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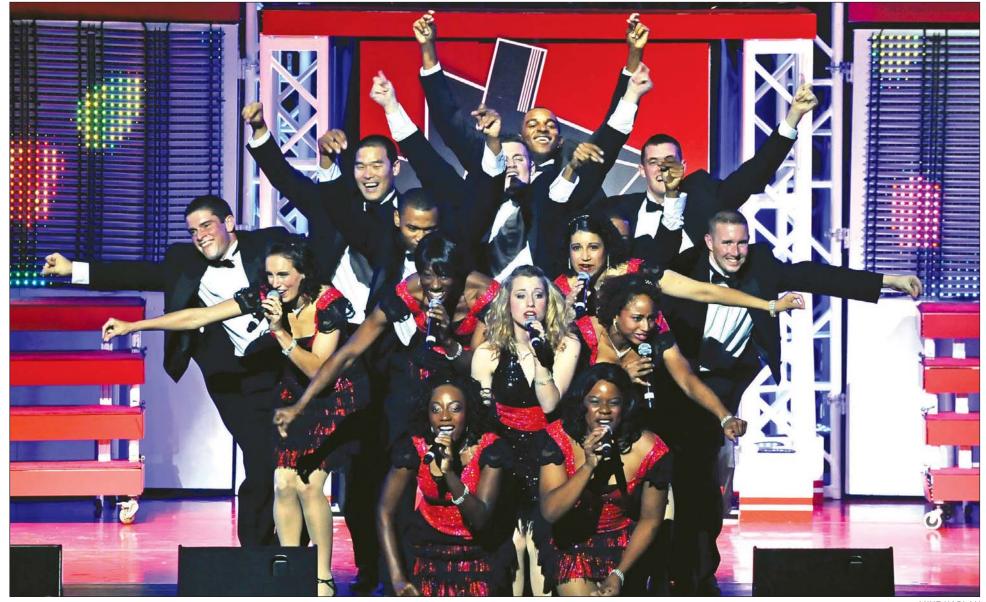
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ACADEMY SPIRIT



Tops in Blue performs at USAFA



MIKE KAPLAN

Tops in Blue, an all-active duty Air Force special unit made up of amateur performers selected for their entertainment abilities, put on two shows at the Academy's Arnold Hall Theater Aug. 19-20. The performance featured American music from the early 1900s to today. Tops in Blue has been performing for military personnel and their families for 57 years, and has toured throughout Western, Central, and Eastern Europe, the Far East, Middle East, Central America, Southwest Asia, Canada and all 50 of the United States.

Academy responders assist with wildfire

Beaver Creek fire burns appoximately 100 acres, extinguished Sunday with help from Mother Nature

By Don Branum

Academy Spirit staff writer

The Air Force Academy Fire Department joined U.S. Forest Service officials responding to a fire that started Aug. 19 northwest of the Academy.

The Academy supported the Forest Service with 13 firefighters over a two-day period to fight the Beaver Creek Fire, Academy Deputy Fire Chief Ken Helgerson said.

Academy firefighters predominantly provided structural protection to homes near the fire, Helgerson said. The fire department also provided two wildland firefight-

ing vehicles to assist with suppression efforts.

The fire response team included a total of 144 firefighters from local agencies, including the Colorado Springs, Larkspur, Tri-Lakes and Palmer Lake fire departments, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, according to Forest Service fire information officer Ralph Bellah.

The Beaver Creek fire burned approximately 100 acres along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains before firefighters and the weather contained and extinguished it Sunday. The cause of the fire was still under investigation Thursday.



RAYMOND MCCOY

The Beaver Creek fire burns north of the Air Force Academy Aug. 19. The fire consumed approximately 100 acres before being contained. Firefighters from the Tri-Lakes and Air Force Academy fire departments were among those who responded to the blaze.

Please, hang up and drive

Commentary by Don Branum Academy Spirit staff writer

If you've been in the Air Force for a while, you might know the name Gary Kunich. He worked for European Stars and Stripes around the time I first entered the Air Force in 1999. He retired in 2006 as a master sergeant, but he has never put down the pen: today he writes for local publications in his adopted hometown of Kenosha, Wis.

Today, he has a new message, one that he's asking everyone to help spread: "Don't drive distracted. Put away your electronic devices before you start your engine."

It's a message he can't spread by himself, but it's a message that might have saved his son.

Kunich shared tragic news with a group of military public affairs professionals via Facebook Aug. 14: Devin Kunich, 21, had died a few days earlier when a car hit his bicycle along County Highway H in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., in the early hours of Aug. 7.

According to Pleasant Prairie Police Department reports, visibility was poor: the stretch of County Highway H where the accident occurred has no street lights, and a fog blanketed the area. Devin was riding north, on his way home from the Bristol, Wis., Renaissance Faire, where, according to his obituary, he was captain of the Black Swan swing ride.

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The hard part is struggling with the forgiveness (balanced with) the accountability."

- Gary Kunich

At the same time, 18-year-old Quashae Taylor was driving along the same road. She was driving without her glasses and had been talking off and on to her boyfriend on her cell phone. She closed her eyes for what she described as a "long blink" as she answered her phone again at approximately 12:45 a.m.

