Class of 2013 ... dismissed!

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

A total of 1,024 cadets graduated from the Air Force Academy May 29 following a commencement address by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. Donley congratulated the graduates on overcoming the stringent physical and mental challenges they faced through their four-year Academy experiences.

“Getting into the Academy is a highly competitive and selective process, and members of this class entered with some of the highest aptitude scores in the Academy’s history,” Donley said. “Our country has invested in your talent and your promise. We expect you to continue to excel in your Air Force careers.”

Graduates also overcame an H1N1 virus outbreak during Basic Cadet Training in 2009 and the Waldo Canyon Fire in 2012. Donley said the Air Force will rely on the newly-minted lieutenants to adapt to a future that will include reduced budgets, instability in several parts of the world and other unforeseeable challenges.

“You are entering our Air Force at an extraordinary time,” Donley said. “Air Force capabilities are in high demand. Although military operations in Iraq are complete, and operations in Afghanistan are drawing down, instabilities still persist. We expect Air Force capabilities to remain central to our nation’s security in the years ahead.”

Volunteer aviators salute Academy grads with vintage flyover

Airmen with the Texas Flying Legends Museum and the National Museum of World War II Aviation flew their vintage fighters and bombers over the Academy’s graduating Class of 2013, May 29 at Falcon Stadium.

“These veteran Airmen have stepped forward to provide a great send-off for the thousand-plus graduates of our Class of 2013,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould. “Their appearance over our graduation events tied our future Air Force leaders with our proud and storied aviation heritage.”

Traditionally, the Academy’s graduation ceremony flyover is performed by the Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron, while other Air Force aircraft use training funds to perform flyovers for graduation parade events, but budget shortfalls due to sequestration led to the cancellation of all Air Force aerial demonstrations for the remainder of the fiscal year, including the Thunderbirds’ scheduled appearance in Colorado Springs.

To fill the void, several aviation organizations volunteered their services, at no cost to the government, to provide flyovers for Academy graduation events.

“Every American should be proud of the philanthropic support provided by all our volunteer aviators,” Gould said. “They understand the nature of our national budget challenges and showed their patriotic spirit by selflessly providing these meaningful tributes to Air Force Academy graduates.”
Academy’s Facebook hits 100k fans

Academy Spirit Staff

The Air Force Academy Official Facebook page reached 100,000 fans May 25-27, a remarkable achievement for the page since its creation in 2009.

“We are so excited and thankful for our fansbase,” said Staff Sgt. Heather Stanton, the Academy’s social media manager. “We try to put out the best products so everyone can see what is going on here at the Academy.”

The Academy Facebook page is the second biggest official Facebook page throughout the Air Force, and has been the main communication outlet for posting Air Force Academy news, photos, videos and announcements to fans and followers across the globe.

“Facebook grew so fast because we keep our followers informed on current Academy news,” said David Cannon, director of communications for the Academy. “We strive to engage our followers, provide up-to-the-minute news, squash rumors and answer questions.”

We encourage our followers to continue to “like and share” us so we can reach our next goal of 500,000 fans.

“We are always striving to improve and make the Facebook page even better, so if you have any suggestions, please contact us and give us feedback,” Stanton said.

Lt. Gen. Mike and Paula Gould

Academy Superintendent

Paula and I want you all to know how thrilled we are over the entire team’s performance throughout the year, culminating in last week’s graduation activities for the Class of 2013! Even in the midst of sequestration and all the associated hardships — civilian furloughs, hiring freezes, operational and maintenance spending cutbacks, limited deployments, and restoration and maintenance defer- rals — our team kept a laser-like focus on the mission, resulting in sending 1,024 well-prepared second lieutenants into the Air Force May 29.

My stated intent going into graduation planning was not only to execute a classy series of events, but to do it with complete consciousness of costs, and that’s exactly what you did. Thank you! Once again, Sue Christensen, our talented special events specialist in the Academy’s Plans, Programs and Analysis Directorate, led the planning and execution of more than 25 world-class graduation week activities — a fitting tribute to the cadet graduates and their families and friends.

