AFA repeats ‘Best in the West’ ranking in 2011 Best Colleges

The Air Force Academy received “Best in the West” ranking for the fourth-straight year in U.S. News and World Report’s 2011 Best Colleges rankings released Aug. 17.

The Academy also earned second place in the nation for best undergraduate engineering specialties of aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering, No. 5 in best undergraduate engineering program where doctorate degrees are not offered, No. 8 in best undergraduate engineering specialties of electrical, electronic and communications, and No. 10 in best undergraduate engineering program of mechanical.

Additionally, the Academy’s management program rated No. 9 among undergraduate business programs and was No. 1 among programs offering only an undergraduate degree.

“This recognition is a direct reflection of both our committed faculty and our top-notch cadets, and it validates our learning-focused approach to teaching,” said Academy Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born. “Specifically, our engineering and management programs were again highlighted as being among the very best in the nation. This recognition helps affirm that the Air Force Academy is preparing our nation’s future Air Force officers to become leaders of character in our ever-changing world.”


Weekly Weather

FRIDAY
High 86
Low 54
Partly cloudy

SATURDAY
High 86
Low 54
Isolated T-storms

SUNDAY
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Airman see, Airman do

By Chief Master Sgt. Atticus Smith
388th Fighter Wing

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFNS) — “Put your hat on! PUT YOUR HAT ON NOW!”

The senior NCO’s voice sent chills through my body. Without thinking, I checked myself to ensure I was within standards.

This was the start of an inside look into Air Force Basic Military Training, where my good friend, Master Sgt. John Stott, served as a military training instructor. It was day four of training, and he was “pushing” his first flight. Forty-six trainees were beginning their transformation to become Airmen. Sergeant Stott had the tough responsibility to lead that transformation.

The surroundings haven’t changed much but the training certainly has: trainees carrying their mock M-16s, mud and sweat on their tired faces. The Airman’s Creed was posted in several areas, no doubt an obligation to memorize. Although only in day four, Sergeant Stott’s trainees recited our creed without fail. Everywhere we went, sounds of MTIs enforcing standards were heard…development in action, one of the Air Force’s five priorities.

How intimated a person is with each priority varies, but the majority of our force is involved with our Airmen’s development. I was impressed with my visit. MTIs dedicate their lives to properly developing our future Airmen. In my opinion, the MTIs produce professional Airmen who are proud, committed, motivated and excited to be called an Airman. However, this contradicts many statements often recited our creed without fail. Everywhere we went, sounds of training occurs.

A new Airman reports to work, stands at modified parade rest, and the NCO or senior NCO says, “relax, you don’t need to do that.” This immediately lowers their standards. We’d rather forget about the discipline and formalities, because apparently that’s how the “real Air Force” operates.

Today, some supervisors tend not to enforce standards, and they accept mediocrity because they don’t want to be too tough on their Airmen. Some supervisors don’t support members of their own unit. Many find themselves “too busy” to attend formal events and ceremonies. If our Airmen see that they’re not cared about, what makes you think they’ll care about you?

Today, many supervisors blatantly undermine core programs. Statements such as “forget everything you learned in technical school” (or First Term Airman Center or Airman Leadership School or NCO Academy), sends an inappropriate message. Today’s seasoned supervisors often complain about how the Air Force operates and don’t fully accept the warrior ethos mindset.

For younger Airmen, especially all that volunteered to serve after 9/11, it’s the only Air Force they know, so they don’t understand why their leaders complain.

These examples are not what we want our Airmen mirroring.

Whether or not you supervise Airmen, the image you project either sets the tone for success or is a detriment to effective operations. In the context of developing our Airmen, we can ill afford to project or accept an undisciplined, lackadaisical or uncaring force.

How’s your image?

Bring credit and honor to the Air Force and take care of all your actions.
36 Airmen selected for staff sergeant

Thirty-six senior airmen here were selected for promotion to staff sergeant, the Academy’s Director of Personnel announced Thursday.

