Prep School Class of ‘15:
The largest class in history graduates

Over 200 cadet candidates graduated from the Air Force Academy’s Preparatory School Tuesday during a ceremony at Arnold Hall. A total of 239 cadet candidates entered the Prep School last summer, 203 graduated this year, and 193 were offered appointments to the Academy.

“This is the largest number of graduates in Prep School history and most offered appointments to the Academy,” said Prep School science instructor and registrar Vanessa Dykstra.


“He told cadet candidates they need to keep the largest class in history graduates

Academy reopens to visitors, preps for Class of ’15 graduation ceremony

The Air Force Academy welcomes all visitors to the installation following two weeks of heightened security measures directed by U.S. Northern Command.

Visitors without DOD identification can enter the installation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week if they have a current form of identification, such as a driver’s license. Strict security measures are still in place at the Academy, including random security checks, and the Santa Fe Trail remains off limits to visitors unless they are with someone who has a current DOD ID.

Class of ’15 graduation

The Academy released 600 free tickets for the Class of 2015 graduation ceremony, 9:30 a.m. May 28 at Falcon Stadium. Tickets may be picked up at the Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance office, 102 S. Tejon Street, Suite 43O, 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce office, 300 Colorado Highway 105 in Monument, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Customers with DOD ID cards can get tickets at the Academy’s Athletic Ticket office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cadet Field House.
Stop the presses: Academy Spirit to transition to online format

By Ray Bowden
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

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I quickly realized I was out of my league. As I leveraged my operations research degree from the Academy, albeit 30 plus years-old, combined with my analytical abilities sharpened at Oxford, I found I didn’t have the skills to create from scratch. I had lost the edge I’d gained as a young girl growing up in Idaho, riding horses, climbing trees and discovering the world around me.

How could this be? I served as Air Force aide to two presidents, I led Air Force wings with thousands of Airmen across the globe. I clearly have had my share of opportunities and giving them more responsibility for their time so they can explore, discover and create. We know they won’t always use time as wisely as we’d hope—but wise use of time is not ours to decide. One could argue many endeavors are wastes of time, until they’re successes.

In fact, it is our responsibility to trust that these young men and women, who were so accomplished when they arrived, will find ways that we’d never think of to link their blocks into something of value — my imagination couldn’t keep up with their minds.

We also remind ourselves that practicing responsibility for how you spend your time, learning to take risks, fail and recover, and being held accountable when a choice, in foresight or hindsight, was the wrong one, are exactly the character and leadership qualities we need in our airman leaders.

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My husband and I have twin 12-year-old boys, perhaps a rarity for a woman in my position, a three-star Air Force general and superintendent of the Air Force Academy. However, one recent weekend my boys helped crystalize for me some of the work we’re doing to modernize the education and training experiences at the Academy.

The boys redirected my attention from paperwork to a new Legos project. Like many parents, I took pride in the fact our boys are car worth of Legos in boys’ rooms.

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Public interest in remotely piloted aircraft continues to grow thanks to increasing non-military use and portrayal in popular culture. For the Air Force, remotely piloted aircraft will continue to be a vital mission set delivering vital airpower to commanders throughout the world.

Here’s some fact and fiction about RPA operations.

Myth: Because they are unmanned, RPAs are less safe than manned aircraft
Fact: For every RPA, there is a pilot with a crew in continuous control of the aircraft, ensuring operational precision and complete ground and flying safety. Air Force RPAs have safety rates comparable to our manned aircraft. RPA systems are safer as aircraft and communication technology and the institutional experience of operators mature. Historically, even during periods when there was an immediate requirement for extensive RPA operations in demanding operational environments, the mishap rate decreased over the long term.

Myth: There is no demand from combatant commanders for RPA capability
Fact: Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions continue to be the number one most requested capability of combatant commanders at multiple locations throughout the world. RPAs are in demand and Air Force RPAs operate on a 24/7 basis.

Myth: RPAs do not have to comply with Federal Aviation Administration requirements
Fact: RPA training flights within the U.S. are conducted under federal authorities granted to the service to train pilots and crew members preparing for real-world missions. This includes all Air Force pilots being trained to FAA instrument rating requirements. These missions are flown in accordance with federal law, executive orders, and Defense Department and Air Force instructions that balance the need for operational readiness with protection of personal privacy.

