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In Memorium

Academy loses loyal, dedicated member

By Joe Ogradny
Office of the Registrar

The U.S. Air Force Academy lost a loyal and dedicated member of its family when Richard "Rick" Schreiner was tragically killed outside his home Nov. 30.



Richard Schreiner

Mr. Schreiner served on active duty at Peterson Air Force Base from 1983 to 1986 and came to the Academy in September 1986 as a system programmer in the communications squadron. While assigned there, he worked in support of the Cadet Administrative/Management Information System databases.

He also developed a number of database systems still in use throughout the Academy, including CAMIS project tracking, orderly room support, and protocol support. In 1996, Mr. Schreiner transferred to the Office of the Registrar. It is there he developed what would become the masterpiece of his short life, the Q2 Data Management System.

Q2 is utilized by every faculty member as well as the superintendent's office, the dean's office, the airfield and the athletic department to manage information about cadets in an easy-to-use package.

"Rick was a pivotal and highly respected member of our dean of the faculty team, a dedicated servant to our Academy and nation, and much beloved by his family, friends and co-workers," said Brig. Gen. Dana Born, dean of the faculty. "Rick was the architect and maintainer of our Q2i system, which is absolutely indispensable to the conduct of our mission and our

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Photo by Dave Armer

Dining festivities

Cadets prepare for the annual Holiday Feast at Mitchell Hall Dec. 10. The meal featured prime rib and crab legs. Each table was individually decorated in a festive holiday theme by members of the Class of 2012. Cadets also sang carols from the Staff Tower.

Academy salutes first superintendent

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

A new addition to the cadet honor court area will pay tribute to Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, the Academy's first superintendent.

Groundbreaking for the outdoor memorial between the Cadet Chapel and

Harmon Hall, which also bears his name, was held Wednesday.

The concept and planning for the memorial originated with the Academy's first class, the Class of 1959. Dedication is set for April, to coincide with the class' 50th reunion.

"We felt it was a tribute to the first father of the Academy," said retired Lt. Col.

Charlie Meier, Class of 1959. "It will be unique and unlike other memorials on campus."

Not only was General Harmon the first superintendent, he was a key figure in the development of the Academy for about six years prior to its opening.

The circular floor of the display will
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Cell phone policy changes New Year's Day

With safety foremost in mind, the commander says this distraction is simply an unacceptable practice.

By Tech. Sgt. Cortchie Welch
Academy Public Affairs

Talking on a cell phone while behind the wheel? Don't do it with a hand-held device while driving on the Academy.

Beginning Jan. 1, Academy motorists will lose their driving privileges for a full week if pulled over by security personnel for using hand-held cell phones while operating a vehicle on base. Academy senior leadership recently approved a new policy banning drivers from talking

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cortchie Welch

Staff Sgt. Alexander Hickernell pulls over a driver on Industrial Boulevard for using a hand-held cell phone, which is against base policy. Beginning Jan. 1, motorists will lose driving privileges for seven days if caught talking on their hand-held device while operating a vehicle on the Academy.

2009: A new beginning

By Chief Master Sgt. Arvin Davis
Academy Command Chief

As 2008 fades away, we all close another chapter in our lives and as the New Year speeds toward us another one begins.

This time of the year brings family and friends together to pause and take a quick respite from the hustle and bustle of our mission here and prepare ourselves for 2009 and what that may bring for all of us. More importantly, it's a time for us to remember there's no greater calling than to serve our nation during a time of war, so for those loved ones and co-workers deployed around the globe executing the Global War on Terror, let's keep them in our thoughts.

This is a time for all of us to reflect, both personally and profession-

ally, and celebrate our many successes over the past year and pinpoint those areas where we wished we had done just a bit more; maybe with family time, maybe building or renewing friendships with our neighbors or maybe building stronger relationships with co-workers. The amazing phenomenon about a new year is we all have a chance to start anew, wipe the slate clean and positively act on those reflections.

As we relax though, let's not forget about safety.

As we drop in on family and friends or escape to mountain retreats, let's make certain our travel plans include slowing down and taking our time, watching out for inclement weather and not stretching ourselves too thin and placing our families or ourselves in harm's way.

Every active-duty member, civilian, every cadet, every child or spouse is a treasured member of our Air Force family and we need each to return safely from the holidays and share their experiences with others.

Also, if you know of single Airmen staying in the local area away from family, invite them over for a while to show you care for their welfare. That simple act of kindness goes a long way in keeping them serving in our Air Force.

Finally, 2009 will bring similar challenges and demands on our time, but if we stay positive and keep our eyes focused clearly on the ball, there's nothing we can't accomplish as individuals and as team members of the greatest Air Force in the world.

Stay safe and stay proud!

USAF leaders promote holiday reflection

Editor's note: The following is a holiday message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley.

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — "The holidays give each of us an opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments of the past year and cherish time with our families. It is also a time to look forward to a new year of opportunities, both collectively and individually.

"Our Air Force faced difficult challenges this year and all of you responded admirably in meeting them. As a Service, we renewed our focus on stewardship, accountability, precision and reliability. These are the hallmarks

of our core values — integrity, service and excellence. Each and every one of you is vitally important. Our role as trustworthy partners in today's joint and coalition fight depends on your day-to-day contributions. We could not be more proud of all you do to demonstrate that the Air Force is "all in" and devoted to winning today's fight while preparing for tomorrow's challenges.

"During this holiday season, you can reflect with pride that many of our great nation's Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Airmen may safely celebrate with their families because of your contribution. The global vigilance, reach and power you collectively provide the nation are vital to our security, both at home and

abroad. In the coming year, we will continue to innovate the air, space and cyberspace capabilities we provide combatant commanders. You are the strength of our Air Force and its greatest asset. It is our privilege to serve with you all, and we are grateful for the support your families so faithfully provide.

"We recognize your service requires great sacrifice. While many Airmen will enjoy time with their families this holiday season, tens of thousands more are separated from loved ones or far from home because of their selfless service to the nation. We honor all of you, your service and your families who share in your sacrifice. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season."

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Character Corner

By Maj. Kent Cast

Center for Character Development

"Don't Worry, General, We Trust You."

(3rd Armored Division Soldier to Gen. Fred Franks)

The words above were spoken to General Franks just before the invasion of Iraq in 1991. General Franks was the VII Corps commander during Operation Desert Storm. I was a sergeant, and infantryman, serving in the VII Corp during that time; and although I wasn't the soldier quoted, I felt the same way, and so did most of us in the VII at the time.

You see, General Franks was known as a "soldier's soldier," because when he interacted with you, you could sense the respect he had for the soldiers he served with. He had been where his soldiers had been, serving in Vietnam, Europe, and Southwest Asia. During his service he had committed selflessly to the mission and the well-being of his troops.

