Ten Air Force Academy cadets had the opportunity to walk through history with World War II veterans in the nation’s capital April 7-9, as part of the Falcon Heritage Forum.

The forum is hosted by the Center for Character and Leadership Development and historically provides cadets a chance to interact directly with veterans from various backgrounds. For the first time ever, event organizers partnered with the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight, a local organization that provides World War II veterans in the region an opportunity to visit the National World War II Memorial in Washington, to give 10 lucky cadets the chance to interact directly with 29 veterans from America’s greatest generation.

“This is the first time we have done something like this for FHF,” said Capt. Julie A. Mustian, Falcon Heritage Forum program director. “In the past, the veterans came to the Academy and offered the Cadet Wing several short interactive sessions. The 10 traveling cadets, although a smaller group than what FHF usually reaches, were immersed in World War II history for three days, enabling each of them to form an emotional, intimate and lasting relationship with each other and the veterans.”

It was an incredibly humbling experience hearing the stories of those who fought in a war that we’ll never experience or come close to experiencing,” said Cadet 1st Class Megan Hoskins, Cadet Squadron 10. “Their bravery, courage, and own humbleness about their service was so inspiring and it was amazing to see how much of an impact our mere presence had on them. It seemed as though we brought them to life, asking about their stories and providing them the opportunity to mold their future leaders. Not only did the veterans make us feel like superstars, but the manner in which RMHF executed the activities and the incredible welcomes and attention these veterans received from passers-by or from those who came out just to see them, makes me feel better about our population’s support for what the military stands for.”

Along with the visit to the World War II Memorial, cadets and veterans also witnessed a changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery and visited the U.S. Navy Memorial - Lone Sailor Memorial, Seabee’s Memorial, Women’s Memorial, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Marine Corps Memorial - Iwo Jima Memorial, the Air Force Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial and the Washington Navy Yard.

“The trip turned out to be more than we could have imagined,” Capt. Mustian said. “With every turn, there was another unique surprise to honor the veterans. Upon arrival at Baltimore Washington Airport we were welcomed on the taxi way by fire trucks with blazing sirens and spraying hoses - literally showering the plane with gratitude for the veterans and their service. Cheers rang
Do you know the truth about yourself?

Commentary by Col. Robert Edman
90th Mission Support Group commander

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.—“The unexamined
life is not worth living” - Socrates

There is a risk associated with success and a great risk
associated with great success.

As you rise in rank, it’s easy to start believing you are
smarter, better looking and less fallible, when a quick
glance in a mirror would reveal the truth. Do you know the
truth?

When my first sergeant, an Army E-8, reported to
duty to work for me when I was a combatant com-
mander headquarters commandant, I told him one of
his jobs was to be a “truth teller.” As my senior rank-
ing enlisted member with an office next door, I expect-
ed him to come in, close the door and tell me when I
had it all wrong.

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**Name:** Senior Airman Chandra Block  
**Squadron:** 10th Force Support Squadron  
**Job:** Force Management Technician  
**Hometown:** Hillsboro, Mo.

**Best part of the job:** “I love working with people. For the most part, I have a good personality, so I get along with most people.” (Her job entails updating records, fixing mistakes in records and adding missing information.)

**Career goals:** “I definitely want to retire from the Air Force- make it a career. My goal is to make chief.”

**Hobbies:** Sports, anything outdoors, hiking, taking pictures

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**Academy Recognizes Volunteers**

The Air Force Academy honored more than 550 men and women who volunteer on base in a volunteer recognition ceremony Wednesday at the Falcon Club. Volunteers work with the following base organizations: 10th Force Support Squadron, Airman’s Attic, American Red Cross - 10th Medical Group, Cadet Clubs Coaches, Community Center Chapel, Medical Retiree Activities - 10th Medical Group, and the Thrift Shop.

Below is a list of those honored at Wednesday’s luncheon:

**Outstanding Academy Volunteer Award - Outstanding volunteerism from Jan-Dec 2010**
- Cynthia Cope-10th Medical Group
- Charles Ulmer-10th Medical Group
- Hannah Klamoror-Community Center Chapel
- Yaney Gomez-Community Center Chapel
- Lorraine Smith-10th FSS - Outdoor Recreation
- Midred Smith-10th FSS - Outdoor Recreation
- Andrew Ziny-10th FSS - Arts & Crafts

**Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal - Active duty volunteerism**

**President’s Lifetime Volunteer Service Award - Over 4,000 hours of lifetime volunteerism**

**Volunteer Excellence Award - lifetime service award**
- Karen Ball
- Don Brooks
- Richard Dubose
- Charlotte Jacobs
- Dick Petersen
- John Postas
- Bob Stephenson
- James Truesdale
- Al Weber

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- Sandra Heckel – Airman’s Attic & Angel Service Dogs
- Margaret Beaty-Airman’s Attic
- Margaret Carpenter-10th Medical Group
- Johnnie Toniloli-10th Medical Group
Academy celebrates Arbor Day

The Academy received its 18th consecutive Tree City USA award during its annual Arbor Day assembly and tree planting at Douglass Valley Elementary April 8.

