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Lego robots compete

Competitors watch a Lego Mindstorm robot match-up during the Southern Colorado First Lego League competition at Air Academy High School Nov. 17. Teams were scored based on their robots' presentation, technical and teamwork interview scores. The school and cadets with the Academy's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Club helped with the event.

CFC Update: Still time to donate!

By Airman 1st Class Veronica Cruz
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Donators here at the Air Force Academy have raised 82 percent of its \$600,000 goal for the Combined Federal Campaign as of Nov. 16, 2012.



The Combined Federal Campaign, designed to assist charities in raising money, allows those organizations to know exactly how much money they will receive and better plan their budgets for the year, said Master Sgt. Amy Wilson, the superintendent of protocol and the current installation project manager at the Academy.

All charities must apply annually, meet the eligibility requirements, and be verified by the IRS as an organization in good standing in order to be part of the CFC charity list, said Wilson.

The CFC is held regionally Oct. 1 to mid-November every year. The regional goal, including that of the Academy, is \$2,629,000 and helps international, national and local charities, according to Wilson.

The Academy's current participation is 27 percent, down from last year's overall participation of 32 percent, she said. The reason for this is unknown.

Anyone interested in donating to CFC can still do so through NEXUS on-line at www.peakcfc.com or through the traditional forms.

"I would like to thank everyone for contributing to this year's campaign," said Wilson. "In one way or another each and every one has been generous in making this campaign a success thus far."

Cadet awarded prestigious Marshall Scholarship

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit writer

Cadet 1st Class Ian Gibson from Casper, Wyoming was named one of the 2013 Marshall Scholarship winners Nov. 27, allowing him to study in the United Kingdom for two years after he graduates from the Academy this spring.

Gibson is from Cadet Squadron 40 and is the 14th Marshall Scholar from the Academy.

In the U.K., Gibson plans to attend prestigious universities to expand his cultural understanding, receive two one-year master degrees and acquire the skills and expertise that will allow him to be effective in his military career.

"It's a phenomenal opportunity to receive a full-ride scholarship that allows me to study in Britain, a culture I'm not very familiar with, and attend universities that are incredibly diverse and attract high-caliber students from around the world," Gibson said.



Cadet 1st Class Ian Gibson

Gibson, an economics major here, plans to attend the London School of Economics and Political Science his first year in the program and earn a Master of Science in international political economy.

"LSE has an incredibly diverse student population with 140 different countries represented," Gibson said.

"I think it's a good continuation of my studies here and will broaden my international perspective that I haven't fully received at the Academy."

The scholarship covers two years of tuition and living expenses at top institutions such as Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick and LSE in any field of study. This year 11 Academy cadets were finalists and three were selected for an interview. Gibson was the only cadet

chosen for the program.

"We had a full-fledged mock interview with a selection panel here comprised of permanent professors and other faculty members," Gibson said. "My final interview was in San Francisco. Many regions notify you the night of your interview or the next day if you're selected. I hadn't heard anything so I was pretty sure I didn't receive the scholarship until later when I received a call saying we enjoyed your interview and selected you. It's exciting."

Up to 40 talented, independent and wide-ranging Marshall Scholars are selected each year, according to the Marshall Scholarship website. The scholarship is funded through the British government and was named in honor of former U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

"I think the principal mission of the scholarship is to give people who have proven to be leaders, an academic background that will allow them to be effective

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Lorenz on Leadership: The most beautiful song

By Retired Gen. Steve Lorenz
USAFA Endowment

During a recent Air Force Academy football game in Falcon Stadium, I was walking down from the upper tiers of the stadium to the football field with a group of USAFA Endowment board members. We were going to present a check to the Academy superintendent for the construction of the new Center for Character and Leadership Development.

By all measures, it was a typical football game day at Falcon Stadium. Many people were tailgating, there was a slight chill in the air, the sky was a brilliant bright blue, and the crowd was excited as the game time approached. With great precision, the Cadet Wing had marched into the stadium. With great fanfare, the Wings of Blue parachute team had jumped onto the football field, and the flyover by several Air Force aircraft had created much excitement.

As we walked down the numerous stairs to reach the green turf of the playing field, the cadets in formation were ordered to present arms as the cadet band began to play our national anthem. The group I was walking down those steep steps with came to a complete stop as we and the audience around us rose up to show respect for our flag and the music Francis Scott Key wrote 200 years ago. In unison, we placed our right hands over our hearts to show the proper respect as the Star Spangled Banner was played.

As the ceremony began, the entire stadium went silent as they turned to face the American flag and listen to the music. It was then that I heard what initially sounded like a person yelling at the top of his lungs and making loud, in-

coherent sounds. I did not know what it was, but my initial reaction was one of disbelief and irritation that this person could be so insensitive and disrespectful while an entire stadium full of people were saluting our nation's flag.

But as I listened closely to this disruptive sound, I began to make out what appeared to be words. I could not understand every word, but every third or fourth word seemed to fit into the melody of our national anthem. Someone, in his own painful way, was singing the Star Spangled Banner.

I looked where the sounds were coming from. In front of me was the ramp reserved for handicapped fans, and there he was. A young man was sitting in a wheelchair, in an Air Force T-shirt, with an Air Force baseball cap perched on his head. He was swaying back and forth to the sounds of the music despite suffering from the obvious physical effects of a serious long term debilitating illness.

As I listened more carefully, I could make out more and more of the words he was singing. This handicapped Air Force Academy football fan had a huge smile on his face as he sang with great gusto our national anthem.

My initial irritation immediately turned to great pride as I watched this young man sing his heart out. Tears welled up in my eyes as I listened to the finest rendition of the Star Spangled Banner I had ever heard. This young man touched my heart and the hearts of everyone around him who really heard what he was singing. I walked up to 31 year old Kenny Frith, who was born with cerebral palsy, and thanked him for reminding me what really is important. I told him I would never forget him or his singing of our national anthem.

What does 'YourAcademy' mean to you?

