, Maj. Deborah Zimmerman, said the Rabbi's visit means a lot to the Jewish community here.

"Rabbi Davidson's visit immediately unified Jewish personnel here. We stood up and self-identified which created a stronger more unified Jewish community," said Major Zimmerman, who is also the 380th AEW Commander's Action Group officer. "We've become more of a religious community that developed as an instrument or means of channeling our important religious and personal needs."

The rabbi said he appreciates the opportunity the Air Force has provided him to visit the Jewish congregation during their deployments.

"I think it means a lot to the Jewish personnel that the Air Force cares enough to provide a Rabbi during critical times," Rabbi Davidson added. "The Air Force has done a terrific job of accommodating the needs of the Jewish Airmen at the three different bases I've been to. It's a testament to the Air Force that I'm here."

Although the rabbi said it was difficult for him to leave his congregation at the Academy during the Jewish New Year and



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Denise Johnson

Rabbi (Capt.) Gary Davidson reviews a traditional Torah Scroll at the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing Chapel. Rabbi Davidson deployed for one month to the Area of Operations to perform religious services for deployed Jewish members.

Day of Atonement, he said he's discovered it was the right thing for him to do and it has turned out to be a wonderful experience.

"I questioned the decision at first, 'Why am I leaving my congregation to visit smaller groups of people at deployed locations?' But when I see the reactions, particularly of the Jewish members who see me and say, 'Rabbi, thank you so much for being with us,' I know that's why I was sent here," Rabbi Davidson said. "It's a holy mission and it's given me a tremendous amount of fulfillment to be here."

The 380th AEW Airmen did their part to make the rabbi's visit worthwhile and leave an impression on the traveling chaplain.

"When I first got here I noticed how much smaller the 380th is compared to my previous deployed location. At first I chuckled at the smaller size, wondering

what the experience would be like at a smaller base," the chaplain explained. "But I've actually discovered the size leads to greater warmth and friendliness because it's smaller and more intimate. The morale is high; people smile."

Rabbi Davidson said he cannot depart the 380th AEW without passing on a message from the Academy cadets.

"Every week I stand on a chair with pom-poms, a sign or a bullhorn to tell them how wonderful they are; but the last time I did it I told them I'd be deploying to the Persian Gulf," the chaplain said. "Many of them came over to me and said, 'Sir, please tell the Airmen how much we appreciate them and we thank them for their wonderful service.' 'If I can get that message out, that they and I deeply appreciate what all the Airmen here do for our country, I will have fulfilled a commitment I made to the cadets and myself.'"

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Firstie's annual passion grounded

Balloon crash claims Reservist's life, provokes cadet's reflection

By Ken Carter
Editor

Few things disappoint aviators more than not being able to fly. Such was the case Saturday and Sunday for a member of Cadet Squadron 39 when he returned "home" for the 37th Annual Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, N.M.

By the time Cadet 1st Class Ryan Lowenstein hit southbound I-25 late Oct. 10 to participate in the largest ballooning event in the world, the very real danger he'd expressed about the sport during the Colorado Springs Balloon Classic over Labor Day came to pass.

Air Force Reservist Steve Lachendro, one of more than 500 hot-air balloon pilots to launch shortly after daybreak that morning, died following his balloon getting tangled in power lines causing his gondola to burst into flames. Both he and his passenger were severely burned before plummeting to the ground in Bernalillo, N.M., while his inverted-shaped pyramid drifted from the accident scene. The passenger survived but is reported to be in serious condition this week. The Federal Aviation Administration will conduct an investigation to help determine what happened.

The accident occurred on the last day balloonists were able to launch as flights were cancelled due to unsafe winds both Saturday and Sunday.

According to Cadet Lowenstein, whose dad Al is also an avid balloonist from Albuquerque, some 750

balloons were present that morning. "I was at school the day the accident happened, but I did hear about it from pretty much everyone I know," the Class of 2009 member said. "Calls like, 'I heard there was an accident, are you ok?' were frequent on Friday."

Statistically, the "Lighter Than Air" sport remains one of the safest for aviators, according to Cadet Lowenstein.

"Obviously, no one ever wants to have an accident; it is never a good thing," he said. "However, over 30-percent of the world's total yearly balloon flying time happens during the nine days at the beginning of October in Albuquerque. Statistically, there is a high chance for something going wrong. Usually it is not this tragic, and fatalities don't occur very often. Being a native of Albuquerque, I am familiar with the area which helps a tremendous amount with safety. There were plenty of safe landing sights beyond the location of the accident. But, without a good knowledge of the local area, the pilot would never have known this."

None of the ballooning experience is new to Cadet Lowenstein who's been around the sport since infancy. "I have been attending the fiesta since I was barely two weeks old and believe my first flight occurred around age 6. I flew as a pilot in the fiesta for the first time in 2003 and then again in 2004, before heading up to the Academy."

Much like the Air Force family, balloonists are also a tight-knit group. "Especially because it was one of our own who died in the accident, it is always humbling and kinda forces everyone to take a step back from the craziness that is the balloon fiesta to remember that while it doesn't happen often, the dangers are real and being safe is always critical," cadet Lowenstein said.


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Al Lowenstein, (Cadet 1st Class Ryan Lowenstein's dad) was among the 500 balloonists to launch Oct. 10 at the 37th Annual Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. His balloon, *Sunset Rise II*, is the largest in this photo.

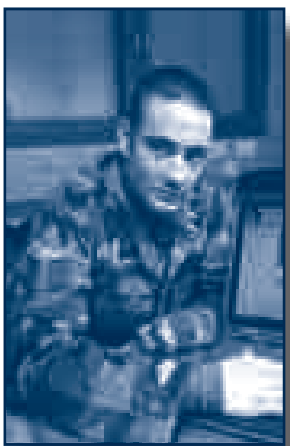
his life-long passion, Cadet Lowenstein said, "Any sport has risks, but generally flying is one of the safest activities around. You're much more likely to get hurt or injured driving the chase vehicle on the ground than in the actual balloon."



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Domestic violence prevention begins with us

By Kristin Larkey
Academy Family Advocacy Program

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the National Bureau of Statistics, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women ages 15 to 44 in the United States. Statistics show one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

Abused women commonly experience fear, shame, depression, anxiety, difficulties sleeping, and confusion. Women are not the only victims of domestic violence – it also has a profoundly negative effect upon the children who witness it. Children who witness abuse are more likely to experience emotional problems, anxiety, depression, guilt, insomnia, and damaged self-esteem. These children are also more likely to assault others and to commit violent crimes.

Although it's much less common, men can also be victims of domestic violence.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence states men are less likely to report abuse due to the stigma of being a male victim, the fear of not being believed, and the lack of support from society, family members and friends.