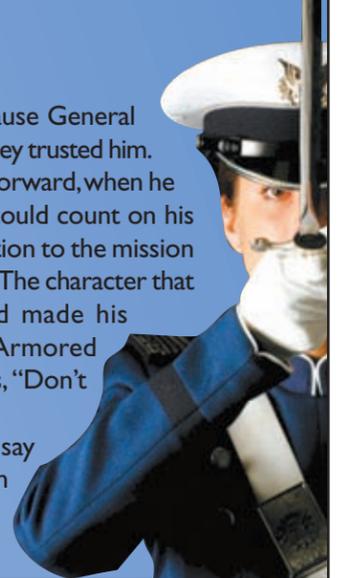
General Franks understood what servant leadership was all about and he led by example. He was a well educated military officer, but it was General Franks' character that inspired the trust felt by his followers. He understood that respect and trust was

earned by giving the same. Because General Franks trusted his subordinates, they trusted him.

General Franks was straightforward, when he spoke, he spoke the truth. You could count on his character, leadership and dedication to the mission to see things through to the end. The character that General Franks demonstrated made his followers feel what one 3rd Armored Division soldier put into words, "Don't worry, general, we trust you."

What will your followers say about you? Much will depend on the character you exhibit.

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



What is one of your most memorable holiday gifts?

"For me, it was a homemade towel my kids made. It said 'We love you, Daddy!'"



Anthony Scott
Civilian contractor

"Last year my wife Jennifer took me to Germany for skiing. It was an awesome Christmas."



Maj. Ryan Coyne
Air Officer
Commanding,
Cadet Squadron 13

"A name bracelet my parents gave me. It always gave me a thought of home."

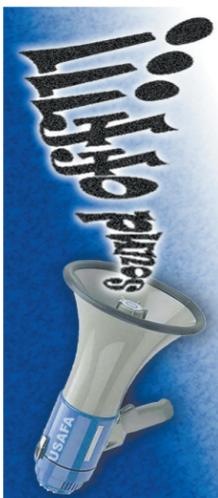


Cadet 1st Class
Tracee Curlett
Cadet Squadron 21

"An acoustic guitar I got for Christmas a couple of years ago. I'm a really big music guy."



Cadet 3rd Class
Blake Cataldo
Cadet Squadron 8



Research Open House shines spotlight on potential

By Academy Spirit staff

With more than 40 visitors representing organizations from around the state and county, the first Research Open House held Dec. 12 was an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the 11 research centers and two institutes at the Air Force Academy. More importantly, it was a chance to introduce local businesses and business leaders to the possibilities available to them through the Academy's growing research program.

The event allowed representatives from a variety of organizations, including the Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation and the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation, to tour various Academy research centers and gather information on how they could partner on research efforts.

The Academy's 10th Air Base Wing Contracting Office also sent representatives. For contracting and for other attendees, the visit was the first time they had to see and touch the tremendous research opportunities and to appreciate the impact of research dollars on the local economy.

Attendees were met by Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born, who in her address to the visitors, spoke of the long history of the Academy intertwined with the growth of the Colorado Springs region and the value of the relationship between business, research, and the cadets' learning experience.

"It was a great event. There seems to be a lot of potential there," said attendee John Wilson, a senior business consultant for the Pikes Peak Work Force Center. "I am always looking for the broader picture and I think (research at the Academy) fits in well with the high quality of workers Colorado already has. To use an Air Force metaphor — research at the Academy is

flying under the radar and it could be a huge boon to the Colorado Springs economy and that of Colorado in general."

"Collaborative research opportunities mean private businesses can benefit from cadet and faculty research, but the benefit is mutual," said Col. Robert Fredell, Academy chief scientist and director of research. "Via Cooperative Research and Development Agreements, we can work with private, non-federal entities to help transition and commercialize technologies developed by the Air Force. We benefit by new ideas and financial support of our efforts, while cadets gain first-hand research knowledge of real-world problems."

According to Colonel Fredell, other service academies have similar programs, though at a smaller scale; the Air Force Academy's research program is roughly the same size as the combined programs of the Air Force Institute of Technology, West Point and Annapolis. The Naval Postgraduate School has an even larger and more successful program.

Some of the current research projects and opportunities discussed during the visit included the Academy's alternative energy efforts, including the Net Zero energy initiative by the Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni, commercial laser research and applications, small satellite payloads, aerodynamic modeling and simulation, and increased graduate collaboration between the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and the Academy.

Through Cooperative Research and Development Agreements, local businesses have the potential to team with and benefit from joint projects either through access to cadet and faculty researchers, laboratory facilities, or supercomputing opportunities. There is also a potential for shared revenues from

royalties and patents.

Businesses working with the Academy are offered cutting-edge solutions and often have access to Academy laboratories and bright minds at a lower cost than if they pursued their research independently. The process grows the knowledge job base in the community and increases the potential for the Front Range to build high-tech companies.

"The Academy employs about 100 contractor researchers in our research centers and institutes, which brings high-wage, knowledge jobs to the region that would not exist if the Academy didn't have a strong externally-funded research effort," said Colonel Fredell. "We already have small businesses like the American Electric Vehicle in Monument that are actively benefiting from our research into high-performance batteries."

The excitement of the attendees speaks volumes about how far research at the Academy can go with local, state, and national business partners in their corner.

When asked about what he took away from the open house tours, Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation Vice President of Marketing Dave White said, "I think it is huge and I am very excited to see the capabilities at the Academy, the kind of research going on, and kind of labs we can offer to companies."

Mr. White said the sheer square footage of laboratory space available would be a huge catalyst in attracting investment in the Colorado Springs region and is an advantage for local companies looking to explore new technologies.

"I was under the false impression that the Academy was all about teaching and not about research — Wow — we have a research phenomenon at the Academy that we need to take advantage of," he added.

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Schreiner

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operations. Most especially, we remember him as a dedicated professional and a special friend."

The mission of the Academy is to produce leaders of character in service to our nation and there was no better exemplar than Mr. Schreiner. He lived the Air Force core values of "Integrity First, Service before Self and Excellence in All We Do."

His integrity was beyond reproach and he was frequently entrusted by everyone, including the dean and superintendent, to provide mission-critical sensitive data with extremely short suspenses. Mr. Schreiner always put others, and the mission, ahead of himself. He arrived at work before 6 a.m. every day and stayed late or worked on weekends whenever duty required.

Despite the demands of his job, Mr. Schreiner's glass was always "half-full" and he always had a smile on his face when working with his customers. He kept a basket of candy on his desk for them, and reloaded it frequently during grading cycles.

He did not like to be recognized for his work. He preferred to remain anonymous and stay behind the scenes. Despite that fact, he was named a superior performer by each of the past two Unit Compliance

Inspection teams, an honor not bestowed upon any other Academy employee.