Taylor probably never saw Devin before she hit his bicycle from behind. The impact flipped him onto her car, where he lay for almost six seconds before falling off. Police would later find his backpack, personal belongings and bicycle seat strewn in a 300-foot trail from the impact site.

Taylor slowed down, called 911 and stopped at the intersection of County Highway H and State Highway 165, a mile north of the accident scene. The paramedics who responded pronounced Devin dead at the scene.

As tragically as the events unfolded, one thing stuck out at me: the police reported that Devin was wearing dark clothing at the time of the accident and was not wearing a helmet. They later found a light that may have been on



CHRIS ALLEN

Devin Kunich was killed by a distracted driver after midnight on Aug. 7 while bicycling home. from work in Bristol, Wis.

his bicycle at the time of impact.

I talked with one of my co-workers about the situation on Aug. 15. At the time, police had reported not finding any lights or rear reflectors on Devin's bike. I asked my co-worker, a fellow bicyclist, how I could write a story without mentioning that it might have been impossible for anyone to see Devin until the last second? Neither of us had a good answer.

That answer came a couple of days later, on the evening of Aug. 17. I was talking to my wife as we walked through Garden of the Gods Park, and as I posed the same question to her, I recalled a similar event about a year ago.

I was driving north along Chelton Road, just north of Fountain Boulevard in Colorado Springs, about an hour after dark. A bicyclist, dressed in dark clothing and with no lights on his bicycle, seemingly appeared out of nowhere. I had maybe half a second to swerve just enough to avoid him – and I probably missed him by less than a foot

Half a second. The blink of an eye.

What if I had been trying to answer my phone instead of paying attention to the road?

Quashae Taylor has no prior record, no criminal history, not even a traffic ticket. Prosecutors have charged her with negligent homicide: she faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. The blink of an eye changed her life.

Devin Kunich is dead. The blink of an eye ended his. Gary and Ruth Kunich must live the rest of their lives without their son.

Gary told me he doesn't want her to face extensive jail time but does want "some jail time and accountability."

"The hard part is struggling with the forgiveness (balanced with) the accountability," he said.

But more importantly, Gary and Ruth want people to put the phone away before turning the ignition.

So please, hang up and drive.

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Exercise to test Academy's response capabilities

By Gino Mattorano Academy Spirit editor

Exercise planners are gearing up to test the Academy's emergency response capabilities through a base exercise Wednesday.

While the details of the upcoming exercise are kept under wraps, Air Force instructions require installations to conduct regular exercises to test their ability to respond to major accidents, natural disasters and terrorist use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosives.

"Exercises are the number-one tool for assessing our preparedness and identifying areas for improvement while demonstrating our determination to prepare for major incidents or other contingencies should they ever occur," said Chuck Newcomb, the Exercise Division chief for the 10th Air Base Wing Plans and Programs office. "We work very closely with organizations here to ensure organization-specific requirements are included as objectives and evaluated as elements of major scenarios."

While the 10th Air Base Wing is the lead agency for exercise development at the Academy, execution and evaluation, everyone on base is potentially a participant.

"Exercises give us the opportunity to apply our incident response training in a way that brings a sense of urgency without the long-term consequences of an actual emergency," said Col. Tim Gibson, the 10th ABW commander. "Although the primary purpose of an exercise is not training, we will certainly learn lessons from each event that will make us that much more effective if and when real-world events dictate. Fundamentally, the keys to success in incident management are common situational awareness and unity of effort. In turn, those depend heavily on timely communication.'

Exercise planners recommend that people be prepared to participate as much as real-world operations allow.

"Everyone should know how to react if directed to shelter in place (for a natural disaster or hazardous materials release) or respond to an active shooter event," Newcomb said. "We do our best not to disrupt academics, but some scenarios may involve ... participation from everyone on campus."

Exercise designers must design scenarios that allow for objective-based evaluations in a specific time frame. Often this requires time compression and artificialities that are not realistic.

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Dean of Faculty speaks at university graduation



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Brig. Gen. Dana Born, Air Force Academy dean of the faculty, gave the commencement address for the University of the Rockies graduation Saturday in Colorado Springs.

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Panetta: Any retirement changes won't affect serving military

By Jim GaramoneAmerican Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — In his clearest statement on the subject to date, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said last week that if the military retirement system changes, it will not affect serving service members.

"I will not break faith," the secretary said during a roundtable meeting with military media representatives in the Pentagon.

Panetta's predecessor, Robert M. Gates, asked the Defense Business Board to look at the military retirement system and make recommendations. The final report is due later this month, but Panetta said he is familiar with the outlines of the proposal.

"I certainly haven't made any decisions" on retirement, he said.

"People who have come into the service, who have put their lives on the line, who have been deployed to the war zones, who fought for this country, who have been promised certain benefits for that — I'm not going to break faith with what's been promised to them," Panetta said.

People in the service today will come under the current retirement system, which gives retirees 50 percent of their base pay after 20 years of service.

"Does that stop you from making changes?" Panetta asked. "No, because obviously you can 'grandfather' people in terms of their benefits and then look at what changes you want to put in place for people who become members of the all-volunteer force in the future."