Air Force-wide, 13,518 senior airmen were selected for promotion out of 28,510 eligible for a selection rate of 47 percent, according to the Air Force Personnel Announcements. 10th Force Support Squadron

Selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date.

Selected for staff sergeant are Senior Airmen:

Andrea Anderson, 10th Surgical Operations Squadron
Maria Barrett, 10th Medical Operations Squadron
Landon Baugh, 10th Security Forces Squadron
Sarrah Brion, 10th Force Support Squadron
Stephanie Brosius, 10th Security Forces Squadron
Christopher Cable, 10th Security Forces Squadron
Anthony Carter, 10th Communications Squadron
Barbara Coddington, 10th Dental Squadron
Wintana Dawkins, 10th Air Base Wing
Kathy Drabinowicz, Dean of Faculty Staff
Elmer Emeric, 306th Operations Support Squadron
Jaime Garcia, 10th Security Forces Squadron
Lonnee Ginn, Academy Directorate of Personnel
Anna Goslin, 10th Surgical Operations Squadron
Mark Goslin, 10th Surgical Operations Squadron
Katherine Guilk, 10th Surgical Operations Sq.
Heather Haddox, Judge Advocate Office
Marcus Hawkins, 10th Aerospace Medicine Sq.
Jacob Heine, 10th Security Forces Squadron
Timothy Hostetler, Financial Management Office

Yue Yan Huang, 10th Medical Support Squadron
Daniel Joseph, 10th Surgical Operations Squadron
Jake Leska, 10th Medical Support Squadron
Joseph Lindstrom, 10th Communications Squadron
Nicole Longwell, 10th Civil Engineer Squadron
Kalen Mack, 10th Medical Operations Squadron
Rick Michaelinos, 10th Security Forces Squadron
Jason Penrod, Commandant of Cadets Staff
Methergin Ragasa, 10th Surgical Operations Sq.
Ismael Ramirez, 10th Medical Operations Squadron
Lillian Rios, 10th Medical Operations Squadron
Guillermo Salazar, 10th Medical Support Squadron
John Salinas, 10th Civil Engineer Squadron
Daniel Sims, 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Tracy Sims, Cadet Chapel Staff
Joel Vail, 10th Medical Operations Squadron

Native American educators tour AFA

Rose Marie McGuire (left, foreground), manager of the Denver Public Schools’ Indian Education Program, shakes hands with Cadet 2nd Class Fallynne Henderson during a tour of the Air Force Academy Aug. 13. Also on the tour were Indian Education Program staff members Donna Stands Overhull (back, left) and Jerry Lassos (back, right).

The guests visited the Academy to learn about higher-education opportunities that exist for Native American students here.

Photo: Brettiner
Recycling initiative helps housing go green

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Families living in Forest City Housing can earn rewards while helping the Air Force Academy get a little greener through Forest City’s new recycling program.

Housing residents can earn rewards based on the weight of recyclable material they place in their bins if they fully participate in the program, said Amanda Bailey, Forest City’s community manager.

“We’re extremely excited to roll this program out,” she said. “This gives residents a good incentive to go green in conjunction with Forest City and our Air Force Academy partners.

Each pound of recyclable material is worth 2½ points, which residents can apply toward discounts at local stores by visiting www.recyclebank.com, Ms. Bailey said.

Housing management began working to establish a recycling program about six months ago.

“We needed to bring in a program to enhance Forest City’s part in the Academy’s ‘Falcon Eyes’ effort,” she said. “We searched for a company that would support the Academy’s sustainability efforts.”

Forest City brought on Waste Connections of Colorado Inc., to manage recycling, bulk item disposal and trash removal services. Residents received new 96-gallon orange-and-gray recycling containers July 26, and recycled goods pickup began Aug. 3.

“One of the first things I noticed when I came in as community manager in November was that the recycle bins were small, had no lid and were not designed for the winds we get up here,” Ms. Bailey said. “Participation in the recycling program was minimal. A personal goal of mine was to provide a program suitable for our residents and the Air Force Academy.

