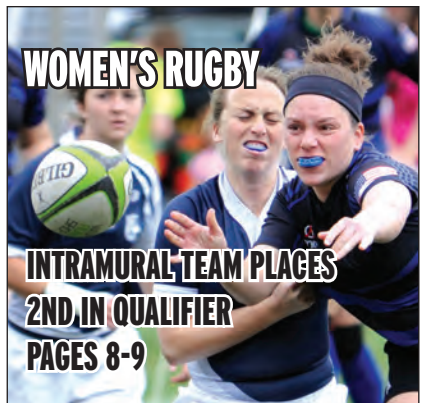


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Academy SPIRIT



Cleaning up Black Forest



KATHY RUSSELL

Air Force Academy cadets clear brush from the Black Forest fire burn scar Saturday in Black Forest. The Black Forest fire began near Highway 83 and Shoup Road, just northeast of Colorado Springs, June 11, 2013. Academy cadets participate in numerous community service projects every year.

Quarterly awards winners recognized

By Ray Bowden
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Several Airmen were recognized as the Air Force Academy's 2015 first quarter award recipients during a ceremony at the Falcon Club April 30.

Col. Kevin Lamberth, the Academy's vice superintendent, hosted the event.

"When you think about how we had an inspection during

the award period, it makes the accomplishments of these Airmen even more amazing," he said. "These awards exemplify the professionalism of Academy Airmen and highlight how critical their day-to-day efforts are in developing leaders of character."

Chief Master Sgt. Max Grindstaff, the Academy's command chief, said the ceremony was a celebration of Academy staff and the Air Force core value of

"excellence in all we do."

"These outstanding Airmen prove that even in an era of challenging budgetary and manpower cuts, we still accomplish the mission with superb results," he said. "Every person on this stage is an example of excellence in all we do. They represent the drive and determination that drives the Academy to excel."

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Col. Kevin Lamberth, the Air Force Academy's vice superintendent, hosted the 2015 1st Quarter Awards Ceremony here April 30.



NASA

NASA Space Shuttle Discovery crew members pose in the White Room at Launch Pad 39B in November 1985. From the left: Christa McAuliffe, Gregory Jarvis, Judith Resnik, Francis Scobee, Ronald McNair, Mike Smith and Ellison Onizuka.

Celebrating Diversity:

May is Asian-American, Pac. Islander Heritage Month

By Dr. Robert B. Kane
Air University history director

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFNS) — In 1978, Congress established Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week to celebrate the achievements of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to U.S. history and culture. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush extended the celebration to the entire month.

On Oct. 23, 1992, Congress designated May of each year as Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

The theme for 2015 is “Many Cultures, One Voice: Promote Equality and Inclusion.”

Congress selected May for this celebration because it includes the anniversaries of the arrival in the U.S. of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the first transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, partially by the labor of thousands of Chinese immigrants

The term “Asia-Pacific Islands” includes the continent of Asia, the Pacific island groups of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia, the island groups of the Western and Central Pacific – such as the Philippines and the Marianas — and Hawaii. About 5 percent of the population of the U.S. is of Asian or Pacific Islander descent.

Perhaps the most well-known Air Force member of Asian-Pacific Islander ancestry is Ellison Onizuka. Born in 1946 in Hawaii, he entered the Air Force in January 1970 and flew a variety of aircraft, eventually logging more than 1,700 flying hours. In January 1978, he became an astronaut candidate. Onizuka flew his first space shuttle mission aboard the Discovery in January 1985. He was a mission specialist aboard the orbiter Challenger when it exploded a little over one minute

after launch from the Kennedy Space Center, Fla., on Jan. 28, 1986. Congress posthumously promoted him to colonel, and the Air Force renamed Sunnyvale Air Force Station, Calif., after Onizuka on Jan. 26, 1994.

Another part of the Asian-Pacific American heritage is the Army’s 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, comprised of Japanese-Americans from Hawaii and others held in detention camps. The detention camps were established by the U.S. in February 1942 in result of the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Imperial Navy on Dec. 7, 1941, and housed 120,000 Japanese-Americans living in Pacific Coast states.

They, like the Tuskegee Airmen, fought prejudice at home, as well as tyranny overseas, during World War II.

By May 1945, the 442nd RCT and the 100th IB, fighting in Italy and southern France, had become the most highly

decorated U.S. military units of their size. They accumulated more than 18,000 individual decorations for bravery, including 18 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses and 9,500 Purple Hearts, with many soldiers earning multiple awards. In addition, the two units collectively received seven Presidential Unit Citations.

One of the most well-known members of the 442nd RCT was Daniel K. Inouye, the first U.S. congressman of Japanese ancestry and the second longest-serving senator. During World War II, he received a battlefield commission and promotion to second lieutenant. He also received the Distinguished Service Cross, later upgraded to the Medal of Honor in 2000. He is among 30 Asian-Americans who received America’s highest military award. He served as U.S. senator from Hawaii from 1963 until his death on Dec. 17, 2012.

On Oct. 23, 1992, Congress officially designated May of each year as Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of Americans of Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry to the rich heritage and cultural fabric of the U.S.

Correction: Jason Gutierrez took the photo of the Academy’s 2015 Hall of Fame class on page 12 of the May 1 edition of the *Academy Spirit*. We regret the error.

