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Accepted

Parade signifies Class of 2015 transition into AFA's Cadet Wing



Above: Cadet 4th Class Codi Brady, Cadet Squadron 19, salutes during the Acceptance Parade Wednesday. The Acceptance Parade officially recognizes the basic cadets' completion of Basic Cadet Training and their acceptance into the Cadet Wing.

Right: The Acceptance Parade is the first opportunity cadets have to see their loved ones after completing the rigors of Basic Cadet Training.



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Interactive training encourages diversity 'filter checks'

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

"That's a really nice dress!" Ben said, walking a full circle around his co-worker, Lisa. If his eyes had been lasers, they would have burned her in several places. Ben later said he was just trying to make Lisa feel more comfortable.

The witnesses, seated at round tables in the Arnold Hall Ballroom July 28, didn't buy Ben's story.

Portraying Ben and Lisa were Bill Mendieta and Marilyn Tokuda, two of four actors working with Los Angeles-based director Linda Oku to help people understand diver-

sity in the workplace.

About 200 people attended the presentation, titled "Checking our Diversity Filters," which was sponsored by the Academy's Diversity Office. Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Adis Vila welcomed the group in her introduction.

"Even as the end force and our budgets are decreasing, and even as we're being asked to do more with less, we have to rely on one another," Vila said. "This is equally true among information technology types as it is among behavioral sciences faculty."

The presentation focused primarily on awareness of diversity. Oku compared diversity

awareness to visibility of an iceberg, with a small amount visible on the surface and much more lying underneath.

"Gender, ethnicity and race are instantly recognizable," she said. How someone dresses can give observers clues to parts of the iceberg that lie beneath the water line. Interacting with people and increasing awareness lowers the water level further.

"As long as you are living and breathing, there is no end to the increased awareness of diversity and inclusiveness," she added.

To interact meaningfully, people must also be aware of their own filters, Oku said. Those filters might affect the way a

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RAYMOND MCCOY

Staff Sgt. Shenika Daniels, 10th Medical Operations Squadron, makes a comment during interactive diversity training July 28.

Total Force Fitness program consolidates focus

By Chief Master Sgt. Charlie Cole
Chief, Air Force Surgeon General Medical Enlisted Force

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Today's Airman lives in a fast-paced world.

Everything that touches your personal life and the world you work in is connected and designed for speed and performance.

Think of the F-22 Raptor. As awesome as this high-tech piece of equipment is, it can't reach its full potential without support and integration with other elements. There's the pilot who has to fly the plane, the aircrew flying the air refueling aircraft, the air traffic controllers and the maintenance teams and weapons crew just to name a few.

All of these different elements or domains must be coordinated and integrated to optimize the performance of what is at the most basic level: a plane. But, when all these elements are combined, it's not just a plane, it's one of the most advanced and lethal aircraft in the air.

Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has recognized we need to put the same level of thought, effort and coordination into our most valuable and lethal weapon in our arsenal: you. That's why, in the summer of 2010, Mullen asked the service leaders to "help me help our troops and their families." The end result is the Chairman's Total Force Fitness, or TFF, program.

Traditionally, the military's approaches to your well being were individual components that were not truly coordinated, and seldom interacted with each other. The TFF program is designed to change that. Just as all the support pieces must be coordinated to transform the F-22 from "just a plane" to an awesome fighting machine, the different elements required to support you need to be coordinated to transform Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines from individual service members into an awesome fighting machine.

To do this, eight areas of well-being are addressed in TFF: social, physical, environmental, behavioral, psychological, nutritional and medical and dental. Combined, they create an awesome you: healthier, more capable and more resistant to disease and stress.

Take, for instance, one domain, the medical and dental domain, and look at how it impacts you.

Of course, we are familiar with immunizations, health assessments, screenings and lab tests, all the things that we come to associate with a visit to our medical treatment facility. Pretty standard stuff on the surface, but what many don't realize is how all of this is evolving into something just as high tech as the Raptor.

One such change is called the "patient centered medical home." The PCMH shifts the focus away from a traditional health-care model that took care of you after you became sick or injured, to one that focuses on health and preventing or reducing the risk of getting sick or injured.

Under the old method of health care you were often a passive participant. Under PCMH, you and your family are active participants in your health care. PCMH changes, such as working to ensure you have continuity with your care provider to build trust and making sure prevention plays a key role in the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of care. If you haven't already noticed, health care prevention has been elevated to the same level of importance as preventive maintenance in an F-16 Fighting Falcon. It's a smart way to do business.

Another change that you won't see directly but certainly will feel the impact of is your medical teams' collabora-

tion with other health care professionals and researchers. All across the services, the VA and other health care organizations the buzz phrase is "sharing knowledge and information."

For example, your health care records are with you in Minot Air Force Base, N.D. While assigned there you take leave and go to Disney World in Florida, where you become sick and need care. Not to worry, as everything needed to help treat you in Florida should be available electronically or can be requested and sent by your care providers in Minot AFB, all at the speed of light. Now that's high-speed.

To assist you in preparing for deployments, your medical and dental team is actively engaged in assessing and screening to make sure you are free of contagious diseases that would likely endanger the health of other personnel. The medics also make sure you are free of medical conditions or physical defects that would require excessive lost duty time for treatments or hospitalization or would likely result in separation from the military for medical unfitness.

The goal is to ensure you are medically capable of satisfactorily completing any and all required training; capable of performing duties without aggravation of existing physical defects or medical conditions. In addition, your health team will screen for known and suspected behavioral and disease risk factors.

“The challenge for your leaders and you is to recognize that mind and body do not function independently.”

—Chief Master Sgt. Charlie Cole
Chief, Air Force Surgeon
General Medical Enlisted Force

Dental health is also an especially important piece of this area of TFF. Poor dental health can be a potential marker for underlying medical illness and can critically impact your readiness and ultimate success on the battlefield. Therefore, preventive dentistry, like preventive medicine, plays a large a significant role in keeping you healthy and ready for deployment.

If you are getting ready to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan, your medical or dental professional will refer to Modification 9 of the U.S. Central Command Individual Protection and Individual/Unit Deployment Policy. Modification 9 pertains specifically to medical and dental fitness in the CENTCOM area of operations, and is currently used by medical providers to establish who is medically fit to deploy to the current theater of war operations, and what medical protections are required: e.g. malaria prophylaxis, medications, routine immunizations, protective eyewear, etc.