Mr. Schreiner exemplified excellence; his professionalism and commitment were admired by peers, contractors, customers, and superiors alike. He was truly a model civil servant and exceptional technician.

More than that, he embodied the concept of mind, body and spirit that we try to impress upon our cadets. He constantly searched for ways to improve his Q2 system as well as the CAMIS system. He never stopped learning and never stopped asking questions. He was responsible for the submittal, tracking, and testing of over 1,000 changes to the CAMIS system in the course of his career.

Mr. Schreiner embraced every new computing technology with curiosity and enthusiasm. He was at the forefront of the transition from mainframe computing to client-server architecture and was a pivotal member of the DF team during the EDU network split. He was also the most senior and knowledgeable Computer Systems Administrator on the Academy.

He was a fantastic athlete throughout his life. He was a state high jump champion in high school, and he won intramural base championships in flag foot-

ball, basketball and softball both on active duty at Peterson and as a civilian at the Academy.

Mr. Schreiner won the high jump and long jump and finished second in the triple jump at the inaugural Colorado State Games held here. He was a 5-handicap golfer and an avid runner who could be seen running the roads and trails of the Academy almost every single day. He loved the camaraderie of the local road races and won several "Triple Crown of Running" season series for his age group.

He was a very spiritual person as well. He taught Sunday school for years and was an active member of his church, Rocky Mountain Calvary. He hosted bible study sessions in his home and together with his wife, Sandy, he served as a mentor to other couples in strengthening their marriages through their faith.

Mr. Schreiner touched the lives of literally thousands of people here, and his efforts have left an everlasting impression on the Academy. He will perhaps best be remembered, though, as a fun-loving member of his many families: his family at home, his church family, his Air Force family and his DFR family.

To paraphrase Mr. Schreiner's familiar ending to conversations, "We love ya, man!"

Cell Phone

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on their phone without a hands-free device such as a headset or speaker.

The new policy includes an immediate seven-day suspension of base driving privileges for any driver not adhering to the new regulation. It applies universally to anyone who operates a vehicle on base, including military members, civilians, contractors and family members.

"The welfare and safety of both our military and civilian community is extremely important to the overall success of the Academy mission," said Col. Jimmy McMillian, 10th Air Base Wing commander. "The use of cell phones significantly impairs driver awareness and impedes one's ability to recognize emergency signals, sirens, actions by other drivers, as well as his or her immediate surroundings."

Among other trends, the policy was approved based

on the latest statistics circulated by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, which indicated approximately 25 percent of all motor vehicle accidents can be attributed to driver inattention or distraction.

"As a general rule, drivers should make every effort to move to a safe place off the road before using a cell phone," said Tim Lujan, occupational safety specialist with the Academy Safety Office.

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NCO 'STEP's into top-three status

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

After Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni and Command Chief Master Sgt. Arvin Davis conducted Master Sgt. Christopher Bell's Stripes to Exceptional Performance promotion in Fairchild Hall Dec. 9, the Academy's Basic Cadet Training NCOIC reflected on his rise in rank.

"I think it is always in the back of the mind of every NCO and Airman," said the NCO from Colonial Beach, Fla. "A STEP promotion takes hard work and a lot of great mentors in your entire career. All of my past supervisors or mentors have influenced me and my career.

"I personally know two individuals who have been STEP promoted at other locations now stationed on the Academy,

Tech. Sgt. Brian McCoy and Tech. Sgt. Bryant Evans," Sergeant Bell, with the commandant of cadets training support directorate, said.

Jennifer Bell, his wife of 16 years, sons Christopher II, 14; Nicholas, 11; and, 5-year-old daughter, Olivia, were with him at the ceremony.

"The inspiration from my family is what drives me," Sergeant Bell said. "I love them all and could not have done this without their support and love. My wife is my best friend and she has been, and always will be there for me and I hope she knows I will always do the same."

"The promotion places me in the 'Top Three' which was a personal goal," he said. "It gives me more responsibility and better pay.

He doesn't intend for this success to



Courtesy Photo

Academy Command Chief Master Sgt. Arvin Davis and Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni join Master Sgt. Christopher Bell, and his family, Jennifer, wife of 16 years, sons Christopher II, 14; Nicholas, 11; and, 5-year-old daughter, Olivia, following the new senior NCO's Stripes to Exceptional Performers promotion ceremony.

slow his winning streak.

"I'll continue on in the military and doing the things that got me this promotion," Sergeant Bell said. "My goals are to become a senior master sergeant and graduate from Webster University with

a master's degree.

It [the STEP promotion] was the fifth best day of my life. The best day was marrying my wife. The other three best days are my children being born. I could not have asked for a better life."

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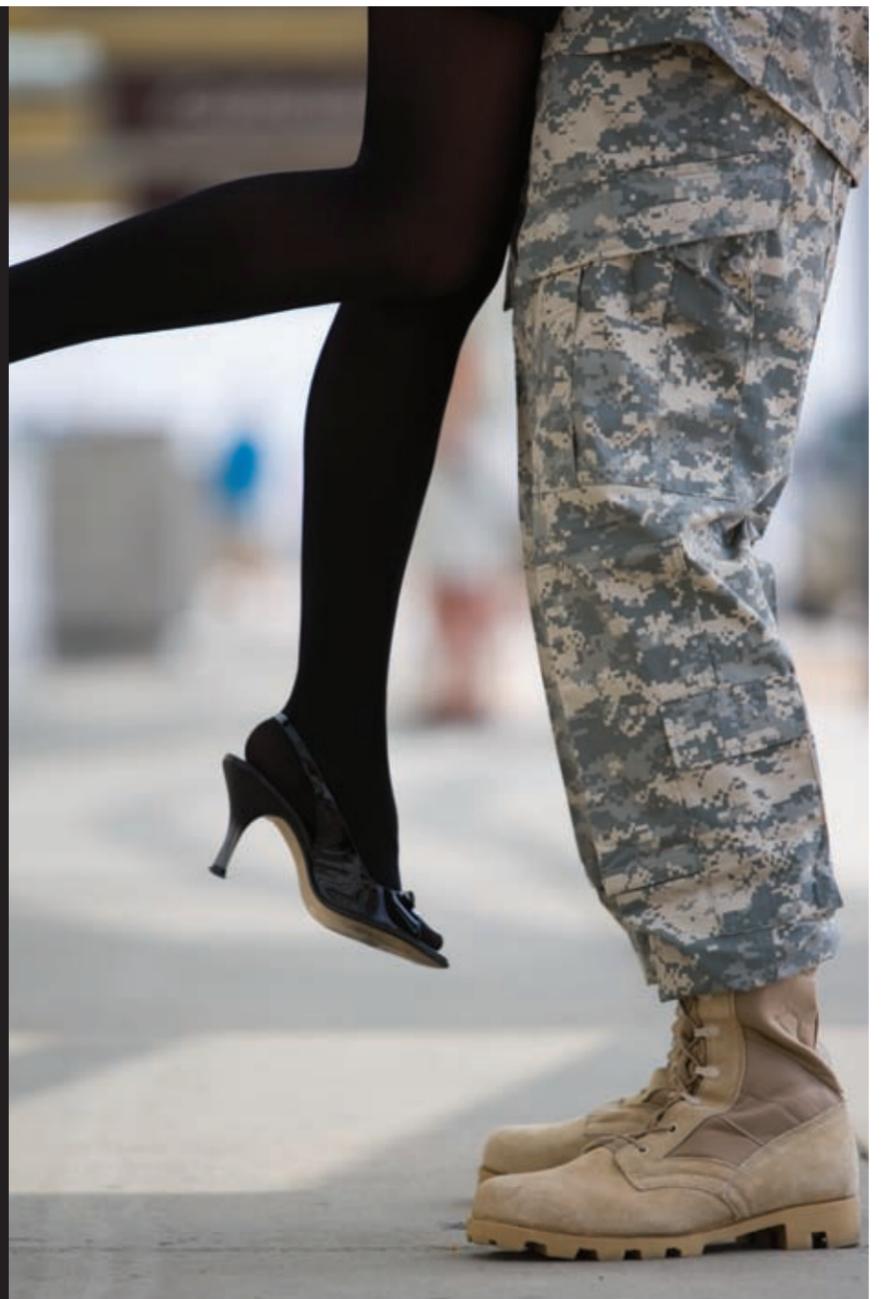
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Academy honors pioneers with displays