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Air Force focuses on space access

By Staff Sgt. Torri Ingalsbe
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Ending America's reliance on the Russian-built RD-180 rocket engine was the topic of conversation during an Armed Services Committee hearing April 29.

Changes to the space industry over the last 10 years have Air Force leaders optimistic about the future of space enterprise and the ability to cease reliance on RD-180 engines used in the Atlas V launch vehicles.

"The competitive space environment, coupled with rapid changes in the landscape, present our national security launch capability with significant opportunities," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "No single organization should monopolize launch services. For the first time in almost a decade, our nation has an opportunity very soon to compete launch services and leverage the commercial space launch market to drive down costs and improve our resiliency."

This opportunity for competition comes when the Air Force is focusing on making every dollar count.

"A little over a year ago, the Air Force awarded a contract to (United Launch Alliance) for a block buy, which allowed us to drive down costs for the (fiscal year 2013 to 2017) ULA launch orders," James said. "ULA produced a tremendous success record for us through the years and has been the foundation of our assured access to space for the last 10 years. The block buy provides us more affordable pricing to continue that track record as we transition to



SCOTT ASH

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Gen. John Hyten, commander of Air Force Space Command, testify before the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee in Washington, D.C., April 29.

full competition."

James stated assured access to space must remain the nation's top priority, especially with increased threats and potential adversaries within the space arena.

"While our combatant and theater commanders have fully realized how fundamental space-based effects have become to every military operation in the world, our potential adversaries have been watching and working to challenge those very capabilities," said Gen. John Hyten, commander of Air Force Space Command. "We must be ready to respond to any threat, and we're doing just that. With today's national reliance on space capability, assured access has gone from important to imperative."

keep the cost-competitive Atlas in play until we have this fully developed domestic alternative," James said. "There are opportunities to reduce the time and costs by leveraging ongoing industry activities."

Using existing technology, companies have the opportunity to begin developing a domestic rocket engine. The Air Force is confident these engines will be developed by 2019. There would be a requirement to fully integrate that engine to an accompanying launch vehicle, a process that would likely take two years.

"Remember, this will give us an engine, and an engine alone will not launch us into space," James said. "Transitioning the engine to a fully

This access relies heavily on the Atlas V, the less expensive option to the Delta IV. The Air Force is seeking to continue to use of the RD-180 until other companies compete for the engine and launch vehicle capabilities. The Air Force made significant progress in this realm, as one company, Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX), is on track to receive its certification to conduct national security space launches using its Falcon 9 rocket this summer.

"If adopted, this proposal will allow us the flexibility to

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Healthy living:

Health Expo gives exercise, nutrition tips

By Amber Baillie
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Airmen sampled healthy snacks, participated in fitness classes and competed in a brush truck pull at the Academy's second Health and Fitness Expo May 1.

The event, hosted by the 10th Force Support Squadron, took place at the base fitness center and included over 15 information booths, a three-mile run, free massages and agility tests to promote comprehensive fitness.

"We want to connect Airmen to resources to make them healthy and stay healthy," said Dave Gray, sports director for the 10th FSS. "Vendors today offer information on mental, physical and social health which is what we're trying to target."

Representatives from the 10th FSS's Airman and Family Readiness Center, Outdoor Recreation, a popular health food market, and the Academy commissary, passed out program flyers, group fitness schedules, fruit and more to advocate health and wellness.

"We want Airmen and retirees to know we're here for them," said the commissary manager, Diana Robles. "We want them to know they can purchase half of a food item at our store instead of

a whole one, such as half of a lettuce head instead of a whole one."

Health tips at Robles' table included looking for whole-grain ingredients on food labels such as whole wheat, oat, rye and oatmeal and limiting added sugars in one's diet, such as high fructose corn syrup, sucrose and syrup.

"One small step can make a difference to your health,"

she said.

Interns from the Academy's Human Performance Laboratory allowed attendees to test the Fit-Light, a visual training exercise to improve hand-eye coordination.

"It's a way for individuals or an athletic team to rise above their competition," said Stephen Martin, alab intern. "The goal is to broaden your peripheral vision, so your eyes match your physical ability. Precision and reaction time is essential for athletes. The women's tennis team here visits the lab twice a week to enhance their performance."

Attendees participated in Pilates, Zumba and spin classes. Six teams of Airmen competed in the brush truck pull.

Competitors from the 10th Surgical Operations Squadron took first place, pulling the truck across the finish line just under 16 seconds.

"We want to connect Airmen to resources to make them healthy and stay healthy."

Dave Gray



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Airmen compete in a brush truck pull at the Academy's Health and Fitness Expo here May 1. Airmen assigned to the 10th Surgical Operations Squadron took first place in the pull, pulling the truck across the finish line in just less than 16 seconds.



Women dance in a Zumba class here May 1, during the Academy's Health and Fitness Expo.

Protecting Ironweed

Senior Airman Ronnie Nunes, a 10th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, starts a prescribed burn in a field near Academy Station number two on Academy Drive April 30. The burn was conducted to protect an endangered species of plant known as Plains Ironweed. The burn cleared about one acre of Smooth Brome, a grass competing with the Ironweed. The burn was coordinated between the Academy's 10th CES and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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Secretary of the Air Force to speak at cadet graduation

U.S. Air Force Academy
Public Affairs

Deborah Lee James, the secretary of the Air Force, will be the commencement speaker for the Air Force Academy's Class of 2015 graduation ceremony May 28 at Falcon Stadium.

