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By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

Brig. Gen. Gregory Lengyel took command of the Academy’s Cadet Wing during a change-of-command ceremony June 25.

Brig. Gen. Lengyel succeeds Brig. Gen. Richard Clark who has been nominated for a Defense Attaché position.

“It’s always better sweet when we have a change-of-command,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould. “Gen. Clark, Rich, your legacy will stand for many years here and if there was a theme to it, your emphasis was on helping cadets find their why: why they serve and helping all of us find why we train, educate and inspire the way we do. Your legacy will be one of a commandant who was visible, approachable and genuine here at the Air Force Academy.”

Clark initiated the first Mission Partner Program, piloted the Inspire to Inspire program, implemented programs and curriculums that were warrior focused and created Polaris Warrior, a nine-month tactical warfare training program to demonstrate real world expeditionary skills.

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times but overall it was the most rewarding and best job I ever had,” Clark said. “Awesome cadets, you taught me so much — you taught me to soar farther, to jump higher, persevere stronger, laugh harder and you inspired me.”

Clark also thanked Gould for selecting Lengyel as the Academy’s next commandant.

“I’ve gotten to know Brig. Gen. Lengyel, his wife Diane and son Matt over the last two weeks and you made the exact right choice,” Clark said.

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Air Force enters fight vs. Waldo Canyon fire

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Managing risks of an everyday Air Force life

By Capt. Heather Tevebaugh
100th Training Squadron Commander

When put in charge of an organization, many leaders want to leave there mark or “fingerprints” on an organization. They do this because they care. They might look at strategic priorities, make changes, or reorganize. However, in many cases these “fingerprints” only last until the next leader arrives. The only fingerprints that last are those left on your people. Leaders need to need to spend their time and energy on the latter rather than the former. Make sure the fingerprints you leave are good.

As spring gives way to summer, we’re rested, staying off the cell phone and mitigate, or reduce, the level of risk.

RANSTEN AIR BASE, Germany — It’s risk management simply a re-quired checklist to complete before performing your duties —something to cover the basics? What about Rm and your off-duty activities? The fact that the Air Force loses more Airmen to off-duty mishaps compared to on-duty warrants a look at what we do every day that puts us at risk.

A spring gives way to summer, we’re all ready to get out, fire up the bar-beque, travel and spend time outdoors. However, summertime is a time when safety professionals hold their breath —not because of increased operations, deployments or longer shifts, but because of what you do off duty. No doubt you’ve had many long-weekend safety briefings, and while those events are good for sharing information, warnings, etc, the most influential way to foster a 24/7 safety mindset results from conversations within your work area and with your family.

The idea of talking about safety, outpatient events, or your evacuation plan at home until my previous assignment with 15 years of service. My flight commander found creative ways to make it personal and to get us to think about what we do every day and the risks associated. We had the required briefings for high-interest items and long weekends, but here’s where he made an impact: instead of long lectures filled with stats, he asked each of us to identify our weekend activity with the highest risk. He then asked us to give the risks associated with that event and ways to mitigate, or reduce, the level of risk.

I don’t think any of us were surprised when someone mentioned activities including kayaking, night out at the club or skydiving as presenting multiple risks. But for me I am a mom of teenagers. My off-duty time happily revolves around transporting them to sporting, acting and social events. I never thought until the day we talked about it. So what’s the risk-high associated with transporting my kids to these off-duty events?

A quick survey of fiscal year 2012 statistics reveals that driving is indeed strategic vision, mission and values. We’ve lost eight Airmen in Air Force accidents so far this year — each of these were part of our Air Force team and loved loved and valued by family; they’re irreplaceable. This new perspective on how I view the mission. The challenge is figuring out how to lead and then hold them to it. The profession of arms requires your subordinates to be forearmed: be prepared; some are better than you at many things, and mistakes and learn from them. Some don’t go good enough.

This shouldn’t be a surprise. When it’s not, your people are going to carry you. And the next day when their best isn’t enough or they didn’t keep score and don’t keep score on your people. Let your people make mistakes and learn from them.

Some leaders don’t get good enough.

Being an Air Force Officer, NCO, or Airman means something — right.

Everyone who wears the uniform should know it and shouldn’t whine about it when they get punished for doing something stupid. Make sure you say this to the people you lead and then hold them to it. The profession of arms is important. You are important and what you bring to your profession is important, but it brings responsibilities with it: legal, moral, and ethical. All of these responsibilities matter and you will not recover from a mistake that falls into one of these categories, because they are not mistakes, they are bigger than that.

Leaders of every grade and position could pull something from Welsh’s presentation, not just squadron commanders. I would highly recommend his presentation to anyone that wants to be inspired to be a better leader. Sit down and give it a view. Just don’t be surprised if you wind up watching all 82 minutes.

