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## Schreiner Funeral

Funeral services for Richard "Rick" Schreiner will be held today at the Cadet Protestant Chapel. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. in the chapel followed by the service at 11 a.m. A former Air Force member, Mr. Schreiner served as a computer specialist for the Academy registrar's office. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Schreiner, son Jordan Schreiner, and daughters, Melissa Pino and Ashlyn Malecki. Memorials may be made to the Richard Schreiner Ent Memorial Fund.



## Pearl Harbor

Emotional speech sets stage for a time of reflection Sunday.

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Instructor honored in D.C. with prestigious title.

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Falcons wax Tigers in first victory over rivals in more than two decades.

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Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

## Incoming!

Cadets practice convoy preparedness during this year's Commandant's Challenge. The two-day competition pitted squadron against squadron in Field Training Exercises, physical fitness, drill performance and military knowledge. It is the culmination of military readiness training for the fall semester. Cadet Squadron 23, the "Barnstormers" finished as overall outstanding squadron and Cadet Group 1 took top group honors. See story, Pages 12-13.

# Green Energy to save greenbacks

Academy Spirit Staff

Though it is located in the semi-arid desert of Colorado, Academy officials are eyeing "Green Energy Opportunities."

"The ambitious effort involves reducing energy demand trends and evaluating and implementing alternate power technologies," said 10th Air Base Squadron's Russell Hume, who is spearheading the efforts. The Air Force spends \$5 billion yearly on energy, 80 percent of which supports aviation operations, and is the largest energy consumer in the U.S. Government.

Permanent Professor and Head of the Academy Department of Economics and Geosciences Col. Rich Fullerton said, "Oil price shocks, like the post-Katrina spike to \$147 per barrel, have been the leading cause of economic recessions in the U.S. over the last four decades. In the future, an increase in the frequency and amplitude of oil price shocks triggered by resource wars and market forces could have an even more ruinous effect on our nation's economy and the world. These factors have created a new imper-



Photo by Mike Kaplan

**Cadet 1st Class Robert Barlow tests a biofuel sample in the Department of Chemistry labs.**

ative for the development of alternative energy technologies."

"These factors have prompted a goal for renewable energy to provide 100 percent of Academy electric needs by

2015, known as 'Net Zero,'" said Mr. Hume. Renewable energy is electricity, heat or other power generated from natural sources, such as the sun, wind,

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## Pearl Harbor launched "Greatest Generation"

**Editor's note:** *The date: Dec. 7th, 1941. The time: 7:55 a.m. The first assault wave of Japanese fighter planes attacked the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The attack on that beautiful Sunday morning took America completely by surprise. The following day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt referred to Dec. 7th as a "day which will live in infamy." The events of that day spawned the rise of the "Greatest Generation" and spurred America and its allies to victory in WWII. It is important that we all reflect on the anniversary of that tragic day this Sunday. Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr., delivered the following speech at the Arizona Memorial on Dec. 7th, 1984. Senator Daniel Inouye entered it into the Congressional Record. Then-Major Richard S. Rauschkolb was Admiral Crowe's deputy military assistant and speech writer at the time and wrote this moving tribute. Colonel, USAF (Ret) Rauschkolb is presently teaching in the Academy's English Department.*

### The speech:

I am deeply honored to address you on this historic occasion. It is certainly fitting and proper that we gather here at the Arizona Memorial to recall the tragic events and the significance of that day, 7 December 1941.

As I rode the barge across this morning, I'm sure my thoughts were similar to yours. I tried to imagine what this harbor was like on that fateful Sunday forty-three years ago.

All accounts indicate it was a beautiful morning – so typical of this island paradise. The sun was warm, the clouds were high, and there was a slight breeze. Ninety-six ships of our Pacific Fleet were inside the harbor, or patrolling just outside the entrance.

On the *Arizona*, Coxswain James Forbis had a working party on the fantail, rigging the ship for church services. Fleet Chaplain William A. Maguire commented to his assistant that this was a day for the tourists.

Men on duty seemed to agree. On ship after ship they were eating breakfast, getting ready to go ashore to attend church services – others were looking forward to a day of swimming at Waikiki, while some planned to go to stores downtown – there were only 18 shopping days left to Christmas.

The calm and serenity of that quiet Sabbath was shattered at 0755 as some 360 Japanese carrier-based bombers, dive bombers, and fighters in a two-wave attack, struck targets throughout

Oahu. Strikes were directed at Kaneohe, Bellows, Schofield, Wheeler, Ewa, and Hickam, but the enemy's main objective was the Pacific Fleet, especially the eight battleships moored here along battleship row.

Before five minutes had passed, a direct hit exploded the *Arizona's* forward powder magazine. Hundreds of men were cut down in a single flash. On the bridge, Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd and Capt. Franklin Van Valkenburg were instantly killed. The *Arizona* went down with more than 1,100 men trapped in her hull. Several hundred yards to the south, five torpedoes struck the *Oklahoma's* port side, she rolled over until her masts hit bottom. Four hundred and fifteen men were entombed below decks. Heavy bombs and torpedoes ripped the battleship *West Virginia*, which settled to the bottom, her superstructure awash in the oil-shrouded water. When a large fire raged out of control, she was abandoned as was the *California*.

On the *New Orleans*, Chaplain Howell Forgy did his best to encourage men who were laboring below decks without lights, passing ammunition from magazines to the guns. In the process, he coined a phrase that was to be memorialized in song and become famous as a World War II battle cry: "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

The *Nevada*, shaken by explosions, attempted to clear the harbor. The *Pennsylvania*, *Maryland*, and *Tennessee* were also hit and fought to stave off the destruction which engulfed their sister ships. On the other side of Ford Island, the target ship *Utah*, blazing from several bomb hits, slipped beneath the surface and disappeared.

All told, 18 ships were either sunk or damaged and most of the Oahu based Army and Navy aircraft were destroyed or badly crippled.

Tales of heroism and tragedy on that day are legend. At Hickam, Airmen had to shoot off the locks to their aircraft and load bombs by hand while being strafed. One soldier set up a machine gun in a parked bomber and kept firing until flames engulfed the plane.

Second Lieutenants George Welch and Ken Taylor jumped in a car and rushed to Haliewa Auxiliary Field where they managed to get their P-40's into the air. They each shot down four

aircraft and, in turn, received the Distinguished Service Cross. At Ewa Marine Corps Air Station, Marines dragged damaged, but unburned, planes off the runway and mounted machine guns on them to fire at attacking aircraft.

Here at Pearl Harbor, several thousand sailors from the bombed and sinking battleships, many covered with oil and swimming through burning waters, struggled to reach Ford Island. As the wounded and smoldering *Nevada* limped past the blazing *Arizona*, a sailor saw three survivors swimming nearby and tossed them a line. They climbed aboard and helped man *Nevada's* guns. Heat from the burning battleship was so intense that *Nevada's* gunners had to cover their shells with their bodies to keep them from exploding.

At Wheeler, six pilots, after harrowing takeoffs under fire, shot down twelve enemy aircraft. A young lieutenant named Sterling, who was told not to fly because of his inexperience, jumped into a P-36 when the scheduled pilot left his aircraft to get a parachute. As he revved his engines, he handed his watch to the crew chief saying, "Send this to my Mom, I won't be back." Sterling's plane was last seen spiraling into the ocean.

We are gathered to honor these heroic deeds and thousands more like them. Thirteen Navy men earned the Congressional Medal of Honor that day. Sixty Navy Crosses, 65 Silver Stars, and four Distinguished Service Crosses were awarded for gallantry. But, in a very real sense, every Sailor, Soldier, Marine, Airman, and civilian who answered the call to duty on that day was a hero. This hallowed Memorial and the name "Arizona" stand as a silent tribute to their actions and sacrifices. The more than 2,200 Americans who gave their lives on 7 December serve as a reminder for future generations that freedom is not free – but demands recurring payments of courage, dedication, and service.

While it is appropriate for us to pause on this anniversary to relive the acts of heroism and mourn the men who lost their lives here, I believe 7 December 1941 should also be remembered in a broader context. The Pearl Harbor attack marked an important turning point in world history.

In a symbolic sense, as this noble

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"I try to save throughout the year so I don't have to worry when it comes time for Christmas shopping. I haven't given a whole lot of thought to what I will lose in terms of buying power, but I hopefully can still take care of everyone on my list."

Cadet 2nd Class  
James Walker  
Cadet Squadron 20



"We will be staying home for the holidays. Five plane tickets is getting too expensive."

Maj. Mike Drowley  
Air Officer  
Commanding, Cadet  
Squadron 15



"I plan to be very frugal. I have to support a disabled daughter with two teenagers, so I am not traveling."

