Base picnic today

By Academy Spirit staff

The annual Academy Picnic is today on the Prep School Parade Ground and surrounding area. Tickets are $1 per person, and may be purchased from unit first sergeants, or at the event. The picnic is an alternate duty site and features:

- Free swimming from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the fitness and sports center indoor pool
- Door prizes all day
- Shuttle buses from the Falcon Stadium parking lot, every 15 minutes, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Hamburger, hot dogs, chips, beverages & beer, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Kids Fishing Derby, 8-10 a.m. at Kettle Lakes
- Kids Carnival with bounce houses, games, pony rides, face painting and a climbing wall
- One-Pitch Softball Tournament, games start at 8:30 a.m. and end with the championship game at 3 p.m.
- Rising Six vs. Top Three softball game at 11:30 a.m.
- Chiefs & Shirts vs. Eagles & Stars softball game at 12:30 p.m.
- Car and Bike Show, check-in 7:30-9:30 a.m., show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enter by calling 333-4579.
- Operation Warmheart dunking booth
- Falcon show
- Music of Wild Blue Country, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wings of Blue parachute drop-in at 12:30 p.m., weather permitting
- Adventure Race, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Fitness Challenge Run, 7:30 a.m.
- 3-on-3 basketball at 8:30 a.m.
- 3-on-3 sand volleyball at 8:30 a.m.
- Horseshoes at 8:30 a.m.

The Academy Picnic is for all military, retired military, Academy civilian employees, contractors with a DoD ID, and family members.

For more information, visit: http://www.usafaservices.com/base/picnic06.htm

Capitol gains

Academy interests move forward at urging of Sen. Allard

By Academy Spirit staff

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard (R-Colo.) announced recently that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense included Senator Allard’s request of $10 million for a new 4 meter telescope and $500,000 for the U.S. Air Force Academy’s Center for Space and Defense Studies.

The Academy obtained the telescope following the cancellation of the space-based laser project. Originally designed for space, this fully equipped, lightweight telescope will be configured for ground use in support of space education at the Academy. Other Air Force partners are expected to use the telescope as well, including Air Force Space Command, the National Reconnaissance Office and NASA.

“This is a win-win situation for the cadets at the Academy and for our nation’s space exploration activities,” said Senator Allard. “We will be finally making use of this powerful telescope. All it needed was a place to call home and the Academy is the right place.”

Senator Allard also secured $500,000 for the Academy’s new Center for Space and Defense Studies. This center was created last year as an effort to build the intellectual foundation for space policy and develop Air Force officers with a vocation for space. The center is close to completing its first comprehensive textbook called “Space Defense Policy” and has already had a forum for space See CAPITOL GAINS, Page 4
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An extra set of eyes in the sky is a critical weapon in military arsenals. ROVER made its first visit to the Academy July 28 when basic cadets saw the Remote Operated Video Enhanced Receiver in action during the basic cadets’ first field problem.

“It’s important to take a new group of leaders and have them interface on the battlefield with real-time heroes and to see their courage, honor and initiative,” Lt. Col. Gregory Harbin, 609th Combat Operations Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., said of the ROVER demonstration team, which included decorated combat operators.

The ROVER demo served as a mini-laboratory, exploring the possibility of integrating it into curricula for military academies and other military organizations throughout the service branches.

Lt. Col. Mike Wermuth, the Academy’s director of geosciences, was enthusiastic about the demonstration and its possible (curricula) integration.

“I thought it was great, and I’m sure it will be better in the future, especially after presentations at West Point and ROTC units at Ft. Lewis,” he said, pointing out demo leaders plan to refine their presentations after each site visit.

Colonel Wermuth pointed out geospatial technology and intelligence is rapidly expanding. As a response to that trend, the Academy has changed the title of geosciences to a major in geospatial science.

The two-year-old ROVER system looks simple. A laptop with cables and wires attached receives video captured by an unmanned aerial vehicle. The video shows real-time nearby dangers and helps ground troops make quick decisions regarding air strikes. Videos during the Academy demonstration streamed from cameras aboard the small Raven UAV flying overhead.

“This is a demonstration of the kind of warfare we’re growing toward,” Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne said. He visited the demo site in Jacks Valley Friday and emphasized the importance of receiving cadet feedback on the technology’s development.

“It’s like talking on the telephone,” Colonel Harbin said of ROVER. “We see what the pilots see.” Using Global Positioning System technology, ROVER shortens talk time describing targets and coordinating attacks and reduces it to seconds rather than minutes. Troops in the field can also receive video imagery from Predator aircraft, C-130s equipped with a Scathe View imaging system or fighters carrying Sniper targeting pods.

ROVER is highly precise. It can direct strikes against insurgents within 75 meters of friendly troops without endangering the troops.

“We can target people’s noses,” Colonel Harbin said. He cited an incident where an identified insurgent was riding a donkey. The insurgent was killed but his donkey was not.

“Situational awareness is the key,” said Army Maj. David Bristol, assistant product manager for the Raven UAV. The system can operate for day and night videos, plus map and save images. Images are captured at 30 frames per second.