By Academy History Department

Lt. Gen. Hubert Harmon, first Academy superintendent, and Brig. Gen. Robert McDermott, first permanent dean of the faculty, were recently honored with individual display cases in the Dean of Faculty Heritage Room in Fairchild Hall.

The Academy Training Devices Shop constructed each case while the graphics and video department designed an informational backdrop offering a retrospective of the generals' lives and accomplishments. Each case is replete with personal mementos, authentic uniforms of the era and other interesting artifacts, thanks to an exhaustive search by the Academy's History Department.

Following distinguished service as a fighter pilot in World War II, General Harmon was instrumental in establishing the U.S. Air Force Academy. President Dwight Eisenhower personally recalled General Harmon back to active duty to be the special assistant to the chief of staff for Air Academy issues, making him a natural choice as the Academy's first superintendent in 1954.

A decorated combat pilot in World War II, General McDermott also played an integral role in establishing the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Photo by Dave Armer

Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born engages with Capt. Matt Basler as they study the contents of displays in the Heritage Room of Fairchild Hall.

Appointed as the first permanent professor at the Academy in 1957, and then as the first permanent dean, General McDermott built a solid reputation as both an educator and administrator for the Academy. In addition to achieving the Academy's first official accreditation, General McDermott introduced a comprehensive curriculum enrichment program that challenged cadets academically, according to their individual abilities, resulting in a program that allowed cadets to declare

academic majors. Furthermore, General McDermott was instrumental in establishing the Academy's Astronautical Research Laboratory.

The department of history located and purchased rare, legacy uniforms in an effort to maintain historical accuracy. After spending several months researching general officer uniforms of the era and traveling around Colorado Springs gathering individual items, the department of history's Col. Mark Wells

and Capt. Matt Basler reconstructed two complete uniforms, offering an accurate display of the Academy uniforms of the time.

"Everything you see on each one of the uniforms was purchased individually," said Captain Basler. "We must have visited every military surplus store in Colorado Springs to perfectly match each uniform."

Accompanying each uniform are other personal artifacts from each general's life. Displayed in the Heritage Room, each case is set against the backdrop of the crystal-clear mountains that each general loved so much.

"The display cases look exceptional," said Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born. "They are a fitting tribute to the legacy of service that each of these leaders left to the Air Force Academy and the nation."

The foundation laid by these two giants will be recognized in the history department's next triennial Military History Symposium which focuses on the history of the Academy.

"High Flight: The History of the U.S. Air Force Academy," will be held Sept. 28-30, 2009, here. The 2009 symposium will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Academy's first graduating class, a class shaped by Generals Harmon and McDermott.

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Academy leaders honor newly promoted professors

By Capt. Jason Ross
Department of Economics and
Geosciences

Academy senior leadership gathered at Doolittle Hall Dec. 5 to honor the Academy's newly promoted professors.

The new professors, Dr. Thomas McLaughlin, Dr. Andrew Katayama, and Lt. Col. Leemon Baird join the distinguished group of 66 professors employed here, who have reached the pinnacle of their professions.

Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni; Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Samuel Cox; Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born; Athletic Director Dr. Hans Mueh; and, Chair for Character and Leadership Dr. Ervin Rokke; along with permanent professors and department heads, paid tribute to the Academy's newest professors at a reception hosted by General Born.

"Earning the title of professor is a significant accomplishment" General Born said. "Only about 12 percent of our faculty hold this distinction. The teaching faculty members must have an extended record of experience as an instructor, including leadership positions. All three of these individuals are recognized experts in their academic fields. Having faculty members of this caliber is critical to our mission of building leaders of character for our Air Force and our nation."



Dr. Thomas McLaughlin, Dr. Andrew Katayama and Lt. Col. Leemon Baird prepare to cut a cake in their honor.

Photo by Mike Kaplan

Doctor McLaughlin from the Department of Aeronautics has been a full-time researcher here at the Academy for the last nine years. His principal research includes plasma actuators, closed loop flow control and aerospace instrumentation, and uncertainty analysis.

He obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska, his master's degree from the Air Force

Institute of Technology, and his doctorate from the University of Colorado. Dr. McLaughlin has been married to Renee for 31 years and has two children, Dr. Michelle McLaughlin and James McLaughlin.

Doctor Katayama has been here since 2002 and works in the Academy's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. He obtained his undergraduate degree in secondary educa-

tion, his Masters in Education from Freed-Hardeman University and he earned a doctorate in educational psychology from Mississippi State University.

He is known throughout academia for his ground-breaking research in educational psychology and has published more than 85 papers for peer-reviewed journals and research conferences.

Colonel Baird has been a part of the faculty for more than seven years and teaches in the Academy's Department of Computer Sciences. He is a 1989 Academy graduate majoring in computer science. He obtained his masters degree from Northeastern and his doctorate from Carnegie Mellon. Colonel Baird has published more than 100 articles in peer-reviewed and scholarly journals and many major text books and journals cite his work.

He has also been recognized by the National Science Foundation as one of the top 30 researchers in the world to plan the future of the computer science field.