Mrs. Geneviere  
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Army spouse



"I'm watching food prices more closely, spending more time cutting coupons, concentrating on other family members' gifts before personal needs or wants."

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# Conference focus: local military health care

By Tech. Sgt. Christopher DeWitt  
Academy Public Affairs

Senior medical officials from local military treatment facilities met with community health professionals during a conference held at Fort Carson Nov. 18 as part of an on-going effort to provide the best care possible to military personnel and their families.

The conference gave military members an opportunity to share their ever-changing requirements with local medical leaders while civilian facilities were able to share their current and future capabilities.

Col. Alan Berg, 10th Medical Group commander, serving as conference moderator and Air Force Academy presenter, stressed the importance of the two communities assembling.

"We are coming together to meet each other, be each other's partners, and help each other out where possible," said Colonel Berg. "Getting together to share information on our missions, growth and other changes, allows all of us to have a shared vision of healthcare needs in the Colorado Springs area."

Changes in the local military structure are most evident at Fort Carson where they stand to add 13,000 more soldiers in the near future.

"We're effectively going to double the size of Fort Carson in the next five years," said Army Col. Kelly Wolgast, Evans Army Community Hospital commander. "There's



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher DeWitt

**Jameson Smith explains the current and future capabilities of Penrose-St. Francis Health Services to local military treatment facility commanders during the one-day Strategic Medical Planning Conference held at Ft. Carson Nov. 18. Community health professionals and military members have met annually for the past four years to try and provide the best healthcare possible to the Colorado Springs military community.**

about 35K now and we think it will grow to around 70K."

"Right now we still have enrollment availability at (each) for all our categories and beneficiaries," Colonel Wolgast added, including that off-post clinic options have allowed them keep their enrollment as open as possible.

Other major changes affecting military treatment facilities include the transition of the Air Force Academy Hospital into an acute care clinic.

"We are going to be inspected ... the last week in January and, at that point, we will officially declare ourselves a clinic,"

Colonel Berg said. "It's been a real challenge because of the transition, but the silver lining is the network that supports us in the community.

"The three military treatment facilities in Colorado Springs could not meet the needs of our patients without the help of our TRICARE network partners in the civilian healthcare sector and the Veterans Administration medical facilities," the colonel added.

Mental health was one of the main topics discussed by both military and civilian physicians.

"The best take-away for me was the

focus of this meeting on mental health needs in the community, to include DoD beneficiaries," Colonel Berg commented. "Sharing the current and future projections of need, especially with the growth of the Army at Fort Carson, will be instrumental in overall mental healthcare growth in this town."

Members from various community hospitals and treatment facilities shared their capabilities with the military representatives focusing on specialty areas the military can't provide as easily.

"We want to move on to where we can partner and fill the gaps for what the military can and can't provide," said Jameson Smith, Penrose-St. Francis presenter. "We are very involved with the traumatic brain injury program.

"We have a 26 bed, in-patient behavioral health unit and out-patient services that serve a lot of that need. Those are areas we can definitely work together on."

Colonel Berg stressed the importance of this conference and the need to continue with more.

"With military turnover (and a lot of civilian turnover in the past year), establishing these liaisons helps ensure that we three (treatment facility commanders) can get the civilian support to care for our beneficiaries," the colonel said. "These will occur annually from now on and I look forward to other opportunities to work with my healthcare colleagues, both within DoD, the VA, and civilian," he added.

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Photo courtesy of Airforce Space Command.





# Academy salutes ATOs with ceremony

By Steven A. Simon  
Class of 1977

Most Air Force Academy aficionados know the date President Dwight Eisenhower authorized the establishment of the Air Force Academy: April 1, 1954, also known as Founders Day.

Far fewer people, however, can identify perhaps the second most significant date in Academy history, when President Gerald Ford opened the service academies to female cadets. For the record, President Ford signed Public Law 94-106 on Oct. 7, 1975.

There are, in fact, many similarities between the events generated by those two pieces of legislation. Both were enacted quickly: like the short 15-month transition between the 1954 establishment of the Academy and the opening of the doors to the Class of 1959 the incorporation of women into the Cadet Wing with the Class of 1980 was

completed in roughly eight months. Both the opening of the Academy and the inclusion of women required extensive planning (which, of course, began months if not years before the actual signing of the legislation). Both transitions captured the attention of the national media. And both took place remarkably smoothly.

There was another huge similarity between the opening of the Academy and the opening of the Academy to women. In both cases, there were no upper-class cadets to serve as trainers and role models for the incoming cadets. The solution in both instances was the same: bring in select junior officers to



fill this role. These officers, called Air Training Officers, or ATOs, were chosen from among the very best members of the officer corps.

After today, the contributions of both groups of ATOs will be memorialized at the Air Force Academy. The male ATOs who served in the 1950s are remembered with a window in Doolittle Hall and a plaque outside of Arnold Hall. The "catch-up" for the female ATOs occurs today when officials from the Class of 1980, the Academy, and the female ATOs themselves dedicate two displays.

The 12 female ATOs, all lieutenants at the time, began serving at the Academy in early 1976. For the next five months,

they learned how to be cadets. Members of the Class of 1976 put the ATOs through a complete Basic Cadet Training, to include the Jacks Valley field camp. They also received training in navigation, survival, and Airmanship. The ATOs also learned about the Honor Code and other Academy traditions. After this intensive training, they were ready to be surrogate upper-class cadets to the 157 women who entered the Academy on June 26, 1976, as proud members of the Class of 1980.

The ATOs remained at the Academy for the next year, until the Class of '80 had finished its Doolie (freshman) year and the females could assume the positions of upper-class leaders and role models for future incoming female cadets.

The Dedication in Doolittle Hall will take place at 9 a.m., to be followed by a short ceremony in Arnold Hall at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to both events.

## Green

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tides, and the heat trapped inside the Earth, all of which are naturally recharged. About 7 percent of U.S. energy consumption is renewable, and most of that comes from hydroelectric and the burning of wood.

A Congressional act calls for a 30-percent reduction in energy consumption by 2015, and a 100 percent reduction in fossil fuel (coal, oil, natural gas) generated energy by 2030.

Academy planners expect to achieve a 30-percent drop in energy consumption by implementing an aggressive conservation program and the planned reduction in base housing units. Among driving forces at the Academy are the reduction of 780 housing units by 2013, with the remaining 427 new dwellings expected to be more energy efficient.

"Our 1950s architecture has resulted in buildings

that are strikingly beautiful, but not very energy efficient," said Chief Scientist and Director of Research for the Dean of Faculty Col. Rob Fredell. "Although it's easier to 'build green' with new construction, great opportunities exist to retrofit improved energy efficiency into our existing Academy buildings."

Last year, the Academy electrical energy bill was about \$6 million. The superintendent's goal is to generate as much electricity on site as the Academy consumes by 2015, from renewable sources.

"We're looking at potential renewable sources like solar and hydro power," Mr. Hume said. "There is possible use of refuse, wood waste, geothermal ground source and decentralizing hot water heating to remote areas like to the community center from the heat plant."

"A 2025 dream is for 100 percent energy offset by renewables, including transportation fuels, resulting in

a zero carbon footprint for the Academy," Mr. Hume said.

Much more work remains in the future. Academy efforts are destined to influence world energy trends far beyond the installation.

A growing energy research effort will tap Academy expertise in aeronautics (for example, by designing winglets for drag reduction on the KC-135 aerial tanker), chemistry (hydrogen fuels and advanced lithium batteries for electric vehicles), biology (turning algae into jet fuel), and civil engineering (developing more efficient building designs that use less energy).

Colonel Fredell noted, "The Academy is uniquely positioned to set a green example for the world—we've got the ideal combination of research capability, alternative energy sources, and a desire to improve our mountain environment. Net Zero is only the beginning."



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# Professor lauded for dedication as educator

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

Dr. Martin Carlisle had a yen to be a teacher since his senior year at the University of Delaware.

"I wanted to have an impact on people's lives," he said. "My heart is really helping them learn."

For his dedication, knowledge and caring, the professor and head of the Academy's Computer Science Department has been named Colorado Professor of the Year from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

He received the award in Washington D. C. Nov. 20.

"It's great former students and colleagues wrote letters supporting me," Doctor Carlisle said. "I hope that means I'm making a difference."

The 12-year faculty member holds a B.S. from the University of Delaware and M.S. and Ph. D. degrees in computer science from Princeton University.

Among his accomplishments at the Academy was development of RAPTOR, a visual programming environment for teaching introductory algorithmic thinking used by cadets and at other universities worldwide, and AdaGIDE, a programming environment used in universities and corporations worldwide.

His other recent awards include the Arthur S. Fleming Award for government service, the Air Force Civilian Achievement Medal and the Malham M. Wakin Character Development Award.