One aspect of the retirement issue is one of fairness, the secretary said. Most service members do not spend 20 years in the military and therefore do not get any retirement benefits when they leave the service.

"They are not vested in any way," Panetta said. "The question that is at least legitimate to ask is, 'Is there a way for those future volunteers to shape this



TECH. SGT. JACOB N. BAILEY

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, right, holds a roundtable discussion and interview with members of the military press in his office at the Pentagon on Aug. 19. Writers representing American Forces Press Service, Stars and Stripes, and the Military Times Media Group were on hand to ask Panetta a variety of security-and military-forces-related questions.

that might give them better protection to be able to have some retirement and take it with them?"

Health care is another area that has to be dealt with, the secretary said. In fiscal 2001, the DOD health care bill was \$19 billion. It is more than \$50 billion now, he said, and it soars to the neighborhood of \$60 billion in future years. Among proposals Congress is contemplating is an increase in some Tricare military health plan premium payments.

"I think those recommendations make sense," Panetta said. "Especially with tight budgets, it does make sense that people contribute a bit more with regards to getting that coverage."

The Defense Department — which is responsible for a large part of the nation's discretionary budget — will do its part to reduce the budget deficit, the secretary said. But while Defense

has a role to play, he added, Congress has to deal with the more than twothirds of the federal budget that represents the mandatory spending.

"If you are serious about getting the deficit down," Panetta said, "you have to deal with the mandatory side of the budget and taxes."

DOD has a responsibility to look at all aspects of the budget, the secretary said, and officials at the Pentagon are doing that.

"This is not because it is necessarily going to hurt areas," he added, "because frankly, a lot of this can be done through efficiencies, a lot of it can be done looking at the administrative side of the programs: What can we do to make these programs more efficient?"

The secretary said he believes the budget crunch can represent an opportunity to make DOD a more efficient,

effective and agile force that still can deal with the threats of the future.

The department also needs to ask how to provide benefits for troops and their families that will be effective at ensuring the nation always has a strong volunteer force, Panetta said.

"That's a debate and discussion that is important for the Defense Department to have, the White House to have, the Congress to have and the country to have," he said. "(We) need to have that debate about 'How are we going to do this in a way that maintains the best military in the world?""

The Defense Department will face some tough choices, Panetta acknowledged.

"I think the bottom line is this can be an opportunity to shape something very effective for the future that can still represent the best defense system in the world," he said.

Leadership seminar

Brig. Gen. Richard Clark, commandant of cadets, participates in a communications exercise with cadets during the 2011 Fall Cadet Commanders Leadership Enrichment Seminar at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center in Colorado Springs Aug. 19-20. The two-day leadership education and skills development workshop is offered by the Academy's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and the Center for Character and Leadership Development. During the seminar, a staff of 13 leadership experts prepared 59 fall cadet commanders and intercollegiate team captains to lead change within the Cadet Wing.



MEGAN DAVIS

Exercise

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Newcomb advises people to treat the scenarios as if they were real-world events.

"React to the inputs as you would during a real-world response," he said. "Far too often people fight the scenario, saying, 'It would never happen that way.' Responders and the general base population should stay focused on accomplishing their mission as it relates to the scenario."

More than 80 exercise evaluation team members from across the Academy's mission areas will assess how well their functional areas perform.

"Evaluators are invaluable team members and vital to the mission," Newcomb said. "While some people may see an evaluator as 'one of those guys' or 'the dude in the black hat,' that couldn't be further from the truth. We are all one team. They are assigned because of their superior expertise and knowledge of their particular functional area."

The Academy is scheduled to undergo a unit compliance inspection in April 2012, and exercise evaluation will be a key part of that inspection, Newcomb said.

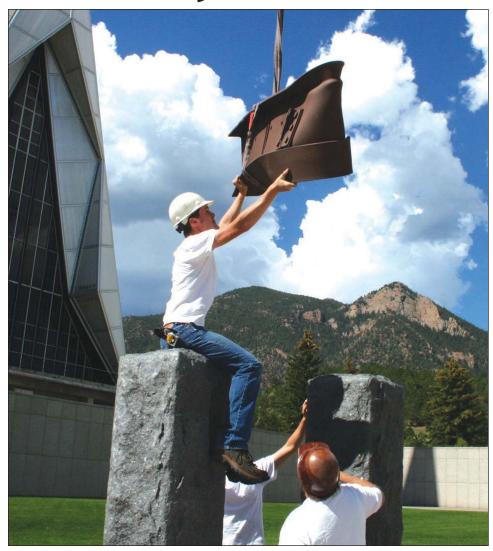
"Exercises demonstrate our capability to react to contingencies and comply with a set of response standards," continued Newcomb. "We fully expect the UCI team to execute a scenario during their visit, and we welcome it."



MEGAN DAVIS

Firefighters from the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron extinguish a car fire during Exercise Swift Falcon 11-02, a major accident response exercise, March 2.