The challenge for your leaders and you is to recognize that mind and body do not function independently. Any stress on you and the force requires this new paradigm as the nation moves forward into future conflicts of the twenty first century. Medical and dental fitness represents one component of a warfighter's TFF assessment. Failing to recognize the presence of the other domains limits you and your commander's true knowledge of your readiness.

Richard Keller, from the Tricare Management Agency, contributed to this article.

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Chief of staff speaks on diversity at NAACP dinner

By Alicia Garges
Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs

LOS ANGELES (AFNS) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz spoke about the importance of diversity at the NAACP's Annual Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Awards Dinner here July 26.

The banquet was one of several events held in conjunction with the group's annual convention and coincided with the 63rd anniversary of the executive order desegregating the military.

"As a nation, we are benefitting from having recognized the value of meaningful diversity," Schwartz said during an address to the attendees.

While earlier equal opportunity programs focused on race and gender, the current diversity movement looks beyond demographic considerations, the general said.

"We know that our strength is drawn from diverse perspectives that develop from different backgrounds. To name a few: socioeconomic, educational, geographic, philosophical and spiritual," he said.

Ensuring Air Force working environments are conducive to equal opportunity and fostering diversity of perspectives in the service will lead to enhanced performance and effectiveness, Schwartz said.

"Our next challenge will be to iden-

tify more clearly how this is done and how we can measure our progress," the general said.

Recently, the service formed the Air Force Diversity Committee, a senior-level working group chartered to find ways to leverage and better manage diversity, Schwartz said.

According to the general, diversity should not be an end unto itself, but rather a means toward a broader desired state of enhanced effectiveness for the Air Force and its overall mission.

Schwartz pointed out that in academic literature, diversity management has been defined as the systematic and planned commitment on the part of organizations to recruit and retain employees from diverse demographic backgrounds.

"Note the open-ended sense of the phrase 'diverse demographic backgrounds,' which suggests that it is possible for any number of people, even of the same gender and race, to still have widely differing demographic backgrounds," Schwartz said.

"Therefore, managing diversity, I would argue, also implies — as well as important considerations of race, gender and ethnicity — a more active recognition and appreciation of the increasingly multicultural nature of contemporary organizations," he said.

The Air Force's diversity efforts focus on institutionalizing diversity throughout the service and allowing

for the recruitment, development and retention of a highly qualified and talented total force, Schwartz said.

"As we approach this challenge, we will consider ways in which we can engage every Airman — officer, enlisted and civilian — across the total force as participants in this process, and encourage them to share in the responsibility for ensuring that the talents and capabilities of each individual are mutually respected, valued and applied toward enhancing mission accomplishment," Schwartz said.

Commanders and supervisors at all levels will be taking the lead in advancing diversity priorities, deepening the lines of communication and taking a personal interest in orchestrating individual success of others whose potential to serve the Air Force so values, he said.

"Your Air Force embraces the fun-



LOU HERNANDEZ

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz addresses the audience at the NAACP's Annual Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Awards Dinner held in Los Angeles July 26.

damental value of a diverse work force whose individual members, while possessing different backgrounds and perspectives, are singularly bound in common cause, lending their creativity, energy and dedication to the betterment of our mission and our nation's security," he said.

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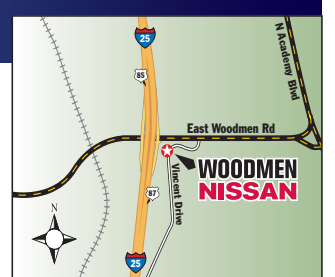


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Academy's Long Blue Line adds 9 more graduates

The Class of 2011 added nine new graduates to its ranks July 29 at the summer session's graduation and commissioning ceremony.

Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould was the speaker for the ceremony. Gould presented the diplomas to the new graduates, along with Brig. Gen. Dana Born, the Acad-

emy's dean of the faculty. After receiving their diplomas, the Academy's newest graduates swore an oath of office and each had family members pin on their new rank.

These nine lieutenants bring the Air Force Academy's total number of graduates to 43,910 since the first graduating Class of 1959.



Matthew Alexander Torrence
Cadet Squadron 25
Hometown: Tulsa, Okla.
Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences
AFSC: Air Battle Manager
First Assignment: Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Fla.



Moises Rendon
Cadet Squadron 02
Hometown: San Jose, Calif.
Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering Management
AFSC: Pilot
First Assignment: Whiting Field Naval Base, Pensacola, Fla.



Kimberly Mahalia Burghardt
Cadet Squadron 38
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Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences
AFSC: Aircraft Maintenance
First Assignment: Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, N.C.



Eric Lester Collins II
Cadet Squadron 39
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Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science
AFSC: Air Battle Manager
First Assignment: Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Fla.



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Cadet Squadron 07
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Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science in Foreign Area Studies
AFSC: Pilot
First Assignment: Columbus AFB, Miss.



Gavin Michael Fluhart
Cadet Squadron 05
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Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science in Management
AFSC: Acquisitions/Intelligence
First Assignment: Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas



Kevin Edwin Dandino
Cadet Squadron 40
Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Sciences
AFSC: Air Battle Manager
First Assignment: Pensacola Naval Base, Pensacola, Fla.



Ryan Manning Darrohn
Cadet Squadron 12
Hometown: The Woodlands, Texas
Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science in Management
AFSC: Acquisitions
First Assignment: Beale AFB, Marysville, Calif.



Joseph Miles Maloy
Cadet Squadron 18
Hometown: Kingsport, Tenn.
Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science in Basic Sciences
AFSC: Cyber Warfare Operations
First Assignment: Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss.



Brig. Gen. Richard Clark, commandant of cadets, swears in nine new graduates of the Class of 2011 in a ceremony July 29.

BILL EVANS

Superintendent recaps good news, encourages USAFA pride

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

The Air Force Academy superintendent took about a half hour Monday and Tuesday to let the staff and faculty know they're doing great things and that he appreciates their hard work.

Lt. Gen. Mike Gould reinforced the need for Airmen to continue to set high standards for themselves and their cadets and to exemplify the Air Force core values through their own behavior.

"Respect for human dignity is absolutely critical in carrying us on our journey," Gould said. "If we don't exemplify the traits we're trying to get cadets to achieve, we don't stand a chance."