Most impressively was how everyone, from across all mission partners, contributed. I hesitate to begin a list for fear of leaving someone out, but there are so many dedicated team members and organizations responsible for 2013’s success. We’ll list a few: the faculty and staff from Dean of Faculty, the Cadet Wing, the Athletic Department, the 306th Flying Training Group, the Prep School and Headquarters Sec-

Thank you Team USAFA!
Commissary officials plan for furlough
Academy’s commissary to be closed Mondays, Tuesdays

By Kevin Robinson
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Most military commissaries will close one day a week, on Mondays, between July 8 and Sept. 30, when furloughs are implemented, the Defense Commissary Agency’s top official said.

“We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons (and) we understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who, when furloughed, will lose 20 percent of their pay,” said Joseph Jeu, DECA’s director and CEO. “We determined that Monday closures would present the least pain for our patrons, employees and industry partners.”

Closing commissaries on Mondays would be in addition to any other day commissaries are regularly closed. The 148 stores closed Monday would also close the next normal day of business.

The Academy’s commissary on Community Center Drive is closed Monday and will close Tuesdays for the duration of the furlough, said Nancy O’Nell, a DECA public affairs specialist.

The announcement comes as DECA follows Defense Department rules related to the automatic federal government budget reductions, known as sequestration, which began March 1.

Similar to most DOD organizations, DECA is mandated to furlough its civil service employees. Furlough notices were delivered to DECA employees between May 28 and Wednesday.

Furloughs will impact all of DECA’s more than 14,000 U.S. civilian employees.

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DECA also reviewed contract services to restrict any increases and postponed all Guard and Reserve on-site sales scheduled after July 8 until further notice.

There are 247 commissaries with more than 16,000 employees operating in 13 countries and two U.S. territories.

For more information, visit www.commissaries.com.

(Information compiled from DECA and staff reports)

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American Forces Press Service

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A cadet capstone project designed to build upon cadets’ research in 2012 could have broad-ranging applications from powering austere bases to supplementing stateside bases’ power grids, instructors in the Computer and Electrical Engineering Department said May 22.

The project, a solar- and wind-powered all-terrain trailer called SWAT, hooks up to a cadet-built electric dune buggy made last year and can provide a full charge of energy to the vehicle to other appliances.

“This is actually one of the better capstones that I’ve seen over the past several years,” said Lt. Col. Andrew Laffely, the department’s assistant professor. “But this is a prototype, and we still have some work to do.”

In the meantime, the green energy research has helped inspire interest in science, technology, engineering and math-ematics, Laffely said.

“We are all focused on making our projects available to the public: going to public schools, supporting tours here … to raise awareness of STEM, especially with school-age children,” he said. “I think over the last year we’ve had more than 500 students from the local area think over the last year we’ve had more hands-on project with this is a prototype, and we still have some work to do.”

In addition, the cadets who worked on the project will have more in-depth knowledge of future years’ energy projects, Mundy said.

“I think this kind of project’s really helped prepare them for when they’re out there … and the boss says, ‘I need someone to talk to this kind of thing that they’re going to be seeing in the next 20 years.’"
A senior from Cadet Squadron 30 and native of Lancaster, Pa., was awarded the 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte Cadet Character and Leadership Award during a ceremony at McDermott Library May 28.

Cadet 1st Class Esther Willett received a gold and silver medallion for her outstanding contributions to the Academy’s Center for Character and Leadership Development at the fourth annual CCLD 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte Cadet Awards and Recognition Ceremony. Five other cadet nominees were also recognized for demonstrating a character of leadership and spirit of service as exemplified by Lt. Roslyn Schulte, a 2006 Academy graduate killed by a roadside bomb near Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2009.

“I feel really honored,” said Cadet 1st Class Maria Phillips, a nominee. “I didn’t know Lieutenant Schulte personally but I know that she served and gave the ultimate sacrifice, as well as exemplified the character that I think every cadet should strive to be.”

Cadet Willett’s accomplishments include: serving as the Academy’s Wing Character noncommissioned officer, helping cadets serve more than 37,000 hours in the local community, creating the CCLD’s Food for Thought program, and devoting 40 hours to planning and developing curriculum for the CCLD’s High School Leadership Invitational.

“Roz embraced her role as servant leader whether as a cadet, lacrosse captain, or active duty Airman for the U.S. Air Force,” said Capt. Erin Boone, Schulte’s former squad mate and friend. “She eclipsed the high-set expectations around her and was a mentor to her subordinates, peers and superiors. She was a leader of character and today we recognize six graduates from the Class of 2013 who embodied those qualities.”