The Raven UAV used during the Academy demonstration looks more like an overgrown model airplane than a weapon. Its wingspan stretches to only five feet and its length is a mere 38 inches. Made of Kevlar, the drone is launched in minutes by hand and only requires a pilot to maneuver it and another person to monitor incoming information. It can be programmed for routes and target areas or be flown remotely by the operator. The Raven has 45 to 60 minutes of flight time on one battery. Upon landing, it hovers, then drops to the ground where it breaks into pieces to await for reassembly.

The drone can travel up to 34 miles per hour and is flown to search for Improvised Explosive Devices and perform reconnaissance for patrols. It is virtually silent in the air.

At four and one-half pounds, ROVER can be transported in a ruck sack. Retired Master Sgt. Kyle Stanbro, who served three tours in Iraq, remembers traveling with ROVER by whatever means available.

“We moved on foot, horse, donkey and vehicle,” he said. The technology directly aided in destroying 65 enemy vehicles in six and a half hours. “We would have done more but ran out of vehicles to target.”

As sophisticated as it is electronically, ROVER is user-friendly. Most users quickly become savvy in its operation.

Not only is ROVER saving ordnance, more importantly it is saving lives. While ground forces are on patrol, the Raven

A basic cadet holds the controller for an unmanned aerial vehicle used during a Remote Operated Video Enhanced Receiver demonstration July 28 during Basic Cadet Training in Jacks Valley. The ROVER is a laptop with antennas that receives video captured by a UAV, above, that shows real-time, nearby dangers allowing ground troops to make quick decisions regarding air strikes.

ROVER also showed up at a Kerry Underwood concert at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama and was launched from the top of a building for security.

Colonel Harbin wants to see ROVER technology integrated into course work and training “sooner than later.”

Military communications advanced from carrier pigeons in World War I to radio communication in World War II. Both became institutionalized in terms of communication. The colonel wants to see the same for video. “These are 21st Century warriors,” he said of the Academy Class of 2010, who will work with this technology in the future.
Cadet eager to help needy leukemia patient

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Cadet 1st Class Russell Kingsbery went to help with an April blood drive, as did all of his Cadet Squadron 8 members.

“They asked us if we wished to register for the national bone marrow donor program,” said the senior cadet. “After I found out what it was, they took a saliva sample and that was it.”

He was told that the chances of ever being contacted was something like one in 10,000. Call it the luck of the draw.

An email arrived at the Academy this month from Mr. Peter Osei, Defense Department Bone Marrow program coordinator, to get information from the cadet.

“I have been in contact with Mr. Osei through both phone and email conversations,” said the cadet. “He has been very helpful in explaining all of what is involved with the procedures and protocol should I be selected as the best donor.”

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“Actually, when I registered for the bone marrow donor program, it was the first time that I had ever given blood,” he said.

“This cadet makes no pretense at being an academic star. “If I am chosen as the best donor, hopefully my instructors will understand the importance,” he said.

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“I am not concerned however,” said the class of 2007 member. “I don’t care if my grades suffer a little bit if it means the opportunity to help save a life. Whether it is me or someone else, I just hope that a suitable donor is found and the doctors are able to save the patient’s life.”
Conference gives grads state of the Academy

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

More than 150 graduates attended a fast-paced Graduate Leadership Conference July 23-25 for updates at the Academy.

Attendees arrived Sunday and were welcomed to Doolittle Hall Monday by Mr. Jim Shaw, the president and chief executive officer of the Association of Graduates. Discussions with senior leaders and staff followed.

The grads, representing the classes of 1959 to 2003, visited Fairchild Hall, the airfield and viewed basic cadet training up close. They received briefings and interacted with cadet panels.

The group had lunch with basic cadets and toured Jacks Valley.

During opening afternoon there was an AOG Alumni relations update discussion and an open forum.

Lt. Gen. John Regni, the school’s Superintendent, addressed the graduates on changes at their alma mater and his vision for the future.

Attendees heard about the honor code and the honor system and received a brief overview of partially-funded Association of Graduates character development programs.

The AOG hosted a July 25 town meeting and discussed upcoming plans for a class senate, an E-chapter and ways to better stay in touch with communities.

Graduates discussed upcoming plans for a class senate, an E-fund Association of Graduates character development programs, cheating, a major Academy focus in instilling a sense of responsibility, and what they are doing in the operational Air Force.

The Superintendent has initiated a video tele-conference program so cadets can talk with young grads deployed to the Middle East area of responsibility and learn what they are doing in the operational Air Force.

General Regni said he is also planning a session with West Point grads to emphasize jointness and ability and learn what they are doing in the operational Air Force.

The grads learned their old school eagerly embraces modern technology.

Graduates who want to instruct cadets were invited to contact the appropriate academic department.

They learned their old school needs 900 character development volunteers to support programs over the next academic year. Training date sessions will be posted. Prospective participants can contact the school’s character development center.