One of the Academy's strategic goals is to increase the diversity among both the cadets and the Academy staff. The Admissions Office began tracking new diversity metrics for the cadet population, beginning with the Class of 2015: the new metrics include family annual income, how many cadets are the first in their families to go to college and how many come from single-parent families.

A goal specific to the third year of Gould's tenure as superintendent is to contribute to winning the wars in the Middle East: in that department, cadets already have a good head start.

The superintendent named Cadet 1st Class Joel Noble of Cadet Squadron 14 as one individual who had made such a contribution to

the Air Force's war effort. The cadet traveled to Southwest Asia in July as part of the Operation Air Force summer program. Noble was shadowing the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron's operations officer when an entry hatch bailout rocket failed on one of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing's B-1B Lancers, 379th EMXS Commander Maj.

"(It) ended up being stuff you'd use to plug holes in your home," Preston wrote. "Cost of a can: \$5. We presented him a 'cadet of the week' certificate, but in truth ... really he is the cadet of the deployment."

Gould also recalled a cadet research project that developed an improved ramp support platform for C-130 Hercules aircraft. The new plat-

form, which each of the local military bases had a part in sponsoring alongside the Academy and Colorado Springs. "The fireworks show was phenomenal. We estimate we had about 60,000 people attend, both in the stands and in the parking lot. Thanks to the 10th Air Base Wing and the Cadet Wing for their hard work in all this."

Another recent local outreach effort was a science, technology, engineering and mathematics "boot camp" designed to help teachers make STEM topics more interesting for young students, and a partnership with Colorado Springs Utilities that resulted in construction of the Academy's solar array.

Finally, the superintendent wants the staff to take pride in the Air Force Academy as an institution. There's plenty to be proud of, he said, citing numerous examples of staff members and cadets who had received awards or other attention for their excellence. Recipients of national-level awards include Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born, Maj. Steve Hart from the Astronautics Department, Maj. Jesse Goolsby from the English Department; Maj. Elaine Bryant, air officer commanding for CS 24, and Maj. Julian Stephens, the AOC for CS 14. In addition, the Outdoor Recreation Office and Safety Directorate were both recognized as the best in the Air Force for the second-straight year.

"You guys have done phenomenal work," Gould said. "Good things happen at the Air Force Academy; excellence breeds excellence."

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Lt. Gen. Mike Gould



Thomas Preston wrote in an email July 5.

"From discussion with the B-1B engineers back in America, they told us they could use a foam material to protect the rocket propellant," Preston wrote. "However, we ... don't really have any material like this."

Acquiring a replacement part would have taken several weeks, Preston said. However, Noble had shadowed the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron the week before and knew the foam was locally available.

forms, known as "milkstools," weigh about one-fourth as much as the original platforms and can support more than twice as much weight.

The Academy will look to expand the breadth of its outreach efforts, which to this point focused primarily on the Colorado Springs community, Gould said. He cited the Fourth of July celebration at Falcon Stadium as an outstanding example of the Academy's partnership with the local community.

"It was one of the neatest celebrations I've ever seen," he said of the

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CCLD receives recognition, \$5 million donation

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

The U.S. Air Force Academy Endowment announced July 26 that it had received a \$5 million donation from Sanford McDonnell and his family, to be used toward the construction of a new Center for Character and Leadership Development facility here, according to a USAFA Endowment news release.

The donation contributes to a total of \$13.2 million that will be raised through private donations for construction of the CCLD, with the remainder of the facility's \$40 million price tag coming from the Air Force's military construction budget.

"We are delighted to receive such a transformative gift," Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould said. "This center marks a new era in our mission of developing leaders of character for our nation."

Retired Gen. Stephen Lorenz, the USAFA Endowment's president, said he is moved by the McDonnell family's generosity. McDonnell's grand-

son, Capt. William Sanford MacVittie, graduated from the Academy in 2006, according to the Endowment release.

"As a pioneer and longtime leader in the aerospace industry, Sandy understands the complex challenges that face each successive generation of newly commissioned officers at the Academy," Lorenz said. "His willingness to lead our efforts ensures that our graduates are prepared as leaders of character for our nation."

Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, the company that designed the floor plan for the CCLD, announced July 30 that its design had earned an international architecture award from the European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies and the Chicago Athenaeum. SOM designed and built the Cadet Chapel in 1963.

Construction was originally scheduled to begin in spring 2011. According to the Endowment's website at www.usafa.org, construction is still scheduled to be finished in 2013.

When complete, the CCLD center will house all the elements of the Academy's character and lead-



COURTESY IMAGE

Shown is an artist's rendering of the U.S. Air Force Academy's new Center for Character and Leadership Development.

ership development program. The facility is designed to achieve a platinum rating for leadership in energy and environmental design. Its key feature is a skylight designed to point toward Polaris, the north star.

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young man like Ben relates to women in his office.

A second scene, titled "Our Sons Won't Have a Chance," illustrated those filters for members of the audience. Tokuda, John Apicella and Dwain Perry, playing Marlene, Jeff and Dave, had a short discussion about affirmative action and discrimination in the office. Audience members' first impressions of Jeff included "racist" and "closed-minded," while people felt Dave was "handsome" and "patient" and described Marlene as "insecure" and "girly."

"We all saw the same scene and listened to the same words, and look at the diversity of answers," Oku said. "Look how quickly we came up with descriptions based on first impressions."

Vila invited Oku and the actors to the Air Force Academy, where they met with about 15 employees here. Oku asked the employees questions to help prepare the scenarios and conducted a dress rehearsal in front of a small audience of senior leaders the morning of July 28. The aim of the \$15,000 program, Vila said, is to develop competence of diversity and inclusion at the Academy.

Apicella is a founding member of the Billingsley Paul Lazarus Antaeus at LA Theater Works and has appeared in episodes of "The X-Files," "Brothers and Sisters" and "The West Wing." He said di-

versity is a process and a lifelong commitment.

"It's not just something where you reach a certain point, and then ding, you're done," he said.

Tokuda, who starred alongside Nick Nolte in "Farewell to the King," described how she became interested in interactive theater and increasing people's awareness of diversity and inclusion issues. In June 1999, when the major TV networks announced their fall seasons, "there were no people of color at all in the program line-ups," she said.

"It went to the (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), and they came up with a course of action to make sure it never happens again," she said. "We can see the change now." Grace Park, Daniel Dae Kim, Christine Adams and Mekhi Phifer are just a few of the actors highlighted in the 2011 fall TV lineup.