James is responsible for the Air Force and oversees its annual budget of more than \$110 billion.

She has 30 years of homeland and national security experience in the federal government and private sector.

James served as president of Science Applications International Corporation's Technical and Engineering Sector, where she was responsible for 8,700 employees and over \$2 billion in



Deborah Lee James

revenue.

She last visited the Academy April 16, when she spoke to cadets about sexual assault awareness during the Academy's second annual Take Back the Night event.

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Members of the Tuskegee Airmen pose with Air Force Academy cadets and faculty during a luncheon honoring the Tuskegee Airmen here Tuesday.

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MIKE KAPLAN

Tuskegee Airmen honored

By Airman 1st Class Rachel Hammes
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Academy held a ceremony honoring the Tuskegee Airmen in Arnold Hall Tuesday.

Ret. Lt. Col. James H. Harvey III, the only original Tuskegee Airman to attend, said events like this are important because the Tuskegee Airmen received so little attention after World War II.

“We weren’t supposed to exist,” he said. “We weren’t supposed to graduate from Tuskegee University — we did. We weren’t supposed to be successful — we were. We were too successful. We didn’t get any recognition after the war.”

The ceremony involved a wreath dedication by Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, Maj. Gen. Stayce Harris, commander of the 22nd Air Force and Harvey. The wreath was originally meant to be laid over the grave of retired Lt. Col. Clarence Shivers, a Tuskegee Airman who sculpted the Tuskegee memorial in the Honor Court here. Due to bad weather, the ceremony was moved indoors.

Cadet 3rd Class Montreal Johnson, the emcee for the ceremony, said interactions with Tuskegee Airmen are motivating for cadets.

“It’s good to gather them here with the cadets, because it inspires us to achieve that kind of legacy and history,” he said. “Having them here brings so much pride into what we do, and gives us a chance to remember why we came to the Academy. It’s intimidating to see what the Tuskegee Airmen have accomplished, but we all want to rise to that.”



An Air Force Academy cadet shakes hands with a Tuskegee Airman here Tuesday.



Tuskegee Airman retired Lt. Col. James H. Harvey III (left), Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson and Maj. Gen. Stayce Harris, commander of the 22nd Air Force, present a wreath to an Academy cadet in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen Tuesday.

Academy wins DARPA challenge

By Amy Gillentine
Office of Research

The Air Force Academy won the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's Innovation Challenge for the second year in a row, Academy officials said Wednesday.

Lt. Col. Tim Jung, an Academy aeronautical engineering professor, led a team of 10 cadets who won the challenge with their design of a micro air vehicle that can sniff out chemical concentration levels in an explosive cloud.

"There are countries that have stockpiles of chemical weapons," said Dr. Jim Solti, the Academy's chief scientist. "We can't target those stockpiles because we can't say for sure it won't release a poisonous cloud that will drift and harm U.S. forces or civilians."

The research team started to solve this problem by creating a micro air vehicle and delivery system that deployed from a canister. The canister releases hundreds of sensors in waves so a significant portion of the poisonous cloud is covered.

"That's really what's innovative," Jung said. "If we know exactly where the cloud is, we can deploy them quickly. If we don't have very precise information, we can deploy (the micro air vehicles) slowly."

It's the second year Academy cadets have worked to find the right solution to measuring chemicals after explosions, a problem the DOD has tackled for years.

"Currently, we fly a single drone inside and it measures very little," Solti said. "It could miss all the chemicals completely. It's like taking a soda straw-size sampling of a football field and saying you know the exact makeup of the football field, based on that single sample."

Known as the Sensing Unguided Recon Gliders, or SURG, the team competed against two other Academy teams and teams from the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy.

DARPA officials designed the Innovation Competition to challenge cadets and midshipmen at the military academies to solve perplexing problems with innovative solutions.

"We were surprised when we won," Jung said.

"There were teams that had some really excellent engineering. Our solution met the criteria. It was beneficial to the warfighter and innovative. I had a great team of cadets this year – the right mix of fun and really hard work. They fully embraced this project."

Next year, Jung plans to have cadets design parachutes for the gliders so gusts of wind can't blow them off course.

"They're unguided," he said. "So wind can blow them out of the cloud and they can hit each other. We want them to be inside the cloud, sampling the air. I'm thinking some sort of parachute could help them glide more smoothly."

Last year, Lt. Col. A.J. Rolling, an Academy assistant professor of aeronautics, and his cadet team won for the challenge a patented engine-and-wing design for aircraft that could save millions in fuel costs by redirecting excess air into the engine, increasing thrust while also reducing drag.

The cadet researchers are Cadets 1st Class Alex Carlson, Bobby Larson, Dan Putney, Andrew Miller, Ryan Lynch, Richard States, Ian Day, Josh Castagnetta, Dylan Juedeman and Aaron Macy.

Public Service Recognition Week ends Sat.

By Master Sgt. Les Waters
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force is honoring its civilian Airmen, as part of the weeklong Public Service Recognition Week.

PSRW is a nation-wide campaign to recognize people who serve the nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. "There is no doubt we could not accom-

plish what we do around the world without our civilian Airmen," said Chief Master of the Air Force James A. Cody. "They epitomize the spirit of creativity and innovation, and they address incredible challenges in defense of our nation. They deserve our gratitude this week, and every week."