The Carnegie selection committee received stellar recommendations from colleagues and students alike.

"Fortunately for the Academy, Marty continues to stay with us, because he is a selfless, dedicated individual who is passionate about teaching and is passionate about teaching here," wrote Dr. Barry Fagin, computer science professor. "For that, the Air Force and the country it

protects are, and should be, grateful."

Former students and Academy graduates praised Doctor Carlisle's helpfulness, knowledge and teaching ability.

"I was amazed at the wealth of knowledge at his disposal," said 2nd Lt. Michael Tanner, Class of 2008 and now a graduate student at the Air Force Institute of Technology. "He was able to clearly explain complex and abstract concepts in computer science, mathematics, electrical engineering or even my 'fuzzy' English and history courses."

First Lieutenant Christopher Perr, Class of 2005 and with Air Force Space Command at Minot Air Force Base, N. D., appreciated Doctor Carlisle's willingness to help any cadet who asked.

"He was always there for any help you needed. It didn't matter what class you were in, if he were teaching it or not, or even if it was a comp sci class or not," he said. "Just asking him for help would instantly start him into a series of questions leading to a discovery."

Doctor Carlisle, "Marty" to his friends, said cadets will need to learn to deal with hot topics in the active-duty Air Force, including defending networks, computers with multiple processors and their inherent software issues, the creation of ad hoc networks and enabling computers to recognize items on their own.

Cadets will also need to prepare for future challenges.

"As a society and as cadets, we are increasingly in a networked world," he said. Cadets need to wrestle with the management of personal information available.

"It goes further than what they expect," he said.

Another future technical challenge is developing methods to process all the available information.



Photo by Ann Patton

Academy Computer Sciences Department Head Dr. Martin Carlisle, named 2008 Colorado Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, keeps his door open to cadets needing help.

"They need to know, 'How do I pick and choose information, what is good, what is bad?'" Doctor Carlisle said.

Yet another issue cadets will encounter is decisions regarding proportional responses to network attacks.

He was attracted to teaching at the Academy for its emphasis on teaching being the primary mission. He plans to stay here.

"I wouldn't do anything else," he said.

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# Acro team revs up scores at Tequila Cup

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

The 16-member Academy Acrobatic Sailing Team finished the season in style during the Tequila Cup competitions last month in Tucson, Ariz.

Cadet 1st Class Phil Wilson swept first place in all three contests in which he competed this semester. Cadet 2nd Class Brandon Burfeind placed first in the sportsman glider competition, and Lt. Col. Lawrence Pravecek, 94th Flying Training Squadron commander brought home the Bob Keller Memorial Trophy, presented to the highest first-time competitor in the sportsman class.

"Overall, these are the best scores we have ever had and represent a 10 percent improvement over last year," said Capt. Patrick Smiley with the 94th FTS. "The Class of 2009 did a phenomenal job of building on their successes of last year."

He praised leadership from the cadets and coaches Maj. Mark Matticola and Capt. Erich Kunrath.

Cadet 1st Class Nicholas Grieco agreed it was a solid showing.

"The acrobatic team this year was undoubtedly the best in the 94th FTS' history," he said.

The team flew 50 sorties over the three-day competition.

"I did much better than I expected. I'm my biggest critic and was really surprised at the results," he said.

"I think as a team we performed outstandingly."

He added he thought the team impressed the judges and never had an incident of over speed or over "G."

"These cadets are first-class aviators. They performed remarkably through long days, multiple flights and a grueling operational tempo," Captain Smiley said.

The team opened this year's training over spring break with an intense two-week camp in Coolidge, Ariz. Members flew two contests in Dennison, Texas and the Rocky Mountain Invitational in Lamar, Colo. Later, following a summer of air show demos, the team hosted multiple acro clinics at the Academy in preparation for the contest season.

Competitions presented more challenges than other teams at the Tequila Cup.

"The weather being 39 degrees in the morning, then 85 degrees in the afternoon made for interesting uniform combinations throughout the day," Cadet Wilson said. "Not to mention waking up at 0500 and working until 1700. It gets to be exhausting."

Teamwork and safety are at the forefront for competing.

"We rely on each other for safety more than anything each and every flight. Every single team member must trust that the back-seat pilot has the guts to call out when something doesn't look right, regardless of how it will affect their score on the routine," Cadet Greico explained.

"We also rely on each other for criticism. No one flies perfectly as evidence by our scores. Each of us has

our own little way of flying, and we do our best to share it with everyone."

Cadet Wilson felt he performed especially well with the hammerhead, a maneuver requiring flying the plane straight up, then kicking the rudder pedal to make the fall to the side, much like a hammer.

"It was the make or break maneuver all year," Cadet Greico said. "Those competitors who flew it correctly almost always came out on top."

Like his teammates, he loves the challenge of aerobatics.

"We go up there every day and expose an airplane to its maximum performance envelope," he said. "Having the situational awareness to keep ourselves and the airplane safe—and having fun while doing it—is a blast."

For Cadet Wilson, who wants to fly "anything I can get my hands on" after graduation, it is the ultimate experience.

"It's simply the most exciting thing I've ever done in my life. Not only is it a blast, but these are skills we are going to need as pilots," he said. "Also, a chance to travel and show people what we do is an honor."

The graduating pilots set the bar high at the Tequila Cup for the next wave of acro team pilots.

"It was the last competition for the Class of 2009, and we can say we left the team exactly where we wanted to," Cadet Greico said. "The juniors have big shoes to fill, but they are on pace to do it."

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# Service to the Nation: A Responsibility Outcome

By Col. Tom Drohan and Dr. Dorri Karolick  
Service to the Nation Outcome Team Co-Leads

The idea of Service to the Nation is fundamental to a service academy and is a responsibility that goes to the heart of the unique role as a four-year military leadership institution. For this reason alone, Service to the Nation is treated as a duty and obligation to be deliberately developed as a learning outcome, rather than a trait to be taken for granted.

In the Air Force Academy's high paced tempo of military, academic, athletic, and character programs, developing any particular outcome to its full potential takes organization and focus.

Enter the Service to the Nation Outcome Team, made up of 10 faculty members and planners who represent core programs and courses that every cadet experiences. Each member of the team is committed to helping build cadet judgment to serve the nation responsibly.

First, the team had to agree on what Service to the Nation is and how it could become "real" to cadets. After considerable debate and discussion, the team focused on duties and obligations to national values or interests. As such, the team decided to facilitate active learning where cadets make the connections for themselves by exploring questions such as: "what duties are binding, and under what circumstances?" "Are there hierarchies of service obligations, such as the Oath to the Constitution?" or, "How do general principles of service apply to situations that present us with competing demands?"

Next, the team developed four aspects of Service to the Nation to assess.

- **Selflessness** — personal service to advance the nation. This involves contentious debates in our democracy. Understanding the greater good is a process of asking questions, not feeding answers. Learning selflessness explores a presumptive virtue of national service — what is good for the nation is good for the officer. Selflessness takes moral courage and thoughtful subordination.

- **Loyalty** — requires going beyond blind obedience to a given authority. It should include challenging cadets with situations that invite them to



reason through their commitment to principles, demonstrated through their actions. Loyalty takes an ability to discern and justify decisions that best serve the nation.

- **Being Prepared to Risk One's Life** — an ultimate responsibility and potential sacrifice that implies an act of judgment. Learning to accept risk requires a willingness to take appropriate risks. This is sought by presenting cadets with various problems that require thinking about life-altering risks. Being Prepared to Risk One's Life takes a commitment to national service and the professional role of a military officer.

- **Sense of Duty** — a mindset that enables an individual to embrace all three preceding aspects of Service to the Nation. Lifelong service is demonstrated through intent and performance. Cadets are challenged with daily opportunities to fulfill professional obligations to individuals, teams, units, and other groups that comprise our institution and Air Force.

After defining this outcome, the team arranged several key programs through all four years of the cadet experience. The purpose is to assess cadet learning and improve programs that help cadets develop this outcome.

So what are these Service to the Nation-related programs and what's happening in them? Cadets are involved in a dizzying array of activities, many of which involve service, so the following sequence was selected as a representative slice for assessment.

- **Fourth class cadets** — the First Year Experience class and the Center for Character Development's VECTOR (Vital Effective Character through Observation and Reflection) workshop.

- **Third class cadets** — core Law and Military

Strategic Studies courses and the Respect and Responsibility discussion group facilitated by the Center for Character Development.

- **Second class cadets** — Ops Air Force and the Leaders in Flight Today, (LIFT) program.

- **First class cadets** — Ops Air Force, core Military Strategic Studies class, and the Academy Character Enrichment, (ACES) seminar.

In addition to these events, certain squadron activities and cadets' military performance are assessed as indicators of Service to the Nation.

