Academy’s 10th Dean of the Faculty steps up to serve

By Ray Bowden, Academy Spirit editor and John Van Winkle, Academy Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Andrew Armacost became the Academy’s 10th dean of the faculty in a change-of-command ceremony Tuesday in the Arnold Hall Ballroom.

“I will always remember why we’re here and that is to support our cadets,” Armacost said to the crowd of more than 300 guests, staff and cadets. “I pledge a continuous commitment to each and every one of you.”

As the dean, Armacost will command the 700-member Dean of Faculty mission element and oversee the annual design and instruction of more than 500 undergraduate courses for 4,000 cadets in 31 academic disciplines. He will also direct the operation of five support staff agencies and faculty resources valued at more than $350 million.

“It’s a big job, a very tough job, a very demanding job, but we know you’ll do it very, very well,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, who presided over the ceremony.

Armacost’s educational background includes a doctorate in operations research from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from Northwestern University. Before taking over as the dean, he was the head and permanent professor of the Academy’s Management Department.

Armacost’s prior assignments include chief analyst at Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base. As an operations research analyst, he has been involved in significant studies for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon; Air Combat Command at Langley AFB, Va.; Air Mobility Command at Scott AFB, Ill.; and the Air Force Personnel Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.

His early career, which began in 1989 at Hanscom AFB, Mass., included his role as program manager for projects with the White House Communications Agency and the Marine Corps Intelligence Center in Quantico, Va.

Armacost succeeds Brig. Gen. Dana Born, who served as the dean since October 2004. Born will head to Massachusetts to serve as a Kennedy School of Government faculty member at Harvard University.

“Dana took over in a time of scrutiny and repaired the image of the Academy,” Gould said. “She did it through outreach and telling the story of all the good things we do here. Dana helped make sure we do all the right things to develop character and leadership here at the Academy.”

Gould wished the Armacost and Born families well as they begin a new phase of their lives.

“When one great Air Force leader steps aside, another is ready to take their place,” Gould said.

Born, a 1983 Academy graduate, officially retired from the Air Force Tuesday, exactly 34 years after beginning her career as a basic cadet.
Education is not just for cadets

By Airman 1st Class Veronica Ward
Academy Public Affairs

When I found out the Academy would be my first duty station, the only expectation I had was to see young adults traverse the challenge of Academy life before stepping out as Air Force officers. What I didn’t expect was to receive my own unique education.

It’s truly amazing how much we see and do while here, but we are also molded into something more than we were when we first arrived at the Academy.

For those of us just beginning our journey as Airmen, it is vital we take in everything that surrounds us, the good and bad, and learn from it.

On several occasions, I have been asked to cover a photo shoot of someone receiving an outstanding service. I remember entering that conference room for the first time, being surrounded by officers and leaders, and getting the distinct impression that, as long as we keep our eyes and minds open as our peers succeed, there was no more striking was realizing that in every direction I looked was someone I know.

As part of the junior enlisted tier, I am one of few who get the opportunity to interact with a range of Airmen, from one-strippers to officers wearing stars. While I am a listener as leader, there are opportunities where civilians and military members come together to accomplish the mission, I have had the chance to observe others take on the mission. I have been educated, trained and inspired to become a leader of character. I am encouraged by the thought that when it is my turn to serve my country, I will be ready to face a new chapter on my journey as an Airman along with the civilians and officers who have also chosen to serve.

Risk management crucial, says Everest climber

By Lt. Col. Thomas Ste. Marie
2nd Space Operations Squadron commander

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE — To many of us in the Air Force, the words “Operational Risk Management” have become somewhat stale. The often-turned-to “no risk, no reward” approach (a.k.a. Powerpoint or e-mail) doesn’t seem relevant or engaging to the average Airman as leader. The concept, a simple conversation or offer words of encouragement to various Airmen. Interaction wasn’t dictated by rank; it was simply human.

While spending less than a year here, I can already say that I have grown as a person and as an Airman. I owe it to the individuals here who make the Academy such a success.

Occasionally, I have seen others make it known they may not understand, while other choices led to solutions that I hadn’t even considered as an option, or perhaps I will come with experience. In the long run, it is seeing the process of the decision makers and varying chains of command that I will remember, not the choices made.