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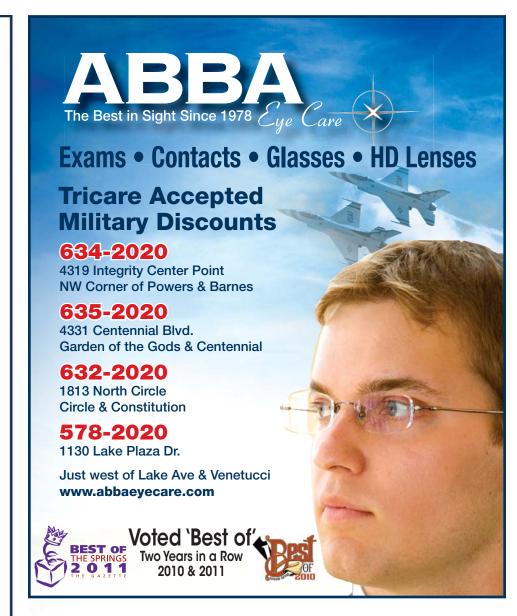
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Senior journalists from Asia, Pacific visit Academy

By Don Branum Academy Spirit staff writer

Seven senior journalists from publications in Asia and the Pacific visited the Air Force Academy on Monday as part of a month-long seminar hosted by the East-West Center.

The center's 2011 Senior Journalists' Seminar seeks to bridge gaps between the United States and the Muslim world, according to its website, http:// www.eastwestcenter.org.

Melissa Porter, the Academy's chief of community outreach, facilitated the tour. Chaplain (Col.) Robert Bruno, the Academy's senior chaplain, briefed the group about the Academy's religious respect program.

"Respect underlies our diversity, and our diversity underlies the strength of our nation," Bruno said. The Academy's Cadet Interfaith Council that represents 11 faith groups serves as the chaplains' eyes and ears, informing the chaplains on the religious climate here. Three representatives from the Cadet Interfaith Council — Cadet 1st Class Philicia Fahrenbruch, Cadet 2nd Class Nathaniel Youd and Cadet 3rd Class Tirzah Prince — accompanied the journalists throughout the tour.

Two decades of military operations overseas have seasoned the chaplain corps, Bruno said. Where chaplains once may have filled support positions and stayed in their offices, they now get out and about to regularly meet with the troops they serve.

After the religious respect briefing, Lt. Col. John McCurdy, the director of remotely piloted aircraft and unmanned aerial system education and research, talked about the Academy's RPA training program.

"We (faculty) don't really do very much," McCurdy said. "It's the cadets who truly run this program." Faculty members serve primarily in a preparation and advisory role, creating scenarios based on previous Air Force missions.

The program is designed to familiarize cadets, many of whom will go on to fly manned aircraft, about UAS capabilities, McCurdy said.

"With (unmanned aerial vehicles) becoming such a big part of military operations, we want cadets to be familiar with how they operate," he said.

Fahrenbruch, a biology major and native of Falcon, said the UAS program is gaining popularity as cadets learn more about the program and the

The journalists wrapped up the tour with a visit to the Academy's Cadet Chapel, visiting worship areas dedicated to the Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim and Earth-centered populations.

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Mardiyah Chamim and Cadet 1st Class Philicia Fahrenbruch talk on the way to the Cadet Chapel Monday. Chamim is the managing editor for TEMPO News Weekly Magazine in Jakarta, Indonesia.

VISITING JOURNALISTS

- · Susan Keifels, media programs coordinator for the East-West Center
- Mardiyah Chamim, managing editor of TEMPO News Weekly Magazine in Jakarta, Indonesia
- Bidhayak Das, Asia correspondent for the Eastern Chronicle in Guwahati, India
- Kawa Parwiz, senior political editor for the Hasht e Sobh Daily Newspaper in Kabul, Afghanistan
- Roozbeh MirEbrahimi, editor in chief for the Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Iran dar Jahan Magazine
- Ana Marie Pamintuan, executive editor of The Philippine Star in Manila, the Phil-
- Muhammad Zahir Shah Sherazi, bureau chief of DawnNews in Peshawar, Pakistan
- Kai Ping Yong, Chinese editor of Malaysiakini.com in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The seminar's goals include addressing political and cultural challenges that professional journalists face in reporting and commenting on issues in contemporary U.S.-Asian relations, according to the East-West Center's website.

The Center was established by Congress in 1960 as a nonprofit agency to promote better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the U.S., Asia and the Pacific through cooperative study, research and dialogue.

CLUES ACROSS

- Airborne (abbr.) Mother
- The 17th Greek letter 10. Small indefinite
- quantity Grandmothers
- Semitic fertility god
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- Honeymoon 16. Bearded reddish
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- Official document
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- high arc 45. More dried-up
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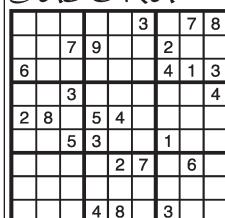
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- 50. Common Indian weaverbird
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- antenna
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60. Mutual savings bank



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TriWest donation to fund program for kids, cadets

Bv David Edwards Academy Spirit staff writer

TriWest's Midwest Operations director presented a check Aug. 17 to the Pikes Peak chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters and its Falcon Club program near the Air Force Academy's Eagle and Fledglings statue.