Civilian Airmen are enabled to perform all government functions with the exception of command

of military forces. This includes things like direction and control of intelligence, crafting budgets and strategies, developing cutting edge technologies, maintaining aircraft, training new Airmen and teaching them the technical skills required for their jobs, humanitarian relief mission support. Performing these roles allows uniformed Airmen to be focused on warfighting.

"We are not motivated by fame or

money, but a desire to serve our country," said Patricia Zarodkiewicz, the administrative assistant to the secretary of the Air Force. "Too few Americans see the federal government as an incubator for innovation and discovery. The Air Force is an organization that embodies innovation, agility, and adaptability. Interestingly, one-fourth of Nobel Prize winners have been federal employees."

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- 4. Cuneiform writing
- 10. Dekaliter
- 11. Groaned
- 12. For instance
- 14. Wave in spanish
- 15. Arabian gulf
- 16. Written in red
- 18. Denouncements
- 22. Eat one's heart out
- 23. Survive longer than
- 24. Take priority over
- 26. Foreign service
- 27. Russian king (alt. sp.)
- 28. Stinkheads
- 30. Old name for

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Admiral
- 2. Mouth secretion
- 3. Afterbirth
- 4. Initials of "Bullitt" star
- 5. Family crest
- 6. Forearm bone
- 7. Unable to move
- 8. Loss due to a rule infraction
- 9. Touchdown
- 12. Accordingly
- 13. Spiritual teacher
- 17. A bridal mouthpiece

Tokyo
31. Box (abbr.)
34. Red rock in Australia
36. Not old

- 19. Dress up garishly
- 20. Cleverly avoid
- 21. S.E. Asia goat antelope
- 25. Fla. state dessert
- 29. Popular legume
- 31. Two-die gambling
- 37. Enlarge hole
- 39. Difficulty walking
- 40. The high point of something
- 41. 101
- 42. Hunting expeditions
- 48. Unusual appearing ghostly figure
- 50. Without civilizing influences
- 51. Heartbeat
- 52. Morning juice
- 53. Wicket
- 54. Head louse egg
- 55. 40th state
- 56. Pleasing to the eye (Scot.)
- 58. Nickname for an anorexic
- 59. Engaged in a game
- 60. Household god (Roman)

- 41. Jamestown was the 1st English
- 43. Fine meal made from cereal grain
- 44. Incarnation
- 45. Norse goddess of the sea
- 46. Ignores or snubs (slang)
- 47. Tiny glass bubble
- 49. Chinese mahogany genus
- 56. Deepwater Horizon Co.
- 57. -, denotes past game
- 32. Easily annoyed (alt. sp.)
- 33. Khoikhoi peoples
- 35. Cyclic
- 38. Flavor of Newport cigarettes

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Women's rugby

Academy Intramural Rugby Team places 2nd in qualifier

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy's Intramural Women's Rugby Team placed second in the Rocky Mountain Regional 7s qualifier here May 1 and Saturday. The Academy team took the pitch in honor of 1st Lt. Laura Piper, an Academy graduate whose helicopter was mistakenly shot down over Iraq in 1994. Brigham Young University won the qualifier, which also featured Utah State University, CSU, Montana State University and Western Colorado State University.

An Academy player tries to take the ball during a match against Utah State University at the Rocky Mountain Regional 7s qualifier here Saturday.



LEFT: A Utah State University rugby player finds herself surrounded by Academy players Saturday.

BELOW: An Academy women's intramural rugby athlete makes a pass in a match against Utah State University here.



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Academy bandsman spans cultures

By Airman 1st Class Rachel Hammes
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

There are many ties spanning the ocean between the U.S. and Australia, such as sharing a mother language, supporting each other in every major conflict since World War I — and Senior Airman Benjamin Sampson, a trumpet player with the U.S. Air Force Academy Band.

“I’m a dual citizen. My father is from Boston,” Sampson said. “I was born and raised in Australia, but we celebrated Thanksgiving and the 4th of July. I feel like the countries are similar, and being in the U.S. Air Force I feel like I’m supporting my grandfather and my uncle, who both fought alongside the U.S. military in World War II and Vietnam. I don’t feel far removed from Australia in that sense.”

Sampson originally came to the U.S. to study jazz in the Indiana State University master’s program. While there, he met his wife, now-Senior Airman Kristin Cazenave,

who enlisted in the Air Force after graduating and joined the band at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. After he finished some doctoral coursework at the University of Illinois-Champaign, he applied for and accepted a trumpet position in the Air Force Band.

Sampson said joining the military has changed who he is for the better.

“I’m more focused on my fitness than I was before,” he said. “I’m setting more long-term goals, with family and also financially. It’s taught me how to work hard.”

While Sampson was in Basic Military Training, the jazz band he was supposed to join was shut down, and he was transferred to a classical music band.

“I can play classical music pretty well, but being in that environment with such a great group of classical musicians really helped to strengthen the classical side of my playing,” he said. “Everyone is a fantastic musician, and they hold each other to a high level of musicianship. You’re always growing in



COURTESY PHOTO

Senior Airman Benjamin Sampson is a trumpet player with the Air Force Academy Band.

some sense.”

Master Sgt. Jason Crowe, group leader of The Falconaires in the Air Force Academy Band, said Sampson’s trumpet playing showcases the Air Force both in the U.S. and around the world.

“His exceptional talents as a soloist in The Falconaires give our audiences a glimpse into the level of Air Force personnel talent; not just in our bands, but across all career fields, officer and enlisted,” he said.