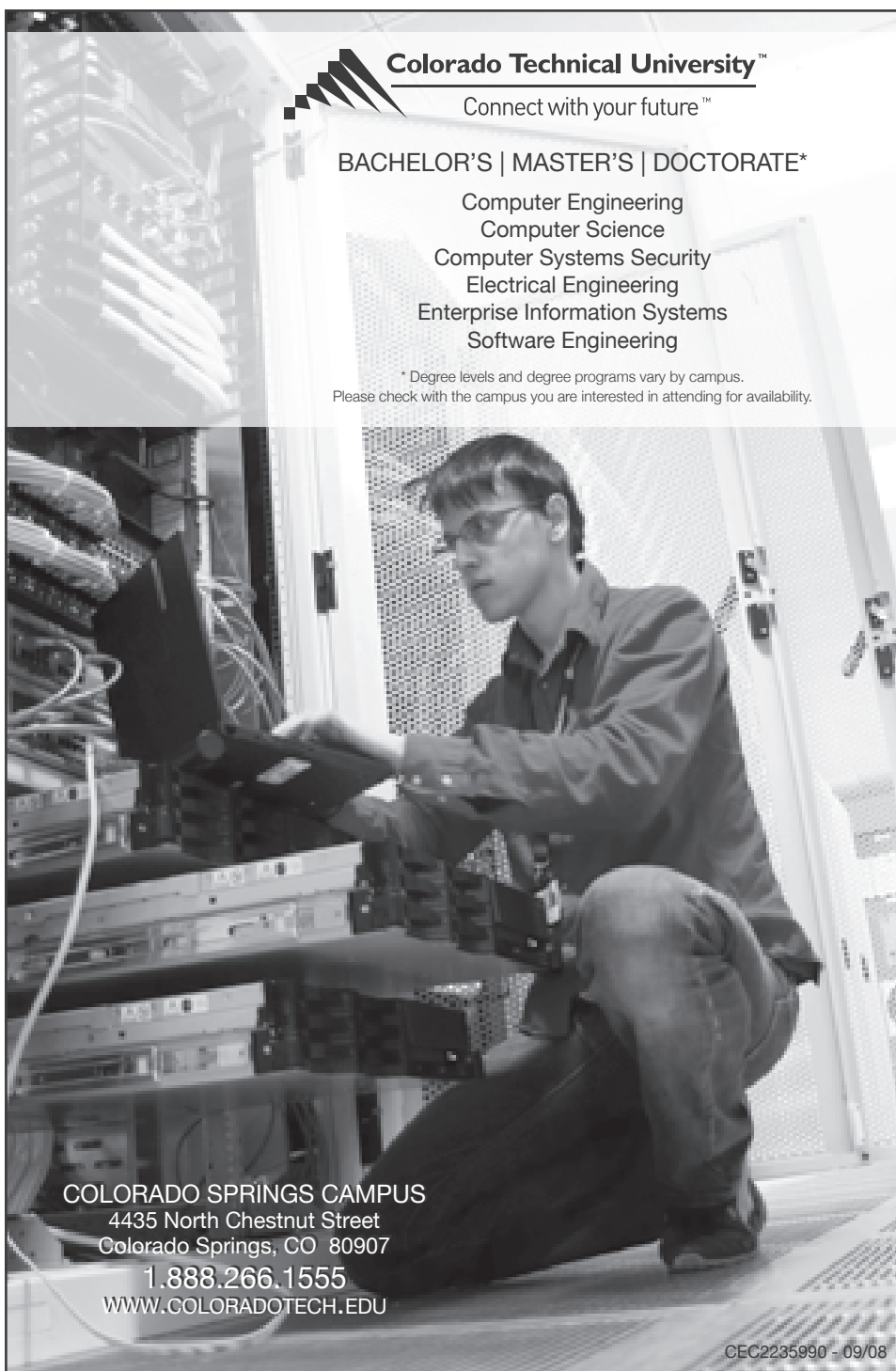
Many question how they should become involved when someone they know is being abused. It's often difficult to know what to do or how to help. One of the most important things is to be a good support system for the victim. One can be supportive by being an active listener

and reminding the victim what's happening isn't their fault. Refrain from judging the victim or pushing them to leave the abuser if they aren't ready to do this yet.

Leaving a domestic violence relationship is a process that takes planning and time. The most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence is when they are leaving the relationship, so it's common for the person to have an intense fear associated with leaving the abuser. One way to help is by encouraging and assisting the victim to develop a safety plan. It should include in detail how to escape safely from the home, how to protect the children, and phone numbers for local shelters and support.

All should educate themselves about domestic violence and develop an understanding about the patterns and effects of abuse. Inform the victim that domestic violence is a crime and that help is available. Many victims are not aware of the policy of Restricted Reporting. This policy allows an adult victim of domestic violence to disclose the details of his or her abuse and to receive medical treatment and victim advocacy services without notification to the victim's or alleged offender's commander or to law enforcement.

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Photovoltaics: Harnessing the power of the sun

According to the WorldWatch Institute, global production of photovoltaic (PV) or solar cells increased 51 percent in 2007, to 3,733 megawatts (MW). Early estimates indicate more than 2,935 MW of solar modules were installed in 2007, bringing cumulative global installations of PVs since 1996 to more than 9,740 MW – enough to meet the annual electricity demand of more than three million homes.

Over the past five years, annual global production of PV cells has increased nearly sevenfold, and installations of solar arrays have grown more than fivefold.

PV is a relatively simple process – it's been used to power calculators for years. Here's an explanation from the U.S. Department of Energy:

First used in about 1890, the word has two parts: photo, derived from the Greek word for light, and volt, relating to electricity pioneer Alessandro Volta. So, photovoltaics could literally be translated as light-electricity. And that's what PV materials and devices do – they convert light energy into electrical energy (Photoelectric Effect), as French physicist Edmond Becquerel discovered as early as 1839.

Commonly known as solar cells, individual PV cells are electricity-producing devices made of semiconductor materials. They come in many sizes and shapes – from smaller than a postage stamp to several inches across and are often connected to form PV modules that may be up to several feet long and a few feet wide. Modules, in turn, can be combined and connected to form PV arrays of different sizes and power output.

The size of an array depends on several factors, such as the amount of sunlight available in a particular location and the needs of the consumer. The modules of the array make up the major part of a PV system, which can also include electrical connections, mounting hardware, power-conditioning equipment, and batteries that store solar energy for use when the sun isn't shining. While the efficiency of PV is still relatively



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low, and it takes several years to payback the installation cost of an array, the technology is improving every year and the payback is improving.