The Academy's partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters provides cadets with a leadership opportunity and gives Colorado Springs children good role models, Don Brown said at the presentation ceremony. Brown is Triwest's market vice president



LEWIS CARLYLE

Brig. Gen. Richard Clark, commandant of cadets, Cadet 1st Class Nicole Torres, Cadet Squadron 06, and Cadet 1st Class Sheila Sherman, CS 03, present a falcon statue to Don Brown, vice president of TriWest Healthcare.

for the central market.

The Falcon Club has now come full circle, said its director, Jan Jarrold. She was effusive in her gratitude to Brown for TriWest's continued generosity.

"Without them, we wouldn't have the program," Jerrold said.

According to the Big Brothers Big Sisters website, the Falcon Club "facilitates fun, active and safe monthly match activities for the Cadet Bigs and their Littles."

And it has been doing that for more than 30 years, meaning it is one of the Academy's most deep-rooted partnerships. In fact, a former Little from Colorado Springs was inspired to become a cadet himself. He was in the most recent graduating class, and while he was here, he naturally became a Big.

The check presentation was a prelude to a couple of upcoming events. Falcon Club representatives will interview interested cadets at the annual Club Day, and the pairings will be made Sept. 11.

Jarrold said each child in the program is matched with two cadets. Because the cadets maintain such a busy schedule, assigning two per child improves the chances that the Bigs will be able to keep the monthly commitment to their Little.

Thanks to Falcon Club, the Eagle and Fledglings statue that cadets pass so frequently has dozens of heartwarming human counterparts.

For more information about Falcon Club or Big Brothers Big Sisters in the local area, go to www. **biglittlecolorado.org** and choose "Pikes Peak."



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The Diamond Sharp Award is presented by Air Force Academy first sergeants to any Academy member who displays outstanding military bearing, core values, customer service or outstanding dress and appearance.

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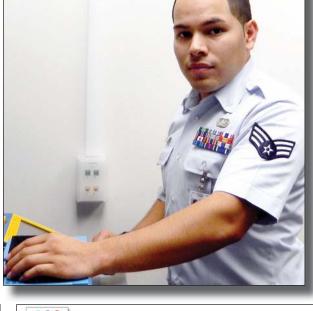
Job: Help desk technician **Hometown:** Oklahoma City

Best part of the job: "The face-to-face, person-to-person process of helping our customers. The critical mission to keep the cadets, computers and staff working every single day is rewarding itself. Education for the students is our mission, and it cannot be done without computers now."

Career goals: "To begin school or complete another certification for my career field. I like to accomplish my short-term goals first and just continue to do my best."

Hobbies: "Being and becoming a better father every day takes up almost all my spare time for hobbies. I love playing sports with the squadron and also involving my sons in youth sports."







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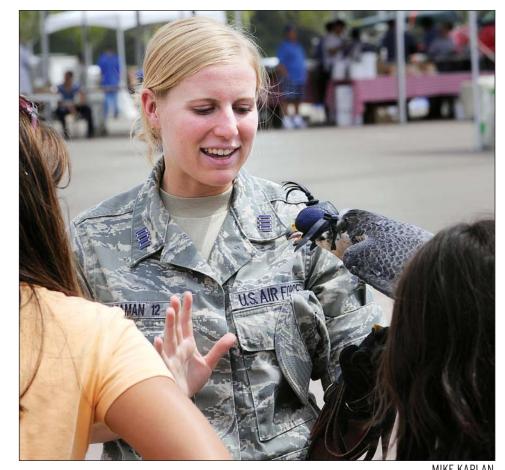




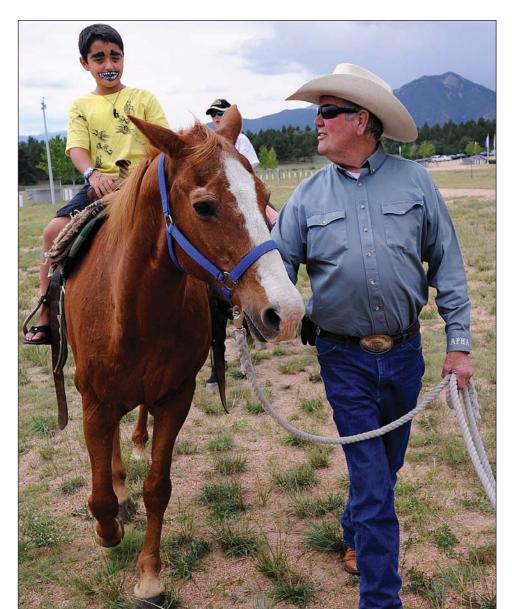
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Fun for all

Annual base picnic has something for everyone



Cadet 1st Class Kelli Seaman, a falconer from Cadet Squadron 18, shows off Havoc, a 12-year-old Peregrine Falcon, to picnic goers.



MIKE KAPLAN Billy Jack Barrett, Air Force Academy Stables manager, offered horseback rides to children during base picnic events Aug. 19.



A base picnic isn't complete without a dunk tank, and if you can't hit the target with a ball, take matters into your own hands.