The academic promotion process, through which Air Force Academy instructors proceed to assistant professor, associate professor, and professor, is a crucial program for recognizing the professional expertise of the faculty. Those who earn the title of professor are truly national and international leaders in their respective disciplines.

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NORAD tracks Santa through live Web site

By 21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The North American Aerospace Defense Command is again getting ready to track Santa!

On Dec. 1, the NORAD Tracks Santa (NTS) Web site, www.noradsanta.org, went live featuring fun holiday games and activities that change daily. On Christmas Eve, NORAD will begin tracking Santa Claus' journey via live video feeds that begin at 4 a.m. Mountain Standard Time

The Web site, designed by Booz Allen Hamilton, allows fans of all ages to get up-to-the-minute reports and streaming videos from key stops on Santa's trip around the world. Google software will output live images from NORAD's high-speed digital "Santa Cams," and Google Maps and Google Earth will follow Santa as he travels around the world.

All of this information is available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, and new this year, Chinese. In addition, for the first time, Canada Post will partner with NORAD to ensure children around the world can send an email to Santa through the NTS Web site. The NTS program is carried out with the assistance of many corporate partners

The NTS program began Dec. 24, 1955, after an errant phone call was made to the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The call was from a local youngster who dialed a misprinted telephone number in a local newspaper advertisement. The commander who answered the phone that night gave the youngster the information requested – the whereabouts of Santa



Courtesy Photo

Santa enjoys a quiet moment with Mrs. Claus at the North Pole prior to embarking on his global delivery path Wednesday.

Claus. This began the tradition of tracking Santa Claus, a tradition that was carried on by NORAD when it was formed in 1958. This year marks the 50th anniversary of NORAD tracking Santa Claus as he goes around the world delivering presents.

The program has grown immensely since first

presented on the Internet in 1998. In 2007, the Web site received more than 10.6-million unique visitors from 212 countries and territories. In addition, the NTS Operations Center, occupied by 1,012 volunteers on Christmas Eve, answered nearly 95,000 phone calls and received 140,000 emails from families around the world.

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Please Recycle

Section-8 believers help fill Santa's sleigh

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Cadets from the Section-8 group have been stuffing Santa's sack to put a twinkle in the eyes of needy children through Toys for Tots this holiday season.

They collected more than 900 toys with an estimated value of \$4,000 from collection boxes in each squadron.

"It is an extremely worthwhile cause," said Cadet 1st Class Robbie Glenn, Cadet Squadron 4, cadet in charge of the project. "Even donating the smallest toy will help. The best part is knowing you can help a local child have a merrier Christmas."

Section-8, a group of some 1,200 cadets, partners with the cheer team and Drum and Bugle Corps in support of Falcon athletics. Among their charities are the fall blood drive and food donations, as well as the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots.

It is the fourth year for soliciting new, unwrapped toys from cadets, permanent party and civilians across the base.

A souring economy is especially hard on parents during the holidays, and cadets understand that.

"Due to the current economic crisis, there are more parents who can't afford holiday presents for their sons and daughters," said Cadet 3rd Class Steve Kim, CS-27. "Since the holidays are probably one of the most favorite times of the year for children, I thought coordinating Toys for Tots

for my squadron would be a great way to help the kids out."

Cadet 2nd Class Tamiko Toyama, CS-23, is headed home to Indiana for the holidays after helping out.

"My family has been involved with Toys for Tots every Christmas for as long as I can remember," she said. "It's a project I hope to contribute to as long as it exists."

She added helping Santa also helps keep the Christmas spirit alive.

"Giving a child a toy to open on Christmas morning means you helped that child to truly believe in Santa."

Cadet 4th Class Kevin Mitchell, also from CS-04, pointed out small donations of time and money definitely make the project worthwhile.

"All it takes is a simple donation of time and a few dollars, and you can do it while you're out shopping for others things," he said. "Also, it helps build a positive image of cadets in the local area."

Cadet Glenn said helping out Santa also can recall Christmases past.

"When you're in the store shopping for toys, it's always fun to pick out the toys you used to play with and then imagining a kid opening up that toy this Christmas and having a blast," he said.

Maj. Chad Rauls, officer in charge of Section 8, had high praise for the cadets.

"To say I'm impressed is a huge understatement," he said. "The Cadet Wing really has a big heart, whether it's the Combined Federal Campaign,



Photos by Maj. Chad Rauls

Cadet 1st Class Robbie Glenn and Cadet 2nd Class Michael Masiello admire the contributions of cadets while assisting Santa in keeping the holiday spirit alive.

the Air Force Assistance Fund or other causes like Toys for Tots, the generosity of the Cadet Wing never fails to amaze me."

Helping out Santa has personal rewards as well.

"You get to hang out with reindeer and elves, and it makes you feel

good to know that you helped someone out when they need it most," said Cadet Mitchell.

Cadet Kim thinks Santa always needs help.

"He's getting pretty old now, and all those cookies and milk are catching up to him."



Members lay wreaths with honor

By Academy Spirit staff

The Air Force Academy held its first-ever wreath-laying ceremony Saturday at the Memorial Pavilion in the Academy Cemetery.

According to Local Leader Master Sgt. Ernest Medina, the mission was to remember, to honor and to teach the community about the sacrifices made by service members — past and present.

Seven holiday wreaths, donated by the Wreaths Across America Organization, were the heart of the ceremony, the senior NCO said.

Service members from the local area represented their respective branches of service and laid wreaths for those who have served and those who are serving today.

Courtesy Photo

Maj. Nathan Clyncke, U.S. Marine Corps., was a participant in the Academy's first wreath laying ceremony Saturday.

Representing the Army was Maj. James Hoyman; Petty Officer 1st Class Benjamin Miller of the Navy; Maj. Nathan Clyncke of the Marine Corps; Maj. Scott Heyler of the Air Force and Cmdr. Russell Holmes the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines and Senior Master Sgt. Roderick Schwald laid the wreath honoring the POW/MIA's.

Mark Stevens, assistant director of the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, provided closing remarks as the guest speaker.

"Next year's goal is to have two ceremonies here with the help of contributions from a variety of organizations and donations from the public," Sergeant Medina said. "I feel it is our duty to teach our children of the sacrifices made in order for us to live freely in America. I also believe if we fail to take the time to remember and honor our fallen heroes, we have failed to live up to our promise to never forget."

Safety hazards present with presents

By Fire Chief Ernst Piercy
Academy Fire Chief

The following safety tips are provided by the Academy Fire Department to help ensure nobody's holiday season goes up in smoke.

Holiday Trees

Special fire safety precautions must be taken when keeping a live tree in the house, as a burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases. Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull from the branches and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The bottom two inches of the tree should be cut off before placing it in a stand. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground, if many needles fall, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out and is a fire hazard. Do not place your tree too close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Keep the stand filled with water at all times.