"My most rewarding work has been in diversity," she said. "What Linda has done is great."

The interactive theater is designed for permanent party staff and faculty at the Academy, Vila said. If it serves the Diversity Office's needs, the Academy will introduce the presentation to the rest of the staff. Cadets will undergo different training as part of the Center for Character and Leadership Development's respect and responsibility course.

About the Diversity Office

Q: What is diversity?

A: The Air Force defines diversity as a composite of individual characteristics, experiences and abilities consistent with the Air Force's core values and mission. Diversity includes personal experience, age, race, ethnicity, gender, religion or philosophy, and geographic, socioeconomic, educational and work backgrounds.

Q: Where do diversity policies come from?

A: The Air Force Academy derives diversity policies from four documents: Air Force Policy Directive 36-70, "Diversity"; the Air Force Strategic Diversity Roadmap; the Academy Diversity Plan and the Academy's Strategic Plan.

Q: How is the Academy moving forward on diversity and inclusion?

A: The Diversity Office has kicked off two online mentoring pilot programs aimed at improving professional development opportunities for officers, enlisted Airmen and civilians. Two-day training events scheduled for September will instruct faculty and staff members on how to incorporate diversity and inclusion into their day-to-day interactions.

To contact Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Adis Vila regarding the climate of diversity at the Academy, go to www.usafa.af.mil/main/contactsus.asp and select "Chief Diversity Officer - Dr. Adis Vila" from the drop-down menus.

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Aeronautics professor tops field in STEM mentorship

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

The Air Force Academy's STEM initiative is now in full flower, and the efforts of its primary contributor, Dr. William Crisler, are coming up roses.

Now Crisler is about to assume the spotlight and be honored for his success in inspiring children and teens to take an interest in science, technology, engineering and math.

The Federal Laboratory Consortium's Mid-Continent Region named the STEM Outreach Center director the winner of the 2011 STEM Mentorship Award, which he will receive at the regional meeting in Monterey, Calif., at the end of August.

Col. Brent Richert, the Academy's chief scientist, called Crisler "the driving force behind establishing a funded outreach program" at the Academy.

Since the Outreach Center's establishment in February, it has empowered teachers and enlightened students by enlivening some potentially tedious subjects.

While continuing to teach aeronautics at the Academy, Crisler has excelled in his new role and demonstrated his versatility.

"His enterprise-level planning and coordination (have) brought government, industry and educational partners together to kindle the fire of interest ... for elementary through high school students in Southern Colo-

rado," Richert said.

Among the ways he has done that are the annual STEM boot camps for local teachers and a plethora of activities that capture bud-

ding imaginations. Popular STEM activities, notably the Academy's in-demand Chemistry Magic Show, have made "rock stars" out of professor Ron Furstenau and his colleagues, Crisler said.

The STEM Outreach Center developed an alter ego on Twitter and Facebook named Ms. Aurora, Ph.D. The falcon character, named for the Academy's most famous mascot, focuses the attention of students and STEM educators. She and similar characters from Stanford University and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics facilitate online STEM adventures.

Under Crisler's direction, the center has secured more than \$600,000 in federal funding to support projects that inspire interest in STEM subjects at the grass-roots level.

As for the man of the hour, he enjoys being able to do both jobs.

"The ideal is for me to remain half and half, running the STEM Center and teaching aircraft design," he said.



Dr. William Crisler

"Teaching here keeps me in touch with the technical side of things and validates my credentials with the people I'm trying to build teams with."

Academy involvement in spreading the STEM canon sprang from the response to a National Academy of Sciences report titled "Gathering Storm." The report raised concerns of a coming shortage in the work force for high-knowledge occupations unless future generations of American children were motivated to delve into the necessary subjects.

Col. Neal Barlow, the head of the Engineering Department at the Academy, and former chief scientist Col. Rob Fredell led the STEM charge along the Front Range. They enlisted the help of Crisler, a move that proved fortuitous.

"It's really their vision and energy that got this all started," Crisler said. "At the time they asked, they had no idea that I had been a high school math teacher before I entered the Air Force in 1980 or that I had been a business development manager at Harris Corp. after I retired from the Air Force."

Even if it was unwittingly, they couldn't have picked someone more suited for the task at hand. Crisler's previous experience dovetailed perfectly with the objectives of the STEM outreach.

And in his mind, his STEM audiences have much in common with the cadets he teaches. He said the core

engineering courses at the Academy, for example, could be transplanted into most high schools with little difficulty.

"The excitement (students) feel once they discover that STEM is interesting and that they can do it is the same, regardless of age," Crisler said.

Based on his effectiveness at teaching cadets, it's easy to deduce why the consortium's regional awards committee saw fit to choose Crisler.

"As an educator, he is a top innovator and a sought-out teacher for motivating and mentoring cadets in the aeronautics curriculum," Richert said. "Sample feedback from his students includes: 'He knows his stuff and it's always fun to have a teacher who teaches their passion,' and 'Dr. Crisler does an awesome job!'"

In a few weeks, the Federal Laboratory Consortium, which is a national network of federal laboratories, will add to the accolades and confirm Richert's assessment.

The Academy last won an FLC regional award in 2009, when it took top honors in the Notable Technology Development category for work on ammonia-hydride hydrogen generation and storage.

In informing the Academy of Crisler's award, Mid-Continent Region Program Manager Ann Kerksieck said, "We are always blown away by the caliber of programs and research taking place at the U.S. Air Force Academy."

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Open House

Academy fire department opens doors for annual open house, activity day

The 10th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight hosted its annual Fire Department Open House Saturday at Fire Station 1 in the Pine Valley housing area.

The event featured a variety of displays of Academy firefighting equipment, as well as emergency response personnel from the the 10th Security Forces Squadron and the Colorado Springs community.

Academy firefighters provided a vehicle extrication demonstration,

and the 10th SFS provided a military working dog demonstration.

The fire department also put on a puppet show to teach children about fire safety, and the smoke house trailer lets firefighters demonstrate how to properly evacuate a house during a fire.

A local Colorado Springs hospital also flew in an air medical transport services helicopter and demonstrated the aircraft's capabilities for open house visitors.



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Luke Mater, 13, pretends to drive an antique fire truck during the Academy fire department open house Saturday.

Firefighters from the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight demonstrate their ability to extricate an accident victim from a vehicle during the Academy fire department open house Saturday.