The service is provided at no cost to housing residents. A microchip in each of the recycling canisters records how much recycled material residents have provided, Ms. Bailey said.

“I have never known a situation where they didn’t do everything they could to support the needs of the housing community,” Ms. Sieber said. 

Kelly Sieber, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron’s housing asset manager, said she’s impressed both with the new recycling program and Forest City’s overall performance.

“Overall, they’re excellent team players,” Ms. Sieber said. “I have never known a situation where they didn’t do everything they could to support the needs of the housing community.”

Ms. Sieber said the recycling program here, in addition to a similar program that started at Peterson Air Force Base in April, could set a precedent for how base housing communities conduct recycling programs.
Air Force CIO: Balance network security, utility

By Chuck Paone
66th Air Base Group Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFNS) — It’s critical to find the right balance between the security and utility of an information technology network, the Air Force’s chief information officer said here Aug. 13.

Speaking at a Hanscom Representatives Association luncheon, Lt. Gen. William T. Lord described that balancing act as one of “yin and yang,” a term from ancient Chinese philosophy that describes the interdependence of seemingly contrary forces.

Security without utility is of little value; and utility without security is far too dangerous, General Lord said. In harmony, however, the two provide an optimal operating environment, he said.

“We have to be able to put new devices — shiny new objects, as we’re sometimes accused of using — on a network that doesn’t care what the end-user device is,” the general said.

The key is to build a network that is flexible and resilient enough to handle whatever it’s being used for.

“It’s also important to protect not only the network, but also the work being done on the Internet,” he said, calling for efforts to broaden security concepts.

While network defense used to be focused almost exclusively on building and enhancing firewalls, he said more needs to be done.

“The enemy vector used to be banging away at our firewalls; they’re not any longer,” General Lord said. “The enemy is banging away at our applications.”

“We have over 19,000 (information technology) applications in the Air Force,” he said, noting that Electronic Systems Center’s IT Center of Excellence at Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex, Ala., examined about 200 of them. “All of them had (more than) 50 vulnerabilities.”

General Lord encouraged industry vendors to bring their proposed solutions for detecting and protecting against such vulnerabilities to ESC officials, noting that the center is where solutions can effectively be put into Air Force systems.

Industry officials should continue to “bring us your shiny new objects,” he said. “But when you do make sure you also tell us how we can integrate them onto an old infrastructure.”

And if that’s not possible, he said, tell Air Force officials how to upgrade the old infrastructure without having to lose capability during a transition.

“We need the network to be ready for today’s modern applications, but frankly one can’t slow up for the other,” he said. “When they do lane expansion out on I-95 here, they’re still doing it with two rush hours a day. We need to do the same thing.”

General Lord also implored industry officials to focus on what the Air Force return on its IT investment will be.

“That’s right. Shiny object and here’s what you get out of it, or here’s what you can give up with it — manpower, legacy applications that we have to maintain, etc.,” he said.

Determining what that return is can help solve a lot of problems, including the risk of running behind a rapidly evolving technology curve, he said, stressing that we need to avoid buying “yesterday’s technology tomorrow.”

“There are probably acquisition things that need to be fixed,” he said. “There are process things that need to be fixed. There are resource management things we need to fix.

“But I think when you bring the return on investment with new combat capability, that can be the catalyst that begins to help us fix things,” he said.
By Capt. Amy Cooper
3rd Air Force-United Kingdom

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England (AFNS) — The 3rd Air Force-United Kingdom director of legal services here was named the top Air Force judge advocate by officials from the American Bar Association.

Col. James Durant III accepted the 2010 Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award from Lt. Gen. Richard C. Harding, the Air Force Judge Advocate General, during the ABA’s annual meeting Aug. 6, at the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco.

According to the ABA’s website, the award is presented annually by the organization’s Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law to a judge advocate from each service who demonstrates “excellence in service to the legal profession in the armed service,” and provides service to the community.