Myth: Conducting an RPA mission is like playing a video game
Fact: New pilots of RPAs undertake a very intense training program before they fly operational missions, making it the furthest thing from picking up a controller and playing a video game. This training curriculum lasts approximately one year, and many current Air Force RPA pilots and trainers have completed undergraduate pilot training in manned aircraft. At the Academy, cadet volunteers have the opportunity to participate in the Academy’s RPA program, the fastest-growing mission in the Air Force. Air Force aviators supervise the program but cadets run it. Cadet instructor pilots provide most ground and flight instruction. Students in the basic course may apply for enrollment in an advanced course that trains cadets to become UAS-RPA flight instructors. Select cadets may also participate in the unmanned systems demonstration and collegiate competition team.
Vice superintendent on taking care of Airmen

By Airman 1st Class Rachel Hammes
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

One ordinary day in 1983, Kevin Lamberth sat down with an Air Force recruiter in a small town in Alabama. He wasn’t seriously considering joining the Air Force at that moment. In reality, he was tagging along with two of his friends, because they were heading to the mall after their meeting. Flash forward 32 years, and Kevin Lamberth is Col. Kevin Lamberth, the vice superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

“I’m a colonel now, but I started out as an airman basic,” he said. “I started from the very bottom, and realized somewhere along the way that I could control things and make things happen for myself. Out of the three of us who went to the recruiter’s office that day in 1983, I’m the only one who went into the Air Force. I don’t ever look back.”

Lamberth transitioned to Air Force ROTC for two years after his original enlistment to finish his degree.

“When I was in college I talked to other ROTC cadets and asked them what they were going to do after graduation,” he said. “They told me they were going to be second lieutenants and fly airplanes. I thought, ‘If they can do that — so can I.’ As an Airman, I had never imagined flying those planes. But then I started thinking, ‘Well maybe I can.’”

Lamberth accepted a commission upon graduation from the University of Texas at Arlington. Throughout his career, he has used that refrain “If they can do it, I can do it,” — as inspiration for both himself and others.

“I never expected to make it this far, but I think that shows the airman first class, the senior airman and the sergeant that they are just as capable of doing what I did,” he said. “I’m not the smartest guy in the world, I’m not anything special. It’s all attitude, and being willing to roll up your sleeves and do the hard work. You’ve got to grab life and take control of it. You’ve got to be aggressive and make things happen for yourself. If you approach things that way, good things will come of it.”

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson is an Academy graduate, and Lamberth feels being prior-enlisted helps make him a good leader.

“I hope I’m an asset to the Academy because I’m a colonel now, but I started out as an airman basic,” he said. “You have to know your enlisted force, because if you don’t know them, you can’t take care of them. If you can’t take care of them, they aren’t going to take care of you or the mission. They can see through somebody who doesn’t care, and who doesn’t want to be the best at their craft... someone that doesn’t lead. If that’s you as a second lieutenant coming in, you’re really going to have an uphill battle. If they know you care, and if they respect you as a leader, they will bend over backwards to help you complete the mission.”

Lamberth follows the example of mentors throughout his career to earn the respect of subordinate Airmen. One is the current superintendent, and specifically how she can eloquently provide direction to her subordinates, he said. That is a gift and something to strive for as a leader.

Another is Maj. Gen. Frederick Martin, the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center Commander.

“He treats people with compassion and respect,” Lamberth said. “No matter how busy he is, he’ll write people notes. He was my boss when I was in the wing command. He would take the time to come visit me and see my people, and take his own personal time to write them a handwritten note, thanking them for what they do to support the mission. I think that means a lot. When I meet people, I try not to make it all about work. I ask them how they are, how they’re doing and what I can do to help them.

When people win awards and it comes to my attention, I may not always write a handwritten note, but I’ll try to type them up a letter and sign it. Then I send it to their commander so that their boss knows their troop has been recognized at headquarters-level. You know, we can pay people more, give them more time off, and those types of things are fine but just the occasional pat on the back sometimes is what really motivates folks. Just letting people know that you notice and you care is what I strive for.”

You have to be prepared to earn the respect of the enlisted members,” he said. “You have to get to know your enlisted force, because if you don’t know them, you can’t take care of them. If you can’t take care of them, they aren’t going to take care of you or the mission. They can see through somebody who doesn’t care, and who doesn’t want to be the best at their craft... someone that doesn’t lead. If that’s you as a second lieutenant coming in, you’re really going to have an uphill battle. If they know you care, and if they respect you as a leader, they will bend over backwards to help you complete the mission.”

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Academy Spirit

Friday, May 22, 2015

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To those who were vigilant so we could rest,
Who gave everything that we might thrive,
Who are silent that we may breathe free.

We honor you.
Air Force moves to bring RPA mission relief

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force is pursuing a range of options that will help alleviate long-term stress on remotely piloted aircraft crews.

Initial efforts were announced by the Air Force secretary and chief of staff earlier this year. The new initiatives include pay increases and bonuses for crews, directing additional funds to the mission, augmenting current crew manning, increasing the number of RPA pilot graduates, and increasing the use of Guard and Reserve Airmen and contractors.

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James said the Air Force will continue to support combatant commanders with RPA missions while focusing on initiatives that reduce stress on personnel and build readiness sustainable over time.

“Balancing ISR capability across the range of military operations with finite resources remains a challenge,” James said. “To best meet mission demands and sustain the force, the secretary of defense has approved a CAP reset to improve RPA pilot operations tempo. We needed to do this to ensure the long-term viability of this capability.”

