Academy remembers 9/11

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

Thousands of cadets and Academy leaders showed their respect for 9/11 victims, prisoners of war and those missing in action in a variety of tributes Wednesday through today.

The Cadet Wing held a Remembrance Ceremony in front of the 9/11 Memorial, laying down wreaths to represent the three crash locations: New York City, The Pentagon and Shanksville, PA. A remembrance run on the Terrazzo, with 975 cadets participating, began Wednesday evening and concludes today at 5:45 p.m.

“Today we remember and honor not only those who tragically died that September day 12 years ago, we also pay solemn tribute to the more than 6,700 patriots who paid the ultimate price for our nation and our freedoms - including 19 graduates of the Air Force’s Academy,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson. “We also recognize our 4,000 cadets here are the future leaders for our Air Force and our nation — the ones who will carry that torch forward and that they, too, may one day be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation.”

During the 49-hour vigil run, five cadets are carrying a fireman’s helmet and baton dressed with U.S. military symbols and the POW/MIA flag, to honor the men and women who lost their lives before, during, and after the 9/11 attacks.

“We’re conducting the remembrance run for the entire duration of Commandant’s training, reminding us of those who have gone before us and what we are training for,” said Cadet 1st

Powered flight program prepares prospective pilots

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

Four T-53 Kadet aircraft line up on the taxiway leading to Runway 16. Inside each aircraft sits one cadet pilot and one instructor. They’re the last group to fly for the day on Monday.

The weather, however, might cut their flights short. Maj. Nanette Menath, the 557th Flying Training Squadron’s operations supervisor, warns them of cells forming over the mountains to the west.

“If the weather deteriorates, I’ll call you back, either for patterns or for a full stop,” she explains. “Fly safe.”

One potential future pilot, Cadet 1st Class Joel Cramer, is assigned to fly with Capt. Nolan Thompson.

Monday’s flight marks Cramer’s seventh. He’ll practice touch-and-go passes, bringing the aircraft onto the runway and quickly taking off again, before heading east to one of the Academy’s training airspace areas. There, Thompson will lead Cramer through steep maneuvers and stalls and will grade Cramer on how well he controls the airplane. The entire training session will last one hour and 20 minutes, weather permitting.

But first Cramer and Thompson have to get off the ground. The
We recall how Americans of every station joined to honor those who gave of themselves in the face of such great evil. 

We honor those we lost, and we heal our nation in the years that followed.

President Barack Obama lays a wreath to honor victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon during a private remembrance ceremony for the victims and family members at the Pentagon Memorial, Wednesday.

By Barack Obama
President of the United States

Twelve years ago this month, nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children lost their lives in attacks meant to terrorize our nation. They had been going about their day, harming no one, when sudden violence struck. We will never undo the pain and injustice borne that terrible morning, nor will we ever forget those we lost.

On Sept. 11, 2001, amid shattered glass, twisted steel, and clouds of dust, the spirit of America shone through.

We remember the sacrifice of strangers and first responders who rushed into darkness to carry others from danger. We remember the unbreakable bonds of unity we felt in the long days that followed — how we held each other, how we came to our neighbors’ aid, how we prayed for one another.

We recall how Americans of every station joined together to support the survivors in their hour of need and to heal our nation in the years that followed.

Today, we can honor those we lost by building a nation worthy of their memories. Let us also live up to the selfless example of the heroes who gave of themselves in the face of such great evil.

— President Barack Obama

By a joint resolution approved Dec. 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-59), Congress has designated Sept. 11 of each year as “Patriot Day,” and by Public Law 111-13, approved April 21, 2009, Congress has requested the observance of Sept. 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Sept. 11, 2013, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Today, we can honor those we lost by building a nation worthy of their memories. Let us also live up to the selfless example of the heroes who gave of themselves in the face of such great evil.

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Americans to observe a National Day of Service and Remembrance by uniting in the same extraordinary way we came together after the attacks. Like the Americans who chose compassion when confronted with cruelty, we can show our love for one another by devoting our time and talents to those in need. I encourage all Americans to visit www.serve.gov or www.servir.gov for Spanish speakers, to find ways to get involved in their communities.

As we serve and remember, we reaffirm our ties to one another. On Sept. 11, 2001, no matter where we came from, what God we prayed to, or what race or ethnicity we were, we were one American family. May the same be said of us today, and always.