“I’m humbled to receive such an honor,” Colonel Durant said. “But I know that we are not an accumulation of our achievements, but we’re products of our relationships, good and bad.”

Before coming to 3rd AF-UK, Colonel Durant was the deputy department head and assistant professor of law at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

At the Academy, he led 17 law professors teaching 4,120 lessons to 1,834 cadets.

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The Air Force Academy held its annual half-marathon and 10k runs on the New Santa Fe Regional Trail on base Saturday.


Caitlin Lynch had the fastest women’s time with 1:31:22 to win the 29-and-under bracket, followed by Anne Sibal with 1:33:18 and Ciare Bar with 1:36:24.

Eric Faires had the shortest time in the men’s 10k with 39:22, followed by Phillip Meyer with 40:57 and Francisco Serrano with 44:33. All three raced in the 29-and-under bracket. For the women, Lynn Egan placed first overall with 49:34, followed by Jessica Perry, who won the 30-39 women’s bracket in 49:48, and Elisabeth Staab, who finished second in the 29-and-under category with 50:57.
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Hall Theater Friday. Cadet Railey is assigned to Cadet Squadron 23.
field Barracks, Hawaii, and also served a tour in Af-
infantryman in the Army. He was stationed at Scho-
ey. According to his online biography, he was an
prevention.”
program “incorporates the core values of the specific
military branch, and utilizes these principles to em-
power military personnel to be allies in sexual assault
promotion.”
Mr. Sanders can draw on his military background
when performing at venues like the Air Force Acad-
emy in 2008. His career as a stage performer for Ca-
bachelor’s degree from Colorado Technical Univer-
After receiving an honorable discharge, he moved to
Chicago and completed the Second City Theater’s
conservatory program.
Ms. Kelly said in her introduction.
Teresa Beasley, the Academy’s sexual assault response coordinator,
said in her introduction.
In general, the doolies showed enthusiasm and a
willingness to follow the prompting of performers Amber Kelly and Chris Sanders.
“Sex Signals” is unabashedly realistic in its dia-
logue, and the contemporary humor produced the in-
tended effect on the audience.
“Think of the words we use to describe having sex:
crew, hammer, pound,” Ms. Kelly said. “Are we
having sex in Home Depot?”
“You can do it. We’re here to help.” Mr. Sanders
responded, parroting the hardware chain’s slogan.
Doolies were also asked for pickup lines that the
performers could use to begin sketches. The number
of hands raised showed that the cadets were more than
willing to oblige.
The theatrics also examined stereotypes about men
and women, showing how early and how easily mis-
understandings can crop up when people try to hook
up. Mr. Sanders’ caricature of the stereotypical guy
— interested only in football, beer and sex — drew
gales of laughter.
Subsequent routines aimed to convey the two main
messages of the program: that recognizing the pro-
gression toward sexual assault is crucial, and that ob-
taining consent is essential.
Leaving things to chance, the co-stars emphasized,
asking for trouble. When Ms. Kelly asked why peo-
are reluctant to seek consent, the audience replied
that they’re worried about hearing no, then that makes you a rapist, she said.
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This is the second year in a row the Academy has
brought “Sex Signals” to campus for cadets.
“It is very common for me to hear from young
Airmen and cadets, after we’ve spoken to them in the
first time, that what we discuss in defining sexual
assault is not only the first time they’ve heard it but
(also) the first time they realized that what had hap-
pened to them actually was sexual assault,” Ms. Bea-
sley said.
She added that third-class cadets who watched
“The Sex Signals” last year gave feedback with electronic
clickers, and 90 percent of them said the show was
enjoyable and valuable.
According to the show’s website, each tailored
performance posted the opinion of Michael L. Dominguez,
principal deputy in the Office of the Undersecretary of
Defense: “Few presentations make the lasting impres-
sions that yours makes. Thank you for creating such
engaging and thought-provoking intervention.”
Community flocks to Fire Dept. open house

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Spectators came to the Academy in droves Saturday to attend the Academy Fire Department’s annual open house at Fire Station No. 1.