Crowe said Sampson’s musical abilities and his dual citizenship give him a unique perspective and

ability to bond with people from different cultures.

Sampson said he is grateful to be able to do what he loves, and to inspire and raise morale at the same time.

“It’s great to be able to do something worthwhile, especially when we get to play for veterans and people who support the military,” he said. “When I get up and play and see the patriotism that’s so prevalent in this country, I feel proud to be American. At the same time, knowing the histories of the two countries, I feel proud to be Australian.”

Carter urges senators to support stable defense budget

By Cheryl Pellerin
Defense Department News

WASHINGTON — Slashed budgets and high worldwide demand for U.S. military forces have created an unbalanced defense program taking on increasingly greater risks, Defense Secretary Ash Carter told a Senate panel Wednesday.

The secretary testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee’s defense subcommittee on the Defense Department’s fiscal year 2016 budget request. Joining him was Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“Over the past three fiscal years, the DOD has taken more than three-quarters of a trillion dollars in cuts to its future-years defense spending,” Carter said.

The frequently sudden and unpredictable timing and nature of the cuts and continued uncertainty over sequestration have made the stresses greater, he added, forcing the DOD to make a series of incremental, inefficient decisions.

A Tumultuous World

“Even as budgets have dropped precipitously, our forces have been responding to unexpectedly high demand from a tumultuous world,” the secretary said.

Carter said he believes the result is an unbalanced defense program.

“We’ve been forced to prioritize force structure and readiness over modernization, taking on risks in capabilities and infrastructure that are far too great,” he added.

“High demands on smaller force structure mean the equipment and capabilities of too many components of the military are growing too old, too fast — from our nuclear deterrent



Defense Secretary Ash Carter

“While this approach clearly recognizes that the budget total we’ve requested is needed, the avenue it takes is just as clearly a road to nowhere,” Carter said, explaining that President Barack Obama has said he won’t accept a budget that locks in sequestration going forward, as this approach does.

“And he won’t accept a budget that severs the link between our national security and economic security,” the secretary added, “[so] legislation that implements this budget framework will ... be subject to veto.”

If the DOD and Congress don’t find a different path by fall when a budget is needed, Carter said, the department will again have to make hasty and drastic decisions.

‘Holding the Bag’

“The Joint Chiefs and I are concerned that if our congressional committees continue to advance this idea and don’t explore alternatives we’ll all be left holding the bag,” Carter said, adding that the OCO approach does nothing to reduce the deficit.

“Most importantly,” he said, “because it doesn’t provide a stable multi-year budget hori-

zontal, temporary costs of overseas conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere.

to our tactical forces,” Carter told the panel. The secretary said in recent weeks some in Congress have tried to give the DOD its full fiscal year 2016 budget request by transferring funds from the base budget into DOD accounts for overseas contingency operations, or OCO, meant to fund the incremental, temporary costs of overseas conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere.

zontal, this one-year approach is managerially unsound and unfairly dispiriting to our force. Our military personnel and their families deserve to know their future more than just one year at a time — and not just them.”

Defense industry partners also need stability and longer-term plans to be efficient and cutting-edge, Carter said, “[and] ... as a nation we need to base our defense budgeting on a long-term military strategy, and that’s not a one-year project.”

Such a funding approach reflects a narrow way of looking at national security, the secretary said.

Year-to-year funding “ignores the vital contributions made by the State Department, the Justice Department, the Treasury Department and the Homeland Security Department,” he said.

And it disregards the enduring long-term connection between the nation’s security and factors like supporting the U.S. technological edge with scientific research and development, educating a future all-volunteer military force, and bolstering the general economic strength of the nation, Carter said.

“Finally, the secretary said, “I’m also concerned that how we deal with the budget is being watched by the rest of the world, by our friends and potential foes alike. It could give a misleadingly diminished picture of America’s great strength and resolve.”

A Better Solution

To create a better solution than the one now being considered, he said, “I hope we can come together for a longer-term, multi-year agreement that provides the budget stability we need by locking in defense and nondefense budget levels consistent with the president’s request.”

Carter pledged his personal support and that of the department to this effort, and, he told the panel, “I would like to work with each of you, as well as other leaders and members of Congress, to this end.”

LACROSSE

Navy slips by Air Force, 9-8



Athletic Communications

Navy's Colin Flounlacker scored the game-winner with 39 seconds left to lift the Midshipmen to a 9-8 win over Air Force game, Saturday, at Falcon Stadium.

Air Force lacrosse closed out the 2015 season with an 8-7 overall record.

The match the first meeting between the two academies since 2003 and the first ever in Colorado.

LEFT: Sophomore Austin Smith advances the ball with Navy defender Matt Rees in chase. Air Force outshot Navy, 36-27, including an 11-4 advantage in the fourth quarter, Saturday at Falcon Stadium.

BELOW: Freshman Nick Hruby fights for control of the ball. Hruby scored his 23rd goal of the season with an outside shot.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Senior Grant Taylor takes home top honors at awards ceremony



By Athletic Communications

Senior Grant Taylor took home the most valuable player award, along with three awards at the team's annual awards ceremony Tuesday night.

Along with being named MVP, Taylor took home the Lightning Bolt Award for most wins with 24, the most improved player award and the Rich Gugat Attitude is everything Award.