President issues 9/11 proclamation
President calls for unity, national day of service, remembrance


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DOD official rallies support for CFC

By Amaani Lyle
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — In response to today's uncertain financial times, Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced more realistic contribution goals for the Combined Federal Campaign and expressed confidence Defense Department employees will still contribute.

During a CFC kickoff event Sept. 5 at the Pentagon, Carter said the fiscal year 2012 DOD national capital region contributions raised more than $15 million — an average gift of about $515 per participant, Carter said.

“You are people whose life is filled by the opportunity to serve the rest of humanity — this is just an extension of what you do every day,” he said.

Carter acknowledged the difficulty of asking Defense Department employees to still contribute in the wake of recent furlough and sequestration woes, and expressed confidence Defense Department employees will still contribute.

“It is an American tradition to give,” he said.

The CFC enables military and federal government employees to contribute to more than 5,000 charities helping veterans and their families, feeding the homeless, providing global humanitarian assistance and even protecting animal rights.

Donors enter their input online only once, while the information on paper pledge forms is typed and retyped into the system, allowing chances for mistakes and consuming thousands of work hours, DeCristofaro said.

The system’s ease of use is potentially much greater, since donors using the online pledge option can search local, national or international charities, he said.

The new option is “an example of a collaborative effort that went into increasing our efficiency,” DeCristofaro said.

While many employees have asked for electronic options, Airmen wanting to make a one-time gift or use a paper CFC pledge form still can do so.

The new option is “an example of a collaborative effort that went into increasing our efficiency,” DeCristofaro said.

The new option is also available to eligible non-DOD donors.

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Crisis line offers confidential help

By Terri Mose Cronk
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Getting help for service members and their families in crisis today is imperative, said a Military Crisis Line responder.

Tricia Lucchesi said callers use the Military Crisis Line, also known at the Veterans Crisis Line, to discuss suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety and other topics.

“We stay on the phone as long as it takes,” Lucchesi said. “We’ll do whatever we need to get them help.”

Callers will receive a follow-up call from a suicide prevention coordinator with 24 hours of their first crisis line call, and a follow-up call 10 days later to keep them connected with needed services, Lucchesi said.

The crisis line is the result of collaboration between the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments, Lucchesi said.

“The [departments] are working closely together to create a system to assist our members without them having to worry about their careers or confidentiality,” she said.

Crisis line responders stay on the phone with a caller until a safety plan for their needs is tailored. This plan typically involves callers committing to seeking help through various resources, Lucchesi said.

“We’re here 24/7 and we never want anyone to feel alone,” she said. “(Callers) don’t have to sit in emotional turmoil all by themselves.”

For several years, the DOD has worked to remove the perceived stigma attached to seeking mental health help, which has resulted in increased use of the crisis line, Lucchesi said.

“People who have used the line have learned we’re not just going to send rescue out to them,” Lucchesi said. “They can call here for all kinds of reasons, and if they can [set up a] safety plan, they don’t have to worry about a policeman or emergency services showing up at their door.”

To reach the crisis line, call 1-800-273-8255, text 838255, or visit www.veteranscrisisline.net/ActiveDuty.aspx.

Academic members may call Life skills at 333-5177 or Family Advocacy at 333-5270 for assistance.

I-25 project update:
Construction narrows access to interstate Sept. 22-Oct. 10

By Academy Public Affairs

Construction to rebuild the interchange at North Gate Boulevard and Interstate 25 near the Academy’s north gate is going faster than expected and will cause traffic to divert Sept. 22 through Oct. 10.

This traffic diversion will allow workers to rebuild the interchange faster than planned, said a Colorado Department of Transportation news release.

• Northbound traffic on I-25 will be unable to exit on Exit 156A.

• Westbound vehicles on North Gate Boulevard will be unable to enter southbound I-25.

• Vehicles leaving the Academy on North Gate Boulevard will be unable to use the northbound lanes of I-25.

• Southbound traffic on I-25 will be unable to use Exit 156A to travel east on North Gate Boulevard.

Expansion construction on the interstate throughout Colorado Springs is more than 40 percent complete and CDOT’s goal is to open all traffic lanes in each direction by Dec. 31, the CDOT release said.

For more information, visit www.southi25expansion.com or usafa.af.mil.

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Instructor, grad take home Air Force service, tech awards

Julie Imada
Academy Education Directorate

One instructor in the Chemistry Department here and one Class of 2013 graduate who majored in aeronautics received awards at the annual Air Force Science and Technology Awards Aug. 29.