The weather for the event couldn’t have been better, and families soaked up rays, free goodies and leisure time.

Most of the spectators for the skill demonstrations sat in the shaded portions of the grassy slope outside the fire station. They watched a drug-sniffing dog, a Belgian shepherd named Kelly, cut through the haze. Kelly’s target was a volunteer bad guy who was saved from a really bad day only by the thick protective jacket he wore.

That demo was followed by a mock rescue of a car crash victim. Firefighters sawed through the windshield, sliced off the top of the car and unhinged the driver’s-side door. A team of EMS workers wheeled a stretcher over to the dummy and carried it back to the ambulance. Everything was done with military efficiency.

The star attractions for most of the day, though, were the dogs at the Search and Rescue team booth. Bloodhounds, cocker spaniels and a German short-haired pointer revealed in the attention lavished on them by children eager to pet them.

Most of the kids didn’t mind the dogs’ reciprocating; they took a licking and kept on ticking. The expression on the bloodhounds’ droopy faces didn’t change, but there were no spoilers at this party.

The kids also marveled through an assortment of fire engines on display in the parking lot. Open compartments revealed an array of firefighting equipment. A Forest Service green fire truck and an old-time engine were sprinkled among the engines bearing Fort Carson and Academy insignia.

Of course, no Saturday outing is complete without food, and there was no shortage of it. Volunteers dished out hot dogs, chips and drinks, and the freebies offered for the taking included containers of caramel corn courtesy of the Boy Scouts.

Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog make an appearance at the Academy Fire Department’s open house. Other events at the open house included fire truck static displays, a simulated car rescue and military working dog demonstrations.
Could e-books lighten cadets’ loads?

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Cadets who currently lug around bags stuffed with bulky books may one day be able to lighten their loads considerably.

Curriculum directors here plan to explore the possibility of replacing traditional textbooks with e-books, but while the idea has loads of intriguing potential, it also carries some drawbacks.

As the Academy proceeds with the e-book experiment, it will look for answers to crucial questions. For example, how will cadets view a tradeoff that removes many of the hassles of buying books but also precludes resale at the end of the course?

“E-books are here for the consumer market, but I’m not sure about the college market,” said Col. Rich Fullerton, vice dean of the faculty and an economics professor. “We’re investigating what role they might play in the future. What really will drive our decision is learning: Will e-books enhance learning?”

One higher-education institution that early on found a place for e-books in its curriculum is the University of North Carolina at Asheville. In a 2002 article, CNN documented the use of the technology in astronomy professor Michael Ruiz’s classes.

“I’m more effective with a class of 90 (students) today than I was 20 years ago with 30 people and some equipment up front,” he told CNN.

Since then, e-books have gone mainstream and can be read on a variety of portable devices, although proprietary formats prevent one company’s files from being compatible with another’s e-reader.

Part of the problem with switching to e-books is that the market itself is unsettled right now. Publishers could fight a trend toward e-books, considering how lucrative the textbook industry is for them. But Colonel Fullerton said that as an economist, he thinks demand will determine what course cadets end up following.

E-readers and booksellers see electronic readers as the next big thing, and all of the big names are rushing to get into the game. The result, Colonel Fullerton said, is reminiscent of the battle for supremacy between the Beta and VHS video formats in the 1980s, and more recently between Blu-Ray disc players and their high-definition-DVD competitors.

Two leaders in the market today are Amazon’s Kindle and Barnes and Noble’s Nook. Meanwhile, Apple’s iPad hit the market earlier this year, and Sony and Borders also offer e-readers.

“If we were to do this, we couldn’t ask the cadets to buy a Nook, a Kindle (and) an iPad,” Colonel Fullerton said. He noted some of the pros and cons of the electronic format as applied in an academic setting. E-readers’ capacity allows users to store hundreds or even thousands of titles on the device, so in theory, cadets could carry their reading for all their courses in one small package. There’s also a convenience factor: e-books are delivered in a matter of seconds or minutes, not days. Finally, e-books tend to cost less—sometimes much less—than their printed counterparts.