By Lt. Col. Christopher Huisman
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A leader knows...

3. No matter how talented, motivated, or intelligent you are, a leader is never always right and will make mistakes. When you’re wrong, tell everyone that you’re wrong, learn from it and move on. Your bosses aren’t keeping score and don’t keep score on your people. Let your people make mistakes and learn from them.

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Fish and Wildlife Dept. presents conservation award to Academy

By Amber Baillie
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The Air Force Academy's Natural Resources Office was awarded the 2011 National Military Conservation Partner Award by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in March, and in recognition for the installation’s long-term environmental achievements, the Fish and Wildlife Service formally presented the award to Col. Thomas Gibson, commander of the 10th Air Base Wing, at the Community Center on Tuesday.

Bryan Arroyo, the Assistant Director for the Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, said since 2006, the Air Force Academy has ranked in the top five installations nominated for the award.

“This is the first time we’re not awarding for just one or two projects but instead a multi-year of success,” Arroyo said. “Five years in a row, that is amazing and it’s because of your great leadership. You guys here live it and it comes from the heart.”

Arroyo said the Academy demonstrated excellence in communication and cooperation, issue resolution, project creativity and program diversity. Arroyo said it’s not easy to meet criteria at that level and for that length of time.

“You guys go above and beyond the call of duty, to make sure to go about things in the right way and more importantly, try to find more effective and efficient ways to deal with those issues,” Arroyo said. “You have found a way to help one of the most robust populations, with a range of the species by doing the right kind of leadership.”

Arroyo individually recognized Gibson for his leadership in the Academy’s environmental accomplishments.

“I spent two to three hours today with you and I could tell right away that you’re a man of high integrity, great character and more importantly that you really care about your people,”

Gibson said the Air Base Wing in the mission is a team sport and the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron has exemplified that.

The award was created by the Fisheries and Habitat Conservation program in 2004 and it is the Academy’s first year to receive it nationally. Highlights of the Academy’s Natural Resources Office included its forest program, forestry management, mountain pine beetle control and Preble’s Meadow jumping mouse conservation.

Cadet convicted, sentenced

Cadet 2nd Class Stephan H. Claxton was sentenced June 22 to six months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and dismissal from the Air Force after being found guilty of several charges and specifications in a general court-martial that began at the Air Force Academy June 19.

A panel of seven officers returned guilty verdicts June 21 on the following charges and specifications:

- One specification of violating Article 80, an attempt to engage in misconduct that would be a violation of Article 120, abusive sexual contact;
- Two specifications of violating Article 120, wrongful sexual contact; and
- Four specifications of violating Article 128, assault.

The sentencing hearing was conducted here June 22.

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Command

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“We’re going to be in good shape.” Gould said he is optimistic as the Academy welcomes in the Lengyel family. Lengyel has great staff experiences that will serve him well at the Academy,” Gould said. “My only charge to you, General Lengyel, is to take care of yourself and your family mentally, spiritually, physically so that you in turn, you can take care of this great team charged with the mission of training our replacements.”

Lengyel is a 1985 distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Texas A&M University. He comes to the Academy from Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, NATO, in Mons, Belgium, where he was the executive officer to the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

“I have been in the in United States Air Force either as a dependent or active duty officer for 48 and a half years’ of life,” Lengyel said. “I cannot remember a time when I did not know that I wanted to serve in the United States Air Force. I’ve been trying to get into this Academy since I was 17 years old.”

Lengyel will command the 4,200-member Cadet Wing and more than 300 Air Force and civilian support personnel. He will also oversee the cadet military training, supervise cadet life activities and provide support to cadet facilities and logistics.

“I’m proud to be working with a group of young men and women who have chosen a path of service to our country,” Lengyel said. “You have volunteered to live under a strict honor code, to meet a higher standard of personal and professional conduct, and go through an extensive rigorous, military, academic and physical training program and to give up some of the personal freedoms that most of your peers in other institutions enjoy. Thank you for making that choice.”

Lengyel told cadets that their hard work will pay off personally and professionally. “I know it’s an old cliché and you’re probably tired of hearing it but if it were easy, anyone could do it,” Lengyel said. “My job is to set the conditions for your success and to use this fabulous institution to develop leaders of character.”

Thirty-six Academy staff sergeants were in- formed of their selection for promotion to technical sergeant June 21.

Air Force officials selected 8,518 of 37,402 eligible staff sergeants Air Force wide for promotion to technical sergeant for a selection rate of 22.77 percent.

The average score for those selected was 321.94, with an average time in grade of 5.39 years and in service of 10.58 years respectively. Weighted factor averages included the following: 132.69 for enlisted performance reports, 5.59 for decorations, 75.37 for the promotion fitness exam and 55.39 for the specialty knowledge test.