Dr. Timm Knoezer and 2nd Lt. Zachary Adams were recognized as the Air Force outstanding science and engineering educator and the 2013 cadet researcher of the year, respectively.

Knoezer was recognized for his dedication to education in and out of the classroom. He directed and taught nine courses over a three-year period. He also led and published cutting-edge research on synthetic cannabinoids, also known as “space,” and mentored more than 20 undergraduate students including students from the Academy, Colorado State University and the Colorado School of Mines.

In addition, Knoezer mentored dozens of high school students for participation in the International Chemistry Olympiads, resulting in three gold and five silver medal winners. Knoezer also mentored the 2013 first place winner for the Intel Science and Talent search, Sara Volz.

Volz, who had a cooperative research and development agreement with the Academy’s Life Science Research Center, was the first high school student to conduct research in the Academy’s labs. Her work on algae biofuels with Knoezer, Dr. Don Ververka and Melanie Grogger of the Biology Department helped her to win her early acceptance to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the $100,000 Intel Science and Talent grand prize.

“"I want to push my students to meet challenging situations head on. The hard truth is that learning science takes hard work."”

Dr. Timm Knoezer

Adams was recognized for his ground-breaking research on an award-winning cyclogyro search and rescue medical evacuation aircraft project. He conducted some of the research in partnership with the University of Maryland during a 2012 Cadet Summer Research program and continued the research with a team of other cadets during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Adams’s work has resulted in patent-pending technologies developed for the project. He is currently continuing his research and education as a PhD candidate at Purdue University.
Top priorities for new 10th Air Base Wing commander:

Airmen, mission, family

By Amber Raillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

For Col. Stacey Hawkins, attending the Air Force’s Academy provided the prime opportunity to venture from his small hometown in Louisiana and set his sights on the big Air Force.

After graduating in 1991, pursuing a career in aircraft maintenance and engaging with Airmen throughout the world, Hawkins said it was his love for aviation and desire to work with large groups that enabled him to lead the 10th Air Base Wing here 22 years later.

“It’s humbling and surreal,” he said. “To have the opportunity to come back and reflect on where it all started for me is amazing. I’m learning a lot every day about what it takes to run a university and installation.”

The best part of serving as the 10th ABW commander is being able to work with military and civilian Airmen every day, Hawkins said.

“You have an opportunity to meet people who usually have something on their minds and want to share it with you,” he said. “In this role, I’m able to learn and integrate the different pieces of information I receive from my different interactions in the wing and develop plans to innovate or fix a problem.”

Hawkins said his primary focuses are: the mission, innovation, quality supervision of Airmen and being a good role model.

“There’s a right culture for us to innovate — even within current budget constraints,” he said. “I want to find new ways of doing things more efficiently, develop applications for those resources and do more with the resources we have.”

Hawkins said taking care of Airmen is a top priority.

“First-line supervisors need to engage with their military and civilian Airmen,” he said. “They need to know their people. Supervisors need to know their Airmen well enough to notice if something is wrong and see how they can help them through the many services we provide here or through simple encouragement.”

Hawkins will follow Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson’s vision to stay connected with the local community.

“Connectedness and so-scientific technology probably has enhanced the connectedness and so-scientific technology probably has enhanced the connectedness and so-scientific technology probably has enhanced the connectedness,” he said. “In this role, I’m able to learn and integrate the different pieces of information I receive from my different interactions in the wing and develop plans to innovate or fix a problem.”

Hawkins said since his days here as a Doolie, or freshman, cadets have become more connected to the outside world.

“They receive iPhones after the Acceptance Day Parade, and have Facebook pages,” he said. “It’s a new world and new reality. The connectedness and social technology probably has enhanced cadet life, and I can tell from having Academy grads work in my organization, they’re savvy because of this.”

Hawkins’ family plays a significant role in the longevity of his career, he said.

“You come into the Air Force as an individual, but stay in because of the quality of life and your family’s dedication to what you’re doing. I was willing and able to take on every assignment, but by having my family’s support for remote tours and deployments have enabled me to continue to serve.”

Hawkins takes pride in knowing his wing gives most cadets their first opportunity to see how a wing operates.

“What’s really unique about our organization is that we are so connected and integrated into all of the elements, whether it’s the Athletic Department, dean of the faculty or 306 Flying Training Squadron,” he said. “It’s neat to know that you’re critical to everyone being able to succeed.”
Academy again ranks among best colleges in U.S.