Join the discussion

By Tech. Sgt. Raymond Hoy
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy means different things to different people. We know what OurAcademy means to us, but what does YourAcademy mean to you?

Everybody who comes to the Academy, whether to attend class, teach cadets, or just visit this national treasure, has a story to tell about what the Academy means to them.

What's your Air Force Academy story?

The Public Affairs office has created a new social media campaign where fans and followers can share their own Academy experiences: YourAcademy. We want to see a snapshot of the Academy right now through the eyes of the people who live it.

The Academy recently started an Instagram account to share photos taken at the Academy. However, it was primarily created as a place for us to see the photos others are willing to share. Anyone who takes a photo of anything representing the Academy can share it with everyone by tagging the photo #YourAcademy. It can be anything: group photos, action shots, posters, rings, emblems or landscapes. At the end of each week, we

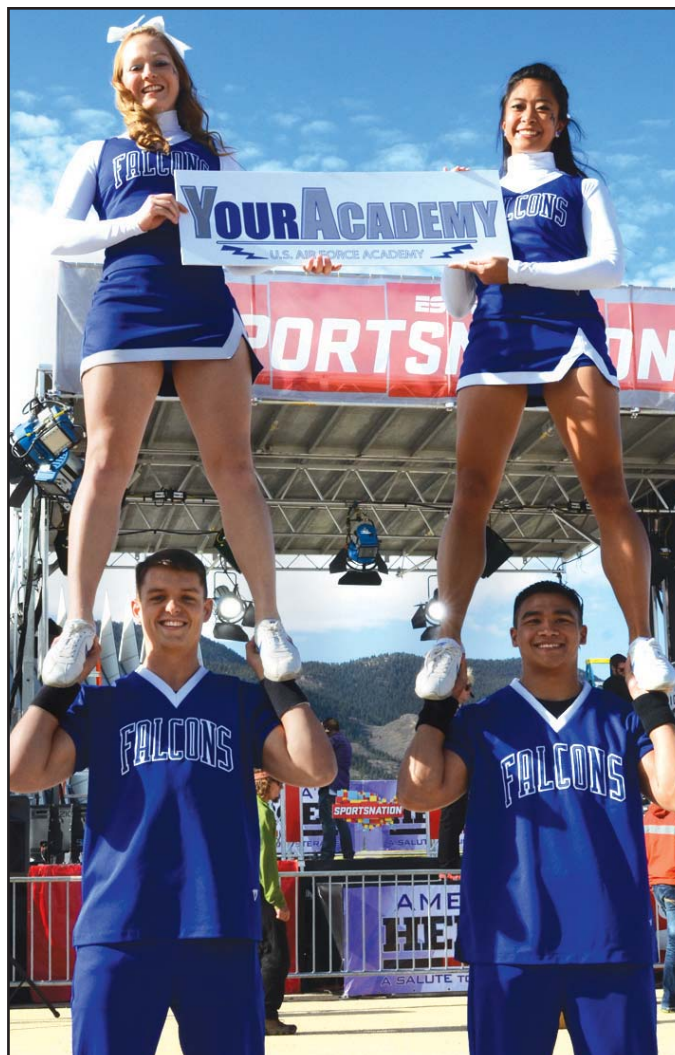
will select a YourAcademy Pic of the Week to share on Instagram, Facebook and twitter with our nearly 100,000 followers and fans. Extra credit for those who print the attached graphic and creatively include it in their photo.

Followers on Twitter can also share their Academy stories, in 140 characters or less, by hash tagging tweets with #YourAcademy. Following the Academy at @AF_Academy would be great too. Post a twitpic or a link to a news story and tag it to make sure the YourAcademy community can share in your experience.

And for those with a little more time on their hands, we would love to see videos. Create a video sharing YourAcademy story and post it to YouTube. Make a movie or a vlog and send it to us in a private message on Facebook or Twitter. They can be funny or personal, it just needs to be something you don't mind others seeing and should conform with our social media policies. We will post the really good ones for everyone else to see. Everyone loves a good video.

This is OurAcademy, what's YourAcademy?

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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS VERONICA CRUZ

Cadet cheerleaders share their YourAcademy experience during the visit by SportsNation Wednesday, Nov. 7.

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Academy firefighters take gold, silver, bronze

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Air Force Academy firefighters took gold, silver and bronze medals November 17 at the World Firefighter Combat Challenge XXI, here.

The Air Force Academy teams competed in several categories in the event, which simulates the tasks a firefighter must perform at a working fire in full gear, on a timed course where races are won by tenths and sometimes hundredths of a second.

In the team relay over 40 category, the Academy team of Ken Helgerson, Dan McAuliffe, Ron Prettyman, Roy Dalton and Pat Kraft took the gold with a time of 1 minute, 23.75 seconds - more than five seconds over their competitors in a single-elimination tournament.

Two of the Academy firefighters turned around to race immediately after the over-40 finals in the mens team finals, due to the scheduling. Kraft and Dalton returned to the course to join fellow Academy firefighters Hans Barkley, Bill Gates, Anthony "Tank" McMurtry and Steven Rousseau, to run for the title against a team from Westminster, Colo.

The Academy and Westminster teams have trained together over the years, so it was a race of brothers, without a loss of intensity. The Academy team crossed the finish line first with a time of 1:10.24, ahead of Westminster's time of 1:12.60 despite an early start penalty, which added five seconds to the

team's final time. That penalty gave the gold medals to the Westminster firefighters and left the Academy with the silver, but the Westminster team commended the Academy in their post-race interviews.

The Academy also raced in the team and tandem categories, with the tandem of Kraft and Helgerson taking third place in the over-40 category, and the Academy mens team taking 10th place in the team finished. The Academy Fire Department also won the 2012 national championship in the team, relay and individual categories, en route to the world games.