The sprawling conference highlighted aging Academy facilities and infrastructure that need to be fixed with tough 2008 and 2009 funding battles ahead.

Attendees were told the honor dismissal process time has dropped from four months to 30 days. With 80 percent of college bound students admitting to cheating, a major Academy focus in instilling a sense of honor among cadets they were told.

No rose garden is promised: confinements, restrictions and demerits are back.

Comments from GLC attendees:

“First GLC for me – very gratifying. The interaction with cadets was probably the best part, although the contact with the senior Academy staff and AOG staff was also good.”

“Great conference! Need larger font on name tags (for old dudes)…”

“Excellent opportunities with senior leader discussion.”

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“I have been very encouraged by what I have been told and what I have seen. Keep working toward the goal. Senior leadership very approachable and forthcoming. They have their act together.”

“This is my third GLC and every one has gotten better. I don’t believe the intent is to continue to have these every year, but I think they should be.”

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Cultural immersion: from Moscow to Vladivostok with love

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Vladivostok reminded Cadet 3rd Class Kyle Sellner of San Francisco with its coastline and steep, curving roads in the middle of the city.

In the weeks since his June 6 return from a Summer Cultural Immersion trip to Russia, he has had time to take in the sights some people would pay dearly to see.

The Cadet Squadron 12 member didn’t have to pay, he just applied for the cultural trip offered through the Academy’s Department of Foreign Area Studies.

“Most people were basically indifferent to us being there,” said the cadet from Waddell, Ariz. “They were more curious as to why 12 American guys were walking through their towns. Most of them just thought we were a traveling football team.”

His time and experiences in Russian 131 and 132 classes were beneficial during the trip.

“They prepared me for the different cultures and people I would encounter while in Russia,” he said.

The three-week trip shattered some misconceptions.

“When most people think of Russia they immediately think communism,” said the cadet. “I was very surprised at all the American-made cars that were over there such as Ford and Chevy.”

He visited the Kremlin and saw Lenin’s mummified body on display in Red Square and toured monuments with cannons dating back to the days of the Tsars.

“I was impressed by the national pride the Russians have,” he said. “Every big city we went to had huge monuments erected to commemorate World War II and the many Russians who died fighting the Nazis. The Russians were very proud of these monuments and always made it a point to show them off and explain what they were for.”

He said he was also impressed by the size of Russia.

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There was the one night stop at Lake Baikal, the largest lake with the purist water in the world.

“It was one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited and if I could pick one place in Russia to return to one day I would choose Lake Baikal,” he said. “It was an enormous crystal clear lake with huge mountains on all sides.

“I want to return someday,” said the cadet. “I feel like I have barely scratched the surface of all that Russia has to offer.”
Associate AOC/AMT positions offer opportunity

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit Staff

Motivated volunteers are needed as Associate Air Officers Commanding or Academy Military Trainers. Associates assist the cadet squadron AOC and AMTs to further the mission of developing leaders of character.

Common duties include coaching and mentoring individual cadets, teaching Cadet Professional Military Education lessons, attending cadet squadron training and substituting for the AOC or AMT if one is unavailable. Specific duties may vary by squadron.

Associates are asked to commit to the time and duties as an active participant in the squadron. On average, an associate can expect to spend two to three hours per week. Some weeks the time may be more, some less.

“It can be much more than that,” MSgt. Rob Nolen said. Sergeant Nolen, a military education instructor, serves on the 34th Training Wing curriculum office staff which maintains rosters and facilitates communication within the program.

“Associates can make it as detailed and time-consuming as they want it to be,” he said. “The list is endless.”

Volunteers must be very motivated. “They must have a genuine desire to want to impact young minds and build officers of character,” Nolen said. Associates give up personal time, and the cadets know it, he said. “That speaks volumes.”

Associates are encouraged to attend training activities, sports events and social functions and on occasion walk through the squadron halls to chat with cadets. They also may coach and mentor individual cadets and need to stand in for the AOC or AMT in the event of their absence.

A key role of an associate AOC or AMT is bringing operational experience to cadets. For that reason, associate AOCs and AMTs are staff sergeant or above, and captain or above or prior-enlisted lieutenants for associate AOCs.

Deployment experience is also a valuable asset. The dedicated time for teaching CPME is Tuesdays from 11:25 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Some associates will be asked to teach lessons for a specific year group to lend greater consistency and professionalism to the course.

Associates are also encouraged to stay with their squadron for at least one year to strengthen the relationship with the cadets.

There is no deadline for applying as an associate, Sergeant Nolen said. “We can always use more.” Alternates are always needed and names can be held in reserve to fill an associate slot when a squadron needs one.

All volunteers must have their supervisor’s approval and forward their requests through their respective chain of command.

Specific guidance for each organization is:
- 34th TRW personnel need approval of the first lieutenant colonel in the chain of command.
- Athletic Department personnel need approval from Mr. Michael Saks or Col. William Walker.
- Dean of the Faculty personnel need approval from their department or staff agency head.
- 10th Air Base Wing personnel need approval coordinated through their vice commander.
- To volunteer as an associate AOC or AMT, call Sergeant Nolen at 333-8499.
- To volunteer as a Cadet Squadron Honor/Ethics Advisor, call the Honor Education Director, Maj. Tina Erzen at 333-6768.