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force Academy is one of the best educational institutions in the nation in several undergraduate academic categories, said the U.S. News & World Report 2014 Best Colleges report released Tuesday.

The Air Force Academy has the fourth best undergraduate engineering program in the nation, tying with the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Mass., and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

“This list shows the Academy’s breadth and depth of talent,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson. “Our faculty, staff and cadets are doing great things here as we strive to produce lieutenants for our nation. I’m very proud of our team — this list is yet another indication of the quality of our institution, our Air Force and all the Academy has to offer.”

The Academy made several appearances on the list, including its second-place listing in aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering for the 13th-consecutive year, and taking second place in electrical, electronic and communications engineering just behind the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology.

The U.S. Military Academy ranked sixth in this category and the Naval Academy tied San Jose State for the eighth spot.

In mechanical engineering, the Air Force’s Academy ranked seventh with the U.S. Military Academy, tying Cooper Union for fifth. The Naval Academy took eighth place.

The three main service academies dominated other categories with the Academy ranking third in top public schools, the U.S. Naval Academy ranking first and the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., taking second place.

In High School Counselor Rankings, the Academy placed third-best in the nation with the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy narrowly tying for first place. The Academy ranked 25th among national liberal arts colleges.

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

The student-faculty ratio at the Academy is 8:1. Classes average 20 cadets, and all faculty members are full-time employees.

For more information, visit www.usnews.com/rankings.
9/11 Remembered

12 years after the attacks, the Academy pays their respect to Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice.
Honoring the Academy’s fallen

The Academy hosted its 49th annual Homecoming Memorial Ceremony here Sept. 6 to honor more than 100 graduates who have passed away this year during combat or from other causes. The names of the fallen or deceased were called out at the ceremony, along with their class year and cadet squadron.

Here’s the Instagram photo of the week: User @doc_oxs sent in this photo taken at Falcon Stadium. 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 #YourAcademy.
Cadet 1st Class Christian Brechbuhl, the Cadet Wing’s Public and International Affairs director.

Three cadets personally affected by 9/11, assisted Johnson, Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Andrew Armacost and Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Gregory Lengyel lay the wreaths in front of the memorial. “We wanted to include this in the ceremony because it shows the Cadet Wing is not forgetting what happened on that infamous day,” said Cadet 1st Class Jennifer Johnsen, the cadet in charge of ceremony activities.

A ceremonial placing of the baton and helmet at the 9/11 Memorial will occur after the run concludes.

The events were coordinated by the Cadet Wing staff and Johnson and involved nearly 4,000 cadets.

Brechbuhl said most cadets have only known a post-9/11 world. “The oldest among us was in sixth grade when the attack happened and most of us are younger,” he said.

The cadets voluntarily joined the Air Force in a time of war and it is important for us to remember those who have gone before us and that we must always be vigilant.”

Cadet 2nd Class Joel Cramer climbs into the pilot’s seat of a T-53 training aircraft at the Academy Sept. 9.

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first two T-53s in the queue take off; the third and fourth, including Cramer’s aircraft, are told to wait while another aircraft approaches the runway. That aircraft, coming in too high, aborts its landing attempt.

A few minutes later, Cramer and Thompson are airborne. The weather holds, and they land later on without incident.

Thompson, Menath and others assigned to the 557th FTS, part of Air Education and Training Command’s 12th Flying Training Wing, lay the groundwork for cadets’ careers: Half the Academy’s graduates become Air Force pilots, and those who don’t will have a background in flight and a greater strategic understanding of how the Air Force projects global reach and global power.

The program provides unique leadership opportunities and character development, said Col. Kim Hawthorne, the Academy’s Airmanship Program director. “Our graduates consistently tell us that their airmanship experiences while at the Academy significantly developed their character and leadership, and prepared them to serve as Air Force leaders,” Hawthorne said. “As the Air Force’s Academy, it is essential that we expose and motivate all cadets to aviation operations and airmindedness — the lens through which Airmen perceive warfare.”

From her perspective as the operations director, Menath sees this first hand when dealing with the cadets in the program. “This motivates the cadets,” Menath said. “They get a lot out of it. Overall, they really enjoy this program, but more importantly they gain experience and character development through the opportunities presented by the program.”

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The Academy women’s rugby team battled hard in a 35-14 exhibition loss to the Quinnipiac University Bobcats here Saturday.