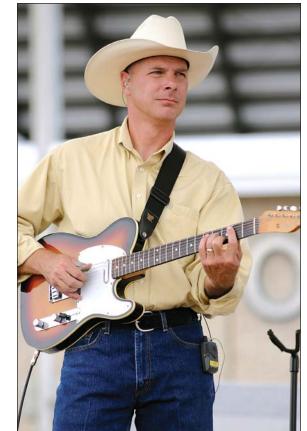


The Prep School took top honors in a three-on-three basketball tourney. Hospital No. 2 took second place, while Hospital No. 1 ended up in third place



MIKE KAPLAN

Dave Ornelas reels one in for the 306th Flying Training Group on the way to the team's 1st place finish in the flag football competition. The Headquarters and 10th Medical Group teams took second and third, respectively.



MIKE KAPLAN Master Sgt. Stephen Brannen, a guitarist with the Academy Band's Wild Blue Country ensemble, plays for the crowds at the base picnic Aug. 19.



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U.S., Korean forces complete peninsula-wide exercise

By 1st Lt. Carolyn Glover and Lt. Col. John Bryan 7th Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea

— Thousands of augmentees and service members from across the globe will make their way back to their home stations soon, thanks to their combined hard work and participation in Exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2011, while those stationed here will return to day-today operations now that one of the largest peninsula-wide exercises has finished.

UFG, the annual defense-oriented exercise involving U.S. Combined Forces Command and more than 530,000 service members from South Korea, the United States and other nations, ended today after 10 days of computer-simulated conflict.

Designed to improve the Alliance's ability to defend South Korea, UFG '11 exercised senior leaders' decision-making capabilities, trained commanders and staff on planning, command and control operations, intelligence, logistics and personnel procedures.

"We've wrapped up another year of successful training and planning," said Lt. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington, Combined Air Component commander and 7th Air Force commander. "I am proud of the hard work and effort our service members



7th Air Force commander

allies have put forth."

Throughout UFG, players engaged a simulated conflict that exercised the Alliance's abilities handle event or ac-

tion regarding current and future threats to the region. They played out a number of realistic scenarios extending beyond defeating a conventional military attack.

"This was a great opportunity to work with Republic of Korea Air Force and see the importance of the combined and joint operation environment," said Senior Master Sgt. Donna Davis, a UFG augmentee stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. During the exercise, Davis acted as the transportation representative at the Combined Air Logistics Center.

Planning for next year's exercise will begin shortly, said Col. Pat Matthews, 7th Air Force director of programs, plans and analyses, whose team produces and manages exercise simulations at the Korea Air Simulations Center here. These simulations are the basis for the en-

and Korean tire exercise and allow for a tough and realistic training environment essential for preparation for any potential conflicts.

"We will take lessons learned from UFG 2011 and put them to use for UFG 2012," said Remington, a 1977 graduate of the Air Force Academy and command pilot with more than 4,100 flying hours. "We are always innovating and adapting, ready to get our mission done anytime, anywhere."

Lt. Gen. Lee Yeong-Man, the ROKAF Operations Command commander, echoed those sentiments about UFG 2011's success.

"The Air Component Command

has shown its full effort to maintain the world's best combined forces, and also strengthen the ROK-U.S. friendship," Lee said.

UFG highlights the long standing and enduring partnership and friendship between both nations and their combined commitment to South Korea's defense while ensuring peace and security in the region. The exercise is conducted at Combined Forces Command and South Korean military installations throughout Korea and is connected by communications networks, extending to U.S. military headquarters around the world.



Staff Sgt. Daren Lazo, Reports and Analysis NCO, (left) and 2nd Lt. Hyunil Lee, Republic of Korea Combined Air Mobility Division interpreting officer, review presentation materials for accuracy.

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Caring for People survey results provide insight

Respondents are most satisfied with housing, schools, military benefits and youth programs

By Erin Tindell Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO (AFNS) — More than 100,000 total force Airmen voiced their opinions in the online Caring for People survey conducted from Dec. 1, 2010 to Jan. 3, 2011.

After experts performed a comprehensive analysis, officials released results to force support leadership.



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The survey allowed active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen, civilians, retirees and spouses an opportunity to tell Air Force leaders how they can better address services within health and wellness. Airmen and family support, education and development, and housing and communities.

Respondents expressed satisfaction in areas such as housing, installation schools and military benefits. Additionally, dining facilities, fitness centers, child development centers and youth programs received customer satisfaction ratings of 70

"The Air Force customer satisfaction index score was good overall," said Curt Cornelssen, chief of future operations for Air Force Services at the Pentagon. "Information, Tickets and Travel and the Air Force Food Transformation Initiative were standouts, competing with comparable industry leaders in the travel and food service industries respectively."

Areas of concern include a sense of Air Force community, the ecoomy and financial issues, spouse support, medical care for families and job satisfaction.

Survey results were released to senior Air Force leaders and force support leadership to gain insight on how to improve quality of life programs, Cornelssen said.

"Air Force leaders will continue to prioritize activities and initiatives to best support quality of life satisfaction and readiness," Cornelssen said. "Additionally, detailed customer service data will be provided to the installation level for improvement action planning and ongoing management."

The Caring for People survey was a merger of previous quality of life and customer satisfaction surveys conducted in 2008. Insights from the 2008 surveys and subsequent focus groups spurred the development of several initiatives for improving fitness facilities, dining operations and housing. Officials also allocated \$10 million to start development of a Single Airmen program.

For more information on quality of life programs within the Air Force, visit www.myairforcelife.com.