Each of these programs mentors cadets in exploring what Service to the Nation means to them, as well as what would be expected at the Academy. Some of these programs are run in the summer, others occur periodically throughout the semester, and the rest happen each and every day.

Cadets quickly began to identify the value and distinction of Service to the Nation.

"My visit home brought on a sense of pride for the country I serve," said a fourth class cadet in the First Year Experience class journal.

"Though I'm not serving yet, I am connected to the Air Force in a unique way and have committed myself to defending my country. I understood that principle before entering the Academy, but had never truly comprehended the magnitude of such devotion. I was undergoing an experience that very few people have ever felt, and it instilled a sense of pride for the hardships I was enduring."

Another fourth class cadet wrote, "I don't think I ever fully comprehended what it truly means to be a part of something bigger than myself. After gaining an increased understanding of the military and what a calling it is, I now have such respect for those who fight on the front lines and those who truly demonstrate Service Before Self."

Overall, the team is committed to the notion that Service to the Nation is a vital learning outcome for military officers, particularly in today's complex operational environment. By presenting cadets with tough questions, challenging situations and demanding scenarios, we strive to assist cadets in thinking for themselves, thus helping them develop judgment about how to best serve the nation.

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# Newest Cadet for a Day also the youngest

By Ann Patton  
Academy Spirit staff

A late autumn snowfall failed to dampen the visit of the Academy's latest Cadet for a Day. It merely postponed a morning sortie from the Aero Club.

Dominic Romito, 7, was the youngest Cadet for a Day in the Academy's history. He performed his "duties" Nov. 13-15 through the cooperation of the Cadet Wing and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to give them hope, strength and joy.

It was a family weekend as Dominic's parents, Jamie and Richard and his brothers: Nick, 15; and, Colin, 2; shared in the fun.

Activities began with pizza the first night and ended on game day with breakfast with the Falcons, the Falcon Walk, a tailgating party and prime seats in Falcon Stadium as the Falcons battled Brigham Young University.

Low visibility and snow showers nixed the planned Friday-morning flight, but firefighters from Academy Fire Station 3, next door to the Aero Club, came to the rescue. They treated Dominic, who has muscular dystrophy, and his brothers to a thorough tour of a fire truck, where they sounded horns and alarms, and a demonstration of speed as firefighters beat their own record for gearing up for a call.

The Romito family, from Firestone,

Colo., received royal treatment in visits all around the Academy, including the air-traffic-control tower and hanger, the airfield where Dominic checked out his name on the side of a glider and the 98th Flying Training Squadron for a harness demo and tour. After noon-meal formation and lunch on the staff tower with cadets, Dominic and family enjoyed demonstrations from 10th Security Forces working dog handlers and visits to the falconry mews and flight simulators.

Members of Cadet Squadron 29, who sponsored Dominic's visit, honored him with his prop and wings and the traditional Cadet for a Day handprint on the squadron wall.

"He's having a blast," Mrs. Romito said of her son, who loves video games and football.

He shares family time with his brother Nick.

"We're really close," Nick said. "It's nice to get together and do something."

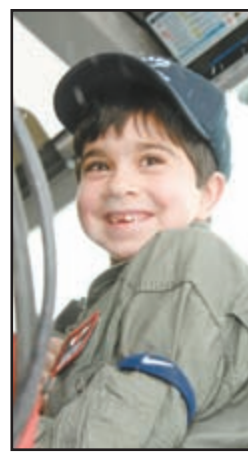
The student at Frederick High School might himself become a cadet.

"I've thought about it," he said.

Cadet 2nd Class Nicole Mancos, CS-29, considered hosting a Make-A-Wish youngster a great opportunity for the squadron to give back.

"Our squadron is like a family, and it's great to have him be with us," she said.

For Cadet 2nd Class Tony Hill, the weekend was also a real treat.



Cadet for a Day Dominic Romito, 7, took in cadet life with smiles and gusto during his time on the Academy Nov. 13-15. He enjoyed a sortie, compliments of the Aero Club and visits to the 98th and 94th Flying Training Squadrons, among other experiences. Cadet Squadron 29 presented him with his prop and wings and honored him as Cadet Wing drill leader for noon meal formation.

Photos by Rachel Boettcher



"It's cool that they do all this," he said of the activities and added as a cadet even he has never visited the top of the airfield tower, a fire station or powered flight at the Aero Club.

"This would have been the highlight of my childhood," he said.

Cadet 1st Class Christie Wise has been on the team hosting Make-A-Wish children

for three years. She will host her last two in the spring before graduation.

"It's a great program at the Academy," she said. "I've been lucky to be a part of it."

True to its character, weather on the Front Range cleared just in time for Dominic's complimentary flight in a Cessna, one of the most popular experiences for all Cadets for a Day.

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# Former Air Force secretary dies at 92

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Verne Orr, the fourteenth secretary of the Air Force, died Nov. 27 at age 92 in his home in Pasadena, Calif. He served under President Ronald Reagan from 1981 to 1985.

Former Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr was a leader and a professional committed to the U.S. Air Force and our nation during a crucial period of change," said current Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. "Although he served during a time of increased defense spending and modernization, he will be remembered most for his deep commitment to our Airmen and their families. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends as they mourn the loss of their loved one."

Before becoming secretary of the Air Force, he taught government finance courses at the University of Southern California Graduate School of Public Administration from 1975 to 1980. He later served on the Reagan Presidential Campaign Committee and was deputy director of the office of the president-

elect during the transition.

Secretary Orr was born in 1916 in Des Moines, Iowa. He grew up in the Midwest and moved to California with his family about the time he entered high school. He graduated from Pomona College in California with a bachelor of arts degree in 1937 and earned his master's degree in business administration from Stanford University Graduate School of Business in 1939.

He served as an ensign in the supply corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1951. During World War II, he served in both the American and Pacific theaters of operations. He was released from active duty as a lieutenant in November 1945, and was honorably discharged from the Naval Reserve as a lieutenant commander in 1951.

Following his military service, Secretary Orr held positions in both the civilian and government sectors. He served as president of Investors Savings and Loan in Pasadena, and director of motor vehicles in California under then-Governor Ronald Reagan. He also served

briefly as the state's director of general services, and in January 1970 he began a five-year term as California's director of finance.

Secretary Orr's civic activities included president of the Pasadena Merchants Association, president of the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena, president of the Family Services Association of Pasadena, president of the United Way of Los Angeles County and foreman of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. California Governor Jerry Brown named him a regent of the University of California in 1977.

He was honored as Phi Beta Kappa, Salvation Army Man of the Year in Pasadena for 1970, and was an honorary member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Pasadena Kiwanis Club, Pasadena Rotary Club and Pasadena University Club.

An annual Air Force award is named for Secretary Orr that recognizes an active-duty or Reserve Air Force unit that makes the most effective use of its human resources. There also is an Air



Air Force Photo

**Former Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr died Nov. 27 at age 92 in his home in Pasadena, Calif. Secretary Verne Orr served under President Ronald Reagan from 1981 to 1985.**

Force spouse award named for his first wife, Joan Orr, which recognizes spouses who have made significant contributions to the Air Force. She died in 1988.

Secretary Orr leaves behind his wife Sarah Smith Orr, two children, two stepchildren and two grandchildren. A memorial service for Secretary Orr will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church in Pasadena.

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# NORTHCOM: Guarding the nation's borders

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Bates  
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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AFNS) — Thousands of U.S. military men and women are deployed across the globe promoting democracy, guarding freedom and fighting terrorism. They are the fingers of the nation's military, extending its reach and capabilities on an international scope.

But as the events of Sept. 11, 2001, demonstrated, the United States is not impervious to attack. In the aftermath of these tragic actions, Department of Defense officials began to look at homeland defense in a whole new light.

In response, DOD officials established the U.S. Northern Command in October of 2002 at nearby Peterson Air Force Base. Its charter: Provide command and control of homeland defense efforts and protect the nation's people, national power and freedom of action.

"We've shifted from an external focus to an inward focus," said Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., the NORTHCOM commander. "We realized we needed to create an organization responsible for homeland defense."

"We may be small in years, but we are no longer a young command," the four-star said. "We are a mature organization, highly capable and highly equipped to execute the mission of homeland defense."

NORTHCOM personnel are responsible for monitoring all land, sea and air approaches within the continental United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico and the surrounding water out to approximately 500 nautical miles. That also includes the Gulf of Mexico and the straits of Florida.

Command officials also are in charge

of responding to any threats that arise within the United States and have prepared detailed plans for responding to situations that range from pandemic influenza to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear events. They also have redefined the command's readiness capabilities since Hurricane Katrina.