The match was the first time the two teams have met. Quinnipiac, an east coast powerhouse based in Connecticut, has won 17 of its last 18 games. The Bobcats’ seasoned lineup was able to overcome the high altitude and prove their record was well-earned by taking — and keeping — the early lead.

The Bobcats used strong lateral movement and disciplined pitching to get their backs around the edge for several scores.

The younger Academy team is working to rebuild what has historically been a rugby powerhouse. The match featured strong play from sophomore flanker Gianna Khoudary, freshman wing Tatiana Wynder and senior flanker Madeline Atkinson.

The Academy team next takes the field at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 20 at Colorado College’s Washburn Field. The Academy men’s rugby team will follow with an 8 p.m. match against CC on the same field.
Utah State thumps Air Force, 52-20

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Utah State used a 28-0 third quarter to give Air Force its worst loss in seven seasons under coach Troy Calhoun, 52-20, at Falcon Stadium Saturday.

A stingy Aggie defense and clumsy Air Force offense combined to hand the Falcons, playing without starting quarterback Kyle Pearson, their first loss in the season.

“I think we got thumped in every way possible in this game,” Calhoun said. “In the first half, we had a chance to make some plays that we didn’t make.”

Utah State took the lead on the first possession with a 30-yard touchdown pass from Aggie quarterback Chuckie Keeton to Travis Van Leeuwen and never looked back.

An Air Force fumble gave the Aggies another scoring opportunity, which they used to take a 14-0 lead before the Falcons got on the scoreboard with a pair of Will Conant field goals.

The Aggie defense limited the Falcons to 100 yards of rushing and 152 yards of total offense at halftime, requiring heavy adjustments for the Falcons to pull out of a 24-13 hole. But, the halftime break did nothing for the Falcons and everything for the Aggies.

“You couldn’t have two teams that were further apart in those first 20 minutes of the second half,” said Calhoun. “You look at the first four Aggie scores put the Falcons down 45-13 at the end of the third quarter to seal the win and make the time left on the clock a simple formality.”

In the final battle damage assessment, the Utah State defense limited the Falcons offense to 270 yards. Eleven different Falcons ran the ball for 49 carries but totaled only 162 yards.

The Falcons passing attack, which included the debut of freshman Nate Romine as the third Falcon quarterback of the game, was only 6-of-18 passing for 108 yards and two touchdowns.

“We have got some work to do,” said Calhoun.

The loss drops Air Force to 1-1 on the season. The Falcons have a short week ahead as they prepare for Friday’s game against the Boise State Broncos (1-1). Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

Falcon running back Broom Hart looks for a gap in Utah State’s defense in Saturday’s matchup at Falcon Stadium.

Women’s soccer: Falcons defeat Grand Canyon, 1-0

By Nicholas Arseniak
Athletics Communication

Air Force women’s soccer defeated Grand Canyon 1-0 in its home-opener Sunday at the Cadet Soccer Stadium.

The win improved the Falcons (1-3-1) and dropped the Antelopes (1-4).

Ally Swift scored the game-winning goal at the 62 minute mark after taking a pass from freshman MF/F Ashley Greco.

Greco, who assisted on every Falcon score this season, sent the ball in from the left side of the box to the middle. Swift was in place for the pass and hit a one-touch to the top of the net for the score.

The first half was evenly played, with Air Force holding a 4-3 shot advantage. The Falcons upped their intensity in the second-half, out-shooting Grand Canyon 12-8 in the second and 16-11 overall.

Swift led the Academy with four shots, two on goal. Senior Kelly Stambaugh had seven saves in the shutout win.

Jessica Fitzgerald and Samantha Bush had two shots to pace GCU. Kat Lena had six saves in goal for the Antelopes.

The Falcons host Texas today at the stadium. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

Ally Swift scored the winning goal against Grand Canyon in its home-opener Sunday at the Cadet Soccer Stadium.
Academy golfers drive away with Falcon Invite

By Jerry Cross
Athletic Communications

Air Force men’s golf team dominated the 2013 Gene Miranda Falcon Invitational here Monday, winning the tournament for the first time by 12 strokes over second-place University of Texas El Paso.

The Falcons won the inaugural tournament 589-591 tied for the title in 2001, won it again outright in 2005, and took this year’s tournament at 15 under par with a three-round total of 849.

Senior Kyle Westmoreland won the individual title with a three-round total of 204 (-12), one stroke ahead of the third individual crown of his career, led from wire-to-wire after the third round.