"The advantages of having folks compete in the firefighter combat challenge are much more than just the obvious physical benefits, but in the operational firefighting skills that are honed in preparation for the challenge," said Academy Fire Chief Ernst Piercy. "These skills were displayed over this last summer as Academy firefighters were asked to combat one of the most destructive wildfires in Colorado state history. Our folks teamed with partners from civilian and military fire service agencies, and successfully stopped the fire in the southwest corner of the installation. The physical conditioning and highly polished firefighting skills were absolutely critical to our success."

The Academy Fire Department has competed in the firefighter combat challenge national and world games for 10 of the past 11 years, breaking several world records and winning several world and national titles along the way.

The Air Force Academy was one of several bases



JOHN VAN WINKLE

Academy firefighter Ron Prettyman hits a target with a stream from a firehose, during the over-40 relay team competition at the World Firefighter Combat Challenge XXI Nov. 17. The Academy's over-40 team won the 2012 championship.

to qualify for and send firefighters to the World Firefighter Combat Challenge. Other bases represented included: Joint Base Andrews, Md.; Shaw AFB, S.C.; Spangdahlem AB, Germany; Ramstein AB, Germany; Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; and the Department of Defense Fire Academy at Goodfellow AFB, Texas.

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Cadets learn safe driving lessons

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

Every 12 minutes, someone dies by the No. 1 non-combat killer in the U.S., a car accident, according to statistics presented in a Stay Alive from Education briefing Nov. 15 at Arnold Hall.

Cadets viewed graphic photos, videos and role-playing in a "Street Smart" presentation led by two Orlando firefighter/paramedics, Joe McCluan and Scott Neusch, to observe a fatal car crash from the eyes of a first responder and learn the type of calls they receive when people make poor choices behind the wheel.

"We didn't travel to Colorado to give you a finger-pointing, condescending lecture to tell you guys how to live your life," McCluan said. "What Scott and I want to do for you today, is show you the consequences of your actions should you decide to make those poor choices, such as not wearing your seatbelt or using drugs or alcohol."

McCluan said paramedics witness more trauma than anyone else between 5 and 35 years old.

"Statistics tell us that 1 in 100 people die of trauma," McCluan said. "Most of the time, when we're dealing with traumatic injuries, drugs and alcohol play a part, but more often than not, when Scott and I drag dead bodies out of cars, it's simple: They don't have seat belts on."

Neusch said airbags only protect drivers in a head-on collision and

work as a team with seatbelts.

"Anywhere in your car where you see an airbag, you're going to see the letters SRS that stand for Supplemental Restraining System," Neusch said. "That means your airbag is only there as a supplement to your primary restraint, which is your seatbelt."

McCluan said a car accident victim is 25 times more likely to die if they are ejected from their vehicle.

"The only thing that's going to keep you from being ejected is a seatbelt," McCluan said. "Newton's Law of Inertia, which states any objects that are not moving will remain motionless, unless you apply a force on them, comes in to play every single day of your life. This means anything not secure in your car will fly forward upon impact."

McCluan and Neusch walked students through a trauma scene using a cadet volunteer and medical equipment they employ daily in their jobs. They demonstrated taking a pulse, loading a car accident victim onto a backboard and inserting an intravenous line to give students a real-life picture of what it's like to try to save a life.

"You may be thinking, you're just trying to scare us to put on our seatbelts and not drink and drive, just like any other 'scared straight' program," Neusch said. "In all reality, Joe and I would like to stand in front of you guys and tell you that's what we did, but we didn't have to because these are real pictures and events."

McCluan said cadets should take

“Common sense ... tells you that there is no text message, no tweet, Facebook update or email that is worth your life or somebody else's.”
-Paramedic Joe McCluan

the information from the presentation and go out and make informed choices using common sense.

"Common sense tells you not to drink and drive," McCluan said. "It tells you to look out for your fellow Airmen and take that responsibility seriously. It tells you to put a seatbelt on for a reason and it certainly tells you that there is no text message, no tweet, Facebook update or email that is worth your life or somebody else's."

Cadet 1st Class Jakob Fischer of Cadet Squadron 24 said he thinks the briefing captured the audience's attention.

"I think it was one of the more effective briefings we've received," Fischer said. "No one was sleeping or really talking, which is pretty impressive. I think it got a point across to cadets."

Cadet 1st Class Ben Deschane, also from CS 24, said the presentation will make him think twice before making another poor decision behind the wheel.

"I've made some bad decisions driving and the presentation definitely changed my mind," Deschane said. "After seeing those pictures and just thinking about it, I'm definitely going to be a lot smarter with my choices."

Scholarship

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in making a difference in the world and strengthening the U.S. and U.K.'s special relationship," Gibson said.

Gibson holds a 3.97 GPA here. He has traveled abroad to Great Britain, Hong Kong, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

"The purpose of my travel to the Dominican Republic was to experience microfinance firsthand," Gibson said. "I was able to meet with borrowers and recipients of microloans and was able to see how it's having an impact in their lives."

Last spring, Gibson received the Truman Scholarship, a highly competitive national scholarship that is one of few awarded to students their junior year of college and presented to those who show academic achievement, leadership ability, and a commitment to public service.

After Gibson completes the Marshall Scholarship, he will become an acquisitions officer in the Air Force and hopes to eventually get involved in U.S. Southern Command.

"My long-term area of interest is in Latin America," Gibson said. "Southern Command oversees our operations in Latin America and has a very robust humanitarian assistance mission. I'm hoping to get involved in that line of work on at least some level, in Latin America."

Last year two Academy cadets, Cadets 1st Class Frederick Feigel and Peter Lind, received the scholarship.

"The Academy has had a fair amount of Marshall Scholars but doesn't have one every year," Gibson said. "Last year there were two and I'm hoping that trend continues where we get multiple scholars."