At the Academy, PV technology is the leading candidate to meet our renewable power requirements. The 10th Civil Engineer Squadron, in concert with Engineering Division faculty, is currently investigating possible joint ventures with other public and private organizations for the installation of 2-3 MW of solar capacity. While specific

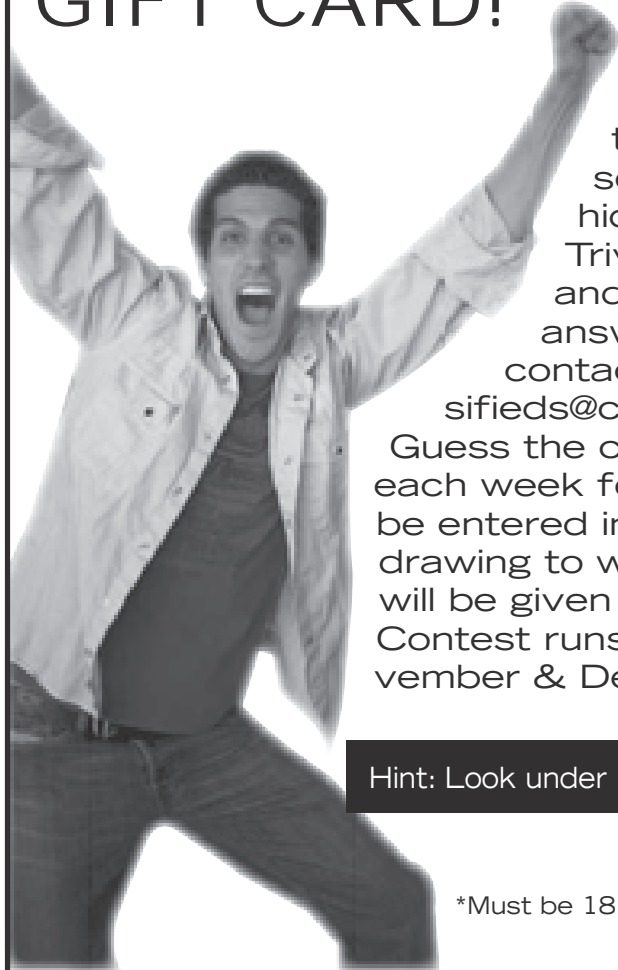
sites have not been selected, various options are under consideration, including thin-film PV glass, PV membranes for roofs, and free-standing solar-panel arrays.

PV is not the sole answer to our renewable energy requirements, but it will certainly play a critical role in achieving energy independence. It's all part of the ongoing effort to make the Air Force Academy the "Net-Zero" installation of the future.

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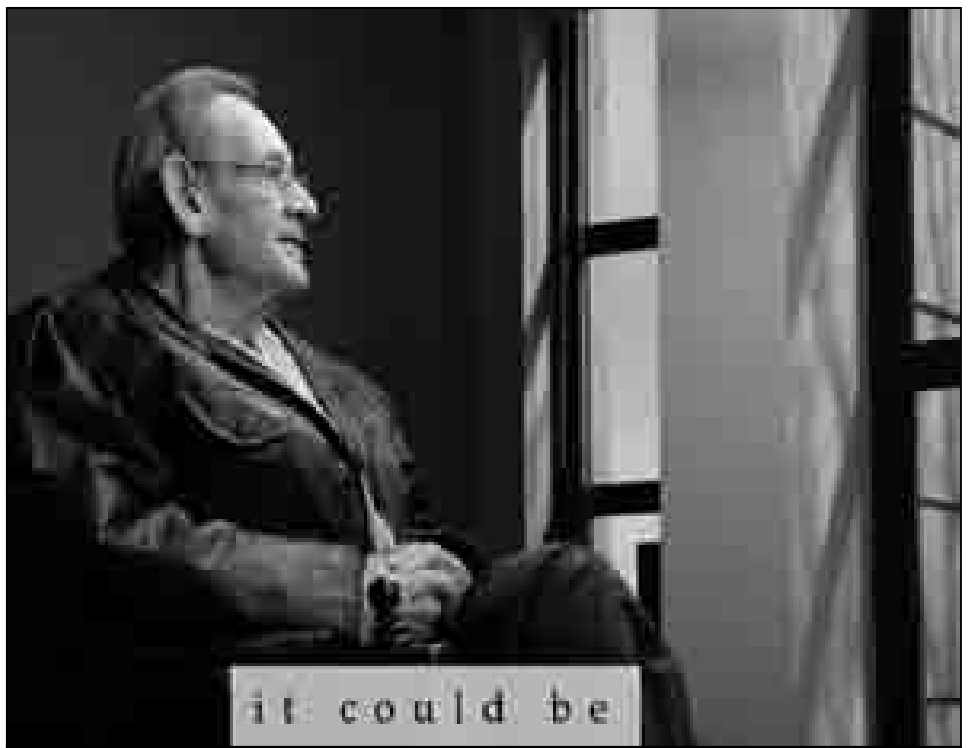


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DFEC bids farewell to longtime head

By Lt. Col. Brian Peterson
Department of Electrical
and Computer Engineering

Some people are remarkable in extraordinary ways by becoming war aces or landing on the moon. Others are remarkable in much more ordinary ways. The Air Force Academy recently honored one such individual upon his retirement after decades of service. Colonel Alan Klayton (now brigadier general, retired) recently retired from the Air Force with a standing room only ceremony at Doolittle Hall Aug. 8. General Klayton served the Academy for 31 of his 42-year career, including 20 as a permanent professor.



Brig. Gen. Alan Klayton

Reflecting back, General Klayton said, "I guess you could say my Air Force career actually started back in 1962 with the Air Force ROTC program at what was then called Lowell Technological Institute, (Lowell Tech) in Lowell, Mass. Also, my father, a retired Army officer, was a great role model and my decision to stay in the ROTC program and graduate as an Air Force second lieutenant was not a difficult one."

General Klayton's father was also an electrical engineer, so engineering was in the family genes. "What to major in at Lowell Tech was never really in question," he said. "EE was preordained! As a kid I was always building little radios and other electronic devices, and during my high school years I was active in HAM Radio when not playing baseball. I built a lot of my own HAM equipment, some from kits and some from scratch. However, I still remember that my first HAM receiver was an Army surplus unit that dated back close to WWII."

Prior to his retirement, and promotion, General Klayton was the chair of the engineering division, and permanent professor and head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (DFEC).

As engineering division chair, he led curriculum development, accreditation, and strategic planning for the five-department engineering division, and provided guidance for the division's new systems engineering major.

Colonel Tom Yoder, permanent professor and head of the Department of Engineering Mechanics, notes "General Klayton's phenomenal effort to bring the engineering division under the national engineering and technology accreditation board (ABET 2000) criteria, providing the steady hand and guiding us through the realm of what's possible without sacrificing the faculty on the altar of perfection."

That steady hand characterizes General Klayton's approach in all areas of his leadership, as a teacher, mentor, and decision-maker.

Then-Colonel Klayton was appointed as the head and permanent professor of the department of electrical engineering in 1988. In that position, he provided leadership for faculty and staff that taught approximately 2,000 cadets a year, and also maintained an active faculty research program designed to support Air Force objectives, while providing development opportunities for both faculty and cadets including research in the areas of unmanned aerial vehicles, improvised explosive device detection and stealth technology. In response to Air Force needs, and with Colonel Klayton's leadership and initiative, in 1997 the department added a new major's program in computer engineering, and in 2006 the department's name was changed accordingly.