Attendees included the Academy’s superintendent, commandant of cadets, dean of the faculty, Schulte’s parents and families of the nominees. Academy instructors who knew Schulte as a cadet shared their personal reflections to remember her legacy.

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AF secretary to Class of 2013: ‘Next chapter of your story begins today’

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and decades ahead.

“The Air Force is changing rapidly, and you will have a front-row seat. You can adapt to new realities without clinging to the baggage of the past,” Donley continued. “You will take cyber capabilities to a level that our generation cannot imagine. Whatever the future may bring, we have no doubt that you and your fellow Airmen are up to this challenge.”

Donley encouraged the graduates to rely on mentorship not just from senior officers but also from NCOs.

“Find a (good) senior NCO, buy him a cup of coffee and soak in his wisdom,” Donley said. “Our NCO corps is the envy of military leaders around the world. Your relationships with senior NCOs will help you more rapidly gain the leadership experience you need to ensure mission success at all levels.”

However, graduates must also strive to uphold the Air Force core values and their oaths of office, Donley said. He charged them to help improve the Air Force’s culture and climate.

“Our reputation is at risk by irresponsible and even criminal behavior in our ranks,” Donley said. “Sexual assault is an affront to our core values. ... You’re aware of Air Force efforts to deter it, to encourage reporting, to support victims and to hold perpetrators accountable. This is your Air Force, and changing behavior depends on changing, at every level, the climate and culture in which we live, both on and off duty.”

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“For as long as you serve, this oath will also bind you together: with generations before you who have worn our nation’s cloth and sacrificed their personal comfort and even their lives in defense of freedom. It will bind you in the challenges this nation has faced together, and it will bind you to the security and future defense of our nation.”

Every Airman has a story, Donley said. Cadets’ stories started when they first became inspired to serve, and commencement marks the beginning of a new chapter in that story.

“Know that we are very proud of you,” he said. “Our leadership team is committed to your success, and there is no Air Force leader, past or present, who does not envy each of you. Now is the time to write a story that lives your dream. Write a story that upholds the core values. Write a story that fulfills your oath of office. Write a story that takes this experience and does something great for our Air Force.”

The Class of 2013 graduation ceremony included the dedication of a plaque to the late Dr. Dean Wilson, who for 33 years served as the Academy’s registrar.

“Wilson was a pillar to this institution,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould. “He was a tremendous leader and a compassionate mentor to so many. ... He will be greatly missed.”

Each graduate shook hands with Donley after receiving their diploma.

“What stood out to me was when I shook Mr. Donley’s hand and he said, ‘Earn this,’” Cadet 1st Class William Lawlor said. “Cadet 1st Class William Lawlor said. “I want to continue to work hard from here and go on to be a fighter pilot.”

Cadet 1st Class David Alvarado said he’s still adjusting to the accomplishment and looking forward to the career that will follow.

“It still hasn’t sunk in that I’m done,” Alvarado said. “It feels good to get my degree. It’s nice, concrete evidence of my four challenging years. It’s only the beginning of what we graduates are going into (the Air Force).”
### Outgoing 10th ABW commander reflects on 2-year tenure

#### By Don Broom

The outgoing 10th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Tim Gibson, will relinquish command Friday, June 7, and Col. Tamra Rank will assume command in a change-of-command ceremony at the headquarters building Monday at 10:10 a.m.

**A:** It has, yep.

**Q:** What do you feel are some of the highlights?

**A:** Oh, the highlights. I think, even from the beginning, right when I took command, we had some pretty significant highlights. (We) in-process the Class of 2015 and had a norovirus outbreak during Basic Cadet Training that affected some 300 members of the Cadet Wing staff, so that was pretty significant.

I recall vividly Aug. 19, 2011, when we had a wildfire that started north of the Air Force Academy. It wasn’t going to affect us at all, but because of the smoke the was putting out, folks from Colorado Springs thought the fire might be affecting the Academy.

That was nothing more than a precursor to the Waldo Canyon Fire, which was obviously such a huge event for us — remarkably significant — last summer as we were in-process the Class of 2016. (see last year’s story at http://1.usa.gov/MypvUXz)

It was kind of a crazy, crazy series of random events. And the pace never slows here during the academic year, either. We’re always in-process in the Class of 2016.