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Academy deer hunt guidelines

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"The Academy has safely and effectively used hunting since 1988 as a management tool to control the size of the deer herd," said Brian Mihlbachler, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service natural resources manager. "It helps minimize vehicle accidents and damage to the habi-

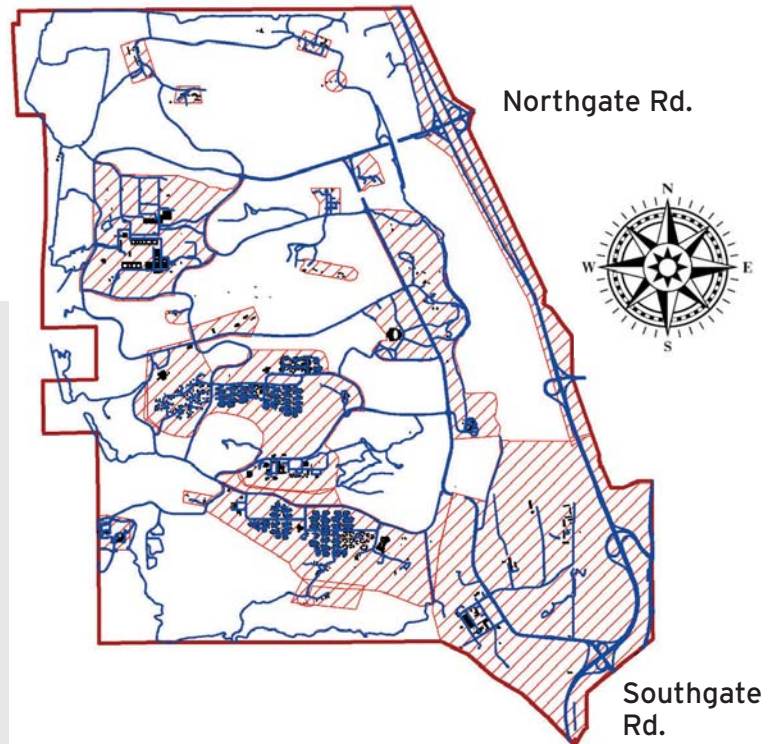
tat and Academy grounds." All hunters are guided by USAFA or Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) personnel, and public safety is a primary concern.

Frequently used roads and trails leading into the hunting areas will be posted with bright orange warning signs requesting that all persons stay out of these areas.

All licenses for the 2012 hunting season have been issued.

HUNTING INFO:

- Hunt runs Dec. 8-10 and Dec. 15-17
- You must have a 2012 hunting license
- You must stay out of posted areas marked with orange signs and hatched in red on the map on the right.
- Apply for future hunts by applying to CPW, call 719-227-5200
- Questions can also be asked at the Natural Resources office at 719-333-3308



No matter what the skill level, there are common dangers to watch for while in the field. Deer will attack if they feel threatened. As a rule of thumb do not approach a deer that has recently been taken down. Wait for 15 minutes after it has gone down, then approach with caution. Be aware of your surroundings, and make sure you are in a healthy condition needed to walk long distances with others that know your location.

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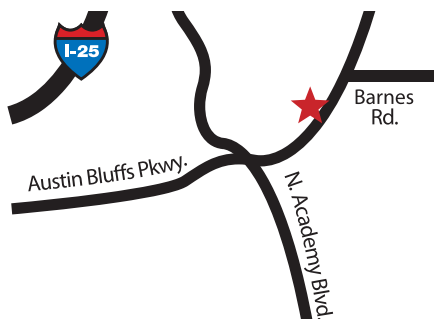
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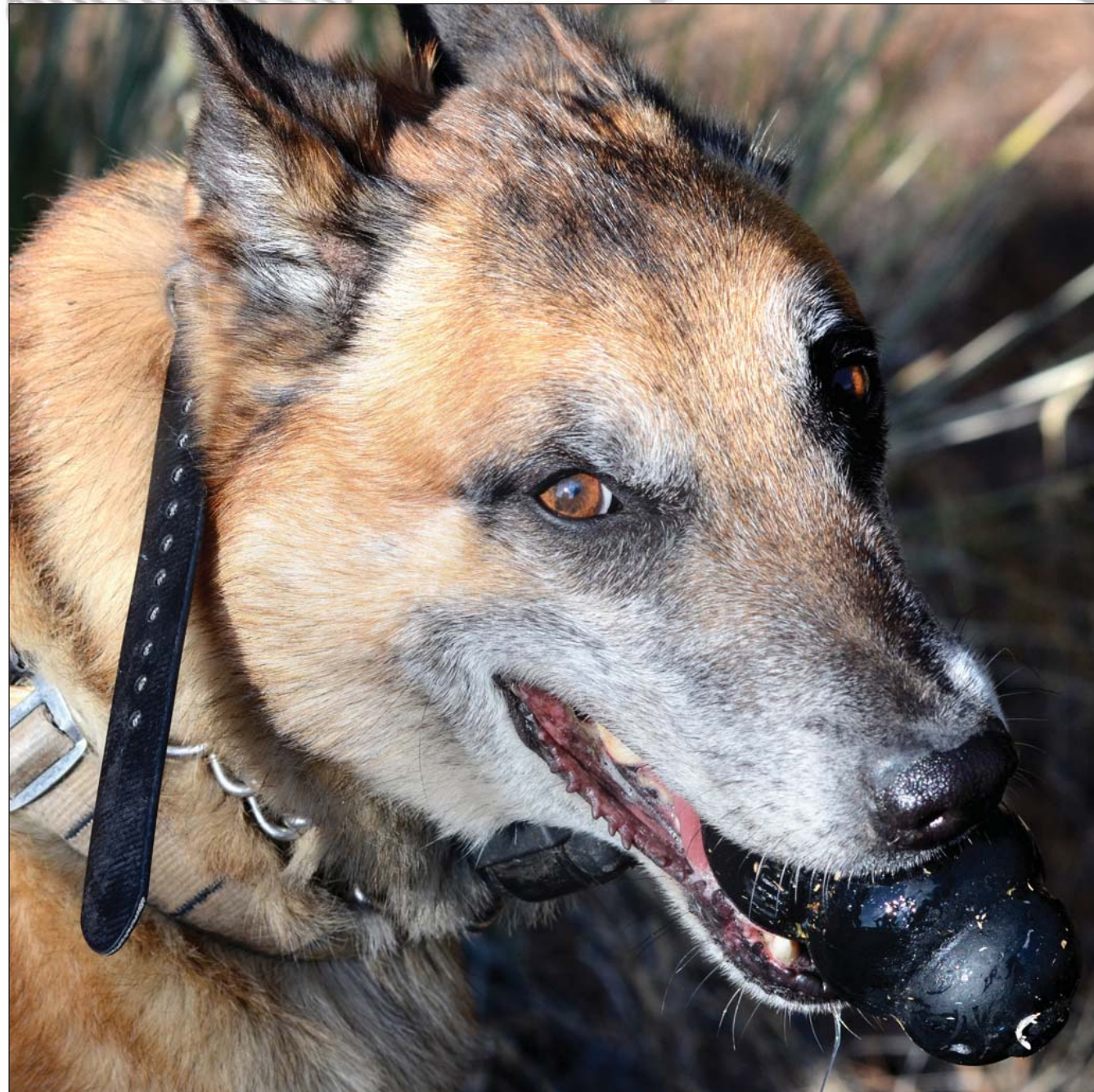
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ABOVE: Mack receives a Kong, a rubber dog toy, after he smells a human scent from a stuffed bear planted on the trail. The scent was planted in several areas and Mack is rewarded each time he successfully finds the scent.