Candles

Candles are beautiful, popular ... and dangerous. Do not leave burning candles unattended, or place them near combustible materials. Make sure they are in a secure place where children and pets won't knock them over. Put candles in a non-tip candleholder before you light them. Make sure all candles are extinguished before leaving or going to bed. Common areas for candle fires are bedrooms, living rooms, bathrooms and the kitchen. Consider replacing traditional candles with battery operated LED candles. These candles can easily be found by searching the Internet.

Lights

Make sure all indoor and outdoor holiday lights have the mark of an independent testing laboratory (such as UL). Throw away any set with cracked lights, frayed cords, or loose or damaged sockets. Don't overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways or near heaters. Be sure extension cords aren't pinched behind or under furniture, and don't plug multiple surge protectors into each other.

Kitchen

Be sure to keep pot handles and electrical appliance cords out of the reach of children. Put a lid on a pan to extinguish a food or grease fire. In the event of an oven fire, turn off the heat and close the oven door. It's important to stay in the kitchen while cooking! Cooking fires are the number-one cause of home fires in December.

Be prepared!

Install a fire extinguisher at home and make sure everyone knows how to use it. Be sure



Holiday decorations can be both beautiful and deadly. Extension cords running under carpet, overloaded electrical outlets, and burning candles all present the potential for danger.

everyone knows how to call the fire department and make an escape plan in the event of an emergency. Ensure all smoke detectors are in proper

working order and install fresh batteries every six months. Call 333-2473 with any questions concerning fire safety, (non-emergency).

More tree tips ...

When picking a tree, check the needles. Run your fingers through the needles on the branches or shake the tree. If the needles come off easily choose another tree. This is a sign that the tree is drying out.

If buying a pre-cut tree, make a new cut approximately one inch above the old cut to facilitate water movement through the cells.

Leave the tree outside until you are ready to decorate it.

Make sure the tree has water ... it needs plenty. Fill its container daily. This will not only prevent your tree from drying out, but will also make for a healthier looking tree.

When selecting a location to setup your tree, attempt to locate it in a cool location. Avoid placing it in an area close to heating appliances or the fireplace.

Keep the tree out of high-

traffic areas, and away from stairways and doors.

Secure the tree so that it cannot be knocked over by pets or a small child.

Keep an eye on your decorations ... they can be poisonous to children and family pets. Be sure to keep all tinsel, garland, and greenery out of the reach of your small children or pets.

Never use more than three strings of lights on one circuit and make sure they are UL listed. Check all light strings to ensure

that the wires are acceptable. Look for signs of wearing, frayed wires or blackened wires.

Ensure all connections are tight and the bulbs and cords are in good condition, not loose or frayed as to cause a short.

Artificial trees should be made of flame-resistant materials, and lights should never be used on trees with metal frames.

Keep candles away from trees. Never use them as tree decorations.



Air Force soars over Texas-Pan American

By Jerry Cross
Athletic Communications

Andrew Henke matched his career high with 23 points and season high with eight rebounds to lead Air Force past Texas-Pan American, 71-50, Saturday in a non-conference game at Clune Arena.

Air Force improved to 7-2 on the year and posted its season-best fourth straight win. UTPA fell to 3-7 on the year.

The Falcons hit eight of their first 10 field goals and jumped out to a 19-9 lead in the first nine minutes of the game. Air Force, which never trailed in the game, dominated with excellent shooting and solid defense. The Falcons closed the half with a 7-2 spurt over the final 1:04 to take a commanding 40-26 halftime advantage. Air Force held UTPA to just two field goals over the final seven minutes of the first half.

Air Force raced away in the second half, scoring the first six points and out-scoring

Photo by Dave Armer

Falcon guard/forward Anwar Johnson towers over Texas Pan-American defenders for a lay-up.

UTPA, 17-8, in the first eight and one-half minutes to take a 57-34 lead with 11:21 remaining in the game. UTPA never got closer than 18 points after that. The Falcons led by as many as 24 at one point, 67-43, with 2:57 left after a Henke layup.

The Falcons closed the game hitting 51.9 percent from the field on 28 of 54 shooting, including a 50.0 clip (9-18) from three-point range. Air Force out-rebounded the Broncos, 36-21, and grabbed 10 offensive rebounds.

Evan Washington added 11 points and five rebounds while Anwar Johnson chipped in with 10 points and five rebounds. Mike McLain had career highs of six points and four rebounds while Trevor Noonan added seven points and a career-high six rebounds.

UTPA was led by Emmanuel Jones, who had 15 points and six rebounds. He was the only Bronco in double figures. UTPA finished the game hitting just 37.5 percent from the field, connecting on just nine of 24 field goals in each half.

The Falcons play host to Texas Southern Monday in Clune Arena at 7 p.m.

Pair of Falcons named preseason All-Americans



Dan Gnazzo

Courtesy Photo

By Melissa McKeown
Athletic Communications

BALTIMORE — Air Force lacrosse players Griffin Nevitt and Dan Gnazzo have been named to the Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Yearbook 2009 Division I Preseason All-America Team. Both Nevitt and Gnazzo were named honorable mention selections.

Nevitt, a midfielder from Charlotte, N.C., was also named a Face-Off Yearbook preseason honorable mention All-American in 2008. A team captain in 2009, he has led the Falcons in goals scored for three-straight seasons, while also finishing as the points leader in 2007 and 2008. He earned first-team All-Great Western Lacrosse League honors in the past two seasons, while being named a second-team midfielder as a freshman.

The Falcons' most consistent scorer over the last three years, Nevitt has recorded 63 goals and 30 assists in his career, scoring at least one goal or assist in 38 of 40 games at Air Force.

Meanwhile, Gnazzo, a long-stick midfielder from Eden Prairie, Minn., earns his first preseason All-America honors. He is a two-time all-conference selection at long-stick midfield, including a first-team selection in 2008.

A three-year starter, who also saw some time in goal for the Falcons in 2007, Gnazzo led the team with 23 caused turnovers last season, while ranking amongst the top 10 in the nation in ground balls per game with 5.33.



Griffin Nevitt

Courtesy Photo

Fencing

The Academy's fencers competed at the North American Cup "C" Division I Tournament at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Dec. 12 through Sunday. Finishing in the top 20, Peter French tied for 11th place in men's individual epee among 196 competitors. In the top 25 of women's individual epee, Simone

Barrette finished 26th in the field of 87 fencers. Also in epee, Daniel Trapani finished in 37th place.