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By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force Recruiting Service welcomed its new commander during a change of command ceremony here July 17.


In her first address to the troops, the new commander lauded all Air Force Recruiting Service members for providing a first-class impression of the Air Force with an enthusiastic commitment to excellence.

“Everything I’ve seen in AFRS includes all of these qualities and more, and I promise to never change that,” she said. General Vautrinot also briefly addressed the challenges recruiting service, as well as all Airmen, face as the nation is at war, and the Air Force needs to become lean. Every one of us must do more, work smarter and more efficiently without losing one ounce of what we bring [to the service],” she said. “I am enthusiastic to lead and make the commitment that when I pin on the rank in a promotion ceremony, I am equally enthusiastic to be one of you.”

As the Air Force Recruiting Service command, General Vautrinot leads four groups and 28 squadrons with more than 3,470 active-duty and 305 civilian recruiters and support personnel, assigned to locations in the United States, England, Germany, Italy, Japan, Puerto Rico and Guam. The organization is charged with the development, implementation and management of enlisted and officer recruiting programs.

Preceding her assignment here, General Vautrinot served as the Strategic Security deputy director for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements at U.S. Air Force headquarters in Washington, D.C. There she provided policy and guidance to Air Force nuclear, space, counterproliferation and homeland defense programs.

During her 24-year career, she has commanded the 50th Space Wing and the 11th Space Operations Squadron at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., and the 614th Space Operations Group at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. She also served as the 14th Air Force operations chief and as the Aerospace Operations Center director at Vandenberg, and as the 4th Space Operations Squadron operations officer, Falcon AFB, Colo. Additionally, she served in staff assignments at U.S. Air Forces Europe, Air Force Space Command headquarters, Joint Staff headquarters and at the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff office.

General Remkes was selected for promotion to major general and for reassignment as U.S. European Command headquarters plans and policies director at Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

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ROTC cadets go to ‘war’

By Staff Sgt. Aaron Cram
460th Space Wing Public Affairs

BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — Cadets from ROTC units across the country finished their three-week visit here by going to “war” with members of the 460th Space Wing.

Eighteen cadets, who were here June 25 to July 14 as part of the Operation Air Force program, took part in War Week July 10-4. Airmen at Buckley participate periodically in War Week to prepare for deployments and other events that may disrupt normal operations.

Operation Air Force is designed to give Academy and Air Force ROTC cadets exposure to active-duty life.

Maj. Angela Stickels, 460th SW Plans Office deputy chief, and other base officials decided to incorporate the cadets into the base’s week-long training to help them gain a better understanding of what they will see once they are commissioned as Air Force officers.

“It was a chance to show them the real Air Force is nothing like the movies, that there’s more to the Air Force than being a fighter pilot,” she said. “The cadets gained firsthand knowledge and experience of Air Force operations by watching multiple specialties during crunch time. This can only help them become better officers once their careers begin.”

The plan to bring the cadets into War Week paid off, officials said. All of the cadets stated they were elated to find out about their participation, even more so after they experienced it. “I now have a better understanding of everyone’s role in the mission,” said ROTC Cadet 3rd Class Joseph Migliaccio, a sophomore at Boston College in Massachusetts. “On television we see people pulling the trigger or flying planes. This week I saw the huge support force behind all of that, and how they are the ones who really make things happen.”

ROTC Cadet 3rd Class Carly Reimer, a sophomore at Purdue University in Indiana, wasn’t sure what to expect, but quickly observed the importance teamwork plays in the success of operations.

“There were a lot of people doing different things with the same goal in mind,” she said. “I could see they all needed to work together to achieve their goal. The importance of getting critical information to everyone who needs it in a timely manner is something I will never forget.”

Photo by Airman 1st Class Michelle Cross

ROTC Cadet 3rd Class Jesse Salmon, a sophomore at the University of Arkansas, practices rifle fighting techniques during the combat skills course at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., July 10 to 14.
ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England (AFPN) — Keith Mutton and Alan Marenghi roam the flightline at this base in their small blue vans doing a job that is truly for the birds.

The father and stepson duo command a squadron of falcons, hawks and owls that help keep away birds that pose a bird-strike threat to aircraft here.

“Still, it’s a constant battle. You must be more persistent than the birds you’re trying to move. Because if you’re not, they’ll beat you,” said Mr. Mutton, who owns Phoenix Bird Control Services.

Since October, 17 aircraft trying to take off and land at the base took bird strikes. All but three occurred miles away from the base. The strikes caused no accidents or fatalities, though 100th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotankers sucked seven birds into their engines, wing chief of safety Lt. Col. Gary Slack said.

The wing contracts Mr. Mutton’s company to manage its bird/wildlife aircraft strike hazard program, or BASH. Basically, the company clears the airfield of unwanted birds, the colonel said. The main reason for the program is flight safety.