RIGHT: Staff Sgt. Nicole Jensen plays with Cindy, the dog she trains for the 10th Security Forces Squadron-Military Working Dogs Section. The pair will deploy together in the upcoming months.



A light brown dog stands with her ears pointed alertly next to an Air Force sergeant, ready to round the corner of an abandoned trailer in the Military Operations and Urban Terrain Village. The service member peeks out, weapon in hand, checking for any signs of danger before she releases her dog. On command, with her nose pointed to the dirt, the dog takes off at a run to seek out potentially explosive material hidden under ground. She stops, sniffing and staring intently, before she lies down next to a seemingly harmless patch of dirt. She waits for her reward, a Kong rubber toy.

What may seem like play is actually training. Cindy, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois, is being prepared for a summer deployment with Staff Sgt. Nicole Jensen, her handler from the 10th Security Forces Squadron- Military Working Dogs Section. Although it may have gone unnoticed by any human counterpart, Cindy caught the scent of smokeless powder. Service members, helping to prepare the one person-one dog team, buried training material only fifteen minutes prior to the start of the search exercise.

Cindy is one of several dogs being trained daily at the Air Force Academy, said Tech. Sgt. Derek Copeland, a trainer with the 10th Security Forces Squadron- Military Working Dogs Section.

"Military working dogs are great for three major reasons," said Copeland. "First, they have better olfactory senses so they can smell what we can't. Dogs also act as a psychological deterrent because people are usually afraid of dogs and are more likely to comply when they see them. Lastly, they can be a 'use of force' tool if we need to subdue someone."

But not all dogs are cut out for the lifestyle of a military working dog.

"The 341st Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base gets their puppies from overseas or they breed them in the puppy program," said Copeland. "Before they even buy the puppies, an initial evaluation is performed to decide whether or not they'd be a good working dog, such as



Staff Sgt. Phillip Mendoza (left) and Tech Sgt. Derek Copeland bury a small bag of smokeless powder for Cindy to find. Mendoza, a dog handler and Copeland, a trainer, also use a walkie-talkie beep as a training tool, distracting the dog, so it doesn't dig up a possible explosive.

if they would be motivated by a toy to do what we want them to do. Then Lackland performs checks and tests before they begin their 120-day training to get them certified."

"Dogs are trained for a dual purpose," said Jensen. "They are a bomb and patrol dog or a narcotics and patrol dog. If the MWD is not suitable for patrol training, then it may be trained as a single purpose detector dog."

Lackland provides dogs for any military branch in need of them, but their training doesn't stop after four months at one base. The dogs continue to train throughout their career.

"Our training yard prepares dogs for obstacles they might come across in the field, like unstable ground or a steep incline they'll need to climb," said Chris Jakubin, the Kennel Master. "It trains them to be confident while working in any environment."

However, military training dogs are used for more than seeking out drugs or bombs. They can also find people.

"We all have scents to be followed, whether it is a perfume or skin cells that have fallen," said Jakubin. "If a kid is lost but dropped a toy or piece of clothing, the dogs can smell the item and then follow that particular scent."

But it isn't just the dog that makes for a successful team. The dog's handler must be able to identify when his or her dog has sensed something.