Over the years he built an environment that resulted in the department's programs being repeatedly ranked among the top 10 undergraduate programs in the United States by *US News and World Report*.

Colonel Klayton is always careful to point out the primary reason for his department's success. "Great people! The department's faculty and staff have always been amazing – talented and creative educators with great enthusiasm and dedication to the cadets and the Academy mission. I'm very proud of what they have accomplished, both inside and outside the classroom."

His contributions during his tenure have included serving on the Academy



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Then-Col. Alan Klayton addresses cadets in an electrical engineering class.

Board, chairing a variety of committees to include the Third Class Academic Review Committee, the Prep School Advisory Committee, and the Dean's Faculty Personnel Council. From 2000 to 2002, he served as vice dean of the faculty and for the past 18 years, he has also served as the Air Force Academy liaison officer to the local public school system, and on a national level as an ABET engineering accreditation evaluator for more than 15 years.

In many ways, the Academy has remained the same over the decades that General Klayton has seen here. But it has also changed in many ways – from the first graduating class to include women to laptop computers.

"I'd have to say the biggest changes I've seen over the years are directly related to technology," he said. "When I was first assigned here in 1977, we didn't have any type of computer on our desks. Now we are heavily dependent on computers and e-mail communications, however, the difficult challenge has been how to best use technology for better mission accomplishment. While it has not been easy, I believe

the Academy has done well since the dean and faculty launched a focus on cadet learning – deep learning is certainly enhanced by the appropriate use of modern technology."

While stating that, "He will always be remembered as one of the most brilliant and respected permanent professors in Academy history," Brig. Gen. Dana Born, dean of the faculty, summarized, "General Klayton's most notable of his many achievements is his unwavering commitment to cadets while serving as an educator, role model, mentor, and leader to thousands of faculty and more than 25,000 cadets who graduated during his tenure."

General Klayton is married to Maureen (Sherrie) Wolfe whom he met in 1966 while earning his Masters Degree at Penn State University. They were married in 1968. Mrs. Klayton has long been active at the Academy as the leader of the DFEC spouses' group, a stalwart civic volunteer and as an elementary school teacher in the local community. The Klaytons have two daughters, Jennifer who lives in Fort Worth, Texas, and Lauren, who is in Colorado Springs.



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Senior personnel officer 'Spreads the Word'

By Capt. Renee Lee
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFNS) — Air Force Personnel Center officials sent a team of experts here Oct. 8, launching a global "Spread the Word" campaign to educate Airmen about new and changing personnel and deployment programs.



Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain

As part of the two-day Spread the Word visit, Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, AFPC commander, visited with U.S. Pacific Command and Pacific Air Forces leaders, as well as addressed Airmen at two All Calls at the Hickam Theater.

"As we put more things in personnel as self service, we realized we needed to ensure our customer knew there was still a person here to talk to," said General McClain. "AFPC isn't just a Web site ... we wanted to come out and give a face to the programs and, more importantly, we wanted to hear from each of you, our customers."

As the AFPC commander, General McClain emphasized that although the way personnel programs are delivered to the force is changing, the programs, themselves, are improving.

"By placing personnel services online, Personnel Service Delivery transformation, or PSD, allows Airmen to take care of personnel actions at their convenience rather than being tied to a set time or having to wait

in line at the [Military Personnel Flight]," she said.

"For example, if you're working swings or a mid-shift, you don't have to come in on your free time to go to the MPF," General McClain said.

General McClain discussed how PSD, which allows Airmen to use Web-based services like virtual MPF to conduct their routine personnel actions, not only saves time but also provides synergies that enhance support for Airmen and commanders in the field.

"We want everyone to understand that this transformation is driven, in part, to giving time back to Airmen," she said.

The general further explained that Air Force leaders are trying to mirror the civilian business world's move to on-line services as PSD undergoes transformation.

"When was the last you went to a bank teller?" she asked. "When was the last time you actually went into the gas station and paid for gas at the counter? You're going to do your business in a manner that's fastest for you. In PSD, we're giving you some choices and options to do personnel tasks in the most efficient and effective manner for you. What we are doing is giving you back mission time."

Aiming to educate and update Airmen on personnel initiatives and PSD, General McClain and her subject matter experts discussed specific personnel and deployment topics at the "Spread the Word" All Call briefings. Topics included enlisted and officer assignments, the new tempo-banding deployment system, 365-day deployment options, assignment changes and civilian hiring procedures. After each briefing, Airmen had the opportunity to ask questions, allowing direct face-to-face access to AFPC personnel.

Master Sgt. Sammy D. Lopez, 15th Communications Squadron client services branch chief, said he attended the briefing to learn more about the assignments system.

"The All Call was helpful because it gave me a better understanding of the assignments process," said Sergeant Lopez. "It gave me faces to associate with the personnelists at Randolph [Air Force Base, Texas]."

Capt. Angelyn Ibe, chief of the sustainment branch and services, education and training at Pacific Air Forces, attended the briefing to learn about personnel updates.

"I wanted to find out about merging career fields and the effects, and about career progression and deployments," Captain Ibe said.

When asked what she thought of the overall Spread the Word briefing, Captain Ibe said she appreciated the efforts of Air Force officials to take care of Airmen after learning about the new tempo banding deployment construct.

"The Air Force is really trying to take care of us," she said. "If they know that you're deployed for six months, they really take care of your personal life. They don't want to shift us around and do back-to-back deployments."

On PSD, Captain Ibe added, "If PSD can make [personnel actions] efficient and without us having questions, I think it makes it easier."

Due to emerging technology such as e-mail and the Internet in the 1990s, AFPC officials took a hiatus from the Spread the Word briefings until launching the current campaign here. General McClain and her team will continue briefing bases across the Air Force in November, December and through 2009.

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Academy leader retires after 38 years

By Capt. Victor Lopez
Instructor of Spanish

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Gunther Mueller rendered his last salute in uniform Sept. 12 after 38 years of distinguished service to the U.S. Air Force, the Air Force Academy, and the men and women of the Academy's Foreign Language Department.

A native of Frankenberg Eder, Federal Republic of Germany, General Mueller's American journey started 52 years ago at age 10.

In 1956, seeking the "American Dream," his family packed up their belongings and traveled to Vineland, N.J., where they quickly planted roots. Working for his uncle during his pre-teen and teen years impressed upon General Mueller the value of hard-work, dedication, and higher education.

"These are the same principles and work ethic he adhered to throughout his military career," said Brig. Gen. (ret.) Randy Cubero, ceremony presiding official and General Mueller's friend of 34 years.

After graduating from Vineland High School, General Mueller attended the University of West Virginia where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and was a distinguished graduate from the ROTC detachment. Staying true to his higher learning belief, he went on to earn a Master of Arts in German, after which the Air Force commissioned him in 1970 as an intelligence officer.