**Q:** Is there anything you’re particularly proud of having had the people you had here?

**A:** Absolutely. We’ve had a number of folks step up in a lot of ways that maybe you don’t get a lot of recognition, and you don’t see a lot of public impact, but without their service, the mission would have grinding to a halt. We’ve been very fortunate, and when we have inclement weather forecasts, for example, we’ll have folks who will volunteer to spend the night at Mitchell Hall, the dining facility, just to make sure that there’s somebody on staff the next morning for the cadets to have a hot breakfast, without actually having to travel in to do their jobs.

I’m also proud of the number of decisions that folks had to make, very independently in many cases, during the Waldo Canyon evacuation.

The Equestrian Center made some terrific decisions that were in the best interests of the animals. We had some animals evacuated well before we thought we would have to evacuate the housing areas or anything along those lines, repositioning some of our heavy equipment like buses to protect those items from smoke damage.

I saw terrific work throughout, and there’s no playbook for those kinds of decisions. It’s just leaders recognizing what needs to get done and figuring out how to make it work in the best interests of the mission overall.

We saw some great initiatives out of our transportation section, where we were able to leverage an Air Force process to upgrade our fleet of buses that we use to support our cadet activities. It ended up not costing the Air Force Academy anything in order to get some terrific equipment in.

On the medical side, we’ve set records the last two years with regard to how efficiently we’re using our operating rooms. For example, we’ve actually reduced the number of ORs, but we’ve increased the three key metrics that we’re seeing, and we’re maintaining our standards of success as a result.

So we’re still every bit as effective, but we’re much more efficient. Our (10th) Medical Group leads the local multi-service medical center and involves all the military treatment facilities in Colorado Springs. So their impact is directly felt at Fort Carson and Peterson (Air Force Base). So it demonstrates how much we have the ability to influence here.

**Q:** The Air Force Academy overall has a good relationship with the local community. How does the wing play into that?

**A:** One of our major touch points is the Medical Group, because we’ve got a lot of relationships with Memorial Hospital and Penrose, and we participate in a number of health care initiatives.

Other touch points include our fire department, our security forces with the local police, both El Paso County and Colorado Springs — we’re doing some fire training with them. For example, our most recent exercise, we had our hostage negotiators and their SWAT team out, so there’s just those opportunities to interact, learn from each other, build relationships that then, should we ever need to rely on, we’ve got that already squared away.

And again, the Waldo Canyon Fire is a terrific example of where we had tremendous support from fire departments in the local area. Our firefighters were doing point protection for Highway 24 initially ... and then were the first firefighters to be fighting fires in the Peregine neighborhood.

When we needed to evacuate the base and had people heading south, El Paso County actually dispatched the SWAT team (Interstate 25) so our folks could get right onto the highway without any traffic backups whatsoever and get where they needed to go, so those relationships are absolutely invaluable.

**Q:** Where are you headed next?

**A:** I’ll be working in the Operations and Plans Directorate of the Air Staff.

### By Airman 1st Class Veronica Ward

Academy Spirit staff writer

After serving in the Air Force for 30 years, the Academy’s vice superintendent will officially retire June 30.

Col. Tamra Rank, a 1983 Academy graduate, is a pilot by trade. She began her Air Force career as a T-38 Talon instructor pilot at Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

“Flying aircraft for the Air Force is a remarkable responsibility,” she said. “You go to so many places and meet so many people while accomplishing important missions. It felt as if I was never really home, but it was a fabulous opportunity, both personally and professionally. Her classmates included 45 students from 22 different nations.

Although she had no specific goals in mind as her career progressed, Rank said completing her service as the 48th Flying Training Squadron at Columbus AFB, Miss., was a highlight because of the direct impact she had on future Air Force leaders. Rank said she felt motivated by her strong desire to contribute to the Air Force every day and to have a positive impact on her fellow Airmen.

According to one Academy leader, the colonel did just that.

“Colonel Rank will be remembered for her mis- sion focus, her genuine concern and compassion for all the Academy’s Airmen, and her platform for responsible stewardship of the Academy’s resources,” said Gail Colvin, director of staff. “Her leadership positively impacted every aspect of the Academy and as the vice superintendent, skillfully led it through many challenges.”

Rank has served at the Academy since 2010 and feels as though she has come full circle here, she said. “I am thankful for the Academy,” Rank said. “It gave me my Air Force career so it has been nice to give something back. I plan to give back to the Academy as much as I can. The Academy gave me another part of my family.”