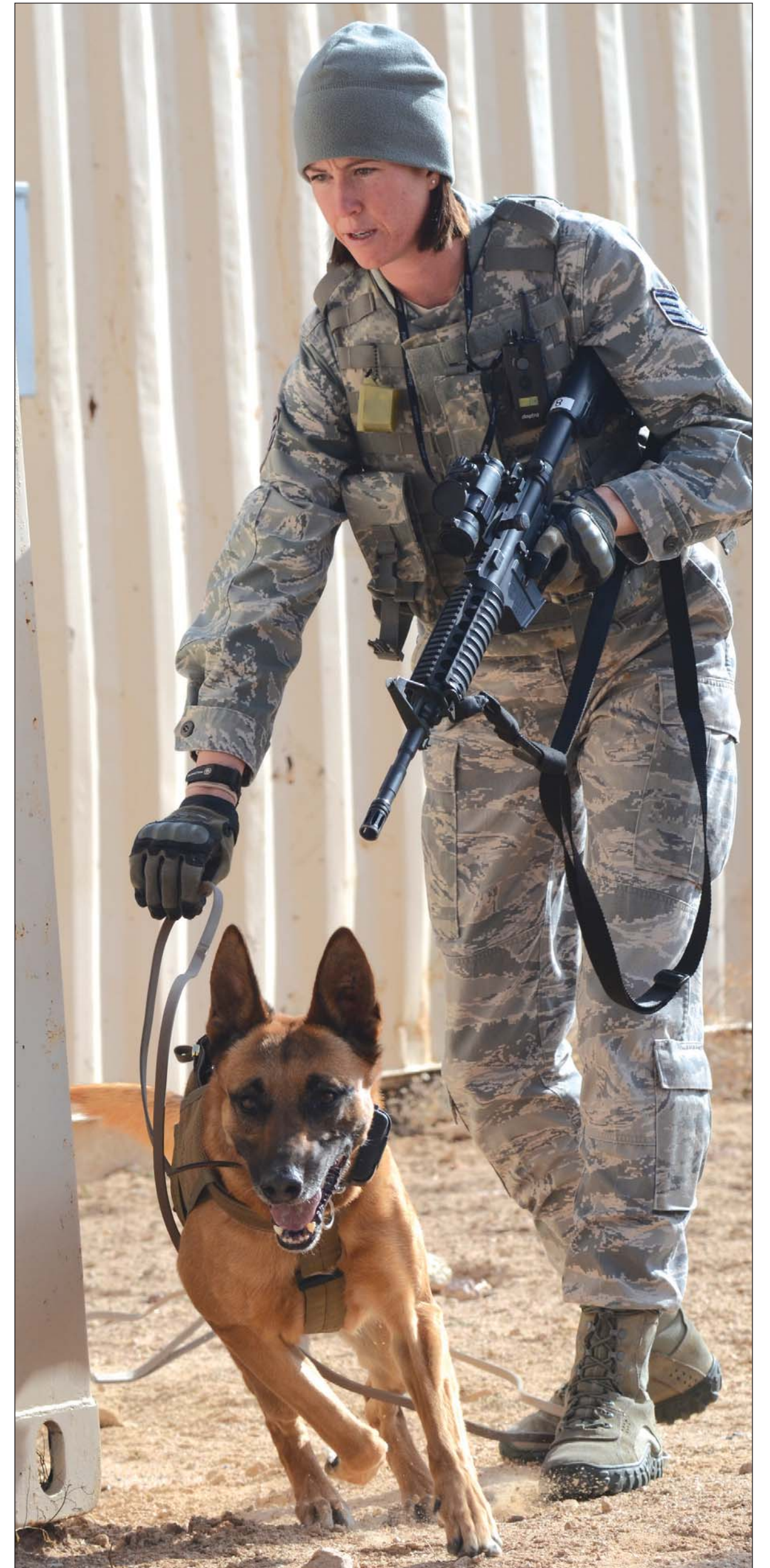
"Handlers need to be aware of the changes in their dog's behavior in order to protect both the dog and the rest of the unit they are with," said Copeland. "A spotter is there to protect the handler and the handler's prime focus is on his or her dog."

Having a military working dog deployed with a unit not only aids in discovery, it also helps with morale.

"Having a dog in the field with you means having a piece of home eating, sleeping and working with you," said Jensen.

Military working dog teams fill a unique position. The work and dedication of the dogs and their handlers provide support in accomplishing the mission at home and abroad.

"A dog can go on 50 patrols and find nothing," said Copeland. "But if everyone comes home safely, he's done his job in protecting them."



Cindy, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois and her handler, Staff Sgt. Nicole Jensen, from the 10th Security Forces Squadron- Military Working Dogs Section, train at MOUT (Military Operations and Urban Terrain) Village. After Sgt. Jensen turns the corner checking for visible danger, Cindy will search for any scents related to explosive materials.

AFA JV wins over Colby Community College

The Academy Junior Varsity basketball team claimed victory over the Trojans of Colby Community College in the final game of the 2012 Husky Classic Nov. 17 at the Air Force Academy Prep School Gym.

The JV team, led by a 33-point performance from star freshman Alex LaLonde, jumped ahead early and led the game by as much as 12 points during the first half.

Before halftime, Colby responded with back to back three-point goals by Braxton Evans and a breakaway dunk by Jeremiah Ingram. This eight-point run gave Colby all the momentum as the teams entered the locker room at the half, with the Falcons leading 43-39.

"After we let Colby go on that 8-0 run to end the half the locker room environment was uneasy," said Falcons center Daniel Salomon.

Air Force started the second half with the ball and immediately turned it over to Colby. Colby's Braxton hit a three-pointer to cut the lead to single digits, and although the Falcons remained ahead, foul trouble was looming as two players picked up their fourth fouls. The Falcons continued battling down the stretch with stellar defensive efforts by Deion Hardy and Marshall Leipprandt.

Later in the game, Salomon fouled out and the Falcons were left with only five players and no substitutes. Colby took advantage of Air Force's barren roster by attacking the basket, hoping to draw more fouls. They were successful as Zach Moer also fouled out of the game. Consequently, with about six minutes left to play in regulation, the Falcons were forced to finish the contest with only four players on the court.

"I was definitely worried when the second player fouled out, I had never played with four guys before, but I realized at that point it wasn't going to come down to X's and O's but instead who wanted it more," LaLonde said.

Clinging desperately to a 67-57 lead, Air Force could only hope to contain the Trojans as they pounced on every opportunity to attack Air Force's ailing defense. Colby swiftly tied the game with four minutes to go as the JV struggled with the pressure imposed by the five on four "power-play" advantage Colby had. They eventually took a small lead with only two minutes left in the game.

With Colby now on top of the Falcons, Air Force's Deion Hardy showed tremendous will power by dribbling around all five Colby defenders and tenaciously attacking the rim where he was fouled. Hardy nailed both free throws to give Air Force a one-point edge. Colby missed their next shot and Connor Litt secured another rebound for the Falcons. Litt was immediately fouled with the Falcons leading by one point.

With four seconds to go, Litt's free throws missed the mark and Colby grabbed the rebound and called time out.

The tension mounted as Colby in-bounded the ball and drove the length of the court. Firing a shot that looked pure, Colby's Terry Starks' last second effort barely missed the target and Air Force held on to win 76-75 in a spectacular contest.