The bird patrols benefit the wing’s fleet of 15 tankers. And it also helps the 352nd Special Operations Group’s MC-130H Combat Talon and MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft and MH-53M Pave Low helicopters.

“Aircraft and birds don’t mix,” the colonel said. “We have a history in the Air Force of losing aircraft to bird strikes. They damage aircraft, engines, people and detract from the mission.”

However, the goal of the program is not to kill birds, but to scare them away or cause them to not want to come back, Mr. Mutton said. To do that the Phoenix team employs a host of weapons, mostly make a lot of noise. These standard bird-control methods include alarms, pyrotechnics, air cannons and distress-sound tapes.

“It’s the distress call birds make to all the others that it’s in serious trouble,” Mr. Mutton said. “That makes the falcons more effective. However, if you use the distress call only — and birds never see a falcon — they will gravitate to it and ignore it.”

When all else fails, the team lets loose its falcons, hawks and owls. The contractor — which also provides
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like services at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Fairford — matches its response to the threat. Owls take on the bigger intruders. And the falcons and hawks handle most of the rest. When he sends in the falcons, the intruder birds never win, Mr. Mutton said.

“Sure, we come under light pressure in bad weather or there are a lot of insects out, a lot of food supply,” he said. “But the one thing that will move them is the falcon.”

When birds see the falcons, they instinctively head for cover away from the flat of the airfield, which is devoid of trees, shrubs and high grass cover.

Helping deprive birds of that cover is another service the company provides. Mr. Marenghi, a biologist, advises the wing on how to manage its on-base habitats to make them less bird friendly.

“Our program isn’t just about active bird control, where we go out and move the birds — scare them. A lot involves trying to deter them from visiting the airfield in the first place,” he said.

One way is to monitor the long-grass program. The company advises safety and civil engineer officials on how to maintain the grassy areas of the base. Keeping the grass cut to a length of between seven and 14 inches stops birds from landing. This is because if birds land on the grass, they cannot maintain any kind of integrity with their flock. And grass this length makes it harder for the birds to feed.

“We know how to minimize bird attractions, like not planting trees next to the runway,” Mr. Marenghi said.

However, he said that doesn’t mean customers always take the advice. Short-cropped lawns and trees make a base look good. But it will also attract birds. So the company keeps an eye on developments in and around the bases.

“That way, we’ll be able to offer advice to base officials about what effects a change in the habitat will have on the number of birds they will attract,” he said.

But the duty of reducing bird strikes is not all on the Phoenix crew and its birds, said Colonel Slack, who is from Cumberland, Md. Another part of the program is training aircrews. They must know the bird hazard conditions and when they are most likely to be a hazard.

For this reason the base, with Phoenix’s monitoring, has three bird-control conditions, said Capt. Cameron Donough, a KC-135 pilot who is the wing’s chief of flight safety. The base has low, moderate and severe bird conditions. The wing enforces the conditions to limit the potential damage to people and aircraft.

“When we go bird moderate, we’re not allowed to do practice approaches in this area. We’ll have to go somewhere else,” the captain from Gig Harbor, Wash., said. “In bird severe conditions, everything shuts down.”

But the severe condition is not common and usually last 20 to 30 minutes. In most cases, it involves a flock passing through that takes up residence at the end of the runway, the colonel said. When that happens, the Airmen call the experts to scare the flock away.

“So this program is not just about scaring birds,” Colonel Slack said. “It’s also about getting aircrews smart on how to avoid dangers — like don’t be doing a low-level flights over a marshy field during migration season, because your engines are going to scare up 60,000 geese.”

The Mildenhall-Phoenix partnership is working, the colonel said. Bird strikes are down. And year after year, U.S. Air Forces in Europe recognize the company for the way it watches and tracks birds and how it comes up with ways to rid bases of unwanted birds.

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Quarterly award winners

The Academy’s Quarterly Awards winners were announced at a luncheon July 27 in the Officers’ Club. Second quarter winners are:

Honor Guard Winners
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Airman 1st Class Brooke Gullatt, FM
Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
Staff Sgt. William Roberts, FM
Company Grade Officer of the Quarter
Capt. Arturo Tibayan, DPM

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Airman of the Quarter
Airman 1st Class Amber J. Haytaian, DRU
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Master Sgt. Ricardo Melendez, 34th TRG
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Capt. Scott W. Steigerwald, 10th ABW
Civilian of the Quarter
Ms. Valerie L. Perkin, AH
Senior Civilian of the Quarter
Mr. Paul M. Ceciliani, 10th ABW
Manager/Supervisor Civilian of the Quarter
Mr. Michael A. Wehrmann, AH

And four makes 40

The Academy will stand up four new cadet squadrons during an assumption of command ceremony Sunday in the Arnold Hall Auditorium. Maj. Fred Cunningham will assume command of Squadron 37; Maj. Ryan Plunkett will assume command of Squadron 38, Maj. Phillip Tucker will assume command of Squadron 39 and Maj. Gilberto Martinez will assume command of Squadron 40.