Max Olson took home the Human Performance Lab Falcon Award while Jack McCullers was named team captain for the 2015-16 season.

The Falcons reached 10 wins for the sixth straight year, including a win over Army West Point and are now 4-1 against the Black Knights. The Falcons had regional wins over Northern Colorado, Weber State and Northern Arizona and set new attendance records at home matches this season. The Falcons had two All-Mountain West Conference players in Grant Taylor (singles and doubles) and Lucas Fumagalli (doubles).

Taylor became the first Air Force player in MW history to earn three all-conference doubles honors and is only the fifth Falcon to earn both singles and doubles recognition in the MW in the same year.

"Grant had a career at Air Force that few players in our history have had," said head coach Dan Oosterhous. "The improvements he made in four years are remarkable and he has set a high standard for our future players to aspire to achieve."

Senior Grant Taylor won the most valuable player award at the team's annual awards ceremony.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Rizvi, Forlini earn top honors at tennis banquet

Athletic Communications

Senior team captain Natasha Rizvi was named the team's most valuable player while sophomore Chloe Forlini earned the team's Fighting Falcon Award and the Lightning Bolt Award at the team's end of season banquet Tuesday.

Rizvi earned team MVP honors for the second straight season, recording an 18-17 overall singles record, including a 12-10 mark in dual matches at number one singles. She is the winningest player in school history with 170 career combined wins in singles and doubles. She also broke the combined dual wins record with 121.

Forlini finished the season with a 61-22 combined singles and doubles record while becoming a member of the 30/20 club for singles and doubles win. Forlini set the school record for most singles wins in a season with a 33-9 mark, breaking the school record set in 1994 by All-American Laura Simmons. Forlini was a team-best 28-13 in doubles action. She also earned academic all-conference honors.



LEFT: Senior Natasha Rizvi earned team MVP honors for the second straight season at the award's banquet Tuesday.

BELOW: Sophomore Chloe Forlini earned the team's Fighting Falcon Award and the Lightning Bolt Award at the end of the season award's banquet.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS

MEN'S GOLF

Air Force wraps up play at Mtn. West Championships

Athletic Communications

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Air Force golf team finished 10th at the 2015 Mountain West Championships Sunday on the Catalina Course at the OMNI Tucson National in Arizona.

The Falcons shot a 299 in the final round to finish the conference meet with a 54-hole total of 886 (296-291-299, 34 over).

Freshman Sutton Farmer carded a two-over par score of 73 to lead the Falcons during the final 18 holes. Junior Michael Fan posted his best round of the tournament on Sunday (74, three-over), while freshman Todd Millard tallied a final round score of 75 (+4). Farmer, Fan and Millard each accounted for three birdies during the third round. Sophomore Sunwoo Choi scored a six-over par 77 on the final 18, while senior Blake Edwards rounded out the Falcons' lineup with a 12-over 83.

Farmer recorded Air Force's top finish at the conference meet, placing 29th with a three-round total of 220 (72-75-73, seven over). Choi and Millard tied for 30th with matching eight-over par scores of 221 (Choi: 74-70-77, Millard: 75-71-75), while Fan and Edwards finished 50th (76-78-74, 15 over) and 54th (75-75-83, 20 over), respectively.

Choi accounted for 37 pars during the tournament's 54 holes, which was ranked fourth amongst all 55 golfers in the field. Farmer added 34 over the three rounds — a tally that was tied for seventh.

San Diego State, ranked 32nd in the Golfstat standings, fired a nine-under 275 in the final



U.S. AIR FORCE

Sophomore Sunwoo Choi scored a six-over par 77 on the final 18 at the 2015 Mountain West Championships Sunday at the OMNI Tucson National in Arizona.

round to claim the MW title with a 17-under total of 835, number 31 UNLV, who entered the day with an eight stroke lead over the field, finished second with a 16-under 836, while Nevada finished third with a 10-under 842. No. 22 New Mexico (843, nine under) and Colorado State (865, 13 over) rounded out the top five, while Boise State (872, 20 over), San Jose State (874, 22 over), Wyoming (881, 29 over), Utah State (884, 32 over), Air Force (886, 34 over) and Fresno State (889, 37 over) completed the championship field.

UNLV's Kurt Kitayama claimed individual honors with an 11-under total of 202.

TRACK AND FIELD

Grant Hamilton earns MW Athlete of the Week award

Athletic Communications

Air Force junior Grant Hamilton was named the Mountain West Men's Outdoor Field Athlete of the Week, the conference office announced Tuesday.

It is the first such award for the Idaho, Okla., native.

Hamilton recorded a career-best distance of 183'1" in the discus throw — the second-best mark in Academy history — to finish third in the collegiate standings of the Rock Chalk Classic on Saturday. Improving his own distance by more than 10 feet on his opening throw, Hamilton became the fourth thrower in program history to surpass the 180-foot barrier and is now eight inches shy of the Academy record.

His mark of 183'1", which leads the conference by nearly three feet, is ranked 21st in the West Region and 44th in the NCAA.

Hamilton, the sixth different Falcon to earn MW Athlete of the Week honors (10 occasions) this season, shared the conference's Tuesday honor with Boise State's Jordin Andrade (men's track athlete of the week) and Emma Bates (women's track athlete of the week), and San Jose State's Nicole Iloanya (women's field athlete of the week).