On the other hand, most of the devices don’t show color, meaning that an illustration of a molecule in a chemistry text will appear in black and white. Colonel Fullerton said Academy officials are unsure whether e-readers are effective at displaying equations. He also said that while e-books are excellent for the linear format people use to read most types of text, some course material may pose difficulties because the book is better used as a reference work, meaning the reader will flip back and forth between pages and sections.

Publishers could fight a trend toward e-books, considering how lucrative the textbook industry is for them. But Colonel Fullerton said that as an economist, he thinks demand will determine what course the market ends up following. As for the Academy, the course charted for exploration of the new technology in cadets’ classes will take shape gradually, unfolding in tandem with the current school year.

“My personal opinion is that e-books will eventually get there; the question is how soon,” Colonel Fullerton said. “We have yet to devise the experiment, but we’ll have a test to see how the cadets and faculty respond. We’d be reluctant to make a large-scale transition until we see the results of our test.”
Volunteers with the 10th Medical Group will soon begin displaying what they have found while researching the medical group’s history at the Academy Clinic.

The 10th Medical Group began as the 7625th USAFA Hospital on Nov. 21, 1959. The hospital included two floors of wards, four operating rooms, two delivery rooms, outpatient services and a pharmacy. Outpatient services included general medicine, internal medicine, surgery, orthopedics, ear-nose-throat, ophthalmology, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology and physical therapy.

They treated bruises, broken bones and births as well as handling medical clearance paperwork. The second floor of the hospital held a kitchen, cafeteria, dayroom, a small barber shop and a branch of the Air Force Academy Library.

The 10th MDG was established Nov. 1, 1994, and placed under the operational control of the 10th Air Base Wing. The group transformed the hospital into an outpatient clinic in 2009 per the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure report.

Today, the 10th MDG still offers a variety of services to 151,000 beneficiaries and 4,500 cadets, but all inpatient care needs are now handled either at Evans Army Community Hospital or one of the civilian hospitals in Colorado Springs.

The 10th MDG also continues to support many Academy events, including home football games, cadet inprocessing, Basic Cadet Training and graduation.

If you have any information or photos you would like to share, please send it to our e-mail address, 10mdg.heritage@usafa.af.mil, or call the committee members directly.

The committee membership includes Tammy Facemire at 333-5105, Amber Daney at 333-5522, Senior Master Sgt. Megan StClair at 333-5054, Staff Sgt. Amber Davis at 333-5088, Senior Airman Amanda Keel at 333-77560 and Senior Airman Patrick Sullivan at 333-5295.
Flyers crowned state champs

The Air Force Academy Men’s Varsity Softball Team won the state championship Aug. 7 in Loveland, Colo., finishing first out of 38 teams that competed. After a 4-0 start, including a victory over the then-top-ranked team in the state, the Flyers lost the last game of the winner’s bracket. They were not deterred and won their next game, advancing them to the championship game.

The Flyers had to beat an unbeaten Feelin’ Philly/ DII team twice for the championship. They did exactly that, “double-dipping” the Widefield team to win the tournament.

“This was a total team effort by all 16 guys. Everyone came through and showed an awesome amount of heart and determination throughout the entire tournament,” Coach Wade Dolbow said.

Fred Walker of the 10 Medical Group was named the tournament MVP. Five other Flyers players, Bryan Kinder, Mark Lomenick, Johnny Davis, Lloyd Cross and Rex Mitchell, were named to the All-Tournament team.

Next up for the Flyers is the national tournament in Aurora Saturday and Sunday.

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Retirees win base softball championship

By Dave Castilla
Intramural Sports Director

The Retirees and Medical Group softball teams battled for the third straight year for the base softball championship, with the retiree team taking their second victory in three years by defeating the Med Group, 29-19.