Lt. Gen. John F. Regni, Academy superintendent, requested the activation of cadet squadrons 37 to 40 after his initial assessment of the Academy in April. The change will establish smaller squadrons, approximately 110 cadets each, and afford the cadets more leadership opportunities.

Cadet Squadrons 37 through 40 were originally activated in 1969 after Congress set the authorized cadet wing strength at 4,417 cadets. They were deactivated in 1999 to better manage a reduced authorization of 4,000 cadets, set by Congress in 1995.

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Overseas assignment listing available

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas requirements for the April to June 2007 cycle is now available.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by Aug. 17. Deployed Airmen must work with their PERSCO representative to update assignment preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by Sept. 15.

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Big Bad Basic, Sweepstakes cap valley stay

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

No one has ever matched the Academy record-setting 1,404 sit-ups Basic Cadet Stephanie Davison did during Tuesday’s Sweepstakes and Big Bad Basic competitions at Jacks Valley.

“It wasn’t because of you, it was because you heard your classmates vociferous,” Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins, Commandant of Cadets, told the Class of 2010 to upstairsovers aplause.

Basic Cadet Training, known as the “Beast,” started June 29 and continues through July 5, not in time for the full academic semester starting Aug. 10.

Trainees run the obstacle and assault courses and other events. Cadet 4th Class aspirants battle for the title of “Big Bad Basic” in a single-elimination tournament where contestants battle two another with pugil sticks to the deafening cheers of classmates that could have matched professional wrestling crowds.

The events were part of a competition in which the BCT squadrons were awarded points for their performances in each of the day’s events. The formations strive for a quarter of a mile, something they marched out of Jacks Valley, 3.2 miles back to the cadet area Tuesday evening.

But they had changed. They had bonded and learned teamwork.

By the end of the awards presentations General Desjardins addressed the cadets from the pugil sticks to the deafening cheers of classmates that could have matched professional wrestling crowds.

“Today is the culminating event at Jacks Valley,” she said. “It’s something we haven’t seen before, not like we saw it today. The spirit that is here and everyone pushed a little harder, each of you heard your classmates urging you on. You did one more sit-up, one more pull-up, you did one more push-up and you ran that much faster.”

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“It was more difficult and more mental than I thought it was going to be,” said pugilist Ryan Gonzales. “But I gained knowledge of how to be a better leader.”

He dreams of being a pilot but first the 280-pound basic cadet wants to start as a freshman on the football team.

“I want to be All-American,” he said.

Big Bad Basic and Sweepstakes winners are:

- Sit-ups: Stephanie Davison, Executioners C-Flight, El Reno, Okla.; 1,404 sit-ups
- Push-ups: Spencer Schardin, Barbarians D-Flight, Fisherville, Ky., 470 push-ups
- Aerobic Fitness Test (1.5 mile run): Andrew Baader, Flying Tigers D-Flight, Owings, Md.
- Assault Course: Adam Giegler, Barbarians B-Flight, Universal City, Texas
- Obstacle Course: Chris Prochnow, Interceptors A-Flight, Wauseon, Ill.
- Self Aide Buddy Care Course: Executioners D-Flight
- Combat Arms Training: Joseph Ignatowski, Interceptors A-Flight, disassembled an M-16 in 10 seconds
- Best Flight: Aggressors A-Flight (approx. 30 basic cadets)
- Best Squadron: Jaguars (approx. 120 basic cadets)

Big Bad Basic Pugil Stick Fights:

Female:
- Fight One: Kristin Barra, Hellcats C-Flight, Berbella, Conn., defeated Ashley Reing, Flying Tigers C-Flight, Camano Island, Wash.
- Fight Two: Solange Eddy, Aggressors C-Flight, Denver, Colo., defeated Ashley Currie, Gun D-Flight, Madison, Miss.

Male:

Brig. Gen. Susan Desjardins, Commandant of Cadets, shouts encouragement during a BCT Sweepstakes run as Jacks Valley activities near an end.

Cadets celebrate a BCT Sweepstakes award as Jacks Valley activities come to an end.

Saj Uddin El-Amin became Monday’s top Male Pugilist during Big Bad Basic competitions in Jacks Valley.

Kristin Barra emerges as female pugil stick competition winner during the final BCT Big Bad Basic events in Jacks Valley.
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Pets ‘chip’per thanks to vet program

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

The simple wave of a wand can help save a pet’s life and save pet owners agonizing worry.

“It’s no magic wand. It’s a scanner that can read a microchip embedded under the pet’s skin containing the owner’s information.”

All Fidos and Fluffies who make their homes in Academy family housing must be microchipped and registered on base.

“Tags are good,” Academy veterinary technician Ms. Kris Helgeson said. “A microchip is permanent. It’s there forever.”

The chip, about the size of a grain of rice, is inserted under the skin between the pet’s shoulder blades with a syringe and causes no more discomfort than routine immunizations.