As her official retirement looms on the near horizon, Rank is looking back on her three decades in the Air Force and the Airmen she served with, and the opportunities an Air Force career provided her, she said. “It has been amazing,” she said. “People in the Air Force are top quality, and that’s what has kept me in and kept me going.”

The colonel’s retirement ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Doolittle Hall.

### What will you miss most about your command here?

**A:** I think I’ll miss the most is watching our people succeed with tough challenges. We have some great initiatives, which is some of the initiatives in the health care arena where we’re trying to become more efficient, or whether it’s in the off-duty cadet graduation and making it look absolutely seamless to moms and dads and cadets. You realize that in the background that there’s months of planning and weeks of equity invested. … To pull all that off takes everybody’s A-game, and it is fun to watch everybody bring their A-game.

### What are you looking forward to at your next assignment?

**A:** To talking to folks who are there now, I understand it’s a very interesting time to be working in the building, and that’s not too surprising given the pressures that all the services are under with sequester, but there’s some real key initiatives that we’re having to address.

But the Pentagon is a fascinating work environment. There’s so much going on there, but the very most strategic initiatives that are facing our Department of Defense and our nation. So being a part of the staff that’s working that from the Air Force perspective is something that I’m excited about.

My family and I enjoyed the D.C. area last time we were there, so we’re looking forward to getting back in.

**Q:** Maybe not the traffic.

**A:** Maybe not the traffic, maybe not the work hours, but … just that.

**Q:** Sir, that’s all I’ve got. Anything else you wanted to add?

**A:** It was a good two years. It was an off-duty career. It really was. I don’t know whether I’ll ever have another command, I don’t know what the future holds, but I’m excited to come back to the Academy beyond as a guest or for a reunion, but it was certainly a privilege to be here during this timeframe.
A total of 22 NCOs selected for promotion to master sergeant:

22 Academy NCOs selected for master sgt.

The Academy’s selection rate of 31.9 percent significantly exceeds the Air Force-wide selection rate of 18.7 percent, according to statistics from the Academy’s Personnel Directorate. The average score for those selected was 350.21, based on an average enlisted performance report score of 133.85, promotion fitness examination score of 82.76 and specialty knowledge test score of 68.43. Selectees’ average time in grade and time in service was 4.38 years and 15.27 years, respectively.

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- Timothy Wake, Air Force Academy Band
- Jerry Cherubino, 10th Medical Support Squadron
- Steven Grant, Cadet Squadron 15
- Michael Delphy, Financial Management Directorate
- Emily Guczewsky, Commandant of Cadets Staff
- Dustin Johns, 10th Communications Squadron
- Katelyn Ketterer, 9th Surgical Operations Squadron
- Zachary Marshall, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- David McCormick, Air Force Academy Band
- Robin McWhorter, Staff Judge Advocate Office
- Damien Perez, Humanpower and Personnel Directorate
- Zarakianus Presta, 10th Medical Operations Squadron
- Marc Ramsey Jr., 10th Communications Squadron
- Ginger Swenson, 10th Medical Support Squadron
- Annette Santos-Barnes, Superintendent Staff
- William Stufler, 79th Intelligence Support Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
- Jason Shore, 9th Security Forces Squadron
- Laura Small, Cadet Squadron 26
- John Stephens, 10th Medical Support Squadron
- Philip Stuart, 10th Communications Squadron
- Roger Stuart, Cadet Squadron 15
- Danielle Turner, Commandant of Cadets Human Relations
- Michael Non-Acadia, Air Force Academy Band

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This year, two duty locations have C-12 aircraft assigned, so the attaché for those offices must be fixed-wing pilots. Only rated officers who are regional or political affairs strategists may apply for the C-12 positions, the major said.

Air operations background, foreign language skills and experience in the region are highly desired, but not mandatory.

Applicants must have taken the Defense Language Aptitude Battery test, and each applicant and all immediate family members must be U.S. citizens. Candidates must also have their assignment functional manager’s hard-copy or email release to compete for attaché duty.