His first assignment led him from the hills of West Virginia to the coast of California where he served as division air intelligence officer at Vandenberg Air Force Base. In 1971, he was reassigned to Goose Bay Air Base in Canada as the chief intelligence officer. Next was a tour at U-Tapao, Thailand, where he further honed his skills as a combat intelligence briefing/debriefing officer. Following his tour in Southeast Asia, General Mueller was assigned to the Air Force Academy for the first time in 1974 where he worked as an instructor and assistant professor of German. In 1977, he was selected to attend Ohio State University in an AFIT-sponsored PhD program which he completed as a distinguished graduate in only 21 months.

"This is a remarkable accomplishment as it took the average person 36-plus months to complete," said General Cubero.

Upon his return to the Air Force Academy in 1979, General Mueller assumed responsibilities for all German courses and departmental curricular matters as the Chairman of the German Division and Deputy for Instruction.

In 1987, General Mueller was appointed associate professor and deputy head of the Academy's Department of Foreign Languages.

After serving as acting head of the Academy's Department of Foreign Languages from 1990-1991, General Mueller was nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate as permanent professor and head of the department in August 1991. From 1998 to 2000, he served as vice dean of the faculty. In 2005, then Colonel Mueller developed the Academy's language transformational road map that added Portuguese and



Photos by Rachel Boettcher

Dr. Miguel Verano, associate professor of Spanish, presents Brig. Gen. Gunther Mueller with a shadowbox highlighting his 38-year Air Force career during his retirement ceremony Sept. 12. General Mueller was the Foreign Language Department head since 1991.

required all cadets take a minimum of one year of foreign language.

He has been an active member of the Defense Exchange Committee on Language Efforts, and he is a recognized foreign language expert with a variety of published articles related to second language acquisition, the use of technology in the foreign language classroom, and Department of Defense language and culture policy.

"General Mueller has provided extraordinary vision and leadership in creating our comprehensive language and international programs. Our graduates now have the intercultural awareness and competence they need to be successful Air Force leaders in the 21st century. That is his legacy and lasting contribution to the Air Force Academy, our Air Force, and nation," said Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born.

"I'm honored to have been a part of the recent 'awakening' across the DoD to the importance of language and culture to the modern officer corps. Today, 2,250 cadets are studying foreign language with the largest and best-qualified faculty in our department's history. Moreover, with increasing opportunities for study and travel abroad our new lieutenants will be well prepared to enter an Air Force that is beginning to recognize and value cultural competence and language proficiency as it joins the other services in fighting the nation's wars," said General Mueller. "I appreciate General John Regni's and General Born's confidence in allowing me to serve."

General Mueller and his deceased wife, Charlotte Scott, have two children, Catherine and Scott.

General Mueller's successor, Lt. Col. Daniel Uribe, a 1988 Academy graduate, has assumed the leadership



General Mueller addresses family and guests during his retirement ceremony Sept. 12.

of the foreign language department.

"In partnership with our sister services and other governmental and non-governmental agencies, the Academy's Department of Foreign Languages will continue to build upon General Mueller's achievements, legacy, and initiatives," Colonel Uribe said. "I look forward to the future challenges and successes as we continue to develop our young men and women into leaders of character with a global perspective."

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Head into the wild, get connected

Story and photos by Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

As the horrors unfolded Sept. 11, 2001, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo received two kinds of phone calls.

Sean Anglum, the zoo's public relations and special events manager, said due to the zoo's proximity to NORAD callers asked, "Are the animals safe?" The second question was, "Are you open? We need to bring our family somewhere to find some peace."

Set high above Colorado Springs in a location lush with mountain-friendly vegetation, it is indeed a peaceful place, save for the occasional elephant bugle, monkey screech or lion roar.

"We are America's only mountain zoo," Mr. Anglum said.

Philanthropist Spencer Penrose incorporated the zoo, now accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, into a non-profit public trust for the people of Colorado Springs. It receives no tax dollars.

Today there is so much to do and see it's nearly impossible to take it all in during a single visit.

Kids can play and learn in *My Big Backyard*, with its oversized play equipment, koi pond and petting zoo. They can take a ride on a pony, the carousel or the tot train (weather permitting).

The Mountaineer Sky Ride gives visitors a bird's-eye view of the zoo's 145-acre property and surrounding mountainside. Picnic areas and benches are plentiful for enjoying a sack lunch, or visitors may purchase a lunch on-site.

Boo at the Zoo opens today and runs Saturday and Sunday and again Oct. 24-26. Centered for children from ages 4 to 12, Boo will offer 20 trick-or-treat stations, magic shows, carnival and animal games and a lighted pumpkin patch and grave yard.

The zoo's real stars, the show-stoppers, are its 550 animals representing more than 119 species.

The intention of every exhibit is to get visitors involved, and the zoo, open 365 days a year, delivers handily.

"You can get up close and get connected," Mr. Anglum said. "It's a zoo that challenges you to get out and see it."

In the *Rocky Mountain Wild* exhibit, opened in May, visitors can literally go nose-to-nose through the glass with a grizzly bear frolicking in a pond or river otters diving to and fro. Visitors can also safely get close to and view mountain lions, or cougars, as they lounge in rock caves.

The new exhibit also includes such residents as wild turkeys and other native birds, moose, wolves, trout in Moose Lake, and a porcupine.

In the Australia exhibit, visitors can hand-feed the birds in Budgie Buddies and view other native feathered friends, as well as wallabies hopping around their enclosure.

In the *Primate World*, gorillas and orangutans show off in their grassy and lofty habitats. The exhibit features generous glass viewing areas inside and outside where apes and people can get close and make faces back and forth.

The same is true in the African Highlands, where leopards, tigers and Pallas' cats roam on the wooded hillside or come to the glass to check out visitors.

In *African Rift Valley*, getting up close means getting slobbered on. Visitors can purchase biscuits to plant on the outstretched tongues of the always-munching reticulated giraffes. Zebras and meerkats also share the exhibit.

The zoo's giraffes represent the largest contiguous reticulated herd in the country. It is also the most prolific. Since 1994, the herd has produced 190 youngsters.

Visitors will not want to miss the steadfast animal players in the zoo's older exhibits as well.



Above: *My Big Backyard* is a favorite spot for the younger set.

Left: Zoo staff member Erica Garrouette tends Tiger Lily. The resident skunk makes the zoo's education program come alive.

Below: Visitors treat a feathered friend in Budgie Buddies.



apparent to many are the zoo's investments in conservation. As a partner in the AZA's Species Survival Plan, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo participates in captive breeding, conservation and animal care.

The zoo is now involved with 30 different species programs.

One spectacular success of the SSP is the black-footed ferret. A new population of 3,000 was built from only nine, thought to be the last of their kind. The zoo is still breeding them off-exhibit and introduced 20 kits to the wild this year.

It is also participating in the "Quarters for Conservation" program whereby 25 cents of each admission goes to expand local and world conservation efforts as well as participating in the "Year of the Frog" while maintaining amphibian propagation for Wyoming toads.

Visitors are asked to respect the well-maintained, clean environment of the zoo, including grounds, restaurants and restrooms.