“Even if a pet is hit by a car or attacked and then found, you can have some closure,” Ms. Helgeson said. “Just knowing what happened is a comfort.”

Microchips can, sadly, also help owners understand what happened to their pets if they are found deceased.

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The microchip is $20 at the Academy Vet Clinic, which includes the registration fee. The chip is compatible with scanners overseas. Vet services are open to active duty and retired military ID card holders. Reservists on active duty are also eligible.

Security forces pick up wandering pets. Pets with IDs are scanned for chips and taken to a holding pen before they are returned to their owners. Pets without IDs are taken to the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region.

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Besides the microchip, pets living on base must also have proof of rabies and distemper vaccinations.

Vet clinic hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m. by appointment only at 333-4055. All pets must be in carriers or on a leash.

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Academy duo targets world triathlon

Sport's premiere ironman challenge awaits pair

By Wayne Amann
Academy Spirit Editor

Like the Super Bowl, World Series, Indianapolis 500, and Kentucky Derby, the Ironman World Triathlon Championship is that sport's signature event.

Academy triathletes Peter Ohotnicky and Mayia Anderson are training to make names for themselves at this year's edition, Oct. 17-23, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

The two were selected to represent one-half of the Air Force team in the field of 1,500, ages 18 to 80, who qualified for the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run. Nearly 50,000 triathletes from every state and more than 50 countries vie for the world's most famous endurance event every year.

"I have a good deal of racing experience, but nothing comes close to coming through for the Air Force in the sport's most prestigious race," said Ohotnicky, a physics instructor with the Dean of the Faculty. "It brings together two things I feel passionate about: the Air Force and Ironman."

The '92 distinguished Academy grad finished the Hawaii event four times, from 1997 to 2000, including three Military Division titles from 1998 to 2000. He has four other Ironman finishes in his career.

Ohotnicky started swimming and running competitively in middle school in his hometown of Milan, Mich. Anderson, a product of Bremerton, Wash., began her triathlon career in high school. She took a hiatus from the sport while attending the Academy, but resumed after finishing her masters degree in '98 at Oregon State University. She was a member of the Air Force team at the 2001 Ironman World Championships.

"I grew up doing as many activities as possible," said Anderson, a bioenvironmental engineer and assistant Air Force women's swimming coach. "That's why I like the multiple disciplines of triathlon. The training offers a great all-around fitness base."

The Ironman Triathlon World Championship was started in 1978 by Navy Commander John Collins. He proposed combining three races, run consecutively, to settle an argument over who's more fit - swimmers, runners or other athletes.

Competitors must complete the 140.6-mile course within 17 hours. Training for the race varies with each triathlete. Typically, the regimen takes 18 to 24 hours per week, involving seven miles of swimming, 232 miles of biking and 48 miles of running for six to eight months to build the needed stamina.

Ohotnicky generally works out twice a day, but is able to practice two activities, but is able to participate in any activity, but is able to practice the Academy in any activities, but is able to practice. Harrison played in two varsity games last season as a kickoff specialist. During spring drills he kicked a 44-yard field goal and made his only extra point attempt in the spring game. He was expected to challenge for a starting position as both the place kicker and punter this season.

Hoop tickets
Air Force men's and women's basketball season tickets are on sale. Men's prices range from $85 to $160, while women's tickets range from $18 for children to $35 for adults. To order, call 800-666-8723 or 719-472-1895 or visit www.GoAirForceFalcons.com.

Weather conditions, coupled with the demands of the sport, force participants to concentrate on the job at hand. "You learn little ways to motivate yourself to keep going at a good pace," Anderson said. "I think about what I'm doing, keep a simple plan in my head and stay positive. Just competing in Hawaii will keep me focused."

"For me, the keys are knowing your body well and executing your race plan," Ohotnicky said. "Many people have difficulty in an Ironman because they don't pace themselves properly, or don't take the right kinds of fluid and nutrition. When I feel badly, I can recognize the signals my body is sending, and I can adjust my pace or nutrition accordingly."

The bluesuits take representing their service at the world championship seriously. "I'm proud and fortunate to be in the Air Force at races like this," Anderson said. "The crowd really gets behind you because you're wearing Air Force stuff."

"To race while wearing Air Force blue, and hopefully bring home the top military team award, would be the highlight of my racing season," Ohotnicky explained. "My goal is to inspire cadets who will be the next generation of Air Force triathletes."

For Ohotnicky and Anderson, the future is ironclad.
Logjam loosens, post season set

By Wayne Amann
Academy Spirit Editor

If parity is what Academy sports officials wanted, parity is what they got. The Academy Intramural Softball League regular season went down to the wire to determine the four-team post-season field that will vie for the AISL championship.

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When you need some Power behind your advertising message as the result of injuries sustained in an auto accident July 20. Her funeral service, has been changed to Holy Apostle’s, 4925 N. Carefree Circle, Colorado Springs, starting at 10 a.m. It will be followed by a graveside service in the Academy Cemetery at noon.