RIGHT: Sparky the Fire Dog was also on hand to help teach children the importance of fire safety.

CENTER: Caleb Cambron, 3, shows how excited he was to attend the Academy fire department's open house Saturday.

FAR RIGHT: Senior Airman William Hollandoner, 10th Security Forces Squadron, and Haus, a military working dog who specializes in bomb detection, demonstrate Haus's ability to detect bombs.



Wounded soldiers' workplace returns happen here

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit staff writer

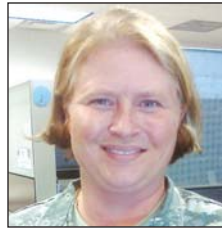
In 2010, the Army post at the south end of Colorado Springs unveiled Operation Warfighter to help wounded soldiers transition into new careers back home. And the friendly folks at the base on the opposite side of town had some job offers for the wounded warriors.

The Academy's admissions office has so far hosted two transitional workers from Fort Carson, Sgt. Jackie King and Sgt. Alex Robles. King has since left and successfully transitioned into a new job at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"She handled (her job at the Academy) with a lot of optimism and good cheer," said Gay Harrison, an admissions coordinator. "Her heart's desire was to stay with her Army family."

Following the adoption of the program, Fort Carson officials started putting out the word on behalf of the soldiers. They inquired among their comrades in local Air Force circles, seeking potential matches for the transitioning personnel.

Jobs in the Academy's admissions office typically suit the wounded war-



Army Sgt. Jackie King



Army Sgt. Alex Robles

rriors quite well because paperwork and various clerical tasks are abundant here.

A successful transition allows the soldiers to readjust to their noncombat work environment and can lead to reassignment within the military or a civilian career.

The benefits to the transition program cut both ways, and the admissions folks are hoping to have more chances to mingle with the Fort Carson crowd as the new academic year gets under way.

"We constantly have people from this office being sent on deployment," Harrison said. "It was good for us because it let us see that there's teamwork among competing branches. And we got some really good work out of them."

For his part, Robles was just as enthusiastic. His time at the Academy is almost up, and he wrote a letter describing his appreciation for being given the opportunity.

"At the end of the day, I feel good leaving from the Academy knowing that I helped someone stationed in Germany or Alabama," he wrote. "The work isn't easy but it is rewarding. I've never found myself without anything to do."

He also mentions the broad range of tasks that his work in the admissions office entailed. His duties included awards processing, database management, account distribution and preparation of promotional packets. He also hired primary ALOs and additional duty ALOs.

It isn't just the Air Force Academy that has responded to Fort Carson's initiative, though. The area's other two Air Force bases are also huge advocates of the program, said Connie Brown, the human resources supervisor at the Academy.

She also mentioned another effort, the Department of Veterans Affairs Coming Home To Work program, which the Academy is helping.

In the past 17 months, the Academy has guided the transitions of 13 soldiers from Fort Carson. Four of the 13 are here now.

"There really are no barriers except for coordination of the folks' work schedules around their medical appointments and special formations, etc., from the unit," Brown said. "Managers need to complete a job description form, and then Fort Carson is very intent on making sure they provide us with resumes of only their best and brightest. The manager can then interview the employee, and they can start usually within a week."

Harrison and her colleagues in the admissions office are trying to subtly serve notice that they're ready for more workplace guests from Fort Carson.

And there's a little inducement Harrison thinks could grease the wheels: She has two extra sets of season tickets for Air Force football this fall.

The ticket recipients might be asked to accept one condition, she said: "They just have to root for the Falcons."

Forbes, Princeton rank AFA in top 10 nationwide

The Air Force Academy was ranked as one of the top 10 universities in the nation by both Forbes and the Princeton review this week.

Forbes released its annual best colleges rankings late Wednesday, ranking the Air Force Academy as the 10th-best university in the nation.

The top-ranked university is Williams College in Massachusetts, followed next by Princeton, then the U.S. Military Academy, Amherst, Stanford, Harvard, Haverford College, the University of Chicago and MIT.

Forbes also ranked the colleges by region. The Air Force Academy was ranked as the second-best university in the west, behind Stanford.

The rankings are calculated by Forbes and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity and are based on a numerical formula which assesses each school in the following categories: post-graduate success, student satisfaction, student debt, four-year graduation rates and competitive awards.

The Princeton Review also released

their annual college rankings this week naming the Academy among the top-10 colleges in most available professors, low drug and alcohol use, and best school administration, according to "The Best 376 Colleges," released Tuesday.

The Princeton Review ranks the Air Force Academy's faculty fifth in the nation in "most accessible professors" and ranked the Academy's administration as No. 9 in the nation in "School Runs Like Butter."

The Academy's student-faculty ratio is 8:1, average class size is 20, 100 percent of the faculty are full-time and no classes are taught by teaching assistants. Several academic departments here also staff extra instruction laboratories throughout the academic day, with at least one professor available each class period to help cadets tackle questions arising from their latest lessons. The Princeton Review ranked the Academy No. 1 in professor availability in its 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Best Colleges editions, and number four in the same category for its 2010 "Best Colleges" edition.

Lt. Col. Jeff Bolong looks over then-Cadets 3rd Class Bradford Smith and James Colvin III during a computer science course at the Air Force Academy.



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10th MSG changes command

Col. Michael Addison, right, accepts command of the 10th Mission Support Group from 10th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Thomas Gibson, during a change of command ceremony July 29. Addison replaces Col. Timothy Ferguson, who will now assume duties as the 10th Air Base wing vice commander. Addison comes to the Academy from the Pentagon, where he was the deputy director, basing, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment).

Research labs stretch minds

Summer program sends cadets to assorted destinations for five weeks of intensive work

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

The Air Force Academy apparently puts considerable credence in a certain saying that involves idle minds and a workshop.

That might explain why more than 150 of its sharpest minds are anything but idle during the quietest interval in the academic year.

There is no shortage of options for cadets to keep their bodies and brain cells active during the summertime languor. One of the most coveted is limited to rising seniors and is called the Cadet Summer Research Program.

The title is generally reduced to an acronym. To catch the essence of CSRP, pay attention to the letter R.

“When cadets go on CSRP, they see some of the world’s experts directly applying the principles from cadet classrooms,” Capt. David Ratliff, the current director of the program, said in the Academy’s 2010 research report. “This exposure expands cadets’ vision and increases their motivation to master academic and leadership principles.”