Air Force blanks CSU-Pueblo

Falcons experiencing best start since 2003 with their opening 2-0 record

By Jerry Cross Athletics Communications

Freshman McKenna Fox recorded Air Force's first hat trick in nearly 10 years and senior Meagan Eissele added a penalty kick Sunday as the Falcons women's soccer team blanked CSU-Pueblo, 4-0, at Cadet Soccer Stadium.

Fox opened the scoring with her first career goal just 2:49 into the game. Senior Bridgett Murphy gathered the ball in the right corner and sent a pass from the end line into the box and Fox put it past goalie Savannah Thompson. She then scored two more goals in the second half, one in the 52nd minute off a feed from junior Stephanie Patterson, and another in the 59th minute after Sophia Lockerby sent a corner kick to the far post that Kyle Williamson one touched in front of the net and Fox slammed it home.

Fox became the first Falcon to score three goals in one game in nearly 10 years: Jennifer Rowland did it against Georgia State on Sept. 21, 2001.

Eissele put the Falcons up 2-0 with a penalty kick in the 40th minute after Fox was fouled in the box during a run through the Thunderwolves' defense.

The Falcons' dominated every facet of the game, outshooting the Thunderwolves 37-5 overall and holding a 19-2 advantage in shots on goal. CSU-Pueblo did not attempt a shot until early in the second half. Fox led all players with six shots, followed by Murphy with four.

Falcon freshman Hannah Schwartz made two saves in her first career appearance, while Thompson had 14 saves for CSU-Pueblo.

Air Force travels to Boise, Idaho, this weekend for a pair of games, opening against Gonzaga beginning at 2:30 p.m. today.



Academy freshman midfielder McKenna Fox, right, takes on Colorado School of Mines defender Jordan Hopper during an Aug. 19 match that ended with a 4-1 win for the Falcons. The Falcons also won against CSU-Pueblo 4-0 on

Volunteer coach Jenny Simpson set for World Track and Field Championships

Simpson will compete in Track and Field Championship the 1,500-meter run in meet features nearly 2,000 ath-Daegu, South Korea

Air Force volunteer distance coach Jenny Simpson will compete at the 2011 IAAF World Outdoor Track and Field Championships from Aug. 27 to Sept. 4 in Daegu, South Korea.

Simpson, who trains at the Academy with the Falcons' head cross country coach, Juli Benson, will participate in the 1,500-meter run during the world championship meet at Daegu Stadium.

The IAAF World Outdoor

letes from over 200 countries.

Simpson, who runs for New Balance, earned a spot on the U.S. national team after placing second in the 1,500-meter run at the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in late

A 2009 graduate of the University of Colorado, Simpson won the 2011 U.S. indoor titles in the mile and 3,000-meter events before finishing second in the 3,000-meter race at the outdoor championships.



BILL EVANS

Jenny Simpson trains at the Academy.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All times are local to site (15 hours ahead of MST)

Sunday, Aug. 28

• 10:40 a.m.: 1,500-meter heats

Tuesday, Aug. 30

• 8:35 p.m.: 1,500-meter semifi-

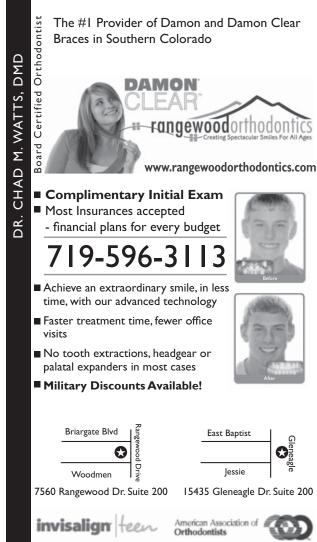
Thursday, Sept. 1

• 8:55 p.m.: 1,500-meter finals



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Falcons host 3rd annual Kids' Day

Young fans make their way to Falcon Stadium to meet the coaches, the players, and of course... The Bird



By David Edwards Academy Spirit staff writer

If standing in a long line outside on a blazing August Saturday strikes you as unpleasant, the Air Force Academy can refer you to several hundred local children who would vehemently disagree.

Of course, it probably didn't hurt that there was some free college football, marketing giveaways and scintillating concessions for sale. And yes, The Bird was there, too, dressed in his Saturday best for the third-annual Kids' Day, which was combined with the Blue-and-Silver scrimmage.

The event attracted about 1,000 people to Falcon Stadium for a sneak preview of what head coach Troy Calhoun and his Falcons will bring to the Mountain West Conference this season.

After the scrimmage, kids were invited down onto the field for autographs and a chance to have the south end of the turf to themselves for football-related activities.

Although most of the kids in football garb had on Air Force blue jerseys, there was a vocal group of middle schoolers from The Classical Academy dressed in Titans red. They proved their Falcon bona fides, however, by being among the first to high-five The Bird.

"Coach Calhoun makes the time to make this happen and stayed even later to sign everyone's autograph in his line," said Troy Garnhart, the Academy's associate athletic director. "The idea was from my wife, Kimberley, and Coach Calhoun's wife, Amanda. They pitched it to us, and we thought it was great."