When it comes to providing forces in response to incidents, the command has nearly 50 National Guard officers fully integrated within its operations, in addition to National Guard civil support teams located within every U.S. state and territory, and 17 regional consequence response units.

NORTHCOM planners also use an active-duty military response unit of nearly 450 Marines who are the "gold standard" for responding to weapons-of-mass-destruction attacks, officials said. There also are pre-identified active-duty and Reserve components on a short string to provide additional muscle to initial response teams.

"The U.S. military absolutely has the capacity to respond to potential threats within our nation today," General Renuart said. "It will get better in this coming year and continue to improve beyond that."

Yet, protecting the homeland isn't the command's only mission.

"It is definitely our No. 1 priority," the general said. "But we are also tasked with a civil support mission."

This mission includes supporting disaster relief operations that occur during fires, hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. The mission sees command officials sustaining counter-drug operations and managing the consequences of a terrorist event that employs a weapon of mass destruction within the U.S. border.

NORTHCOM forces generally support civil authorities through estab-



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**General Victor E. Renuart Jr. speaks at the 6th Annual Homeland Defense Symposium Oct. 29 in Colorado Springs where he discussed the homeland defense and homeland security missions of NORAD and NORTHCOM and, specifically, how the commands fulfill those missions by collaborating with their civilian interagency partners.**

lished joint task forces subordinate to the command. These include Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region, Joint Task Force-Civil Support, Joint Task Force Alaska, and Joint Task Force North. Other service components include U.S. Army North, U.S. Air Forces North, Marine Forces Reserve, and Fleet Forces Command.

"An emergency must exceed the capabilities of local, state and federal agencies before NORTHCOM becomes involved," General Renuart said. "In most cases, this support is limited, localized and specific."

Once the scope of the disaster is reduced to the point that local agencies can re-assume full control and management

without military assistance, NORTHCOM personnel will depart, leaving the on-scene experts to finish the job.

Ultimately, NORTHCOM's goal is to prevent another 9/11 from happening — a goal the command takes seriously and devotes a lot of time and manpower to accomplishing.

"We are continually adjusting our structure and capabilities to meet the demands of a changing world," General Renuart said. "While the threats we face have changed, our charter remains to provide for the security of the U.S. and defend it against any enemy, whether that be a lone terrorist or a full-scale invasion on our shores."

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# COMM'S CHALLENGE TESTS REAL-WORLD KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS



Getting "wounded" to safety for timely treatment is critical in a combat situation. Photo by Dave Ahlschwede



Testing of cadets' land navigational skills was critically overseen by cadre members. Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Comm's Challenge participants look for cover while under-fire. Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

**By Ann Patton**  
Academy Spirit staff

Eager for Thanksgiving break, cadets nonetheless forged ahead for the main test of their military skills and knowledge this semester—Commandant's Challenge.

"Operationally, the Cadet Wing stepped up and beyond our expectations," said Cadet 1st Class Jacob Schonig, Cadet Wing Commander. "The pride was unparalleled."

The cadet-led event Nov. 23-25 measured readiness physical fitness, leadership, military knowledge and field capabilities.

"It is truly a pleasure to take something which, hopefully, influences 4,400 young men and women who are about to enter harm's way and provide them experiences, skills and knowledge that one day may save their lives, or more importantly, those lives of their subordinates," said Project Officer Maj. James Thompson.

Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Samuel Cox praised the Wing for its performance, saying there was a "huge difference" from last year. He noted the new use of the 9mm handgun and a "vast improvement" in operational readiness exercises.

"I'm happy with the results and happy with the Cadet Wing," he told the cadets assembled in Clune Arena for the out-brief. "None of you are ordinary people. None of you are average."

He also praised their determination and planning, citing former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell who said success only comes through preparation and hard work.

Cadet Squadron 23, the "Barnstormers," captured double top prizes. The squadron, under the command of Cadet 1st Class Mike Maziarz, finished first in performance for Cadet Group 3 and as best overall squadron.

Cadet Squadron 06, the "Bull 6," commanded by Cadet 1st Class Marie Barrett, finished first in performance for Cadet Group 1. Cadet Squadron 11,



the "Rebeleven," commanded by Cadet 1st Class Jeremy Fox, finished first for Cadet Group 2, and Cadet Squadron 31, the "Grim Reapers," under Cadet 1st Class Patrick Warfel, took first for Cadet Group 4. Cadet Group 1 took top honors for cadet groups.

The two-day event had cadets scattered over the Academy, from Jacks Valley, to the cadet pool, to dorms, to the Terrazzo and Academy roadways.

Field training exercises tested cadets in land navigation, convoy procedures, improvised explosive device detection, chemical gear employment, self-aid buddy care, combat arms and individual movement procedures, which required cadets, once "killed," to sit upright and remove their helmets.

"Air Force Academy" events included airfield challenges for "closest to the mark" events and testing, with physical demands, of the cadets' Airmanship and exposure to aerial events.

Evaluation events emphasized attention to detail, leadership and team building. They included drill and ceremony exercises, room inspections, knowledge competitions for the Falcon Feud, plus Alaska shelter tent building. Cadets proved their knowledge of basic war fighting skills during the Expeditionary Airmen's Knowledge Test.

If all of the above weren't enough, cadets proved their fitness during bicycling, swimming and obstacle course challenges.

Cadet 4th Class Richard Noble, Pittsburgh resident and member of CS-27, was unsure about what to expect from Commandant's Challenge but credited his squad mates for helping him through it.

"They were really nice and really cool," he said. "I expected it to be worse."

Fellow Cadet 4th Classman Anthony Trevino, CS-20, felt his squadron performed well in land navigation. Pre-Academy training helped him personally during the rifle manual challenge.

He found it hard to single out a hardest event. "It was all demanding but nothing we couldn't do," he said.

Cadet 4th Class John Walitsch, CS-12, did lots of cycling before coming to the Academy from his home in San Jose, Calif.

"It was tough but fun," he said of the bike competition.

Cadet 2nd Class Matt Weakley, CS-10, was singled out as an outstanding contributor to Commandant's Challenge.

"I had a great time," the aeronautical engineering major said. "I thought some things were more real this year. It prepares us for what we will be experiencing in the real world."

It was also a "pretty cool exercise" for him personally, especially the land navigation portion involving, "tromping in the woods and finding out where we're supposed to go."

After all the exercises and after the awards and speeches, cadets focused on one thing: Thanksgiving break.

"I want to relax, hang out with family, and eat lots of food," Cadet Walitsch said.

"I'm just ready to go home," said Cadet Noble.



UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters provided transport for cadets to and from Jacks Valley. Photo by Mike Kaplan



The obstacle course challenged strength, determination and the will to win during Comm's Challenge. Photo by Mike Kaplan



Master Sgt. Dawn Fay saw to it dorm rooms underwent close scrutiny during inspections in Cadet Squadron 22. Photo by Mike Kaplan



# Air Force Aid Society offers grants

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Furthering education is just one way a community strengthens itself from within. The Air Force Academy community stands to get even stronger with an opportunity for students here who are seeking financial assistance toward meeting their educational goals.

Since its inception in 1942, the Air Force Aid Society has been committed to helping Air Force members and their families realize their academic goals. In recent years, the society's emphasis has been on direct funding of new initiatives that provide

greater value to Air Force families.

The centerpiece of the education initiatives is the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program which provides \$2,000 grants to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies. The value and success of this program, is demonstrated in the 85,287 grants disbursed since the first awards were made for the 1988-1989 academic year.

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Awards for the 2009-2010 academic year will be announced in June 2009. Use of funds is limited to tuition, books, fees, or other curriculum-required materials.

Applications and instructions are available at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org), under Education and Arnold Ed Grants.

Applications will be accepted for processing from through the application deadline of March 6, 2009.

For questions regarding the preliminary application or processing procedures, call the Air Force Aid Society at 1(800)429-9475, or (703)607-3072, or DSN 327-3072.

# Armed Services YMCA sets art, essay contests

Armed Services YMCA has launched the annual art and essay contests for children of active duty and retired military personnel and Department of Defense civilians.

This year's themes are "My Military Family" for the art contest and "My Military Hero" for the essay contest.

Eligible participants include dependents of active-duty military or retired from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard or National Guard/ Reserves, in kindergarten through sixth grades.

For the essay contest, eligible participants include dependents of active duty or Reserve/Guard military

personnel grades 12 and below. The essay can focus on any person who is/has served in the U.S. military. Children in kindergarten through eighth grade should submit entries from 100 to 300 words. High school students' entries should from 300 to 500 words.

Deadline for entering the art contest is Feb. 20, 2009, and all entries must be postmarked by then. The Armed Services YMCA will award six U.S. Savings Bonds of \$500 for first-place entries, and \$100 bonds for second place. The top military entries will be used on the 2008 Military Family Month poster.