Flowers should be sent to Swan Law Funerai, 501 North Cascade, 471-9900, and donations sent to Catholic Charities. The family has not indicated donations in lieu of flowers. For more information, call Janet Edwards, mortuary officer, at 333-3323.

Detour
The Tri-Intersection Bridge will be closed the second and third weeks of August to replace one of its expansion joints. The southbound lanes will be closed. All traffic will be re-routed to the northbound bridge between Pine Drive and the Airman’s Overlook. Traffic control devices and speed reductions will be in place.

Town hall meeting
10th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Jimmy McCmillan will conduct a town hall meeting Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m., in the community center theater. It’s open to all Academy military housing residents, military and civilian personnel. Child care will be provided in the community center ballroom. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ric Brayboy at 333-5944.

School and sports physicals
The family practice clinic is taking appointments for pediatric physicals. Appointments are available Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and some Saturdays through August. Call 457-2273 to schedule. Remember:
-Children under 18 must be with a parent.
-Bring shot record and physical form to appointment.
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Stress management class
The Academy Health and Wellness Center offers a “Managing the Mania” stress management class Wednesday, Aug. 16 and 23 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The three-part course is open to all bachelor degree students at 8137 Park Drive. To enroll, or for more information, call 333-3733.

Tops In Blue
The Air Force’s expeditionary entertainmen troupe, Tops In Blue “What’s Love” tour, performs in the Academy’s Arnold Hall Auditorium Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. The doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance. The Aug. 24 show is primarily for the general public, while the Aug. 25 show is primarily for the cadets, Prep School students and faculty. Members of the general public attending the second performance will be seated in the upper balcony.

KAF frequency change
KAF, the Academy’s cadet radio station, is now heard on 97.7 FM, reaching a wider area of the installation. The station is working to improve signal strength. To give feedback on station reception, call 333-9885.

Music, motorcycles and more
The Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame is hosting the “Thunder at the Hall,” an all-day exhibit and rodeo on Saturday and Sunday. See custom motorcycles and country singers Trent Willmon, Riccoche, Chely Wright, Restless Heart and others. Military members and their dependents receive a $5 discount at the door with a military ID card. For more information, call the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame at 719-528-4764 or visit www.prorodeohallof fame.com.

Easter Seals Walk-A-Thon
The Easter Seals third annual Walk With Me Walk-A-Thon is Saturday at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Registration is at 8 a.m. The walk starts at 9 a.m. The event helps raise funds to help disabled people in El Paso, Pueblo and Teller counties. Registration fee is $25 per person, which includes zoo entry for the walk, breakfast, lunch, pavilion activities and a wristband. An additional $5 gets participants an event t-shirt. There are no refreshments, prize drawings, and Teller counties.

Military appreciation
The 30th anniversary of the Colorado Renaissance Festival offers the military a special discount Saturday and Sunday, in appreciation of their sacrifices and service.

Military members with a DoD ID card can go to the Festival Box Office in Larkspur, Colo. this weekend and receive a one-day concert ticket for $10.50, a minimum $16.95 value, plus three $5 discount coupons. Prizes are awarded to the top three teams, longest drive and closest to the pin.

Kids day
The Art Academy Federal Credit Union branch at 1355 Kelly Johnson Blvd. presents Southern Area Kids Day, Aug. 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. The free event features a magic show performed by Inspector Magic. There are no refreshments, prize drawings, and Teller counties.

Carson golf tourney
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World Music Series concert
The Pikes Peak Library District presents three-time Grammy Award nominated Plena Libre, a 12-member jazz orchestra from Puerto Rico on Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m., on the Armstrong Quad at Colorado College, 14 E. Cache La Poudre St. It’s the district’s second World Music Series concert of 2006.

Artwork on display
“The ARTworks of Adam Michael Conrad” exhibition is displayed at the ARTSPACE Gallery through Aug. 19. The contemporary oil paintings feature realistic portraits, surrealistic and abstract artworks of UCSS fine arts graduate and Colorado Springs resident Michael Conrad. The ARTSPACE Gallery is inside the Hillside Community Center at 925 S. Institute, in Colorado Springs. The gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. For more information, call 385-7900.

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Door prizes include Frontier Airline tickets, a one-night stay from Sheraton Hotels, a gift certificate from Dicks’ Sporting Goods, golf clubs, dinner tickets and more. Visit www.rocky mtn-afcaea.com for more details and to register or complete the on-line credit card registration at www.afcea spacecomm.com/eventregistration.php?mon=August&year=2006.

COSMIX update
For the next several weeks, Colorado Springs drivers should see third lanes open in each direction of I-25 between the Fillmore Street and Garden of the Gods Road interchanges, providing some relief in one of rush hour’s most congested sections of the interstate. Meanwhile, the new southbound Frontage Road will be completed in the North Nevada/Rockrimmon area, restoring direct access to Rockrimmon Boulevard and Corporate Center Drive. Frontage Road will act as the interstate detour route while construction proceeds on the main I-25 roadway. For more information, check www.cosmix project.com.
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