Kindergarten students participated in a tree poster contest, with six student prize winners posing for a picture with Smokey Bear. The seventy-five kindergarteners then helped plant three spruce trees next to the school, where they can watch them grow throughout their years at Douglass Valley.

As part of the assembly, Colonel Rick LoCastro, 10th Air Base Wing commander, accepted the Academy’s 18th consecutive Tree City USA award from Mr. Andy Schlosberg of the Colorado State Forest Service, recognizing the Academy’s continued effort in taking care of our trees.

A second Arbor Day event is scheduled for today, Colorado’s official Arbor Day, April 15. The 10th Medical Support Squadron will partner with Academy Natural Resources to plant 130 seedlings in the recently burned area near Douglass Valley and the Pioneer Cabin. Lt. Col. Mark Russo, 10th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, will kick off the event with a reading of the Academy’s Arbor Day Proclamation, after which the group will enjoy a presentation on the history of the cabin by Jack Anthony, Academy faculty and amateur historian. Located just east of the burn area, this historic structure was narrowly missed by the recent flames.

Several other events are also planned in honor of Earth Day. Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources will host an Earth Day educational fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 22 at the Academy’s base exchange. Staff will be present for questions, with informational brochures available to the public.

The 10th CES Environmental Flight will also host its 6th Annual Art/Poetry Contest at Douglass Valley Elementary, with 420 first through fifth graders participating. Informative brochures will be given to all students to help educate, with winners awarded prizes from local businesses including Burger King, Academy Lanes, and Laser Quest.

Winners will have their art or poetry displayed in the Community Center Library, and all students will receive an appreciation of participation certificate.

Awards will be presented to students late May (Date to be announced) during their end of year awards ceremony.

Forest City is also planning an Earth Day event from 3-5 p.m. April 21 at the Forest City Resident Activity Center in Pine Valley Housing.
Academy Cadet named Student Leader of the Year

By Leslie Finstein
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy develops leaders of character, and this week, one future leader was recognized for being the best in the state. Cadet 1st Class Megan Hoskins was named Colorado Leadership Alliance Student Leader of the Year by the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation and the Boettcher Foundation. Cadet Hoskins, Cadet Squadron 10, will received the award at the 2011 CLA Luncheon in Denver on Tuesday. Each year this event brings together more than 700 business and community leaders from across the state to recognize the collegiate leaders of the Colorado Leadership Alliance, in addition to raising funds for program support of the CLA.

A graduate of Dallas’ prestigious Hockaday School, Cadet Hoskins is a leading member of the Academy’s Center for Character and Leadership Development’s CLA club. After graduation, the economics major with a French minor will train to be an intelligence officer at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas.

“It was definitely a huge surprise — there are so many students in the CLA doing such phenomenal things in their communities, and for the world, so I feel like I’m joining ranks with some really incredible people and it’s a huge honor,” said Cadet Hoskins on receiving the award.

“The real award for me, though, has been the privilege of working with the students I’ve met through the CLA and the Student Scholars Board,” Cadet Hoskins explained.

“They’re an amazing group of people who truly are going to change the world, and I’m excited to see where we all end up in 10 years because the impact they’ll have will be pretty epic.”

During this academic year, Cadet Hoskins planned and executed the 4th Biennial Colorado Leadership Alliance Invitation- al in October 2010, hosting 38 students at the Air Force Academy for a two-day seminar on visionary leadership. She is planning to conduct a similar seminar for local high school students April 29-30.

Further, she created a charity partnership among her classmates to help the homeless in Colorado Springs — rallying her squadron mates to raise more than $4,000 in a donation drive. She has been recognized on the Academy’s Dean’s and Commandant’s list every semester of her cadet career, and she was hand-picked to lead more than 3,000 students as summer cadet wing commander, among other accomplishments.

“Cadet Hoskins is the most professional and competent cadet I have worked with in more than 10 years at the Academy,” said Major Sheilagh Carpenter, of the Commandant of Cadets staff, who nominated Cadet Hoskins for the award. “In addition to completing all that is required of her as a cadet, she takes on extra projects and opportunities to further her own and others’ professional development. She is a master at enabling others to realize their potential.”