Deadline for entering the essay contest is March

20, 2009, and all entries must be postmarked by then. One \$500 first-place and one \$100 second-place bond will be awarded in each grade category 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Students in two high school categories, 9-10 and 11-12, will be awarded \$1,000 bonds for first place, and \$200 bonds for second place. In addition, there are two \$100 bonds for essays of honorable mention.

E-mail essay entries to: [tharper@asymca.org](mailto:tharper@asymca.org).

For entry forms and/or additional information, visit the Armed Services YMCA Web site at [www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org), or call (703) 313-9600, extension 10 or e-mail: [tharper@asymca.org](mailto:tharper@asymca.org)

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# Pearl

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ship sank beneath the waves, American power rose from the depths of ambivalence and isolationism. All doubts were thrust aside and, for better or worse, the United States was thrust into the role of a great power. There was no turning back. The defeat of 7 December riveted our country together as no other event could. Pearl Harbor and the tragic fate of the *Arizona* became a rallying point for our people. No longer would we sit on the sidelines as tyranny engulfed Europe and Asia. As Admiral Yamamoto, commander of the Japanese Fleet, feared – the attack on Pearl Harbor awakened a sleeping giant. America became one country – enraged, unified, and determined. Only those of us who lived through that period can truly understand the meaning of these words, and, how unforgettable it was to see our great nation totally engaged in the pursuit of one common aim. It's unfortunate that we cannot better convey to our children what that means and how awesome America's strength is when it is genuinely energized.

The commitment of the American people was vividly illustrated in factories across the country. The magnitude of our war effort was truly staggering. By June 1944, we were producing 100,000 aircraft a year. We tripled our ship production in 12 months. Between Pearl Harbor and final victory, American industry turned out 87,000 tanks, 315,000 artillery pieces and almost three million trucks. In all, the United States produced 50 percent of the total allied armaments used against Germany and Italy and 86 percent of those employed in the Pacific Theater. The term "Arsenal of Democracy" was not an idle boast.

Here at Pearl Harbor, the effort was equally

remarkable. The *West Virginia*, *California*, and *Nevada* were refloated and sent to shipyards on the mainland. All three were ultimately repaired and saw action in the Pacific. The *Maryland*, *Tennessee*, and *Pennsylvania* were returned to service by early 1942. The quick action and dedication of salvage crews and repair teams allowed most of the ships damaged during the attack to rapidly rejoin the fleet and take part in the war.

These outstanding efforts on the home front complemented our uniformed men and women who carried the memory of Pearl Harbor into battle with them throughout the world. Over 16 million Americans rallied to the colors. They fought in every clime, every ocean, every corner of the globe, on land, on sea, and in the air, from Midway to the gates of Berlin, our servicemen proved that America could (and would) fight with valor and unswerving determination when its fundamental ideals and institutions were at stake.

What started here in Pearl Harbor as a tragedy produced a crusade that culminated four years later in victory. The three totalitarian regimes, which threatened the freedom throughout the world, had been decisively defeated. Moreover, the planet would never be the same again. Many of the shackles of the past had been thrown off. By the end of the war, a new international order had arisen. The United States stood as the undisputed leader of the free world. The nationalism that in post war years created over 100 new nations, the philosophical movements of the 1950's and 60's formed to fight racism, the surge forward in communications and technology, which brought the whole world closer together, the march into space, the tremendous strides in modern medicine – all of these great forces were spawned in the dark days of World War

II and nourished by returning warriors as they hammered their swords into plowshares. We do indeed stand on a hollowed spot that marks a watershed in American and world history.

Walter Lord closes his book *Day of Infamy* with a moving chapter describing the people and sights around Oahu. As December 7 drew to a close, rumors of every description were rampant. Uncertainty, shock, fear and anger were common. As evening colors sounded, all work stopped. Men and women snapped to attention and saluted – the simple ceremony taking place, as always, despite the day's disaster. For Ensign Ed Jacoby, trudging to the BOQ after losing the fight against *West Virginia's* fires, that ritual reminded him that his country lived on – that it had survived blows in the past and could do so again. Nurse Valera Vaubel joined others at the Naval hospital in a spontaneous cheer. At least this sundown she was still free. It says something about America that the thoughts of the survivors would, at the end of that horrible day, dwell on their country and their freedom.

They were right, of course, our nation, its principles, and its institutions, do have a life of their own.

Today is a time to salute those who gave their all here – they are martyrs in their own right. But let us never forget that their sacrifices were made in the name of our way of life. A way of life that espouses the dignity of the individual, that opposes aggression and oppression, that believes, no matter what the obstacles, men and women should never willingly relinquish their freedom. This is the heart of the legacy of 7 December 1941. In turn, this magnificent legacy challenges succeeding generations to pick up the torch and to insure that the flame of liberty never dies.



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# Air Force beats No. 3 CC, 4-1

## First win over rival in 23 years

By Dave Toller  
Athletic Communications

Air Force goaltender Andrew Volkening made 28 saves and the Falcons killed all nine Colorado College power plays as the 11th-ranked Falcons defeated the third-ranked Tigers, 4-1, in front of a sellout crowd of 3,063 at the Cadet Ice Arena Nov. 28.

Prior to the Falcons' loss in Denver Saturday, they were the only undefeated and untied team in the nation, improving to 13-0-0 on the season. Colorado College fell to 8-4-3.

Three of Air Force's lines scored in the game and the Falcons scored a power-play goal, a short-handed goal, a four-on-four goal and a five-on-five goal.

Air Force earned its first win over Colorado College since 1985, ending a 25-game losing streak and a 30-game winless skid to the Tigers. The win marked the highest ranked team ever defeated by the Falcons. The Falcons extended their overall winning streak to 13 games, the longest in the nation and the longest in school history. The home winning streak has now reached 10 games, the longest in school history vs. Division I teams. The Falcons' home unbeaten streak is now 14 games, dating back to Jan. 12 of last season.

The Falcons opened the scoring midway through the first period on a rush by the Falcons' fourth line. Center Sean Bertsch led the rush down the right side and took a shot that was saved by CC goaltender Richard Bachman. Paul Weisgarber followed up the rebound for

his fourth goal of the season to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead at the 10:13 mark. Greg Flynn also assisted on the play.

Air Force scored three second-period goals, despite having to kill four CC power plays. Josh Frider extended his scoring streak to 13 games with his ninth goal of the season 36 seconds into the second period. While skating four on four, Flynn took a shot from the point that was wide of the net and redirected by Frider at the left dot. Scott Mathis also assisted on the play. Three minutes later, the Falcons took a 3-0 lead on a short-handed goal by Mike Phillipich. The captain collected a loose puck in the neutral zone and skated down the right side. He sent a shot into the far corner, went behind the net to retrieve his own shot and threw the puck toward the front of the goal. The puck hit the skate of Bachman and went in the net at 3:30.

With 2:16 left in the second period, Air Force took a 4-0 lead when Brett Nylander scored on the power play. His shot from the center point through traffic beat Bachman high over the glove side. Matt Fairchild and Derrick Burnett won the battle for the puck on the boards and fed Nylander at the right point. Nylander walked toward the center of the ice and scored his third of the season and his third in the last four games. After the goal, Bachman, an All-American last season, was pulled from game and Drew O'Connell came on in relief.

In the third period, Air Force had to kill off a five-minute CC power play midway through the period. While skating



Photos by Dennis Rogers

**The Falcons gather to celebrate beating Colorado College for the first time in more than 20 years.**

four-on-four, the Tigers only goal of the night came on a deflection off of a shin pad on the rush. Ryan Lowery led the rush down the right side. His centering pass hit the shin of Bill Sweatt and got past Andrew Volkening for the only goal allowed in the game.

Air Force killed all nine CC power plays and the Falcons have now killed 42 of the last 43 opponent power plays over the last seven games. The Falcons, who have the nation's best power play unit, were 1-for-4 on the man-advantage. Bachman took the loss, allowing four goals on 17 shots in 38 minutes. O'Connell stopped all six shots he faced. Volkening improved to a perfect 13-0 on the season and stopped 28 of the 29 he faced. Colorado College outshot Air Force, 29-23, marking just the second time Air Force has been outshot all season.

"Our penalty kill was awesome and it had to be," head coach Frank Serratore

said. "It demoralized them. This was a great win and the way we had to do it made it even more special. I couldn't be more proud of our guys. They never got flustered and did a wonderful job of overcoming the adversity. We are a much better team for winning the way we did. Our special teams and goaltending were awfully good. We have a pretty good team. We are strong in goal, we have an anchor on defense in Flynn, we have two legit Division I lines and two other lines that work very hard and are pretty darn good. Two of the big things on my bucket list were beating Colorado College and Denver and we have now accomplished both."