While many of us also get to work in an environment where we are deploying military force down dangerous mountains in the world, it doesn’t seem relevant or engaging to traditional training approach or a carpenter. No matter what you’re a hunter, a private pilot or a carpenter. No matter what your interest is, it is necessary to acknowledge the associated risks and come up with a methodical plan to lessen the probability of the hazards occurring. The point is, engage in those activities as safely as possible.

So, as we embark on another amazing Colorado summer, it’s not about hiding in the air conditioning or under a blanket with all the lights out. It’s about managing risk in all the ways it presents itself. I use the six D’s: if an activity is “Dumb, Different, Dangerous or Dull,” your risk is inherently going up; if you are “Distracted or Drinking,” the risk compounds. Doing any of these kinds of activities in combination increases the risk exponentially each time you add in a “D.” To me, it’s all about recognizing risks. On and off duty, as you experience risk, first identify it and then come up with a solid plan to address and mitigate it — then have a backup plan. Better yet, have a wingman along the way. Captain Merrin had backups, plans and wingmen that mountain climbers like him, his Sherpa guide, and all Airmen back here in Colorado. Have all three for yourself this summer too.

“Dumb” — your risk is inherently going up.

“Different” — new experiences are a great way to mitigate risk.

“Dangerous” — you may have read the full account of a matter of risk avoidance,” he said. “They are not the same and the Air Force Safety Center has taken a direct interest in reinving-
Secretary Donley says farewell to Air Force

By Desiree Palacios
Air Force News Service

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. (AFNS) — Five years to the day from when he entered the position, the longest-serving secretary of the Air Force stepped down during a farewell ceremony here June 21.

Michael Donley was confirmed as the 22nd secretary of the Air Force Oct. 2, 2008. He served as the acting secretary since June 21 of that year, as well as for seven months in 1993, making him the longest-serving secretary in the Air Force’s history.

“Amercia is stronger because Mike Donley chose to serve. You leave us now focused on the continued delivery of airpower for America,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III said. “The Air Force remains ready to provide Global Vigilance, Global Reach, and Global Power for America because of your leadership and your clear, consistent commitment to our core values of integrity, service and excellence. We’ve all been privileged to know you, and honored to follow you.”

In addition to Welsh, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter honored Donley at the ceremony, where hundreds gathered to say thanks and farewell.

The defense secretary said Donley’s leadership as the Air Force’s top civilian rested on hard work, constant attention, and the trust and confidence of his subordinates.

“If we had more of the Mike Donley attitude and sense of purpose in our country today, we’d probably all be a little better off,” Hagel said. “I have been impressed (and) inspired. He probably all be a little better off,” Hagel said.

Hagel and Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter’s cyber efforts, and he helped set the stage for total force integration, to find the right mix of capabilities that will maximize operational effectiveness across the active and Reserve components.

Carter credited Donley with rebuilding the morale and reputation of the Air Force, “brick by brick,” and described him as a man of great character.

“He has re-established the reputation and morale of our Air Force and has gone from there to build it higher and higher and higher,” Carter said. “You are everything we want in a leader and a man of great integrity and humility.”

Welsh thanked Donley and his wife, Gail, for their constant focus on taking care of Airmen and their families.

After a pass in review by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and the U.S. Air Force Band, Donley reflected on his tenure and how much Airmen have impressed him over the years.

“I am most grateful to have had this opportunity to meet, to know, and to represent America’s Airmen...the living engine of our Air Force who have stepped forward, generation after generation, to sustain and advance American airpower,” Donley said. “Our total force Airmen manage an incredibly diverse mission set and utilize the most technologically advanced systems, all of which come together to provide Global Vigilance, Reach and Power, for America.”

Donley took the opportunity while on stage, to offer one last appeal.

“To members of Congress continuing to struggle with the nation’s fiscal and defense priorities...on behalf of our Airmen, please repeal sequestration...,” he said. “And always feel free to add a few more resources to the U.S. Air Force... consistent with the president’s budget certainly.”

Before leaving the podium, Donley asked how the Air Force can be worthy of the “incredible” Airmen who volunteer to serve the nation.

“My answer is simple,” he said. “We must lead our Air Force and our military in a way that continues to sustain our most valuable assets: the trust of the American people, the confidence of our partners and allies, and the fear and respect of any potential adversary. Ladies and gentlemen, it has been an honor to serve with you in the world’s finest Air Force.”

Under Secretary Eric Fanning will serve as the acting secretary of the Air Force until the president nominates and the Senate confirms a replacement.