The Med Group scored three runs in the top of the first inning on a two-run Homer by Mark Lomenick and a home run by Tom Ziegler.


The Med Group answered with seven runs in the top of the second, tying the score at 10 apiece. The big hits included a two-run Homer from Reiner and a three-run Homer for Fred Walker.

The Medics held the Retirees scoreless in the bottom of the second inning and claimed the lead in the top of the third, with Bryon Kinder batting in a two-run shot and Leo Castro batting in a runner scoring for the intramural victory.


The Med Group mustered only a single run in the top of the sixth inning during a four-run performance by the Retirees. Tommie Edwards and Kevin Cieska with a two-run Homer.

The Med Group mustered only a single run in the top of the seventh inning of the fifth to invoke the 10-run rule and cinch the championship game for the Retirees.

Wade Doebler and Mark McKenzie will coach an Air Force Academy squad that will compete at Peterson Air Force Base Sept. 12 for the 2010 Rocky Mountain Softball Championship.

Ken Rogas makes a base hit for the Med Group during the Air Force Academy championship match against the Retirees on Aug. 11. The Med Group took an early lead, but the Retirees surged in later innings to win, 29-19.
The Education Office will offer classes through Colorado Christian University that Airmen can apply to toward their Community College of the Air Force base. CCU will offer COM 110, Oral Communication, Mondays through Sept. 20, and HUM 101, Creative Arts, Wednesdays from Aug. 25 to Sept. 22. The second session will include ENG 102, English Composition, Mondays from Sept. 27 to Nov. 29, and MAT 110, Math Concepts, Wednesdays from Sept. 29 to Oct. 27. The final session will offer POL 202, American Political Process, Wednesdays from Nov. 3 to Dec. 1.

The Community Center Library will have 15 copies of course books for COM 110, HUM 101 and ENG 102 that students may check out for free. For more information, contact Derek Wilson at 867-5817.

Volunteer call
Volunteers are needed for each of the following upcoming events:

- **Woodmen Trail**: The Academy’s 5:6 Council seeks volunteers to help with adopt-a-trail efforts on the Woodmen Trail Saturday at 8 a.m. The trail runs along Woodmen Road east of Interstate 25. A map of the trail location is online at http://bit.ly/aMX-TWU.

  For more information or to volunteer, contact Tech. Sgt. Matt Kurpaski at 333-3245.

- **Special Observances**: The Equal Opportunity Office seeks enthusiastic volunteers to plan and coordinate events for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15), National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October) and National American Indian Heritage Month (November). To volunteer, contact EO specialist Gina Moore at 333-4258.

- **EOHCAMP**: The 2010 Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program needs volunteers to conduct an internal audit Sept. 13-17. The volunteers will perform their findings to the 10th Air Base Wing commander in the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron conference room in Building 8120 Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m. To volunteer as an auditor, contact Jeanie Duncan at 333-0812.

  - **Honor Guard**: The Academy Honor Guard needs officer and enlisted volunteers who can support two details per month for one year and who can attend training every other Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. To volunteer, contact Staff Sgt. Janet Edwards at 333-3323 or Staff Sgt. Hugo Reimer at 333-5621.

Family Advocacy Classes
The Family Advocacy Office will offer the following classes in August and September. Classes are open to active-duty servicemembers, retirees and their families. Call 333-5270 to sign up.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Class:
This four-session class, held Thursdays from Sept. 2 to Sept. 30 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center Chapel, will provide the tools you need to manage anger in your day-to-day life, including simple and innovative calming techniques and healthier ways to relate to others.

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**Health Mgmt. Clinic**
The 10th Medical Group’s Health Management Clinic offers healthy heart classes the first Tuesday of each month from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Academy Clinic for people with high blood pressure or cholesterol, as well as those who are diabetes education the first and second Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. to noon in the Health and Wellness Center for those with new or existing diabetes or pre-diabetes.

To reserve a spot for either class, call the central appointment line at 457-2273 (CARE). No referral is needed.

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