"Winning that game was probably one of the coolest wins I've ever been a part of, and definitely something that I will always remember," Litt said.



MIKE KAPLAN

Falcons rout Jackson State

Senior Todd Fletcher drives towards the basket as Air Force defeated Jackson State 76-47 at Clune Arena Wednesday night. Fletcher scored a career-high 20 points and the Falcons tied its best start in school history, improving to 6-1 this season. The Falcons face unbeaten Wichita State (7-0) on Sunday at Clune arena. The game is scheduled to tip-off at 3 p.m.

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Falcons to face Tulsa or Rice at Armed Forces Bowl

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Following their Nov. 16 win over Hawai'i, the Falcons accepted an invite to play in the 2012 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl Dec. 29, but won't know who they will face until the Conference-USA championship is decided on Saturday.

The Falcons will face either Tulsa or Rice at the Armed Forces Bowl. Conference-USA bowl destinations finalize after their conference championship game Saturday between Tulsa and the University of Central Florida.

If Tulsa wins, they go to the Liberty Bowl, and the Falcons face Rice (6-6) in the Armed Forces Bowl. If UCF takes their conference title, then Tulsa is bound for the Armed Forces Bowl.

Both Tulsa and UCF are 9-3 going into their conference championship, which is essentially a rematch of their Nov. 10 game, in which Tulsa emerged with a 23-21 victory.

Whichever team the Falcons face, this will be the Academy's sixth straight bowl game, which is a new school record.

Since adopting the "armed forces" theme in 2006, the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl will feature a service academy team for the fifth time on Dec. 29 at Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Force Academy as the Mountain West Conference's representative for our 10th anniversary game," said Brant B. Ringler, executive director of the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl. "What better way to honor our armed forces than with a service academy competing in our game. With the Falcons and military fans numerous at the 2007, 2008 and 2009 games, we established record attendance figures each time."

Three Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowls featured the Falcons, 2007 through 2009.

Dr. Hans Mueh, Air Force director of athletics said he recognizes this bowl as a great opportunity for the Air Force Academy.

"We are very honored to take part in the 10th anniversary of such a prestigious, well-run bowl game," Mueh said.

The current string of bowl appearances started in 2007 with a 42-36 loss to Cal in the Falcons' first of three-straight Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl appearances. After dropping a 34-28 decision to Houston in the 2008 Amon G. Carter Stadium postseason game, Air Force rebound-

ed the next December by upsetting the Cougars 47-20. Air Force defeated Georgia Tech 14-7 in the 2010 Independence Bowl, followed by a 42-41 setback to Toledo last December.

Replacing 2012 College Football Hall of Fame inductee Fisher DeBerry after the 2006 season, Calhoun has led the Air Force resurgence where the Falcons have posted a 47-29 record in five-plus seasons. Calhoun has built upon DeBerry's legacy of developing one of the nation's top rushing attacks annually.

Currently, the Falcons are ranked second nationally in rushing with 328-8 yards per game. Senior running back Cody Getz is ranked 24th nationally in rushing with 1,213 yards and a healthy 6.4 yards per carry average each game.

Despite losing starting center Michael Husar, Jr., in the season opener and having just two returning starters on the offensive line, Air Force



JOHN VAN WINKLE

Defensive back Steffan Batts returns an interception to seal the win against Idaho State in the first game of this season, Sept. 1.

went the first nine games of the season without allowing a sack. The last team in the nation to allow a sack (first sack in Game No. 10), the Falcons lead the nation in allowing only three sacks this season.

Tickets for the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl are on sale now. Prices start at \$20 a ticket and range up to \$150 for a platinum club seat. Tickets can be selected and purchased through the bowl's website at www.ArmedForcesBowl.com.

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To report an immediate bear problem or threat, call the 10th Security Forces Squadron at 333-2000. For non-threatening bear sightings, call the 10th CES Natural Resources office at 333-3308.

To report a bear-proof container needing repair in base housing areas, call Forest City maintenance at 867-9675.

To report containers needing repair outside base housing areas, call 10th CES Contract Services at 333-3053.

Falcon Club Pub

The Pub is located downstairs at the Falcon Club and is open Wednesday-Friday from 4 p.m. until close.

It is available to Air Force active duty, retired or reservists, federal civilian employees, NAF employees and

base contractors. Menu items include burgers, fish and chips, soups, salads and 35 cent wings every Wednesday evening.

The Pub also offers carry out. Members receive a \$1.00 off their food.

For more information please call 333-8185.

Child support services

The El Paso County Child Support Services is at the Academy the last Thursday of every month from 1-3 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

They help establish, modify and assist child support orders, establish paternity, assist with visitation issues, provide a connection to other community resources and assist family members of active-duty service members stationed at another base.

There is a one-time \$20 fee. To make an appointment call 719-457-6331.

Breakfast with Santa

The Academy will host a Breakfast with Santa Dec. 8 from 8-11:30 a.m. at the Falcon Club.

Breakfast is free for Defense Department families accompanied by a child and tickets are available at the Youth Center, A & FRC, CDC and CDC Annex.

The event will feature photos with a live reindeer, Santa and Mrs. Claus as well as offer crafts and prizes.

Tickets for seating are required. For more information call the Youth Center at 333-4169.

Mental Health Clinic

The Academy's Mental Health Clinic is open for individual therapy and medication management to ADULT, Tri-Care PRIME, and non-AD beneficiaries enrolled at the Academy.

If you are a non-AD beneficiary, you will need a referral from your primary care manager before you can be at the clinic. The clinic will contact you to schedule your appointment.

If no appointments are available, your referral will be sent to the network. If you are a non-AD beneficiary and want to see an off-base provider please tell your primary care manager to say so in the referral.

Referrals will automatically be approved by the network and that AD/cadets will have priority for access and the option of self-referring to the clinic.

A&FRC events

The following Airman and Family Readiness Center events are scheduled for the month of December.