The Falcons return to the ice today and Saturday at 7:05 p.m., with a two-game home stand against RIT. The Rochester Institute of Technology Tigers are 5-8-1 on the season and 4-3-1 in the Atlantic Hockey Association.



Blake Page out skates his opponent for the puck.



Derrick Burnett blazes the puck toward the CC goal.

### Hockey loss

After 13 straight wins, No. 11 Air Force fell to No. 9 Denver, 4-1, in a non-conference college hockey game at a sold out Magness Arena in Denver Nov. 29. Air Force fell to 13-1 on the season while Denver improved to 9-5-1 overall. Air Force was the last undefeated and untied team in the nation and has only trailed in two of the 14 games this season.

### Mens Basketball

Matt Holland scored 21 points and Anwar Johnson added 19 to lead Air Force past Northern Illinois, 67-55, Wednesday night in a non-conference game at Clune Arena. Air Force improved to 5-2 this season, including a 5-1 mark at home. Northern Illinois falls to 3-5.

### Fencing

The Academy's fencing team had a successful

weekend at the West Coast Invitational Nov. 22. Together, the men's and women's teams finished 11-6 against NCAA West Regional opponents, Caltech, Stanford and UC San Diego. Overall, the men's team finished 6-3. The men's epee squad earned three straight victories versus host school Caltech.

The Air Force women's team finished 5-3, picking up two wins each over both Caltech and Stanford and one versus UC San Diego.



# TCU thrashes Falcons 44-10

By Lt. Col. Brett Ashworth  
Academy Public Affairs

Air Force concluded the 2008 regular season on a sour note in Fort Worth Nov. 22 with a 44-10 loss at the hands of TCU.

The Horned Frogs dominated both sides of the ball and kept the Falcons' high-powered offense from getting on track on a cool afternoon in Texas.

After winning the coin toss, Air Force deferred to the second half and allowed TCU to receive the opening kick-off. The Horned Frogs set the tone for the day by driving 60 yards in six plays to take a 7-0 lead only two minutes into the game. And they wouldn't look back.

"You have to play so darn well on the road, especially to beat a top-15 team, and

we did not do that today. They did. They played outstanding," said Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun.

Following an Air Force punt on their first possession, TCU drove 69 yards with Ross Evans kicking a 32-yard field goal to take a 10-0 lead.

As has been the case for the Falcons this year, they fought back. Early in the second quarter they sustained a 61-yard drive aided by a career-long 54 yard scamper by running back Asher Clark. The drive stalled and Ryan Harrison booted a 36-yard field goal to get the Falcons on the board.

The Air Force momentum wouldn't last long with TCU taking the ensuing kickoff and marching 83 yards with quarterback Andy Dalton carrying the ball the



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia

Tight end Travis Dekker gets dragged down by TCU safety Stephen Hodge.

final eight yards for a touchdown. Following an Air Force punt, the Horned Frogs took control of the game with Dalton hitting Bart Johnson on a 22-yard scoring pass shortly before halftime. TCU took a commanding 24-3 lead into the intermission.

TCU tacked on two more touchdowns in the third quarter to put the game out of reach. However, Air Force fought to the end with fullback Jared Tew busting loose on a 57-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter. But as was the case all day, TCU answered right back with a 10-play, 60-yard touchdown drive of its own, providing the final points of the day.

TCU's stingy defense held Air Force to a season-low 161 yards of total offense.

Clark and Tew paced the

Falcons with 63 yards each on the ground. Linebacker Ken Lamendola had an outstanding day for Air Force defensively with 11 tackles including two sacks.

TCU head coach Gary Patterson was impressed with Air Force and the future of the program.

"That's going to be a very good Air Force team. They are young, have good players and they will soon be a force to be reckoned with. We had two weeks to prepare and got ourselves going early," he said.

The Falcons will have an opportunity to end the season on a high note as their 8-4 record has qualified them for a bowl game. They should know which bowl game they'll be playing in on Sunday, when the Bowl Championship Series games are announced.

The Falcons ended the season 5-3 in Mountain West Conference play, good for fourth in the conference.



Air Force Falcon tailback Asher Clark fumbles forcing a scramble during the game.

# Elder hoopsters tangle; CW claims win

By Dave Castilla  
Intramural Sports Director

In the over 30 Basketball program Tuesday, the Cadet Wing solidified their hold on second place by defeating last year's base runners-up, 306th FTG, 55-35.

After a week's break due to Thanksgiving holiday both teams had a sluggish first half, huffing and puffing up the floor with CW having a slight lead at half, 22-19.

In the second half, CW finally wore down the five players the flightline played with, CW's Paul Pohnert scored the first two buckets of the second half and the route was on. Later, Jerry Molina hit back-to-back threes followed by another three-pointer by Sam Cox and CW had opened the lead to 43-29.

With about 5 minutes on the clock, flightline's Pete Edgar fouled out leaving them with four players and CW coasted to the victory.

Coach Lombard said of his 306th FTG team coach

it's hard to compete with only five players. And to compound the situation, the 306th team have lost Scott Oskvarek with a broken wrist this season and then lost Jeff Bowling with an Achilles injury. Bowling is probably out for the year.

Ken Nahrwold, CW's coach, was happy to get all his players some playing time and that his main objective is to get CW back into the play-offs.

Last year was the first time in four years they were not in post-season action. Top scoring honors went to Paul Pohnert with 21, followed by Rob Hartwig with 14. The flightline was led by Ed Lombard with 14 points and chipping in with 10 points was Pete Edgar

## Comm soaks firefighters in intramurals

In Tuesday night action, Comm Squadron picked up the pace in the second half defeating the #1 team, CES firefighters, 53-31.

In the first half, CES twin towers Robert Reschke and

Tanner Derosier dominated the middle with scoring and rebounding and scored 17 of the 19 first-half points. However, at the half they were down three points to smaller pesky Comm Squadron, 22-19.

In the second half coach Jeremy Marshall directed his team to victory as Comm scored 18 points to the firefighters' 9 and broke the game open with the score 40-28. Marshall's excellent speed, pinpoint passing, especially to Eric Elliot who made three quick baskets inside the paint, were key to winning the game.

Marshall, who has been out with a finger injury, has totally turned the team around with his resent play. He led the team in scoring with 17 points also hit three 3-pointers, Elliot finished with 11, with 9 coming in the second half.

The firefighters were lead by Reschke with 14 and Derosier with 10 points.

With the win, Comm Squadron, firefighters and Med Group #1 are all tied for first with records of 4-2.

## Air Force Classic

The Air Force women's basketball team hosts the 2008 Air Force Classic, today and Saturday in Clune Arena. The Falcons take on North Carolina Central tonight at 5 p.m., followed by Miami (Ohio) taking on Texas-Pan American at 7:30 p.m. Saturday kicks off with the consolation final at 2 p.m., followed by the championship game at 4:30. Live internet

radio will be available for both Air Force games.

## Gymnastics

The lineups have been set for the first-ever Air Force Gymnastics Mixed Pairs Meet Saturday. The men's and women's teams, competing together for the first time in program history, will be divided into four squads of both male and female gymnasts. Action is slated to begin at 3 p.m., in the Cadet West Gym.

## Intramural Basketball

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# Academy Band to share holiday favorites

*Three shows set in six days from Pueblo to the Springs, local sleigh bells sure to ring*

By Master Sgt. Steven Przyzcki  
The U.S. Air Force Academy Band

Once again that magical time of year is upon us, as the holiday season warms our hearts and brings out the inherent good-will in all of us.

The U.S. Air Force Academy Band's "Holly and Ivy" production is a time-honored holiday tradition that spotlights your Air Force Academy Band—one of the Pikes Peak area's most recognized musical treasures. This year's show entitled "A Winter Wonderland" promises to entertain concert patrons of all ages.

The show will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday at the State Fair Events Center in Pueblo. The concert is free and open to the public as always. However, tickets are required and can be obtained through the events center.

Colorado Springs residents will be offered two performances Dec. 15 and 16 at the Colorado Springs Pikes Peak Center. Both shows begin at 7 p.m. and free tickets are available at the World Arena and Pikes Peak Center box offices, and at all Ent Federal Credit Union locations.

This year's performance will feature many classic favorites—some presented in new fresh arrangements such as the Harry Connick, Jr. version of Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride.

The band's dynamic vocalists, The Academy Band Singers, will be featured extensively and will include a surprise visit from the "King of Rock and Roll" himself, the always alive Elvis Presley. Audience participation has always been a big part of the band's "Holly and Ivy" celebration, and this year will be no exception. The concert will feature a special selection for

the children in the audience—a musical setting of the classic cartoon, "The Snowman" and a surprise visit is scheduled from that jolly, 'ole guy from the North Pole!