At ease.
Another fish story:

Academy anglers ‘reel ‘em in’ at tournament

Story and photos by Ray Bowden
Academy Spirit editor

There was no scaling back the fun for the 55 anglers who tested their mettle at the Academy’s 2013 Trout Fishing Tournament at the Kettle Lakes Saturday. The tournament began at 8 a.m., cost $5 to enter and was open to any Academy employee or family member with a valid state or Academy fishing license.

Among the contenders was 4-year-old Ryder Schlemmer, son of Staff Sgt. Chris Schlemmer of the 10th Communications Squadron.

“I want to win,” Ryder said while standing on the south bank of Kettle Lake 1 with fishing pole in hand. “I think we have good chance.”

Ryder apparently had more than just a “good chance” as he managed to yank an 11 3/4” trout from the water a mere 15 minutes after the tournament began. Catching the biggest fish wasn’t the sole reason some contestants braved the morning’s near-90 degree temperatures as the contest also provided the perfect opportunity for some good old-fashioned father-son bonding.

“It gives us something to do together – a father and son thing,” said Tech. Sgt. Bill Reif while bank-fishing on the east shore of Kettle Lake 1 with his 10-year-old son Jordan.

“We like to fish and I like being out here,” Jordan said. “It’s a good thing for me and my dad to do.”

Ruku Kimura, 9, caught a 16 1/2” trout at Kettle Lake 1 while fishing with his father, Maj. Yuki Kimura, a Japanese exchange officer with the Military and Strategic Studies Department here.

“It was really hard to reel him in,” he said. “I really thought he was going to get away.”

The tournament was organized by two Academy Airmen and self-described “fishing buddies” Airman 1st Class Dylan Sisneros and Airman 1st Class Mark Taylor of the 10th Aeromedical Squadron.

“We got to talking about doing this and we thought ‘why not?’” Sisneros said while casting a line from the dock on the south shore of Kettle Lake 3.

“(The Academy) never does anything like this here. So far, it’s been awesome.”

Along with using the event to get the word out about the Academy’s three well-stocked Kettle Lakes, Cook recognized the potential for a family-oriented event, he said.

“We also wanted to do this for the kids and give them time to spend with their dads,” he said. “It’s just a good family event.”

Cook and Sisneros regularly fish at the Kettle Lakes themselves, Cook said.

“When I first got here and realized we had these lakes, I was pretty much in paradise,” he said.

The two friends were a bit surprised when they discovered their idea would take more organizing than they originally envisioned, but with the aid of the Academy’s First Sergeants Council, they managed to pull it off with minimal carp ing.

“They guys did all the hard work,” said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Shaw of the 10th Medical Group.

“We helped them organize it and get everything through (the legal office), but really, it was their hard work.”

The tournament wrapped up at noon with a barbeque and given to children rods and reels and a net to any participants under 16 who caught the longest fish, the best fish and the shortest fish. Plaques were given to adults who caught the longest fish and for the total combined length of fish caught.

Airman 1st Class Mark Taylor of the 10th Medical Group won the adult longest fish category with his 16” trout; Samuel Vaughn of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service won the adult total combined length of fish reeled in.

In the children’s bracket, Wyatt Houck won the most fish category after catching eight fish; Ruku Kimura won the longest fish category with his 16” trout and Megan Dumond took home the shortest fish category with her 3” trout.

The rods and reels and trophies were donated by Outdoor Recreation and the First Sergeant’s Council.

For more information on the Outdoor Recreation Center’s fishing program, call 333-4475 or visit www.usafasupport.com.

Airman Bryce Cook (left) and Airman 1st Class Dylan Sisneros, both of the 10th Aeromedical Squadron, stand on the dock on the south shore of Kettle Lake 3 Saturday. The Airmen organized the Academy’s 2013 Trout Fishing Tournament.
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Cadets serve as role models, coaches at Character Camp

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

High school students from across the Front Range hiked, biked and rafted the Arkansas River alongside Academy cadets to enhance their character and grip the true meaning of teamwork, June 16 - 21.

Nineteen juniors and seniors from Dolores Huerta Preparatory High School, Fountain-Fort Carson High School, Discovery Canyon High School, Air Academy High School, Soroco High School and Hinkley High School took part in competitive outdoor activities for the second annual Center for Character and Leadership Development Character Camp here to exercise leadership virtues that align with Air Force core values.