Federal Resume Writing Class:

Dec. 4 from 2-4:00 p.m. The class will teach attendees on what they need to know about creating a federal resume formatted to USAJOBS guidelines. This federal resume will allow you to submit for vacancies within the federal agencies.

Mock Interviewing:

Dec. 6, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Attendees will learn what questions to expect and how to best answer them, how to prepare a 30-second commercial and how to formulate an interview preparation strategy. The event will be conducted by a local area Human Resources professional.

Resume Writing Workshop:

Dec. 19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Attendees will learn how to write an effective resume, different resume formats, how to best highlight your qualifications and how to target your resume to specific jobs,

Health Club memberships

For military members who chose to sign up for a contract with an off-base health club, the Academy's legal office advises to read carefully before signing one.

The offices states that most health club contracts may be canceled within three days of signing. After this three-day period, a buyer may cancel a health club contract for the following reasons: the buyer dies, the buyer becomes totally physically disabled, the health club is moved to a location, the membership is transferred to a location of the same club that is more than five miles from the location of the club when the buyer entered into the contract, or the seller discontinues operation of the health club

Also, your contract may give you further options to cancel your membership after one month's notice, when moving out of the local area.

To file a consumer complaint you may call the Colorado Attorney General at 1-800-222-4444.

Please contact the Academy legal office at 333-3940 for more assistance.

Winter Sale

The Academy's Athletic Association Visitor Center Gift Shop will continue their annual winter clearance sale through December 30.

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The shop is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m.-5pm. Please call 719-472-0102 for Falcon Shop Hours.

Christmas Concert

The Academy's Catholic Cadet Choir and Community Orchestra will perform their Annual Christmas Concert Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Academy Catholic Cadet Chapel.

The concert will include choral, orchestral and acappella music of the season as well as a special jazz segment featuring chapel staff members.

For more information please call 333-7857.

Chorale Performance

The Academy's Cadet Chorale and Orchestra will perform "Messiah" by George Frideric Handel Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Academy's Cadet Chapel.

The event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required and attendees are to park at the Visitor Center. For more information please call 333-7857.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Academy's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting celebration will take place Dec. 6 from 4-5 p.m. at the Community Center Chapel.

The event will include a tree lighting ceremony, hayrides, a children's story time, crafts and a visit from Santa Claus.

Santa Claus, hot chocolate, cider, and cookies will follow at the Chapel Fellowship Hall. For those who would like to donate cookies, please drop them off at the chapel on Dec. 5 or morning of Dec. 6.

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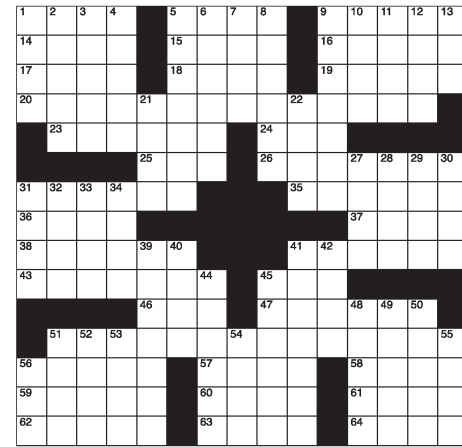
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- Optic covering
- Mrs. Nixon
- Turkish title of respect
- Eyelid hair
- Degraded
- Saudi peninsula
- Small fry

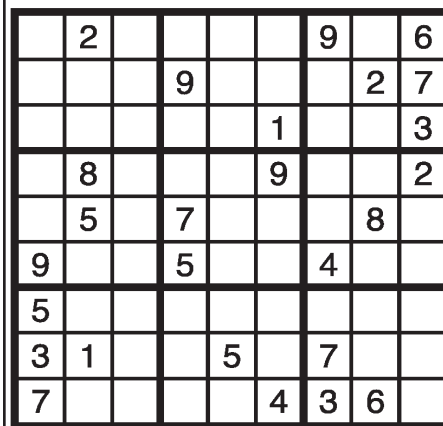
- Back talk
- Disposed to inflict pain
- Put in advance
- Landed properties
- Zedong
- Shellac resin
- Awaken from sleep

- Naval signalling system
- Ancient Semitic gods
- Fleur-de-lys
- Stomach of an animal
- Separates seating areas
- 100 = 1 Samoan tala
- Fante edwo, yam
- Jubilant delights
- Extinct ratite birds
- Coarse file



- forward
- Can't move
- Covers a building
- Division into factions
- Boat area
- Lesion
- Bonitos genus
- Good gosh!
- Cruise
- State of comfort
- Young woman (French)
- 100-year-old-cookie
- Exchange
- Shopping receptacle

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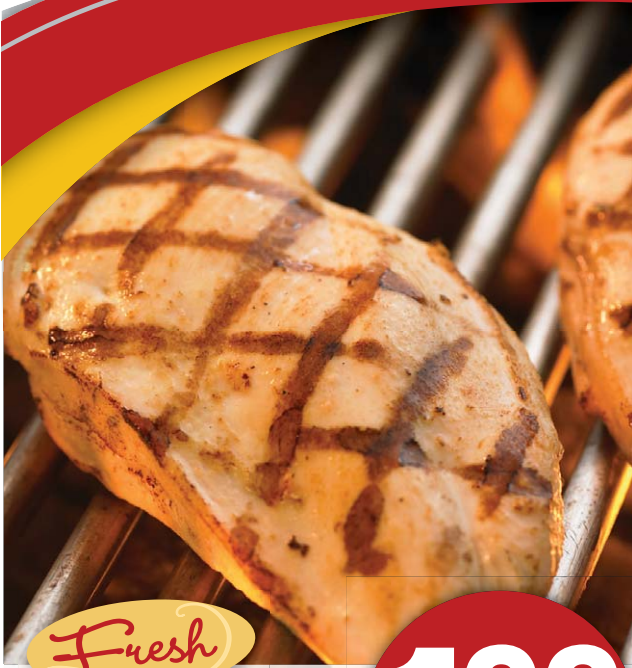
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