Of course, the research opportunities afforded by the Academy to undergrads are part of its educational appeal. In light of that, CSRP has “become a linchpin in the Academy’s learning-focused mission,” according to the 2010 research report.

The program contains slots for 180 cadets, and researchers who participate in it also satisfy both their curiosity and the Cadet Wing’s summer military training requirement.

At the time of selection of prospects for a research assignment, cadets must sport a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a minimum MPA of 2.8.

However, if a cadet shows exceptional aptitude in an area corresponding with one of the available research assignments, the vice dean may override the requirement.

Program sponsors deliver project descriptions in the fall, and usually there are twice as many projects as there are qualifying cadets.

The selection mechanism proceeds through much of the remainder of the academic year, winnowing down the list of candidates in advance of the “rack and stack” procedure that fills the 180 openings.

Cadets themselves pick their research sponsor.



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From left, Cadet 1st Class Megan Holt, U.S. Military Academy, Cadet 1st Class Dayna Grant, Cadet Squadron 26, Cadet 1st Class Brian Solmonson, USMA, and Clay Johnson, a Liberian student and guide. In front is Peter, a security guard who showed the cadets around the Ducor Palace Hotel in Monrovia, Liberia.

CSRP begins in May and runs into July. Most assignments last five weeks, although there are a couple of longer programs that require a waiver. Cadets who choose CSRP in lieu of leave can take on a three-week assignment.

The list of previous research sponsors is a who’s-who of knowhow that ranges from government labs like Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos to Defense Department affiliates to private-sector employers and local governments.

No matter where the cadets work for the summer, though, their activities are mission-critical — and usually super cool.

“That’s not to say they’re working with Stephen Hawking,” Ratliff said. “But they’re doing research with people who are doing important research.”

Ratliff said that on returning to the Academy, some cadets have told him they applied for a patent on something produced during their research assignment.

The CSRP experience doesn’t end when the research assignment does, though.

Many cadets carry their research over into their senior year by doing an independent study project at the Academy. Also, CSRP participants compete for Thomas D. Moore Outstanding Cadet in Summer Research award.

Besides the opportunity to be on the cutting edge and fulfill a summer requirement, cadets get the

added bonus of receiving a per diem and letting the research sponsor pick up the tab for program costs.

In a PowerPoint presentation about CSRP, Ratliff says, “They pay, you play (well ... work ... but what’s the difference? You’re not here!)”

Sometimes, research assignments are far away from here — on different continents.

Cadet 1st Class Dayna Grant, a member of Cadet Squadron 26 and a law student, went to Liberia in conjunction with the U.S. Military Academy’s Point to Point program.

Her team studied property policy and law in the West African country, whose major claim to fame is that its president, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, became Africa’s first female head of state.

Grant’s research and paper focused on the rights of squatters in Liberian townships, the suitability of NGO recommendations and proposed solutions to improve slums in the country.

“I gained a great deal of respect for how we live here,” Grant said. “Though Liberia is a ‘free’ country like the U.S., they are lacking most amenities which we take for granted.”

“I also learned a great deal about blending into a culture when you are clearly an outsider. Simple things like learning the country’s handshake, wearing the correct clothing in the right situation, and listening acutely to people as they speak goes a long way when you want respect from another culture.”

Area military bases on ground floor of new respite program

By Lea Johnson
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE — July 8 marked the launch of the Air Force’s Respite Care Program for families of special-needs children.

Jackie Wickham, Exceptional Family Member Program family support coordinator, said that “respite care, to simply put it, is a short-term break for parents or caregivers from their special-needs children.”

Colorado Springs is currently one of only seven cities to offer the program. The service is available to eligible families at Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever Air Force Base and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

“We are so very pleased that this program has finally been launched, and we were lucky enough to be on the ground floor to provide this service to our families,” said Paul Smith, chief of the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

To be eligible for the program, Wickham said,

families must be enrolled in EFMP, provide documentation of the severity of the disability as decided by a physician, and provide proof of deployment if applicable.

Eligible families will receive between eight and 20 hours a month of free care for their child, the amount being determined by the degree of disability and if there is a deployed family member.

She also said it’s important for families to re-member that enrollment in EFMP does not guarantee eligibility for respite care.

Respite care has previously been available off base in Colorado Springs, but for many families, the cost was more than they could afford. Now, Wickham said, the Air Force will cover the cost.

To further ease the load, families can choose neighbors or friends, people they already know and trust, to be the caregiver.

Anyone interested in becoming a caregiver must fill out an application through the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

“They do the background checks, CPR classes, all the training that is necessary to be a provider,” Wickham said.

The training and background checks can take a significant amount of time.

“It’s really in their best interest if the provider gets signed up as soon as possible and trained,” Wickham said.

If families choose, they can also use an organization already established in the area. In most cases, Smith said, respite care takes place in the child’s home. Parents are free to use the time however they wish.

“These parents are providing 24/7 care for this child,” Smith said. “The idea of this is just to give that parent a few hours within that month that they can go to the movies, or get their hair done, or read a book. They really do deserve this break.”

Applications for families and caregivers are available online at www.naccrra.com. For more information, call the Peterson A&FRC at 556-6141.

1998 grad earns 19th Air Medal

By Master Sgt. Cindy Dorfner
376th Air Expeditionary Wing

TRANSIT CENTER AT MANAS, Kyrgyzstan—Maj. Josh Brown thinks records are made to be broken.

A KC-135 pilot deployed here, Brown flew his final combat sortie for this deployment July 30, qualifying him to receive the 18th oak leaf cluster for his Air Medal.

Currently, the next highest total earned by Airmen in the KC-135 Stratotanker is 15 clusters.

The Air Medal is awarded for single acts of heroism or meritorious achievements while participating in aerial flight in support of operations, according to the Air Force Personnel Center website, www.afpc.af.mil.

The requirements for receiving the Air Medal have changed over the years. The first few Brown received in 2001-2002 were earned with only 10 combat sorties; 20 are required now.

The major, who is deployed from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., has also previously supported combat operations in Iraq as an MC-12 Liberty pilot with 120 combat sorties, as well as 14 in the C-21 supporting operations in Kosovo.

A 13-year Air Force veteran, Brown has deployed 13 times. His deployments have lasted from three weeks to 10 months.