Applicants selected for an interview will be notified by July 25. They and their spouses, if applicable, will be interviewed in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit the Air Force Portal at www.my.af.mil and enter “attaché program” in the search window.
Senior cadets reflect on their journey from cadet to second lieutenant

Q: How was your Academy experience?
A: “Life-changing, to say the least. Coming from the small island of Trinidad and Tobago, this was a big change from what I was accustomed to culturally, militarily and academically. As frustrating and tiring as it was, I feel as though the experience developed me holistically and now I have the confidence to perform any task that is presented to me.”

- 2nd Lt. Jerell Alexander

Q: How has your Academy experience affected you as a person?
A: “I’ve grown a lot. I’ve been here five years, including prep school, but now I’m moving on (as a contracting officer). I’m excited; this is surreal!”

- 2nd Lt. Kyle Robinson

Q: Where will you be assigned as a new 2nd lieutenant?
A: “I am going into the Office of Special Investigations and will be stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. It’s going to be a great assignment and I’m grateful for the opportunity that has been given to me. I couldn’t have done it without all of my classmates and leadership. Nobody makes it through here alone; it’s your brothers and sisters in your class, along with your leadership, that helps you excel and finish here.”

- 2nd Lt. Daniel Zotto

Q: You’ve finished your finals, but you’re waiting to jump in the fountain. Why the wait?
A: “Our friend finishes her last final this afternoon. We started freshman year together and we are all jumping together.”

- 2nd Lt. Adah Frankovic

Q: How would you sum up how you are feeling right now?
A: “Freedom!”

- 2nd Lt. Stephan Atrice

Q: How was your Academy experience and what are your thoughts on graduation?
A: “I’m excited that the longest five years of my life are so close to being done. The experience as a whole definitely helped me grow and learn a lot about myself. I am looking forward to finally putting what I’ve learned here at the Academy to work. The practice that I had from positions held here will hopefully serve as a stepping stone for building my leadership style.”

- 2nd Lt. Cecilio Carter
7 lacrosse athletes make ECAC All-Academic Team

By Melissa McKeown
Academy Athletics Communications Office

CENTERVILLE, Mass. — Seven Air Force players were named to the 2013 Eastern College Athletic Conference Lacrosse League All-Academic Team May 30. In all, 82 athletes from the league’s eight teams earned a spot on this year’s academic all-conference team.

To be selected to the team, student-athletes must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or better throughout the completion of the most recently finished academic term.

Representing Air Force on this year’s team were seniors Pat Harrison and Dan Schonfeld, juniors Michael Curran and Matt Scott and freshmen Brett Dadiego, Matthew Duenes and Doug Gouchoe. Harrison is a three-time all-academic team honoree, while Curran earns his second selection to the team. For more information, visit www.goairforcefalcons.com.

Golfer Westmoreland ties for 22nd place at U.S. Open qualifier

By Jerry Cross
Academy Athletics Communications Office

Academy senior Kyle Westmoreland tied for 22nd place at the U.S. Open Golf Sectional Qualifying Monday at the Lakewood Country Club in Dallas.

Westmoreland shot a two-under-par 69 in the first round and fired a two-over-par 73 in the second to finish with an even-par total of 142. The top four finishers from the field of 68 advance to next week’s U.S. Open at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa.

Westmoreland made the turn at two-under par Monday morning after birdies at No. 1 and 9, then bogeyed No. 12 and 13 to move back to even par. He finished his round with a birdie at 17 and 18. Westmoreland was tied for seventh place after the first round with 1997 British Open champion Justin Leonard and three others.

Westmoreland could not get things rolling in the second round, posting three bogeys and just one birdie. He finished one shot behind Leonard and tied with Scott Verplank, who has recorded a top 10 finish at each of the four major tournaments. There were 11 sectional sites in the U.S. Monday. Played over 36 holes in one day, sectional qualifying is a test of skill and endurance, with only a handful of available spots at each site. The number of qualifying spots is determined by the quality and quantity of the field at each location.

The U.S.-based event is known as “golf’s longest day.”
A&FRC Events
Academy members may register for the events listed below by calling 333-3444.

Disabled American Medical Records Review: 8 a.m.—4 p.m., today to June 21, by appointment only. Service members within 180 days of retirement or separation may participate. Attendees must pre-register.

Resume Writing Workshop: 9 a.m.—noon, June 26. An effective resume can open the door to new opportunities.