Rugby tourney

The All Air Force Rugby Team competed Nov. 15-21 in the Armed Forces Rugby Tournament at Fort Benning, Ga. Air Force repeated for the fifth time as champions. USAFA

contributed to the success of the team with recent Academy grads and the Zoomie Rugby Football Club. Members included: Andy McQuade (DFB and head coach, USAFA Rugby Team), and Brice Collier, Marc Ward, Austin Dowling and Eric Duechle, all Academy graduates.

Results:

44-3 Air Force over Army

76-0 Air Force over Marine Corps
26-5 Air Force over Navy
66-3 Air Force over Coast Guard
37-8 Air Force over Navy in the championship

Jefferson honored

Air Force quarterback Tim Jefferson was named the Mountain West Conference's freshman of the

Falcons display momentum leading to bowl

By Troy Garnhart
Athletic Communications

Air Force is once again one of the Mountain West Conference and nation's top programs.

This season Air Force has proved that last season's 9-4 overall record 6-2 conference record which was good for second place was just a sign of things to come. The Falcons have followed it up with an 8-4 overall mark and a fourth-place finish in the conference with a 5-3 mark during what was considered a rebuilding year.

What's amazing about this year's record is how the team has done it. Air Force lost 15 starters from the 2007 season, including eight starters on offense and six on defense. In terms of games played and started, the Falcons lost 14 players with 30 career games played, plus four more with 25 career games played. In addition, Air Force only has 17 seniors on its roster this season which ranks as the 19th fewest in the nation.

Air Force is one of the youngest teams in the nation, ranking 14th nationally in number of freshmen who have

seen action in 2008. The Falcons have three freshmen starters, including quarterback Tim Jefferson, tailback Asher Clark and cornerback Anthony Wright. In addition, 17 players on the two-deep depth chart are freshmen and sophomores.

The Falcons have flown to amazing heights in spite of their youth.

Air Force's eight wins, combined with last year, give the Falcons their most wins in back-to-back seasons since 1998-99. The team's combined 11 conference wins from the last two seasons is a school record, shattering the previous mark of eight set in 2000 and 2001.

The Falcons rolled off five consecutive wins earlier this season, the biggest winning stretch since 2003. Four of those victories came within the MWC, a new school record for consecutive conference wins.

The architect behind the revival is Coach Calhoun, who is in his second year. The 2007 MWC and regionally coach of the year ranks second in most wins in his first two seasons in the 100-plus year history of service academy football. His 17 wins in two seasons are the

most since Fisher DeBerry won 20 in 1984-85. Calhoun is a remarkable 11-5 in MWC games and is the fourth-winningest coach in conference history with a .688 winning percentage.

Air Force has one of the conference's top defenses. The Falcons rank fourth in the conference and 35th nationally in scoring defense with 21.1 points allowed per game. The Falcons are fourth in the MWC and 45th nationally in passing defense with a 195.6 average.

The team is fourth in the conference and 46th nationally in total defense with a 335.3 average. Air Force has shut out five opponents in the second half this season and had a streak of three straight games with second-half shutouts before the BYU game. The Falcons have been very opportunistic as well with a plus-12 turnover margin.

Offensively, Air Force leads the conference and ranks sixth nationally in rushing offense with 268.9 yards per game. The Falcons have won 11 consecutive conference rushing titles and have won 24 overall since they joined conference play in 1980.

Reservist 'biggest fan' of step-son, Falcon

By 21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – His eyes focus, his heart races and he takes a deep breath as the kicker loafs the ball off the tee signaling the start of another game for the Falcons.

His eyes follow number 22 in an Air Force Blue Jersey; Cadet Second Class Brenton Byrd-Fulbright, his step-son.

Brenton is a junior at the U.S. Air Force Academy and his step father, Tech. Sgt. Andrew Fulbright, is his biggest fan.

"There's only one emotion that I feel, the proudest dad in the stands, not only for playing football, but just for being at the Air Force Academy ... it's an accomplishment within itself," said Fulbright. He is assigned to the 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron as a dispatch supervisor.

The Falcons surprised many this year finishing 8-4, fourth in the Mountain West Conference and qualifying for a bowl game for the second straight season.

"The season went a lot better than we had hoped," Brenton said. "We thought this would be more of a rebuilding year, because of our lack of experience on both sides of the ball."

However, the players' hard work and determination, along with outstanding coaching, enabled the team to excite fans and outscore many opponents.

"If you look over the season you see different ways we win and what we've been able to do is keep the glue," said Head Coach Troy Calhoun. "It's not easy

to do in this day and age when you're dealing 19- and 20-year old young men, but at the Air Force Academy, it's always about being able to operate in a cohesive way."

This season marks the first back-to-back bowl appearance since 1997-98 and Coach Calhoun is just the second coach in program history to take the Falcons to bowl games in his first two seasons.

"I think the three toughest schools to get into a bowl game each year are Vanderbilt in the SEC, Stanford in the PAC-10 and Air Force in the MWC," stated Coach Calhoun. "To get a bowl invitation is a quality achievement. You have to have enough humility to be discipline on a day-in and day-out basis and that is us at the Air Force Academy."

All season long, Sergeant Fulbright has been Brenton's biggest supporter and Brenton loves having his family close as he endures the challenges of the Academy and college football.

"They support me in everything I do; they come to all the games and events at the Academy," said Brenton. "They are great people to be around. We have very strong values that are based on support and togetherness."

Brenton says his family has been the greatest influence on his sports career and the choice to attend the Academy. His stepfather always told him to never let anyone or anything stand in his way of accomplishing his goals and whatever you want to do in life, do it because the sky is the limit.



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Air Force Cornerback Brenton Byrd-Fulbright (number 22) helped the team to an 8-4 record during 2008 and back-to-back bowl seasons.

This season he has needed the support of his family even more as he was moved from running back to cornerback during spring practices; marking the first time in his career he has played on the defensive side of the ball.

"The move to cornerback has been an eye opening experience, but a good move," Brenton said.

He enjoys the competitiveness and being able to contribute to the team's success, especially on special teams. He has chalked up 6 tackles and been a force on kick-off coverage.

Besides football, Brenton has been busy in the classroom taking a number of engineering courses and being active

in Cadet Squadron 31. After graduation, he is "excited to serve my country as an Air Force officer while living life to the fullest."

He hopes to buy a house and a dog soon after graduation.

Cutline: Air Force Cornerback Brenton Byrd-Fulbright (center, number 22) helped the team to an 8-4 record during 2008 and back-to-back bowl seasons. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Cutline: Tech. Sgt. Andrew Fulbright presents the American Flag as a member of the High Frontier Honor Guard team chief. Sergeant Fulbright attends all Air Force home games and is his stepson's biggest fan. (U.S. Air Force photo)

year by Sporting News, according to a recent release by the popular sports magazine. Jefferson also earned MWC freshman of the year honors in a vote of head coaches and media within the league earlier this month.