His first deployment was to Saudi Arabia, where he flew eight combat support missions for Operation

Southern Watch. Since that first trip, Brown's love for doing what he does has grown.

"I love flying, but it isn't just flying for flying's sake," he said. "I love flying military aircraft. I love the mission. I enjoy flying combat missions, the thrill and excitement. It's never the same. In my heart, I know that some of my sorties have made a real difference. The fuel offloaded kept that one fighter in the air longer ... to drop that bomb or fly a strafing run to keep our guys on the ground safe. That is what this job means to me. That's why I keep coming back."

Brown, a 1998 Air Force Academy graduate and native of St. Cloud, Minn., said his latest accomplishment can be described two ways.

"On one hand, this isn't that significant. ... It's just one more sortie on just another day in a very long war," he said. "On the other hand, this is very significant because it really shows how critical the tanker force is to today's operations.

We are out there every day offloading millions of pounds of fuel to Air Force, Navy, Marine and coalition fighter, bomber and support aircraft. We push it so that we in the air can support and protect our brothers-and sisters-in-arms on the ground. I also see it as significant to the Transit Center because we are creating history of our own, and this is just one small piece," he added.

Brown's incredible efforts flying in



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A KC-135 Stratotanker deployed to the 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron at the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan, refuels an F-15E deployed from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, July 30. This refuel was part of a mission that earned Maj. Joshua Brown, a 22nd EARS pilot deployed from the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron at Fairchild AFB, his 18th oak leaf cluster for the Air Medal.

support of recent contingency operations culminate this deployment while "fueling the fight" over Afghanistan in support of surge operations for Operation Enduring Freedom, said Col. Brian Newberry, the 376th Expeditionary Operations Group commander.

"His blistering pace of flying enabled more than 100 strikes — also top his unit, the 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron — as well as critical shows of force and troops in contact support by coalition fighters," Newberry said.

Brown said it's hard to nail down the best part of his job.

"The first is working with the younger guys ... the next generation of tanker pilots and (boom operators)," he said. "I want to teach them right. I feel it's my duty to impart my knowledge and educate them on the art of air refueling in the combat arena. Sometimes, I wish I was a better teacher and instructor pilot so that I could pass everything I know.

"The second is supporting the guys in the air and on the ground. As I said earlier, I truly think we're a part of getting the mission done in the air and on the ground, and ultimately getting (servicemembers) home to their families and loved ones."

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Teams square off in intramural softball playoffs

By **Dave Castilla**
Intramural Sports Director

The top four teams from the American and National league commenced with playoffs Monday night in a double elimination tournament. Here are the results.

The first game featured the National League's top-seeded Med Group No. 1 against the American League's 4th ranked Lentals. The game was over in the first inning as Med Group put up 14 runs, despite a steady rain. Med Group continued their dominance with a two-run homer by Mark Lomenick, and Bill Malone's three-run shot were all that was needed as the Medics cruised to a 20-0 victory.

In the second game of the night, the Cadet Wing won a tough battle against the Retirees 24-16. CW took the early first inning lead, thanks to a three-run shot from Kerry Warren giving them a 6-1 lead. The Retirees came back in the top of the second, scoring four off a Kevin Ciesla grand slam.

CW scored seven more runs in the bottom of the second as Shawn Merritt hit his first of two homeruns, wrapping up the inning with a score of 13-4 for CW. The Retirees scored four runs in the fourth off a Ken Zito three-run homer to bring them within four. Merritt hit a two run double to give CW a 17-9 lead. The Retirees came back in the top of the fifth scoring seven runs and closing the gap to one.

However, CW put the game away in the bottom of the 5th scoring five runs off Merritt's three-run shot to close out the game.

DRU/FSS, the American league's No. 1 seed, came out fast and furious in their match against SFS, scoring 15 runs in the first inning to defeat Security Forces, 29-7. Tim Richardson's three-run homer over the left field wall started the onslaught. Later in the same inning, as the team batted around, he drove in two more runs with a base hit, and Scott Koenig contributed with a two-run double.

SFS's Chris Jakubin drove in two runs in the second and Sam Carey followed up with an RBI single as the cops scored five runs in the bottom of the third. DRU ended the game as they scored eight runs in the top of the fifth thanks to another two run shot from Richardson.

The Athletic Department got the early lead and were never down as they defeated the Firefighters 24-13 in the finale. Kirk Smith hit a two-run homer in the first and a three-run shot in the second to give AD the early 9-2 lead. The Firefighter's best inning was the bottom of the fourth as they scored six runs, three coming on a home run from Matt Schultz and the FD was down only three at 11-8.

AD won the game in the top of the fifth as they scored eight runs, four on a grand slam from Jim Binns and a two run shot from Mark Clifford.



Shawn Merritt hits the first of his two home runs Monday as the Cadet Wing defeated the Retirees 24-16 in the first night of playoff action.

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Final standings

American	Won	Lost	National	Won	Lost
DRU/FSS	13	2	MDG No. 1	12	2
Retirees	11	3	ATH	13	3
10 CES	9	6	CW	10	6
Dentals	4	11	SFS	6	9
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For more information, call the ITT office at 333-3348.

Take an outdoor adventure

The Outdoor Adventure Program has several upcoming opportunities for those who enjoy trekking through the Colorado wilderness.

For information on these and other offerings, contact Outdoor Adventure at 333-2940 or visit their website at <http://bit.ly/m8vddh>.

Hiking on the Academy: Women's casual-paced hiking is held Tuesdays at 9 a.m., with co-ed quick-paced hiking held Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. The hikes are free, but registration is required. Contact Outdoor Adventure for more information.

Family Advocacy offerings

For information on Family Advocacy programs, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 333-5270.

Anger Management: Held Tuesdays through Aug. 9, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Learn how to manage your anger and how to better relate to others using simple, innovative techniques.

Schedule of Worship



Cadet Chapel

SUMMER SCHEDULE

BUDDHIST

Sundays: 10 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Combined Worship Service:
Sundays, 9 a.m.

CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Mass: Sundays, 10 a.m.

JEWISH WORSHIP

No Jewish worship services during the summer.

Community Center Chapel

CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Common Sense Parenting: Held Thursdays through Sept. 8 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. This skill-based parenting program teaches parents of children ages 5-18 practical and effective ways to increase their children's positive behaviors and appropriate alternatives to negative behaviors.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting: Held Wednesday and Aug. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. This class offers parents of children ages 2-12 easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children without arguing, yelling or spanking. This is a two-session course.