The evening will conclude with the most joyous sound of all—our audience's voices in a mass sing along of holiday favorites.

As we celebrate this holiday season, it is important for us to be grateful for all of our blessings, not the least of which is our enduring freedom that is preserved by the great men and women that comprise our U.S. Air Force. The show will feature many heartfelt messages from our deployed troops to their families back home in Colorado.



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

## Retiree Appreciation Day

1st Lt. Stephany Watkins, health care integrator from the 10th Medical Group, gives a retiree blood pressure results and educates him on normal blood pressure parameters as Lt. Col. Phillip Kleinman looks on.

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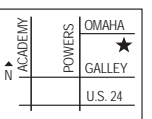
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## Parade and tree lighting

The 13th Annual Academy Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony festivities begin at 4 p.m. today with a parade through base housing, featuring Santa Claus. The tree-lighting ceremony is at 5 p.m. at the 10 Air Base Wing Headquarters, Bldg. 8034. Light refreshments will be served and Santa will attend.

## Wreaths Across America

The community will participate in the National Wreaths Across America ceremony at 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at the Academy Cemetery. The event is intended to honor our fallen heroes (similar to the Wreath Ceremony at Arlington). According to Local Leader Master Sgt. Ernest Medina, the Academy will conduct one of more than 200 ceremonies simultaneously held around the world with the Arlington Ceremony. For more information, call

Sergeant Medina at 333-7432 or visit: [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org) to learn more.

## BINGO

The Academy Community Activities Center will host a BINGO event Dec. 12 in the downstairs ballroom (Bldg. 5136). Card sales are at 6 p.m. and games called at 6:30 p.m. Call Linda Crom at 333-2928 for more information.

## Talkie then walkie

As of Jan. 1, 2009, anyone caught talking on a hand-held cell phone while driving on the Academy will receive a seven-day suspension of driving privileges. Hands-free devices are still acceptable.

## Skate with Santa

The Department of Athletics "Skate with Santa" is set for noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 20. Admission is \$3 and skate rental is \$2. The Ice Arena is in the Cadet Field House, Bldg. 2169. Military personnel, family members and accompanied guests and government civilian employees are all welcome. Call 333-0389 for more information.

## Help needed Monday-Dec. 12

Volunteers to assist the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental staff with the annual Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program are needed. All training will be provided by the environmental staff. Anyone interested should contact Chris Simpson at 333-8398.

## Volunteer opportunity

Anyone interested in being a volunteer track and field official at Academy indoor and outdoor meets for the 2009 seasons should contact [scott.irding@usafa.edu](mailto:scott.irding@usafa.edu) or call at 719-333-3013 or toll free at 1-800-379-1455 extension 3013. If no answer, leave a message.

## A&FRC offers options

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will host the following classes.

Contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 for any questions and/or registration.

### Group pre-separation counseling

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

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

### Medical records review

Dec 15. — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

### Red carpet tour

Today — 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This informative tour gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals what there is to see and do here.

### Small business

Today — 9 a.m. to noon

Have you ever thought about owning your own business, but you are not sure how to start! Then this SCORE workshop is for you!

### TAP seminar

Tuesday through Dec. 12 — 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.

### Mock interviewing

Dec. 16 — 9 a.m. to noon

Are you preparing for your next career move but feeling a little rusty on your interviewing skills? Know what to expect on your next interview. Mock interviewing with real HR representatives!

### Resume writing

Dec. 17 — 9 a.m. to noon

Learn different types of resume and cover letter styles and how to improve your own.

### Newcomer's orientation

Dec. 18 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

### Troops to teachers

Dec. 18 — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This workshop provides information for military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher.

## Water aerobics

The Academy Fitness & Sports Center offers a 10-punch card for water aerobics. The cost is \$30 and the card does not expire.

Water aerobics classes are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:05 p.m. Improve muscular strength and endurance and increase overall aerobic conditioning with zero impact on the joints. For more information, call 333-4522.

## Ski rental

Season ski rentals from the Academy Outdoor Recreation Center require an appointment for a fitting. Call 333-4753.



## Having a ball

The 26th Annual Colorado All Service Academy Ball is set for Dec. 27 at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. This formal event provides a unique opportunity for socialization and camaraderie among Colorado's cadets and midshipmen currently attending one of the five federal service academies (U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy). Through the combined efforts of the Colorado Parents' Clubs from each Academy, an enjoyable evening of special ceremonies, guest speaker, dinner and dancing is planned for cadets, midshipmen, their families and friends, and alumni. Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. has declared Dec. 27, 2008, as "United States Service Academy Day" in Colorado. A formal presentation of the Governor's Proclamation will be made at the ball. For questions or reservation information, contact Momi Dufault at (719) 591-9533 or [mcdufault@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdufault@yahoo.com) before Monday.

## Free concert

The Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers and Orchestra of First United Methodist Church will perform the Puccini and Rutter Glorias Sunday, at 5 p.m., conducted by Rev. James Steven Harter. A Christmas Carol medley with audience participation is also planned. Location is 420 North Nevada Ave., downtown Colorado Springs. Call the information line: 719-471-4361 and/or visit [www.fumc-cs.org](http://www.fumc-cs.org) (select Music Ministries-click Sacred Concert Series) for more details.

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

### CADET CHAPEL

#### Catholic Masses:

##### Sunday

Confession - 9:15 a.m.  
Mass - 10 a.m.

##### Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 5:30 p.m.  
Confession - 5:30 p.m.  
Mass - 6:30 p.m.

##### Weekday

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

#### Protestant Services:

##### Sunday

Traditional/Liturgical - 9 a.m.  
Contemporary - 11 a.m.

#### Jewish Services

##### Friday

Sabbath Service - 7 p.m.

#### Buddhist Worship

##### Wednesday

Traditional Mahyana Service -6:30 p.m.

#### Muslim Prayer

##### Friday

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

All Other Faiths

Call 333-2636 for more information

### COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

#### Catholic Masses:

##### Saturday

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

##### Sunday

Mass - 9:30 a.m.  
Religious Formation - 10:45 a.m.  
(September - May)

##### Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

#### Protestant Services:

##### Wednesday

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

##### Saturday

Contemporary - 6 p.m.

##### Sunday

Traditional - 8 a.m.  
Gospel - 11:15 a.m.

#### Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality:

Contact Tech. Sgt. Longcrier at 333-6178  
[Robert.Longcrier@usafa.edu](mailto:Robert.Longcrier@usafa.edu)

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### CADET CHAPEL

#### Protestant

##### Today at 7:30 p.m.

Handel's "MESSIAH" Concert  
(Doors open at 6 p.m.)

##### Sunday and Dec. 14

Regular worship schedule  
9 a.m. — Traditional  
11 a.m. — Contemporary

##### Dec. 21

10 a.m. — Combined Protestant Worship

##### Dec. 24

7 p.m. — Christmas Eve Service

##### Dec. 28 —

No Worship Service

##### Jan. 4

10 a.m. — Combined Protestant Worship

#### Catholic

##### Sunday

10 a.m. — Second Sunday of Advent  
+ Sponsor Sunday Mass

2 p.m. — Catholic Choir Christmas

Concert

#### Monday

6 p.m. — Catholic Holy Day, Immaculate Conception Mass

#### Thursday

6 p.m. — Communal Penance Service

##### Dec. 14

10 a.m. — Third Sunday of Advent Mass

##### Dec. 21

10 a.m. — Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

##### Dec. 24

5 p.m. — Christmas Eve Mass

##### Dec. 28 — No Catholic Mass

#### Jewish

##### Today

7 p.m. — Sabbath Service & Hanukkah Celebration —There will be decorations, lighting of the menorah, the singing of Hanukkah songs, story-telling, games, gift-giving and dinner (complete with traditional holiday foods of potato pancakes and doughnuts). The service and dinner are free and open to the public.

All publicized events are open to the public. No tickets needed for concert; doors open one hour prior. For more information on other services,

please call (719) 333-4515.

\*\* Dates and times of services are subject to change based on security requirements.

### COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

#### Catholic

##### Monday

11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. — Holy Day Mass

##### Dec. 13

6:30 p.m. — Christmas Concert

##### Dec. 16

7 p.m. — Advent Penance Service

##### Dec. 24

4 p.m. — Family Christmas Mass

##### Dec. 25

9:30 a.m. — Christmas Mass

##### Dec. 31

4 p.m. — New Year's Mass

##### Jan. 1

9:30 a.m. — New Year's Mass

#### Protestant

##### Dec. 24

6 p.m. — Christmas Eve Service

##### Dec. 25

11 a.m. — Christmas Service

For more information, please call 333-3300.