Jefferson recorded a 5-2 record as the starting quarterback after taking over in the sixth game of the season. Just the fourth freshman starting quar-

terback in school history, he rushed for 373 yards and hit 37 of 66 passes for a team-best 557 yards with five touchdowns and three interceptions. His 142.86 quarterback efficiency rating is the eighth best in school history. He was named MWC offensive player of the week earlier this season against UNLV after rushing for a career-best 99 yards and hitting seven passes for

162 yards and the first two touchdown passes of his career.

The Falcons play Houston (7-5) in the 2008 Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m. central at the Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Intramural Basketball

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MDG#1	7	4
306 FTG	7	4
10 CS	6	5
10 SFS	4	7
10MDG#2	1	10

Harmon

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be divided into four sections with five different colors of granite, creating a visual sense of motion, and feature pre-cast benches. The black polished marble wall flanking the circle will have four panels scripted with quotes from General Harmon, the first representing the long blue line. The remaining panels will represent character, education and leadership.

To the left and in front of the wall, a 7-foot bronze sculpture depicting General Harmon will portray him as if in a classroom setting. Landscaping will include grassy areas and deciduous fruit trees outside the circle framed by existing decades-old Ponderosa pines.

Al Burrell, class giving officer with the Association of Graduates, said each element of the memorial will represent the general's vision of the Academy as he saw it.

Environmentally sensitive, General Harmon ensured the future preservation of the natural state of Cathedral Rock and its environs. His statue will face the area.

"The Class of 1959 wants to ensure it's literal and accurate and where he was at the time," Mr. Burrell said.

Colonel Meier said the concept for the memorial is akin to the open thinking generated on the Academy, with the floor representing the circle of learning.

Particular attention is being paid to the general's facial features. General Harmon's son, Ken, has been consulting with the sculptor Mario Chiodo, with Chiodo Art in Oakland, Calif., to ensure an accurate likeness.

Paul Martin, Academy museum specialist, provided research and accuracy for the uniform and decorations of the time.

PGA Design, also in Oakland, will serve as land-



Photo by Megan Davis

Academy Vice Superintendent Col. Paul Ackerman ('82), center, is flanked by, from left to right, Maj. Gen. (retired) Larry Fortner ('59), Col. (retired) Ed Montgomery ('59), Col. (retired) Herm Gilster (Air Training Officer), Col. (retired) Bob Browning ('59), Lt. Col. (retired) Charlie Meier ('59), Lt. Col. (retired) Jim Brown ('59), Maj. Gen. (retired) Pete Todd ('59), William 'T' Thompson (Association of Graduates President/CEO), Col. (retired) Jon Gallo ('59), and Lt. Col. (retired) Curtis Cook ('59) during a ceremonial groundbreaking Wednesday between Harmon Hall and the Cadet Chapel. The statue honoring Lt. Gen. Hubert Harmon, the Academy's first superintendent, and donated by the Class of '59, will be dedicated during the class' 50th reunion April 17, 2009.

scape architect and John Bowman Inc., Colorado Springs, as contractor.

The estimated cost of the project is about \$355,000, Colonel Meier said. Contributions have come from members of the Class of 1959, plus from the Academy's first Air Training Officers, the Harmon family and anonymous donors.

He said it is also fitting to honor General Harmon, who died in 1957, for his graciousness as well as his professional accomplishments.

"He was a very well-liked superintendent," he said. "General Harmon was very personable and likeable and appeared as a leader out front and by example. He was the kind of guy you'd like to follow."

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Holiday closure

The Barry Goldwater Visitor Center will close Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1 for Christmas and New Years respectively. The facility will be open Dec. 27-30 and resume normal hours of operation Jan. 2.

Legal office closure

The Academy Legal Office will be closed Jan. 7-8, 2009, and resume normal operations Jan. 9. For questions, call 333-3940 or 333-3642.

Commissary holiday schedule

The modified Academy Commissary holiday schedule is as follows: Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 25 and Dec. 26, closed; Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and New Year's Day, closed.



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.af.mil

Skate with Santa

The Department of Athletics "Skate with Santa" is set for noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. 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.

Horse cents

The Academy Equestrian Center is offering a winter deal for serious riders. The basic cost is \$150 for the first horse and \$100 for each additional horse per month, per family. Arrangements for the Winter Lease Program are by appointment only with Jeanne Springer at 472-8639 or e-mail jeanne.springer@usafa.af.mil.

Volunteer opportunity

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

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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) from 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.

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.

America recycles

The 10th Civil Engineer Squadron will hold an electronic recycling event through January. Each Wednesday and Thursday electronic items can be taken to Bldg. 8125 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for recycling. The 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.

Ski rental

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

Volunteer program

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

Dance classes

The Academy 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.



Winter Wildland

The Cheyenne Mountain Zoo will again honor military personnel and their families with a special admission price during its Winter WildLand holiday event. All military personnel (active and retired) and their families are admitted for only \$4.25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday evenings, through Jan. 4.

SnoFest headquarters

Lift tickets, party tickets and accommodations are now available for SnoFest 2009, the 19th annual military snow sports weekend, Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2009, at Keystone Resort. For more information, visit: www.usafaservices.com/SnoFest.html.

Academy Spirit break

This is the last issue of the *Academy Spirit* for 2008. We'll resume normal publication again beginning Jan. 9, 2009. The entire staff thanks you for your support throughout the last year and we're eager to serve you again in the new year. In the meantime, please send any questions, comments or story ideas to: kenneth.carter@usafa.af.mil or call (719) 333-8823. Go Falcons!



Photo by Ann Patton

Ramped up

Colorado Springs shredders and bikers now have their own park to catch air and bust sick tricks like gnarly grinds and ollies with the dedication of the Destination Skate Park in Memorial Park Saturday. The park was a joint effort of the city's parks department, businesses, private donors and volunteers of the Colorado Springs Skatepark Friends. The 40,000 square-foot facility features three bowls and a street course, as well as a picnic area and restrooms. Shannon Davis, CSSF organizer, said the park is unique for its state-of-the-art concrete finishing, layout, size and interest of the obstacles.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CADET CHAPEL

Protestant

Sunday

10 a.m. — Combined Protestant Worship

Wednesday

7 p.m. — Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 28 —

No Worship Service

Jan. 4

10 a.m. — Combined Protestant Worship

Catholic

Sunday

10 a.m. — Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

Wednesday

5 p.m. — Christmas Eve Mass

Dec. 28 — No Catholic Mass

For more information on other services, please call (719) 333-4515.

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic

Wednesday

4 p.m. — Family Christmas Mass

Thursday

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

Wednesday

6 p.m. — Christmas Eve Service

Thursday

11 a.m. — Christmas Service
For more information, please call 333-3300.

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