“It’s a way to equip youth with habits of honorable character,” said Maj. Dale Sanders, director of the camp and deputy director of integration and outreach at the CCLD. “It also gives the teenagers and their parents the opportunity to see what the military is about.”

Five cadets and four college students acted as pod leaders to the campers while participating in challenging exercises such as a ropes course, paintballing, geocaching and an eight-mile bike ride along the Falcon trail.

“Getting over the rocks on the bike and still having control was really tough,” said Kathyn Pennington, a senior from Air Academy High School. “They challenged us physically as well as we were with people who we didn’t know and who we had to immediately trust or else the camp would fall apart.

Pennington said. “We are all so grateful.”

“The campers were up for everything we threw at them, even though they came from different Backgrounds and played different sports, whether it was football, boxing, cheerleading or were on the drill team. They accepted what we had to say and were really willing to learn.”

The camp was funded by the Character Education Partnership. The company’s President and CEO, Mark Hyatt, is a former CCLD director here.

“Getting over the rocks on the bike and still having control was really tough,” said Kathyn Pennington, a senior from Air Academy High School. “They challenged us physically as well as we were with people who we didn’t know and who we had to immediately trust or else the challenges wouldn’t work.”

The virtues demonstrated at the camp: trust, awareness, courage, respect, attention to detail, care for others, duty, excellence and commitment.

“As cadets, these words are thrown at us all the time,” said Cadet 1st Class Kimberly Smith, a pod leader. “It wasn’t until I came to this camp that I really thought about what these values mean to me. If we’re expected to live this way, we should know what they actually are. For me, the best way to learn them was by teaching them to the kids. That meant I had to know them perfectly.”

Sanders said cadets were trained to serve as character coaches to the campers.

“Cadets were also able to get some planning and management experience by preparing for the camp,” Sanders said. “We’ve been prepping for it since February and it allowed us to develop a solid curriculum and assessment around the camp.

Dontae Buck, a pod leader from Hampden-Sydney College, said the leaders outlined the virtues and the students took the curriculum to the next level.

“They came up with things that were conducive to their character,” Buck said. “One kid was like, ‘I’m going to work on diligence and confidence today.’ It was cool.”

College students were integrated into the camp this year to bring a different experience to the program, Sanders said.

“Cadets bring the military mindset and college students are able to relate students who aren’t from military families,” Sanders said. “These high school students can look at the college students and say ‘This is going to be me in three years.’

Neva Archuleta from Fountain-Fort Carson High School said the camp taught her how to bond with people and respect them even if they’re different.

“It allowed me to step out of my comfort zone,” Archuleta said. “We had to work together during the activities and could hang out after too. One night we all went to the pool and played water polo. We’d get competitive but then give each other high fives.”

Pennington said she’d love to attend the Academy one day.

“One hundred percent for me,” Pennington said. “My dad and a few of my uncles went there. Also, wearing the uniform and being a person of service is huge for me. It’s what I can do for the people who have served for me.”

Smith said she enjoyed getting to know the students and setting a good example of leadership.

“The campers were up for everything we threw at them, even though they came from different backgrounds and played different sports, even though they came from different backgrounds and played different sports.

The opportunities we’ve had here are incredible and it’s a huge blessing that it was paid for,” Pennington said. “We are all so grateful.”

Ben Deis, a senior from Fountain-Fort Carson High School, said the camp has been the best week he’s had throughout high school.

“All the leaders were awesome and everyone got along perfectly,” Deis said. “Anyone who comes to this is definitely in for a treat.”
Cadet cadre welcomes Class of 2017

ABOVE: Cadets 1st Class Nathan Armes (right) and Kelsey Dees welcome basic cadets to the Air Force Academy during inprocessing Thursday. Armes and Dees are assigned to Cadet Squadrons 03 and 27, respectively.

RIGHT: Basic Cadet Seth Bolon is grilled during his first day of Basic Cadet Training at the Air Force Academy Thursday. Bolon, one of approximately 1,200 basic cadets to enter the Academy’s Class of 2017, is assigned to Squadron C.
Safety comes first

Academy youth receive hands-on fire education

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

Sixty kids across the base received fire safety education through hands-on activities and fun-filled water competitions with Academy firefighters June 25 during the annual Youth Fire Safety Camp at Fire Station 1. Children ages 8-12 spent the day scoping out firefighting equipment, absorbing fire facts, putting out a fire and getting drenched with a fire hose.