Those selected for technical sergeant will be promoted beginning in August according to their promotion sequence number. As a reminder, the selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date. Personnel officials will notify Airmen, via military personnel sections, if their selection is in question.

Technical Sergeant selects:

Samantha Au, 10th Medical Operations Squadron
Timothy Bailey, 10th Security Forces Squadron
Athens Ballard, 10th Air Base Wing
Adam Bartholomew, 10th Communications Squadron
Dan Blackwell, 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Jennifer Bricker, 10th Dental Squadron
Mychael Bufford, 10th ES
Tayar Byers, 10th Medical Support Squadron
Vincent Cannela, 10th SFS
Luis Caracosa, 10th MDOS
David Cook, 10th MDOS
Sandra Giddens, 10th MDOS
Jessica Gramlick, 10th ABW Chapel
Chiquita Green, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Academy
Maurice Griffin, 10th Surgical Operations Squadron
Tiffany Hill, 10th MDOS
Justin Hughes, Financial Management Directorate
Stephanie Hyde, Legal Office
Nicholas Igl, 10th MDOS
Shana Kau, 10th MDOS
Ivelina Konstantinova, HQ USAFA
Bartaw Leary, Academy Preparatory School
Karen Long, 10th MDOS
Jorge Lopez, 10th MDOS
Jason Martinez, 10th MDOS
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Joshua Ramos, 10th SFS
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Robert Searle, 10th AMOS
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Would-be cadets get a taste of Academy life
High school students participate in Summer Seminar June 4-22

By 2nd Lt. Brandon Baccam
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

High school students from around the nation had a chance to see what life would be like as an Air Force Academy cadet during Summer Seminar June 4-22.

Participants slept in the Academy dorms, trained and exercised with fellow classmates, and took the charge of Spirit Hill — all in an experience to see if the Air Force Academy was the right school for them.

"Get through my tunnel!" said Cadet 1st Class Josiah Lane, during day two of training. Labeled "Doolie for a Day," this portion of the Seminar, participants endured challenges of physical fitness and team-building exercises. Lane, an element leader, taught attendees how to low-crawl through a "push-up tunnel" created by their peers.

"Right here is the perfect form; this is what I expect to see!" said Lane as he showed the attendees the proper form for a low-crawl. Some of the participants loved the training environment they were in. Others dreaded it — but whenever they complained, Lane got right back in their faces. "I'm heavily interested in becoming an Intelligence Officer," said Emily Kilen, a high school senior from Apple Valley, Minnesota. "I have the ability to cover a broad range of topics, and I know that career field would be challenging for me."

One aspect in which applying is how competitive it is. "We had almost 4,000 kids apply this year, and only 950 slots to give away," Taylor said.

The level of qualification of the high school applicants is quite impressive — nearly 800 are 4.0 GPA students.

Other activities for each five-day session include intramurals, cadet fitness assessment practice, a campus-wide Heritage Hunt, and tours of the Academy along with numerous informational briefs. These informational briefs include question-and-answer sessions with permanent-party staff, learning workshops with Academy instructors, and an academic majors fair, which gives the attendees valuable information on the different curriculums available.

Each student had their own reason why they wanted to come to the Air Force Academy. One student said he was interested in the Physics program. "I'm heavily interested in becoming a pilot," said Phillip Metcalfe, a high school senior from Apple Valley, Minnesota. "I have the ability to cover a broad range of topics, and I know that career field would be challenging for me."

Overall, the summer seminar is not just a learning opportunity, but also a challenge. Nearly every student knew that they were seeking a challenging week when they applied. When asked about their experiences with their second day nearly finished, the high school students responded with high spirits and seemed to enjoy it.

"I want the challenge, I love challenging myself," said Phillip Metcalfe from Plano, Texas.

These high school students had already gone through a day's worth of hardships, and were quickly building camaraderie with each other.

"At first, we really didn't know what to say to each other — but within an hour, we became best friends," Metcalfe said.

"It's really hard, but somewhat satisfying," Kilen added. "I know I'm going to wake up sore tomorrow, and I know I'm going to be exhausted when I go to bed tonight, but I'm going to wake up, I'm going to do it again, and I'm going to enjoy it."

The cadets involved with running the summer seminar also found the overall experience rewarding. "By the end of the day, they're friends with each other, they're telling jokes and laughing," Coffey said. "It's really cool to see them come together from the other side."
Fire

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Colorado Springs city limits. Fueled by 65-mph winds, the blaze consumed a swath of homes in the Mountain Shadows subdivision on the city’s northwest side. Also destroyed was the Flying W Ranch, an iconic attraction built in the 1930s.