“Some cadets excel in academics, others in athletics, still others in military performance or people skills. Rarely do you see a cadet who excels in all areas. Megan is the whole package,” Carpenter added.

Tim Schultz, President and CEO of the Boettcher Foundation presents Cadet 1st Class Megan Hoskins with the 2011 Colorado Leadership Alliance Student of the Year Award at the CLA Luncheon in Denver Tuesday.
Heritage

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out as the travelers and service members from the local Balti-
more/DC area created a tunnel of appreciation as we exited the
aircraft.

And that was just the begin-
ing. On the return trip, veterans received an old fashioned “mail
call” with each receiving letters from friends, family and grateful
Americans thanking them for
their service. Upon their arriv-
al at the Denver airport, cadets and veterans received heroes’
welcomes.

“We were welcomed home by 200+ Americans waiting to of-er a true homecoming to the
 generation that never had one,”
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“Hanging out with a group of
people that were alive in a time
where the country as a whole
came together was very moti-
vating,” said Cadet 2nd Class
Matthew Climer, from Cadet
Squadron 8. “I hope that we
can inspire the Cadet Wing to
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ST. PAUL, Minn—Air Force forward Jacques Lamoureux has been selected as the 2010-11 Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award winner in men’s ice hockey. The announcement and trophy presentation were made April 7 by Lowe’s, an official corporate partner of the NCAA®, at the NCAA Men’s Frozen Four® in Saint Paul, Minn.

The award, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I head coaches, national media and fans, is given annually to the most outstanding senior student-athlete in NCAA Division I men’s ice hockey. To be eligible for the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence—community, classroom, character and competition.

“This is truly an honor and humbling to accept this award on behalf of my teammates and the Air Force Academy,” Lamoureux said. “We have had a lot of worthy candidates the last few years and for someone to win this award from the Academy is a tremendous honor.”

Lamoureux maintains a 3.76 grade point average in his management major. He has been on the Dean’s List three times and was on the Superintendent’s List in 2007 for excellence in academics, military and athletics. In 2010, he was selected to travel to Washington D.C., in the Cadet Summer Research Program. Lamoureux worked in the Pentagon, researching and analyzing data that pertains to combat effectiveness and deployments.

Lamoureux has visited numerous schools in the Colorado Springs area, reading to youngsters, demonstrating the sport of hockey and talking about the importance of education and teamwork.

“Jacques Lamoureux stands for everything the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award represents,” head coach Frank Serratore said. “He is an outstanding student, a tremendous leader and a highly decorated player. I am both proud and happy for Jacques as he is a very deserving and worthy recipient.”

This season, Lamoureux led Air Force to its fourth Atlantic Hockey Association title in five years and the fourth NCAA appearance in school history. He earned second-team all-league honors this season as he scored 24 goals and had 44 points. He leads the nation with 13 power-play goals this season. The senior was also named the MVP of the AHA Tournament this season.
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Education news
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CCAF graduation
The Education Office will hold a Community College of the Air Force graduation and reception May 5 at the Falcon Club for the October 2010 and April 2011 graduating classes. For more information, contact the Education Office at 333-4821.

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Need some dental work?
The 10th Dental Squadron is seeking patients to be treated in its residency training program. If you are an eligible beneficiary and you have been told you have gum disease, need gum surgery or that you need a root canal, please call 333-5490 for a screening appointment.

Repairs being made at clinic
The Academy’s main clinic is undergoing a complete repair of the roof and façade. No impact on parking is expected, but occasional closure of an entrance or walkway may be required. This project is estimated to be completed by late September.

Spotlight on hypertension
May is Hypertension Awareness Month, and the 10th Medical Group is sponsoring Hypertension Awareness Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 11. There will be drawings for gift certificates and other small prizes. For more information, call Juan Martinez at 333-5804.

Sweat lodge ceremony
A Native American prayer service followed by a potluck will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday at Fort Carson’s Turkey Creek Recreation Area. If this is your first time, call 285-5240 or 505-453-6367.

Cadet Chapel
Buddhist
Sundays: 10 a.m.
Thursdays: 6:20 p.m.
Protestant Worship
Traditional: Sundays, 9 a.m.
Contemporary: Sundays, 11 a.m.
Catholic Worship
Mass: Sundays, 10:11 a.m.,
Mondays, 5:46:15 a.m.,
Tuesdays-Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Confession and Adoration:
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: 7 p.m.
Jewish Worship
Shabbath: Fridays, 7 p.m.
Community Center Chapel
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Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.,
Sundays, 9 a.m.,
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