“Matt (Dunn) to play as solid as he paid off tremendously today. For and so far this fall (gold season) "Their hard work over the summer Dreier."

Dunn finished to tie for second by Ryan Spears of Wichita State round total of 204 (-12), one stroke

Junior Kyle Westmoreland won al title with a three-round total of 204 (-12). Senior Kyle Westmoreland won the individu- al title with a three-round total of 204 (12).

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LA JOLLA, Calif., — Kevin Jackson (Memphis, Tenn.) won the 83rd La Jolla Rough Water Swim Sunday.

Jackson, a sophomore, was one of six Falcons to place in the top 10 in their respective age groups in the 3-mile open-water swim. Jackson took first overall and first in the 19-24 age group, with a time of 61 minutes. Freshman Sam Stroman placed first in the 18-under group, while classmates Kyle Perez took third and Jordan Dahlie fourth.

Air Force had two other top-10 finishers in the 19-24 group: junior Andrew Hamilton (Mesquite, Texas) took fourth, falling to the five-time defending national champion Trojans.

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Athletic Communications

LA JOLLA, Calif. — The 12th-ranked Air Force water polo team wrapped up its first weekend of competition Sunday, dropping a pair of games at the Triton Invita- tional hosted by UC San Diego.

The Falcons lost a 12-11 overtime decision to former conference foe Redlands, while falling to top-ranked University of Southern California, 23-6.

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With Air Force trailing 10-9 in the final minutes of regulation, sophomore Kevin Womack (Redlands, Calif.) tallied his first score of the season with six seconds on the clock, sending the game into overtime. However, the Bulldogs outscored the Falcons 2-1 in overtime to take the victory.

Senior Andrew Hamilton (Me- chanicsburg, Pa.) and junior Dom- inic Vicino (Sancho Cucamborga, Calif.) led the Falcons’ offense against Redlands with two goals each, while senior co-captain Josh Steel (El Paso, Calif.) added a goal and three assists.

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Blue Steel Front Range Tour
The Academy Band’s pop ensemble Blue Steel will finish its four-date tour in Colorado Springs today at Broadmoor Elementary School.

Academy half-marathon, 10k run
The Academy is sponsoring a free half-marathon and 10k run Saturday. 6 a.m. Start time is 6:30 a.m. Both events begin at the southern end of the Santa Fe Trail.

Runners may park in the Health and Wellness Center parking lot or in any other nearby lot. The half-marathon is open to adults and older. The 10k is open to children 10 and older.

Children must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

The top male and female runners will receive prizes.

Chapel Events

Catholic Religious education: 10:15-11:30 a.m., Sundays.

50th Anniversary of the Cadet Chapel: 2 p.m., Sept. 22 in the Protestant Cadet Chapel. This event is open to the public.

For more information, call 333-2636.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

National POW/MIA Recognition Day events are scheduled Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Academy.


Honor Roll Call: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday at the Honor Court.

Vigil Run/Walk: 7 a.m., Thursday - 7 a.m., Friday at the NCAA Track.

Reveille: 6:15-7:15 a.m., Friday outside the Honor Court. Robert Apodaca, the son of a former MIA Airman, is the keynote speaker.

Academy Mobilization Assistant Brig. Gen. John Dominguez is scheduled to give closing remarks.

For more information, call 333-3642 or 333-0739.

Fall Classic Golf Tournament

Registration for the Academy’s 50th Anniversary Golf Tournament ends Wednesday at noon.

The tournament is a 8 a.m., Sept. 20.

For more information, call 333-2606.

10th Medical Group classes

Doctors Holly Kennedy and Ed Peteroy offer classes 1-2 p.m., Mondays in the 10th Medical Group Public Health Conference Room for Academy ID card holders.

Each class provides strategies for self-assessment and goal-setting.

• Weight management: Monday

• Stress Management: Sept. 23

• Weight Management: Sept. 30

For more information, call 333-5546.

Academy Blood Drive

The drive is 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sept. 23-25 in room F-1 of Fairchild Hall and is open to Academy members with Cadet Area access.

The goal is 1,200 units of blood for service members in Afghanistan.

For more information, call 333-0340.

Community Center Chapel gospel service

The Community Center Chapel gospel service will host its 19th Annual Musical Celebration 6:30 p.m., Oct. 12 at the Community Center Chapel.

The event features gospel choirs and praise teams from the local community. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

The theme of the celebration is “Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord, All Ye Lands.”