“The educational portion of the camp takes place in the morning and then the kids get wet and have fun in the afternoon,” said Jonathan Milam, the Academy’s assistant fire chief for fire prevention. “The main goal of the camp is to give them some education and awareness of what firefighters do on the fire ground.”

Approximately 20-25 on-duty and off-duty firefighters assisted with activities including Airman 1st Class Kyle Garrett.

“It’s good for them to be able to see what we do,” Garrett said. “They’re able to see our gear and learn about fire safety so hopefully they can protect themselves in an emergency situation.”

As a part of fire safety, Milam said this year all fireworks and open burning are restricted on base, in the city and in the county.

“Fireworks are illegal on base and in the city,” Milam said. “We’re already in Stage 1 fire restrictions so fireworks aren’t allowed in the county either. When the county hits Stage 1, they become equal to our everyday occurrence.”

He said people can still barbeque at their home or at an improved site as long as their grill is off of the ground.

“In Stage 1 you can still have barbeque grills using charcoal, wood or a propane tank,” Milam said. “If we move to Stage 2, the use of charcoal and wood grills will be prohibited.”

Academy fire inspector Mike Mater (right) helps Kaylee Stone extinguish a fire by using the “Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep” technique with a fire extinguisher June 25 at Fire Station 1.

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- Airman 1st Class Kyle Garrett
21 local NCOs selected for promotion to tech. sgt.

By Air Force Personnel Center
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

A total of 21 NCOs here were selected for promotion to technical sergeant, Academy officials announced June 27.

In all, 5,654 staff sergeants across the Air Force have been selected for promotion, representing 15.03 percent of the 37,608 eligible, according to an Air Force Personnel Center news release.

The average score for those selected was 340.17. Selectees’ average time in grade is 5.52 years and time in service is 10.78. Their average enlisted performance report score is 132.58 and the average decoration score is 5.97. Selectee average promotion fitness examination score is 72.63 and the average specialty knowledge test score is 63.40.

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

To see the promotion list, visit https://mypers.af.mil.

TECH. SGT. JOSEPH VALENTE

STEPPping up!

Tech. Sgt. Dave Siemiet receives his master sergeant stripes from 12th Flying Training Wing Commander Col. Gerald Goodfellow Tuesday. Siemiet, a parachuting instructor with the 98th Flying Training Squadron here, was one of two Air Education and Training Command Airmen to be promoted to master sergeant under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program this year. Among the numerous accomplishments leading to his STEP promotion, Siemiet was selected as the 2011 AETC NCO of the Year.

Academy staff sergeants selected for promotion are:

- April Barnard - Academy Financial Management Analysis
- Billy Barton - 10th Medical Operations Squadron
- Alan Bruhn, 10th Security Forces Squadron
- Christopher Burrows, 10th SFS
- Shenika Daniels, 10th MDOS
- Dean Deroche, 10th SFS
- George Harmes, 10th Aeromedical Squadron
- Sheila Harris, 10th Force Support Squadron
- Christine Jestice, 10th MDOS
- John Key, 10th Communications Squadron
- Philip Mendoza, 10th SFS
- Francisco Moreno, 10th CS
- Toshia Parson, 10th MDOS
- Jessica Scott, Cadet Wing
- Cecilia Toomey, Cadet Chaplain Corps
- Troy Umstead, 10th SFS
- Nicholas Wilhume, 10th CS
- Patrick Brush, Academy Band
- Christopher Hammel, Academy Band

Staff Sgts. Alan Hainey and Anthony Lowe of the 12th Operations Group were also selected for promotion to technical sergeant.

SecDef: DOD welcomes Supreme Court’s DOMA decision

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service) — Defense Department officials will move forward in making benefits available to all military spouses, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said June 26 in a statement issued after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act, which had prevented federal agencies from offering all of the same benefits to spouses in same-sex married couples that they provide to other spouses.

Here is the secretary’s statement:

The Department of Defense welcomes the Supreme Court’s decision today on the Defense of Marriage Act. The Department will immediately begin the process of implementing the Supreme Court’s decision in consultation with the Department of Justice and other executive branch agencies. The Department of Defense intends to make the same benefits available to all military spouses — regardless of sexual orientation — as soon as possible. That is now the law, and it is the right thing to do.