Visitors who get winded easily can take advantage of the tram, which runs about every 15 minutes, every weekend in the winter season. It has 10 stops.

The zoo offers an abundance of opportunities to support its mission, including volunteering, monetary gifts and memberships which come with, among other benefits, free admission all year.

Discover more at the Web site: www.cmzoo.org. Winter hours are: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the last admission at 4 p.m. Check the Web site for holiday hours. Admission is \$14.25 for adults ages 12 to 64, \$12.25 for seniors and \$5.50 for children 3 - 11. A military ID qualifies for a \$2 discount. The price includes admission to the Will Rogers memorial, Shrine of the Sun.

Inside the Bird & Reptile House reside exotic, colorful birds, tortoises and turtles, snakes, frogs, marmosets, Golden Lion Tamarins and newts, among others.

In *Aquatics*, penguins, tropical fish, American beaver, pythons and a komodo dragon share the stage with the zoo's hippo pair.

The monkey pavilion features lemurs, mangabeys, coatimundis, among others. Also housed in the monkey facility is Zoya, an orphaned emur tiger cub who spends her days charming visitors.

The bear exhibit now houses Asiatic and spectacled bears. In the elephant yard, visitors can say hello to giants Kimba and Lucky, as well as tapirs, ground hornbills and okapi.

Coming or going, visitors can admire the Rocky Mountain goats and marmots across from the gift shop just inside the entrance.

Visitors can stay connected through multiple opportunities to see animal feedings or attend one of the zoo's many workshops around the grounds.

The newly-opened Lodge at Moose Lake is available for meetings, private parties and even weddings for guests desiring a unique, wild ambiance.

The number of zoo visitors is expected to top a half million this year. What may not be entirely

Fencers bode well in North American Cup

By Madeline McGuire
Athletic Communications

Air Force Academy fencers competed in the first North American Cup (NAC) tournament of the 2008-2009 season. The NAC Division II/III competition was held in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 10 through Monday. The Falcons' top finishers were Libby De La Torre, who tied for third place among 67 women's individual epee Division III competitors. She also earned her C2008 rating in the U.S. Fencing Association and finished 26th among 64 in the women's epee Division II event. Geoffrey Pamerleau finished 10th among 95 fencers in men's individual sabre Division III.

AFA's top 50: Finishing in the top 50 of their respective events included Pamerleau who finished 28th in the field of 172 men's individual sabre Division II fencers. In women's epee Division III, Nicole Flint finished 27th among 67 individual fencers. Jennifer Nolta finished 51st in women's individual epee Division III. Chris Daniels finished 40th in men's sabre in the Division III category. William Hock finished 39th in men's foil in Division III.

Air Force Results: Oct. 10 through Sunday North American Cup "A" Division II/III

Name	Place	Event
Ainsley Allen	112th	Women's Individual Foil – D II
Ainsley Allen	86th	Women's Individual Foil – D III
Brent Lavey	171st	Men's Individual Sabre – D II
Chris Daniels	93rd (tie)	Men's Individual Sabre – D II
Geoffrey Pamerleau	28th	Men's Individual Sabre – D II
Jennifer Nolta	51st	Women's Individual Epee – D III
Joe Eastman	98th	Men's Individual Epee – D III
Julie Luce	111th	Women's Individual Foil – D II
Julie Luce	75th	Women's Individual Foil – D III
Libby De la Torre	3rd (tie)	Women's Individual Epee – D III
Nicole Flint	27th	Women's Individual Epee – D III
Rebecca Bodtke	67th	Women's Individual Sabre – D II
Rebecca Bodtke	64th	Women's Individual Sabre – D III
William Hock	96th	Men's Individual Foil – D II

Air Force Results: Monday North American Cup "A" Division II/III

Name	Place	Event
Geoffrey Pamerleau	10th	Men's Individual Sabre – D III
Chris Daniels	40th	Men's Individual Sabre – D III
Brent Lavey	66th	Men's Individual Sabre – D III
William Hock	39th	Men's Individual Foil – D III
Joe Eastman	79th	Men's Individual Epee – D II
Libby De La Torre	26th	Women's Individual Epee – D II
Jennifer Nolta	49th	Women's Individual Epee – D II
Nicole Flint	51st	Women's Individual Epee – D II

MWC names AF senior Runner of the Week

Air Force senior Sebastian Ortiz was named the Mountain West Conference Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Week, the league announced Tuesday. It is the first career honor for Ortiz and the first of the season for the men's team. Ortiz shared the weekly honor with San Diego State's Kristin Glen, who received the women's honor.

Ortiz was the top-scoring Air Force runner at the Fort Hays State Tiger Open Saturday. With a career-best time of 25:08, Ortiz recorded the team's

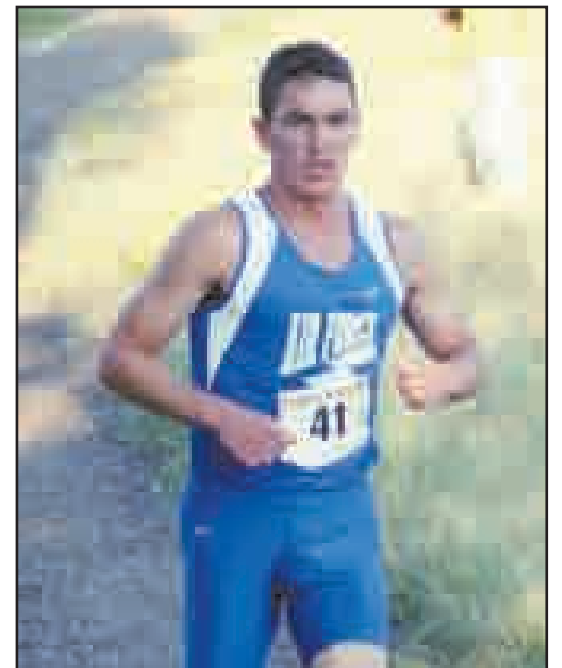
second-fastest 8K time of the year. Shaving more than two minutes off of his previous season-best time, Ortiz is ranked within the league's top-20. Finishing fourth in a field of 77 competitors, Ortiz paced the Falcons to a third-place finish in the team standings.

He is the second Air Force runner to earn the honor this year, as junior Brittany Morreale won the award Sept. 16.

Air Force returns to action Saturday when it heads to Terre Haute, Ind., for

the prestigious Pre-Nationals meet. The meet will feature over 80 programs from around the country and is held on the same course as the 2008 NCAA Championships in November. Air Force's women will compete in the 41-team 'Blue' race (6K), while the men will participate in the 40-team 'White' race (8K).

The following weekend the Falcons will host the annual Air Force Open cross country meet Oct. 24 at 4 p.m., at the Eisenhower Golf Course.