Senior NCO orientation, induction
A senior NCO orientation course to assist Academy master sergeant selects transition into their new role as senior NCOs is 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., July 29-Aug. 2 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The course is mandatory for all new master sergeants and will culminate in a senior NCO induction ceremony, 5:30 p.m., Aug. 2 at the Falcon Club.

The cost to attend the induction ceremony will be released in July.

For more information, call 333-3898 or 333-1374.

Eagle Peak, Stanley Canyon reopen
Eagle Peak and Stanley Canyon Trails have reopened, following their closure due to investigations in the wake of the 2012 Waldo Canyon Fire.

Blodgett Peak remains closed until further notice and remains off-limits for all recreational activities.

For more information, call 333-3308.

Academy Recycle Center relocates
The Academy Recycling Center has moved to the southwest side of the Main Exchange parking lot.

For more information, call 333-3224.

Vacation Bible School volunteers needed
Volunteers are needed for Emmanuel Vac-ation Bible School, 5:30-7:30 p.m., June 10-14. VBS registration began in April; children 4 years old through fourth grade are invited. To volunteer, call 333-3300.

Road repair projects underway
June 24-July 8: Asphalt repair, North Gate Boulevard between the Santa Fe Trail and Stadia Boulevard.

Mid-June through mid-July: Curb and gutter replacement, Pine Drive between West Pine Loop and the 10th Medical Group Clinic.

For more information, call 333-6756.

Youth Fire Safety Camp
The annual Youth Fire Safety Camp for children ages 8-12 is June 25 at Fire Station 1 on Pine Drive.

The camp will feature fire extinguisher training, fire vehicle and equipment displays, fire prevention/education material and a lunch.

Those attending should bring a towel and wear clothing that can get wet.

For more information or to RSVP, call 333-2051.

Expeditionary Survival, Evasion Training
Numerous cadets are taking the ESET course and may be seen in forested areas on Academy Grounds, alongside base roads, or carrying weapons at any hour of the day or night.

Academy members are asked to use discretion in reporting these cadets as “suspicious individuals” to the 10th Security Forces Squadron.

Critical Days of Summer safety tips
The Critical Days of Summer campaign began May 27.

According to Air Force Safety Center statistics, since 2002 the Air Force has experienced more than 200 fatalities during the Critical Days of Summer.

Remembering the following tips can help us all have a safe summer:

Driving Safety:

Wear a seat belt, do not drive while tired or distracted, map your route, take frequent breaks and do not drink and drive.

Motorcycles: Wear all personal protective equipment as mandated by Air Force Instruction 91-207, ride within your limits and obey the rules of the road.

Boating: Check all equipment before leaving shore, wear a life vest, take a boating safety class and do not swim or drive a boat after drinking.

Outdoor cooking: Use lighter fluid, not gasoline; move the grill away from the home and overhang, always monitor the grill, keep children and pets away and let coals cool before disposal.

Camping: Check your camping gear before leaving, camp only in approved areas, make sure someone not with you knows where you are and use caution when starting fires.

Network Security responsibilities
Air Force guidance prohibits various activities and devices, including establishing modern connections, installing peer-to-peer or personal proxy, voice-over Internet Protocol software, network devices such as hubs, routers, personal computers, gaming consoles, etc., not specifically authorized by the 10th Communications Squadron.


Commanders, in accordance with Defense Department 5200.2-R and DOD Personnel Security Program guidance, weigh individual instances of prohibited network activity when making classified information access determinations and continued security clearance eligibility decisions.

For more information, contact your unit security manager or call the 10th CS Help Desk at 333-4357.

Cadet Sponsor Program
Class of 2017 cadets need sponsors to build a professional mentoring relationship and provide a home away from home for cadets.

Eligible sponsors are captains and above, technical sergeants and above, and civilians GS-05 and above.

For more information, visit www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetSponsor or call 333-2727.

Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Sergeants Association Falcon Chapter 1180 invites all cadets, retirees and active-duty service members to participate in a 5k run/walk at the Parcourse every third Wednesday following the monthly AFSA meetings, 3:30 p.m. at the Falcon Club.

For more information, call 333-8999.

Instagram photo of the week

User @nbelinski sent in this photo of first day soaring at the Academy, saying “We knocked out four flights!”

We look forward to highlighting your Instagram photos in upcoming editions of the Academy Spirit. If you would like to have a photo published, upload it to Instagram using the hashtag @YourAcademy.
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