Air Force closes out the regular season today when it hosts the annual Air Force Twilight Open at the Academy's Cadet Outdoor Track and Field Complex. Action is slated to begin at 1:30 p.m.



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Awards

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10th Air Base Wing recipients:

Airman of the Quarter: Airman 1st Class Heather Smith, 10th Security Forces Squadron

Senior NCO of the Quarter: Master Sgt. Ivette Walter, 10th Medical Operations Squadron

Category I Civilian of the Quarter: Christopher Blevins, 10th SFS

Cadet Wing recipients:

NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Janaea Warner, military trainer

Officer of the Quarter: Capt. Heather Morris, clinical psychologist

Dean of Faculty recipient:

Category II Civilian of the Quarter: Ismenia De Souza, Portuguese and Spanish language professor

Athletic Department recipient:

Joshua Grieser, Cadet Fitness Center director

Falcon Team Selections Division recipient:

Academy Admissions Directorate

Air Force Academy Honor guard recipients:

Senior Airman Mark Taylor, Staff Sgt. Marshawn Walker, Master Sgt. William Shaffner and Capt. Joshua Miller



Col. Kevin Lamberth (left), the Air Force Academy's vice superintendent, and Chief Master Sgt. Max Grindstaff, the Academy's command chief, stand with a group of 1st Quarter quarterly awards winners April 30, at the Falcon Club. These Airmen were recognized for their outstanding efforts at the 1st Quarter Awards Luncheon here.

PHOTOS BY MIKE KAPLAN



Col. Kevin Lamberth (left), the Air Force Academy's vice superintendent, and Chief Master Sgt. Max Grindstaff, the Academy's command chief, stand with a group of 1st Quarter quarterly awards winners April 30, at the Falcon Club.

Space

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integrated, tested and certified capability will take longer than that. This is the consensus of experts across the space enterprise — therefore our partnership with industry must also expand beyond the propulsion system to the launch system.”

The Air Force recognizes there will be challenges, but is optimistic about what new technologies and capabilities will be implemented through competition.

“We support the introduction of competition as soon as possible,” Hyten said. “We’re on the verge of that right now, and we must maintain a healthy space launch industrial base.”

This competition, he said, will aid in rapid independence from the RD-180, and a more robust rocket engine and launch vehicle industry. These advances may determine the mission success of posturing for defense and space situational awareness,

key mission areas for AFSPC and the joint space community.

“A lot of what we’ve been talking about here is technology, but technology alone will not put our nation on a sure footing in space,” James said. “A sure footing for our nation ultimately depends on our people, and I just want to take a moment and say ‘thank you’ to the tens of thousands of Airmen and the joint force across the world that is making this happen for us today.”



Asian-American/Pac. Islander heritage

May is Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The theme of the event is "Many Cultures, One Voice."

Educational displays in the McDermott Cadet Library, Community Center library and the 10th Medical Group lobby will feature historical information, artifacts and books.

An Asian-American and Pacific Islander book reading and learning event is scheduled 4-4:30 p.m., May 20, at the Falcon Trail You Center.

Call 333-4400 or 333-5416 for more information.

Cadet Sponsor Program

The Air Force Academy's Class of 2019 is due to arrive June 25. The Academy is looking for volunteer sponsor families to build a professional mentoring relationship and provide a home-away-from-home for the cadets.

Eligible sponsors are captains and above, technical sergeants and above and Government Schedule employees GS-05 and above.

Cadets are scheduled to meet their sponsors at the Doolie Day Out event July 18th. The deadline to sign up for the Doolie Day Out event is July 2.

Sponsors may also sign up for academic year sponsorship if they are unable to participate in this one-day event. The Academy will take requests to sponsor cadets for the academic year (through grad year) no later

than August 14th. Visit www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetSponsor for more information or call 333-2727.

Women's Equality Day

Volunteers are needed for the Air Force Academy's Women's Equality Day. A volunteer meeting is scheduled at 3 p.m., May 15 in the Community Center Chapel community room.

For more information or to volunteer, call 333-5661.

Military retiree lunch

The Military Retiree Activities office has scheduled a lunch noon Thursday at the Peterson Air Force Base Club. Lunch will be followed by the monthly council meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Call 573-4078 for more information.

10th FSS events

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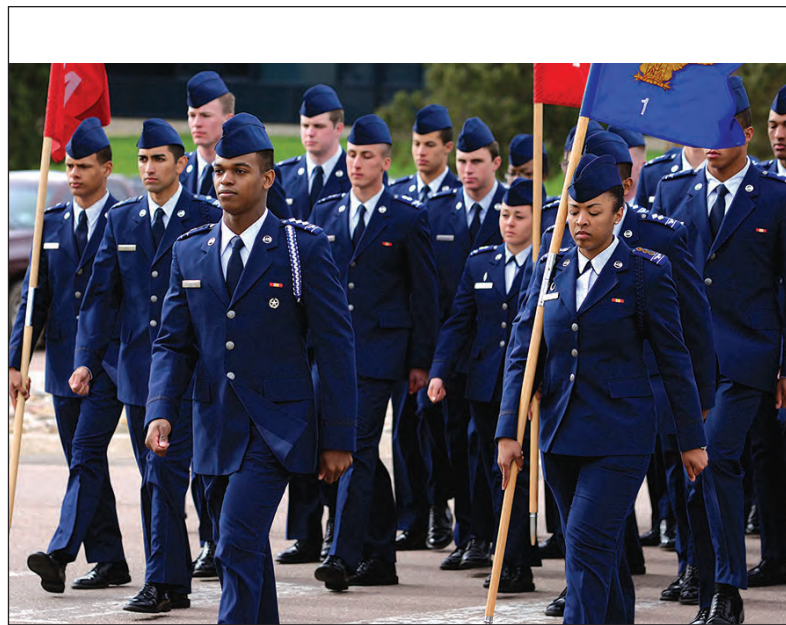
• Glass Fusing: Saturday. The \$45 fee includes materials to make several pieces. Call

333-4579 for more information.