The autograph session was set up after the two-hour scrimmage. About a dozen players joined coaches, cheerleaders and The Bird, happy to give the kids some ink. Team stars Tim Jefferson and Anthony Wright stayed more than an hour so all the kids in their lines could get a coveted autograph.

The scoreboard television screen recapped last season's Air Force games as the youngsters wended their way through the current crop of Falcons.

Marketing and ticket sales representatives mingled with spectators, while people selling assorted Air Force memorabilia did a brisk business

"From a community standpoint, you're doing something that hits a huge demographic," said Branon Vaughan, assistant director of ticket sales. "It really serves as a dress re-



PHOTOS BY RAYMOND MCCOY

Academy Defensive back Jon Davis poses for a photo with Alek Legendere, 6, from Colorado Springs.

hearsal. So in that sense, the players weren't the only ones scrimmaging on Kids' Day. The "fire drill" aspect of the event helps differentiate it from the similar atmosphere and activities of an NFL training camp, for example.

Vaughan said Kids' Day is also a great way to connect with season-ticket holders and pass down the Air Force sports tradition to local young-

sters. Most of the people Vaughan spoke with weren't reserved during the dialogue.

"Kids' Day lends itself to a lot of other things. That's the purpose," Vaughan said. "A year goes by, and that's a long time to forget all the details. This is a chance for (people) to communicate whatever's been on their mind for however long and have someone send it up the flagpole."















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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.

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



Cadet Chapel SUMMER SCHEDULE

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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.

to increase their children's positive behaviors and appropriate alternatives to negative behaviors.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting: Held Wednesday 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.

Community Center activities

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

Line dance classes: Mondays at the Milazzo Center ballroom in six-week increments. Classes are ongoing every six weeks. Class starts at 5 p.m. Next series starts Monday.

Ballroom dance lessons: Every Wednesday in the Milazzo Center ballroom starting at 5:30 p.m. There are four lesson blocks, one hour per block. Classes are ongoing.

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 10th Civil Engineer Squadron Conference Room, building 8120.

The audit team will consist of 10th CES personnel and volunteers from the Academy. Volunteers must obtain approval from their 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.

Parking lot resurfacing

The upper parking lot outside Harmon Hall is closed for repaving. 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.

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.

Mixed bowling league

Organizers are looking for teams to bowl in a mixed league (two men, two women) Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Academy Lanes Bowling Center on the Air Force Academy.

A sign-up meeting will be held at the bowling alley Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mike at 694-4401 or Terri at 290-1894 or sign up at the bowling alley.

Clinic offers shingles vaccine

Shingles vaccinations are now available at the Academy allergy/immunization clinic. The vaccine is recommended for people age 60 and older. Anyone 50 to 59 years old must have a prescription.

The clinic's hours of operations are as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

On the first Thursday of the month, the clinic closes at 11:30 a.m. for training. Patients are advised to call ahead because mission requirements can cause closures on short notice. The number is 333-5080.

Tuition assistance for civilians

The Air Force Academy is one of just a few bases that offer a civilian tuition assistance program for appropriated-fund civilians.

If you are considering a career change, career progression, or personal development, check out CTAP. Your class or classes must begin on or before Sept. 30. Funds are going quickly, so call 333-4821 for more information.

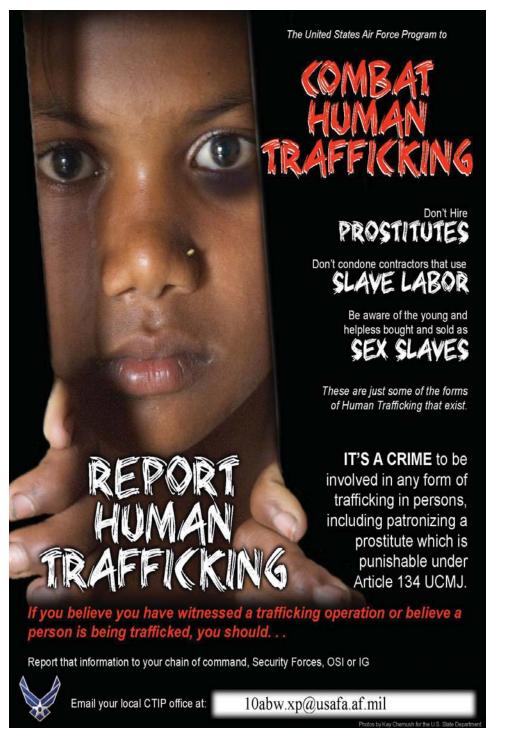
Commissary Closure

The Academy Commissary will close at 2 p.m. Sunday and remain closed through Tuesday while it undergoes a "reset" as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's ongoing effort to enhance the shopping experience.

The reset is part of an agency-wide program that systematically changes how products are displayed on shelving throughout a commissary in order to better serve customer shopping patterns.

The goal is to give commissaries worldwide a more customer-friendly product flow and a layout that is as consistent as possible from location to location, according to Steve Arland, chief of DeCA's store reset and planogram team.

The commissary will resume normal operating hours on Wednesday morning.





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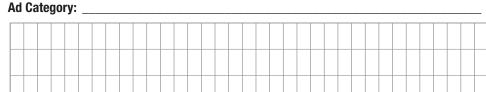
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