Sunday Celebration will feature a guest pastor at 11:30 p.m., Oct. 13. A potluck in the chapel annex will follow this service.

For more information, call 333-7627 or 213-6200.

Cadet Sponsor Program

The Cadet Sponsor Program needs families to sponsor cadets for the 2013-2014 academic year.

For more information, call 333-2727 or visit cadet.sponsor@usafa.edu.

Falcon Talk Radio

Falcon Talk with Falcons Football coach Troy Calhoun is scheduled 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays during the 2013-14 season on KVOR AM 740.

Scheduled Falcon Talk dates are Thursday, Sept. 26; Oct. 1, 8, 24 and 31; Nov. 5, 19 and 26. For more information, visit www.goairforcefalcons.com.

Athletics ticket office moves

The Academy’s Athletic ticket office has moved to the Cadet Field House between Clune Arena and the Cadet Ice Arena.

For more information, call 472-1895 or visit goairforcefalcons.com.

Government Housing Services

The Academy’s government housing management office on West Columbine Drive, provides newcomer information, community housing listings, lease review, liaison for privatized housing and on-and-off-base dispute resolution.

For more information, call 333-2247.

Fall Festival

The Academy’s annual Fall Festival is 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 5 at the Community Center.

The festival features arts and crafts vendors, a meet and greet with the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department, food sales, youth activities, carnival games, pony rides, face painting, a petting zoo, a chance to register for prizes and the following events:

• Outdoor Rec Winter Expo: The event features a ski swap, used rental equipment sale and used bike sale.

• Ornamental/Annual plant sales.

• Family Pet Day: 10 a.m., Community Center parking lot.

• Halloween Zombie 5k Fun Run: 8 a.m., Bowling Center parking lot.

• Three-on-three basketball: 10 a.m., Community Center parking lot.

• The Wendy Woo Band: 11 a.m.

For more information, call 333-4709.

10th Force Support Squadron events

Intramural Basketball: Games begin in October with dates and times to be announced.

The league is open to Defense Department members 16 and older.

For more information, call 333-4078.

Academy NF-City Gridiron: Sept. 16-20: Compete in a 40-yard dash, 20-yard shuttle run, bench press, vertical jump and standing broad jump. Event winners and the overall champion win prizes.

For more information, call 333-9133.

Halloween Zombie 5k Fun Run: 9 a.m., Oct. 19 at the Eisenhower Golf Course.

Racers may run in costume. Prizes will be given for the first, second and third place best costumes for those 17 and younger and 18 and older.

For more information, call 333-4522.

Airmen & Family Readiness Center events

• Day Medical Records review: Sept. 20, Oct. 25 by appointment.

• Smooth Move Permanent Change of Station: 3 p.m., Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

• New comers Briefing: 9 a.m., Thursday and Oct. 17.

• Transition Assistance Program: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sept. 20 and Oct. 21-25.

• Worldwide Day of Play: 4-6 p.m., Sept. 20.

This is a free event to get children outdoors to play. The Falcon Youth Center has planned afternoon activities for all Academy families.

For more information, call 333-4169.

• Deployed Spouses Spa Evening: 6:30-8:30 p.m., tonight at the Air Force Retreat. Spouses of deployed service members can let their hair down for an evening of spa treatments, massages, hair cuts and styling.

Hers desserts and beverages will be served.

Call 333-3444 to reserve a spot.

• Mosaic Class: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday and Sept. 26.

The fee is $50 and includes material needed to make an erasable memo board for the home or office.

• Resume Writing: 9 a.m., Sept. 25.

• Casualty Notification Training: 1 p.m., Oct. 8.

• Starting Your Own Business: 9 a.m., Oct. 9.

• Troops to Teachers: 11:30 a.m., Oct. 16.

• Bundles for Babies: 8 a.m., Oct. 23.

• Federal Resume Writing: 1 p.m., Oct. 29.

• Family Child Care Provider: The Family Child Care Office is accepting applications for those interested in becoming a licensed child care provider or special needs care provider at the Academy.

For more information, call 333-7957.

• Arts and Crafts Center: 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Eisenhower Golf Course.

The Arts and Crafts Center is accepting entries in youth and adult categories, Oct. 18-30. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m., Oct. 30.

The competition showcases fine arts, crafts and photography by service members, DOD civilians and family members.

For more information, call 333-4579 or visit www.airforcegallery.com.
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