As of Thursday, approximately 1,000 firefighters from around the country were postured to prevent the fire from destroying more structures. That includes the Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., based “Hot Shots,” the Defense Department’s only wildland firefighting asset. The Hot Shots unit was created after the 1977 Honda Canyon Fire in California killed four people, according to the Santa Maria Times, which reported that the unit faces budget cuts for the 2013 fiscal year.

“These guys will be on the front lines of this wildfire using their training regarding wildfires and urban interface to save lives and structures,” said Vandenberg AFB Fire Chief Mark Farias.

Hot Shots Superintendent Jesse Hendricks explained that firefighters use “structure triage” in urban interfaces threatened by wildfire. The team first removes fuel sources from around structures using hand tools, then burns a controlled fire around the structures to deprive the wildfire of fuel near homes.

“We all got into the mindset that this is going to be a nasty situation,” Hendricks said. “When we go into any wildfire, we ... recall similar wildfires and pull from those lessons learned so that we will be more effective.”

On the Academy, 10th CES crews and Soldiers with Fort Carson’s 4th and 52nd Engineer Battalions have established fire breaks along the base’s southern side.

“Our best chance for success is to use both natural and man-made barriers,” Piercy said. “We’ve cut a lot of dozer lines, we’ve removed a lot of excess brush from the area that’s affected, and we have an anchor point using air drops, repellants and break points.”

Also contributing crews and assets to the Waldo Canyon fire are Air Force Space Command and the 302nd Airlift Wing at Peterson Air Force Base, the Wyoming Air National Guard’s 153rd Airlift Wing, the 50th Space Wing at Schriever AFB, the 90th Missile Wing at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., and local cities and counties.

(Information compiled from Air Force News Service, 30th Space Wing and staff reports.)

ABOVE LEFT: A Siller Brothers firefighting helicopter takes off from the Air Force Academy airfield to fight the Waldo Canyon fire June 25, 2012. The Academy canceled its normal flying operations June 23 to facilitate helicopter operations.

ABOVE RIGHT: Firefighters with the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron receive a safety briefing in the Pine Valley housing area Tuesday.

RIGHT: A smoke cloud builds around the southwest side of the Academy Tuesday.

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WALDO CANYON FIRE INFO:

Medical Appointments: Canceled through today. Patients have been contacted to reschedule appointments.

Prescription Refills: All called-in refills can be picked up at the Peterson Air Force Base Exchange refill pharmacy on Saturday.

Child Care: The Peterson and Schriever AFB child development centers and the Peterson Youth Center have capacity for the children of mission-essential personnel at no charge. Due to the emergency, no shot records are required. Call the Peterson CDC at 554-9572 or 556-7460, the Peterson Youth Center at 556-7220 or the Schriever CDC at 567-4742.

Twitter: For continuing updates, follow the Air Force Academy (@AF_Academy), the city of Colorado Springs (@springsgov), the Colorado Springs Fire Department (@CSFDPIO) and the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office (@epscherrl).

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Fire Department No. 2, the number one team in the recreation league, won a come-from-behind victory over the 10th Communications Squadron 13-12.

Comm. Squadron built up a 10-3 lead in the top of the third. However, in the bottom of the third, Dave Caulfield hit a grand slam, and the firefighters scored six runs.

The score was tied 12-12 in the sixth inning when Anthony McMurtry doubled and Phil Messina drove in the winning run.

The Firefighters made it a double header sweep to increase their lead in the recreational league, defeating the Unknowns 14-11. The Unknowns closed the gap when a Matt Goldsmith double drove in two runs, and the team scored three.

The Cadet Wing, the number one team in the competitive league, continued their unblemished record as they defeated Firefighters No. 1, 21-6. It was over in the first inning as CW put up 11 runs. Roger Stewart hit a three-run inside-the-park homer, followed by a solo shot from Austin Reed. Later, Eric Lescarbeau doubled to drive in two runs. The CW had five home runs on the night as Robert Devall hit one earlier in the game.

The Security Forces solidified their second place standings, defeating Firefighters No. 1 27-13. Both teams scored every inning they played: The cops got seven runs in the first inning with a two-RBI single by Mike Young.

The firefighters scored four in the bottom of the first as Ken Kother hit a triple and drove in two runs. CES’ Nick Miller hit a solo home run in the second and a two-run shot in the third to close the deficit to one, 12-11. The cops’ Anthony Mason put the team on his back with a two-run double in the fourth. He followed that up an inning later with a grand slam over the centerfield fence.

Mason led the cops with eight RBIs, four hits and four runs. The firefighters were led by Nick Miller who had three hits, three RBIs and three runs.
Furry Family 5k kicks off summer ‘dog days’

Academy families run with their furry, four-legged companions during the Furry Family 5k here Saturday. Water pools located along the trail helped the canine participants stay cool in temperatures approaching 90 degrees.
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