Sebastian Ortiz

Courtesy Photo

Huskies volleyball team falls in weekend sweep

By Nikki Marino
Prep School volleyball coach

While a last-place finish is never what you want in a tournament you're hosting, the ladies' volleyball defense was better overall than it has ever been, and they did a great job of adapting to an unexpected injury that required a significant lineup shuffle. They all stepped up and made the adjustment, and I was thoroughly impressed by their ability to stay focused and supportive in a situation where most teams would end up frustrated and mentally broken.

Hannah Bergstrom came in from the bench to make the new lineup work, and everyone talked through it.

Probably the most notable "step up" came in Saturday's matchup vs. New Mexico Military Institute.

We had just dropped a match to them the night before, and started off too slowly in the first set of the match. The second game started much the same way – a timeout became necessary to give them a heartfelt reminder (some may call it yelling) that NMMI is our version of an inter-service rivalry – when West Point or Navy come to town, it is a BIG deal ... and because they haven't experienced it on the Hill yet they don't know what a "pride thing" it is. They seemed to latch onto that notion (or I just scared them) and made a huge upswing in their performance. That game was a fun one to watch – they were scrappy on defense, stretching that last inch to make a save or get a touch on a block; anything to keep the ball alive.

Offensively our back row was calling open shots for our hitters, and the hitters hit them. NMMI was a bit surprised by the fact that we led most of the match –

in the end they took that game, but the team really took a lesson about how to play with guts. Even if it was only for a little while, they figured out how to flip the switch and break through to that higher level we all knew was there – that was a "win" for us as a team.

We are looking to finish strong with the Husky Invitational today and Saturday.

Oct. 10 Results

Loss vs. Johnson & Wales (in 4 games):

25-19, 24-26, 21-25, 18-25

Loss vs. Trinidad (in 4 games):

25-21, 10-25, 19-25, 13-25

Loss vs. NMMI (in 3 games): 11-25, 7-25, 6-25

Saturday Results

Loss vs. NMMI (in 3 games): 10-25, 22-25, 7-25

Loss vs. JWU (in 4 games): 16-25, 25-18, 12-25, 9-25

Football versus Army

The kickoff time for the Air Force versus Army football game Nov. 1 has been set for 12:06 p.m. EST. The game will be televised by ESPNU as part of the contract agreement between the network and Army.

Rifle teams fall

In a match against the U.S. Military Academy and the Nebraska Huskers Saturday and Sunday, the Air Force rifle team lost to both opponents. Saturday, the Falcons scored 2252 to Army's 2300

points in smallbore. In air rifle the Falcons only scored 2296 points to Army's 2313. The overall score was AF 4548, Army 4613. Sunday, against the Huskers, the Falcons defeated Nebraska by one point (2310-2309) in air rifle, but lost the smallbore match 2301-2274. The Falcons lost overall 4584-4610.

Baseball

A four-run third inning lifted the White team to a 6-2 victory over the Blue team in game one of Air Force baseball's 2008 Blue-White Series Wednesday afternoon at Falcon Field. Senior right-

hander Jake Petro struck out 10 batters in five innings pitched while junior Addison Gentry added a home run for the White team.

Big splash

Former Air Force swimmer Chris Knaute was one of 10 athletes named to the Mountain West Conference Men's Swimming and Diving 10th Anniversary Team, as announced by the conference Wednesday. The team was selected by a combined panel of media, institutional and conference personnel and online fan poll.

Freshmen infuse life into Falcon offense

By Staff Sgt. Steve Grever
Academy Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO – Freshmen quarterback Tim Jefferson and tailback Ashley Clark led the Air Force Academy Falcons’ high-powered running attack to a 35-10 victory over the San Diego State Aztecs Saturday at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

Clark, making his first start of the season, rambled 109 yards on 15 carries and also scored one of the Falcons’ five touchdowns. Jefferson set the tone early for Air Force’s offense during its opening drive, marching down field and scoring on a one-yard quarterback keeper to give the Falcons a 7-0 lead.

Falcons’ Head Coach Troy Calhoun said the two freshmen infused a lot of energy into the offense and showed glimpses of greater things to come.

“Those guys gave us some pop,” he said. “They are going to be good players. They have a lot of work ahead of them, but they are guys with leadership potential.”

The Falcons initially looked sluggish on both sides of ball and trailed the Aztecs 10-7 at the half. But, Air Force quickly regrouped in the third quarter with touchdowns by Clark and tailback Todd Newell giving Air Force a 21-10 lead by the end of the third quarter.

Air Force continued to put a stranglehold on the Aztec offense in the fourth quarter as inside linebacker Justin Moore hauled in his first career interception for a touchdown, giving the Falcons a 28-10 advantage with 11:37 left in the game. After an injury to Jefferson, quarterback Shea Smith stepped in and threw a 32-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Josh Cousins.

The Falcons’ defense pressured Aztecs quarterback Drew Westling most of the night and recorded four sacks and two interceptions. Defensive end Jake Paulson continued his dominance up front with 1.5 sacks, giving him 8.5 for the season.

The Falcons amassed 473 yards total offense, their second greatest offensive output since their 508-yard perform-



Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

Falcons fullback Todd Newell, drags a tackler for extra yardage. Newell, a San Diego native and team captain, carried the ball 19 times for 77 yards and a touchdown in the Falcons’ 35-10 win over San Diego State Saturday.

ance during the season opener against Southern Utah.

Coach Calhoun said they executed their game plan much better in the second half and didn’t miss many opportunities to get the ball in the end zone.

“I think the first half we played on egg shells,” he said. “It just seemed like we had a bunch of guys in the locker room waiting for someone else to spark us. If you go to the Air Force Academy, you don’t wait. You need initiators, leaders, and guys who are assertive.”

The Falcons improved their season record to 4-2 while the Aztecs dropped to 1-5. The Falcons continue their road trip as they square off against the University of Nevada Las Vegas at 8 p.m. MST Saturday.

Freshman quarterback Tim Jefferson hurdles his blocker, tailback Kyle Lumpkin, during an option play and looks for running room. In his first start, Jefferson rushed for a career best 55 yards and a touchdown.



Medics bruise over flag football title

By Dave Castilla
Intramural Sports Director

It was an all Medical Group final in the intramural flag football championship Tuesday night as hospital #1 defeated hospital #2, 33-14.

Hospital #1, last year’s base runners-up to Prep School, made sure they were headed for the championship. On the third play of the game Lenwood Brown intercepted the ball and ended up on the 38-yard line. On hospital #1’s third play, quarterback Russell Pollard threw a quick screen to Dwight Preston on the right side. He cut left and scored on the 32-yard play.

After holding hospital #2 on downs on the 21-yard line, Pollard threw a screen pass to Chris Kazmierczak who rumbled 50 yards to the 10. Pollard then connected on two short passes to T.J. Nelson and a 3-yard touchdown to Micah Yarbrough. Pollard ran to his left for

the extra point conversion making it 13-0.

Two more interceptions by hospital #1’s Micah Yarbrough and Brown stopped hospital #2’s drives leaving the score at 13-0 at the half.

Hospital #1 moved 50 yards on the first play of the second half with Pollard finding Yarbrough to the 10 and a hospital #2 penalty moved it to the five yard line.