Every person who serves our nation in uniform stepped forward with courage and commitment. All that matters is their patriotism, their willingness to serve their country and their qualifications to do so. Today’s ruling helps ensure that all men and women who serve this country can be treated fairly and equally, with the full dignity and respect they so richly deserve.
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**Pilots, combat systems officers may be eligible for retention incentives**

by Debbie Gilead

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS)**

Eligible active duty aviators have until Sept. 30 to apply for the 2013 Aviator Retention Pay Program, Air Force officials said Thursday.

The purpose of the program is to retain highly-qualified aircrew members at a fraction of the cost incurred to train new rated officers, said Lt. Col. Stuart Rubio, Air Force Rated Force Policy-Mobility Forces Chief.

“In addition, we preserve a fully-ready cadre of aircrew officers, eliminating years of necessary tempering and experience,” he said.

ARP provides eligible pilots and combat systems officers with monetary incentives in exchange for active duty service commitments of three, four or five years, or up to 20 years of aviation service.

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Instagram photo of the week

Here’s the Instagram photo of the week. User @hardball6 sent in this photo taken just outside of Falcon Stadium. We look forward to high-
lighting your Instagram photos in upcoming editions of the Academy Spirit. If you would like to have a photo published, upload it to Insta-
gram using #YourAcademy.

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Working it out at Sports Camp

From turf to track and court to mat, the Academy’s Falcon Summer Sports Camp programs give young athletes the guidance to grow into their sport. The camps ended this week. For more 2014 Sports Camp information, visit www.goairforcefalcons.com/camps.
Air Force inks Dave Pilipovich to 5-year deal

By Jerry Cross
Athletic Communications Office

Director of Athletics Dr. Hans Mueh announced Wednesday that Air Force men’s basketball coach Dave Pilipovich has agreed to a new five-year contract.

“I have seen enough of Dave Pilipovich as an assistant coach and a head coach to know the values he has,” said Mueh. “He is exactly the right guy to lead this program and I am excited about the future.”

Pilipovich has served as head coach since Feb. 8, when Jeff Reynolds was relieved of his duties. The eighth head coach in program history, Pilipovich was named the permanent head coach March 3, and will enter the 2013-14 campaign with a 20-20 career record.

After taking over the program, Pilipovich won two of his first three games as head coach, including a come from behind 58-53 win at Wyoming in his first road game. He then led the Falcons to their first-ever win over a Top 20 team with a 58-56 triumph in his first road game. He then led senior Michael Lyons to the Mountain West scoring title and helped Lyons become the sixth player in program history to earn first-team all-conference honors.

In his nearly five seasons as an assistant coach at AFA, Pilipovich helped Air Force earn its first trip to the NCAA Tournament following the 2010 campaign. In his first season at Air Force (2007-08), the Falcons finished fifth in the Mountain West Conference after being picked eighth in the preseason media and coaches poll, the greatest margin between predicted and actual finish in the league that season.

In 2012-13, his first full season as head coach, Pilipovich led the Falcons to an 18-14 overall record, tying the fourth-most wins in one season in program history. He also became the first Air Force head coach to beat two ranked teams in the same season and owns three of AFAs four wins against ranked opponents, including an 89-88 win over number 12 New Mexico, the highest ranked opponent ever defeated by Air Force. He also coached Air Force to its first-ever postseason road win with a 69-65 victory at Hawai’i in the first round of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament.

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intramural softball roundup

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10th Force Support Squadron intramural sports director


Hospital vs. Security Forces
Hospital’s Noah West hit a two-run homerun in their first inning against Security Forces to give Hospital an early lead. Security Forces Kieran Gibson hit a double, a single and three RBIs. Sam Carey tried to keep Security Forces in the game with a solo homerun, but the Hospital took over in the fourth inning with eight runs, including a two-run double from Bill Malone.

Retirees vs. Security Forces
Security Forces scored eight runs in the third with two run singles from Sam Carey and Aaron Thomas. The Retirees fired back with 13 runs in the bottom of the third; Tommie Edwards hit a two-run double and John Karagiannis hit a two run single. Security Forces scored eight runs in the fourth and the team never lost the lead. Kieran Gibson’s three-run homerun was the hit of the inning."
Family Movie Night

The Academy 5-6 Club and Academy Prep School is sponsoring a Family Movie Night every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center Theatre. Admission is free. The featured film is “Toy Story.”

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., Saturday - 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, at the Falcon Club Aug. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

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

For more information, call 333-9389 or 333-1734.

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