Honor Guard candidates

The Air Force Academy Honor Guard wants volunteers who can help pay final honors to those interred at the Air Force's only active cemetery.

Airmen must have 12 months of retainability on base and be able to support at least two details per month for one year.

Training is held every other Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Benefits of Honor Guard membership include consideration for a medal upon completion of the 12-month commitment and free attendance to some major sporting events.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lissy Slezak at 333-9309 or Staff Sgt. Hugo Reinor at 333-5621.

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All bike trips include support, transportation for people and bikes and an experienced guide. Call 333-2940 for more information.

Pikes Peak Downhill: Saturday and Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.; \$59 per weekend, \$49 per weekday.

Labor Day at Moab. Sept. 2-5. Cost range from \$173.25 to \$247.50 per person depending on lodging choices. This trip includes all lodging in comfortable cabins, experienced guide, park entry fees and all transportation for people and bikes. Must sign up before August 1 and attend a pre-trip meeting August 26.

Rumble in the Rockies

Falcon Stadium will host the annual Firefighter Combat Challenge today, 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Admission is free. Visitors should enter through the Academy's North Gate. Come out and cheer for your favorite fire department and bring the entire family. Kids can also take part in the challenge.

Take care of that dental work

The 10th Dental Squadron seeks non-active-duty patients to be treated in the dental residency training program. If you are an eligible beneficiary and have been told you have gum disease and need gum surgery or a root canal, call 333-5490 for a screening appointment.

Trail clean-up work parties

Volunteers from the enlisted and officer corps are needed to help clean up the Woodmen Trail, which the Academy has adopted. The trail is 2.05 miles long and is split into three sections, so volunteers work on a section that is a little more than half a

mile. The next cleanup is scheduled for Aug. 20. For more information, call 333-3310.

Community Center activities

Flea market: Saturday in the AAFES Parking Lot. The flea market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with set up from 8 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 per space, \$15 for a truck. Please call 333-2928 to register.

Pub Night: Aug. 12, 4-10 p.m. at the Milazzo Center Sports Area. Karaoke will be provided. Snacks and beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, will be on sale.

Free Movie Night: Community Center auditorium on, Aug. 26. The first movie starts at 6 p.m. and the second movie at 8 p.m. Sodas and popcorn will be for sale.

Environmental audit coming

The Academy's annual Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program will take place Sept. 12-16.

The audit evaluates an installation's overall compliance with environmental, safety, and occupational health laws and regulations.

As with past audits, this year's encompasses all organizations, tenants, and contractor operations on the Academy. The audit team will distribute a schedule prior to commencing the audit. A briefing on the findings will be given Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. in the CE Conference Room, building 8120.

The audit team will consist of 10 CES/CEV personnel and volunteers from the Academy. Anyone interested in volunteering must obtain approval from the respective supervisors.

Once findings are distributed, each

organization will be responsible for completing all required closure actions according to the management action plan developed after the audit.

For questions or to volunteer as an audit team member, call Jeanie Duncan at 333-0812.

Academy Concerts presents

Tops in Blue will perform a free concert Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. in Arnold Hall. The show is general admission and does not require tickets. Admission is free. Parking will be available in the fieldhouse parking lot, and shuttles will operate between the fieldhouse and Arnold Hall.

Celebrate women's suffrage

The Academy will host a luncheon and panel forum Aug. 26 that celebrates women's right to vote. The event will be held in the Falcon Club ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lt. Col. Rachel VanLandingham and Todd Seelman are the guest speakers. For more information, call Master Sgt. Gina Pope at 333-9992.

Parking lot resurfacing

The upper parking lot outside Harmon Hall will be closed for repaving until Sept. 11. All Harmon Hall permanent-party employees will be granted temporary access to the gate west of Harmon Hall.

During construction, parking will be allowed along Cadet Drive, along Chapel Drive from the superintendent's circle to the Arnold Hall circle excluding crosswalks, in front of the planetarium, and in non-government spaces in the Arnold Hall north lot.

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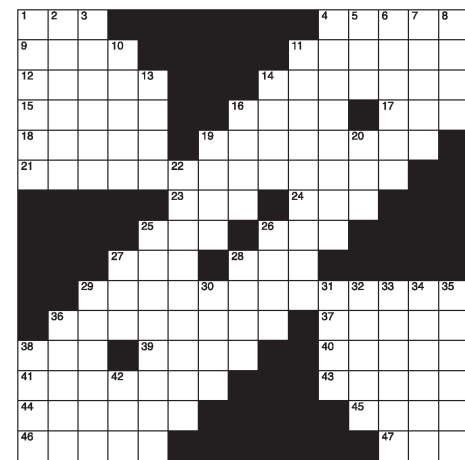
CLUES ACROSS

1. Manuscripts (abbr.)
4. Came to grips with
9. Smallest element component
11. Esprit de corps
12. Grandmothers
14. Unhinge and distract
15. Largest municipality in Finland
16. Not win
17. Red Cross work
18. A theatrical

19. Renounced under oath
21. Thick center cut of beef tenderloin
23. Cathode-ray oscilloscope
24. Before

25. Negative
26. Paronomasia
27. Mortar trough
28. Swiss river
29. Adornment
36. More dismal
37. Helper
38. The cry made by

- sheep
39. Ceases to live
40. Give qualities or abilities to
41. Cordialities
43. Alt. spelling of tayra
44. Verb conjugations
45. Furnace product
46. Long & difficult journeys
47. Stallone's nickname



CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person
2. Stem
3. First movement form
4. Warn beforehand
5. Macaws
6. Deliberately misleading story
7. 60120 IL
8. Transfer property
10. 16th C. Fr. poet Clement
11. Adult males (Fr.)
13. Beget
14. R.I. rebellion 1841 - 1842
16. Wolf (Spanish)
19. State of violent

- mental agitation
20. A single unit or thing
22. Private secondary schools
25. Persons of no importance

26. A set of two similar things
27. Health Maintenance Organization
28. Brews
29. Comic & actress

- May
30. States a falsehood
31. A minute amount (Scott)
32. Tropical Asian starlings
33. Stream disturbances
34. Relating to a nerve
35. Agreement between two states
36. Computer game player
38. Large bale of stuffing material
42. Sound expressing disappointment

SUDOKU

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Solution on page 6

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