• Single Airman Program: Matting and Framing class, Wednesday, Laser Tag, Thursday. For more information or to sign up, call 333-4475.

Academy roadwork

All four lanes of North Gate Boulevard will open Sunday and stay open through the cadet graduation ceremony May 28.



Academy Prep School Graduation

The U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School graduation is 9 a.m., May 19 in Arnold Hall.

Other Prep School events: Baccalaureate Service, 6-5:15 p.m., May 17, at the Community Center Chapel; Graduation Parade at Black Memorial Field, 8-9 a.m., May 18; Hall of Fame induction and awards ceremony, 1-2:30 p.m., May 18, in Arnold Hall.

Schedule of Worship



Cadet Chapel

BUDDHIST

Service: Sunday, 10 a.m.
Meditation: Thursday, 6:20 p.m.

PROTESTANT

Combined Service: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC

Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.
Daily Mass: Mon. - Thurs., 5:30 p.m.
Confession: Sunday, 9 a.m.
Adoration Confession, Wednesday, 4:30-5:20 p.m.

JEWISH

Shabbat, 7 p.m., Kiddush dinner, 7:45 p.m.

MUSLIM

Jumah Prayers, Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Community Center Chapel

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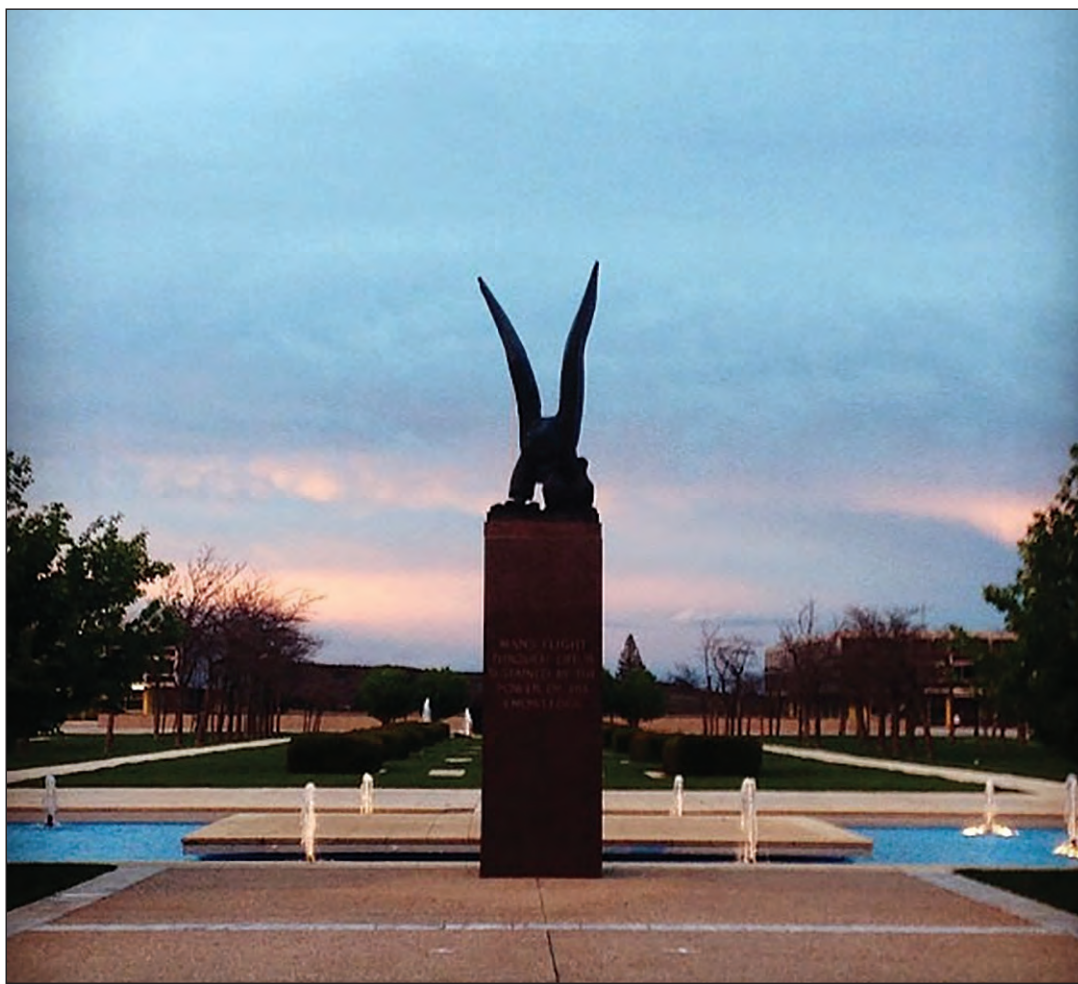
Mass: Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m.
Tuesday - Friday, 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICE

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