TJ Nelson then caught the five-yard touchdown on the second play of the half and Yarbrough caught the extra point making it 20-0.

Barry Watkiss, hospital #2’s quarterback, finally got his team moving, completing three passes in a row. He continued the drive, hitting Earnest Aziz for a 17-yard strike to the three, and then found Aziz for the score.

Hospital #2 went for 2 points from the 10-yard line and found Derrick Thompson to make it 20-8.

Pollard immediately answered the scoring drive when he hooked up with Brown on a 56-yard-pass play

ending on the 2-yard line. Pollard ran it in for the score.

After holding hospital #2 on a fourth and 14, hospital #1 took over on the 26. Pollard found Joe Ross for a 26-yard touchdown and Deamein Jenkins scored the extra point.

Hospital #2’s final score came as Watkiss completed three passes and the team was aided with a pass interference call, placing the ball on the 10. Watkiss then found Eric Gulick for the 10-yard score.

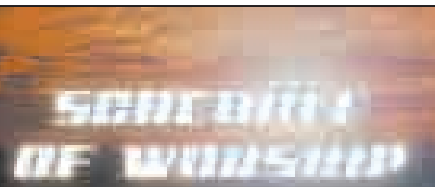
The game ended two minutes later when Pollard intercepted in the end zone. The 10th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander Kevin Umbaugh presented the awards.

Next up, the Academy will put together an all-star team to compete in the Rocky Mountain Region Flag Football Championship Nov. 1 with teams representing Peterson, Schriever, Buckley and FE Warren Air Force bases and Fort Carson.



Sealed bid auction

The Outdoor Recreation Center will hold a sealed-bid auction for the following camper units: a 2001 Aerolite Travel Trailer #04836, minimum bid \$2,000; a 2000 Aerolite Travel Trailer #03163, minimum bid \$2,500; and, a 2000 Aerolite Travel Trailer #03164, minimum bid \$2,500. Each contains a wide variety of accessories. Anyone interested can view trailers at the Academy Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 5136, at the Winter Expo, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday or from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Oct. 24. Pick up bid forms at the Outdoor Recreation Center cashier or at the Winter Expo. Bids must be entered into the locked box at the ORC cashier by 4 p.m. Oct.



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America Recycles

To commemorate America Recycles Day Nov. 15, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron will hold an electronic recycling event November through January. Each Wednesday and Thursday during these months, electronic items can be taken to Bldg. 8125 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for recycling. This recycling event is free to all participants. Some recyclable items are personal computers and components, televisions, DVD or CD players, stereos, speakers, and VHS players. Call Jeanie Duncan at 333-0812 for more information.

Trail blazers

The walking trail between the Barry Goldwater Visitor Center and the cadet chapel will be closed for repairs through Monday. Visitors should park in the upper Harmon Hall lot to access the chapel during these dates.

Contract position

The chapel tithes and offerings fund is accepting bids for the Protestant youth of the chapel coordinator contract position at the Academy Community Center Chapel. Both the statement of work and contract agreement are available at the chapel office. Deliver sealed bids to the chapel by 4:30 p.m., Oct. 24. For more information, call 333-3300.

It's in the bag

Student hire applications are being accepted at the Academy Commissary for store associate positions. Stop by the commissary for more information or call Janice Davis at 333-2227, ext. 3111.

Toastmasters gather

Want to improve your speaking, listening and evaluating skills? Looking for an opportunity to practice some planning, conducting and being an emcee for a meeting? Toastmasters is for you! Join the new club that meets from noon to 1 p.m. Fridays in Arnold Hall. Contact andreas.wesemann@usafa.edu for more information.

Guided tours

The Cadet Chapel staff conducts daily public guided tours weekdays at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., excluding holidays. The 30-minute tours are designed to provide visitors with more in-depth knowledge of the Chapel. Reservations are not necessary. Interested visitors should arrive a few minutes early.

Volunteer program

There are several on-base organizations in need of volunteers. Contact Jeannie Lopez at 333-3168/3444 for more information.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center

Call the A&FRC @ 333-3444 for any questions and/or registration.

Group Pre-Separation Counseling

Held every Monday (except during TAP week); 2:30 to 4 p.m.

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

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Medical Records Review

Monday; 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.

Smooth Move

Thursday; 3 to 4 p.m.

Being prepared certainly lessens the stress of an upcoming move. Learn innovative ways to make your move a smooth one. This is a mandatory class for individuals departing USAFA.

Newcomer's Red Carpet Base Tour

Oct. 24; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An informative, fun filled base tour that gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals what there is to see and do at the Academy.

TAP Seminar

Nov. 18-21; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Separating in a year or retiring in two years or less? Call now to reserve your spot in the next available TAP class.

Dance classes

The Community Activities Center offers ballroom dance classes Wednesdays at 5:30 and 7 p.m. and salsa dance classes Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 333-2928 for more information.



Ghastly surprises

Don't be afraid ... well, maybe you should be. The Cheyenne Mountain

Haunted Trail fundraiser benefiting local charity, the Cheyenne Mountain Fire Department, and the Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station Top 5 is set for 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 24 and 25 at Mountain Man Park, Cheyenne Mountain AFS. Take Hwy. 115 toward Ft. Carson, exit at NORAD Road and travel uphill approximately three miles. Cost is \$5 per person/per trip; food is \$3 per bowl of award-winning chili and warm drink. Free candy will be provided for trick or treaters. Call Chris Soliz at (719) 474-3030 or e-mail: chris.soliz@cheyennemountain.af.mil for more information.

Boo Hoo

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is looking for volunteers to help with Boo at the Zoo nights, Today through Sunday and 24-26. Anyone interested should contact Shannon Cole at (719) 633-9925, ext. 147.

Adoption workshop

The Academy Airman & Family Readiness Center, in conjunction with the Peterson, Schriever and Fort Carson, hosts a Joint Military Adoption Workshop & Information Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Southeast Armed Services YMCA, 2190 Jet Wing Drive. Several organizations will answer questions about local and infant open adoption, foster adoption, interstate adoptions, and international adoption services. For more information and registration, call 333-3444 or 333-2213.

Skylarks

Do you like to sing? The Skylarks, a military wives' choral group that performs for community organizations, is looking for new members. We welcome all ranks, active duty or retired. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Michaels Church near I-25 and Woodmen. Please contact Laura Wilks at 330-7314 or Elfriede Johnson at 278-3567.



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Bringin' the house down

A venue change from Arnold Hall Theatre to Palmer High School did not dampen the spirits of theater spectators who saw the political satire group Capitol Steps Oct. 10. Not two minutes went by without the sold-out crowd erupting into side-splitting laughter. "My face hurts from laughing so much," and, "Those people from Capitol Hill are hilarious," were comments made during intermission and as people exited the theater according to Academy Cultural Arts and Entertainment Director Candyce Thomas. "What a great humorous curve on the tensions of political debates just before an election," Ms. Thomas said.