After spending much of the last decade in surge mode, the Air Force is looking to put into place measures to bring additional relief to the high-demand RPA community.

“What our RPA professionals are doing in today’s light and in preparing for future conflicts is simply incredible,” said Gen. Hawk Carlisle, Air Combat Command commander. “RPAs fulfill critical demands in every theater 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.”

Operating at a surge capacity for nearly a decade has taken a toll on the force. To meet combatant commander requirements, and in response to the secretary of defense’s directions, the Air Force surge MQ-1/9 combat air patrols nine times in the last eight years, and has sustained those operations to date, according to Air Force officials.

In April, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter approved the reset of the CAP planning guidance to reflect a drop in CAPs from 65 to 60. This initiative was designed to alleviate the state of constant surge experienced by the RPA community. Air Force leadership recognizes the stakes of not properly balancing mission demands against the needs to develop the force and the potential risk assumed in areas such as retention, training, manning, and combat capability.

“Maintaining operational success and fulfilling combatant command requirements for a sustained period of time has impacted our ability to train the force and risks the health and long-term viability of the enterprise,” said Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Air Force chief of staff.

“Current demand put requirements for active-duty RPA pilots at about 300 per year. However, our current active-duty training production output is only 180 pilots per year. The new plan aims to add more than 100 additional pilot graduates per year.”

To address concerns, the Air Force launched several initiatives in January to deal with the growing strain on RPA capacity and continues to explore options to fix manning challenges.

In January, James took immediate action to increase RPA pilot aviation pay from $650 to $1,500 a month. The service is developing plans for a longer-term RPA pilot retention bonus for fiscal year 2016 release and is actively advocating for new incentives.

“We’ve improved the Aviator Retention Pay bonus for traditional pilots flying RPAs, making their bonus consistent with other stressedrated officer communities,” said James. “We are also committed to improving aviator retention pay bonuses for traditional pilots electing to fly RPAs.”

To enable force development and necessary training, the Air Force will make use of an array of resources.

“To further improve the health of the force, we will leverage the Air Reserve Component and contractor support to bring relief to the active-duty force,” James said. This will allow manning to be reinvested into the RPA training pipeline.

To bring relief to the active-duty force, the Air Force plans to mobilize reserve component forces to take on three combat air patrols.

The service is also working on funding actions to relieve stress across the RPA enterprise. The Air Force recently moved $7.8 million into the RPA program to grow school house capacity, increase reserve component manpower augmentation days and contract some downrange and recovery efforts.

“We’re redirecting funds into the RPA community and will request support from within the Defense Department to cover additional requirements,” James said. “This is an absolutely critical mission set and investment is required to ensure its long-term viability. We’re committed to getting this right.”

Visit www.af.mil to see the full report.
Sen. Hirono joins Academy Board of Visitors

By Ray Bowden
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Senator Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), the ranking member on the Senate Armed Services Committee, was appointed to the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors Monday.

The BOV provides Congress and the defense secretary with advice concerning the morale, discipline, curriculum and social climate at the Academy.

“The outstanding men and women who comprise the Sen. Mazie Hirono Cadet Wing at the Air Force Academy represent some of our nation’s best and brightest,” Hirono said in a news release. “I am honored to accept this appointment to the Academy’s BOV and stand ready to work with my board colleagues and (Academy superintendent) Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson to ensure the Academy provides the best possible education and training for our next generation of leaders.”

Hirono also serves on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Visit www.hirono.senate.gov for more information.

Academy professors receive Heiser Award

By Ray Bowden
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Two Air Force Academy faculty members received a high-level academic award May 7.

Dr. Andrea Trocha-Van Nort, an English professor, and Dr. Steven Brandt, an Aeronautics professor, were selected by senior cadets to receive the award named after Professor Emeritus Dr. William H. Heiser. Senior cadets selected Brandt and Trocha-Van Nort from more than 190 eligible senior professors. Cadets voted for the instructors who contributed the most to their development, inspired them to work harder and promoted the Air Force core values.

Brandt has worked at the Academy for 25 years.

“I’m very honored to receive this award,” he said. “It is especially precious to me because it recognizes the association with cadets I value so highly.”

Trocha-Van Nort said winning the award profoundly affected her.

“As a faculty member, nothing could be more gratifying than having students present and past confirm that something you did mattered to them,” she said. “The Heiser Award is the only award selected by the Academy’s graduating class.

In 2010, Heiser was elected an honorary fellow for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics along with former Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Sheila Widnall.

Thank You from our Co-Chairs

“We are honored to co-chair the inaugural Sporting Clays Invitational for the American Red Cross in Colorado. The Sporting Clays Invitational at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, near Elbert, Colorado, will be a fun day-long community and fundraising event. Participants will have the opportunity to win auction prizes, including an all-inclusive stay at the Broadmoor’s Wilderness Experience, a Red Cross training course, and more. Proceeds from the event will support the programs of the American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces.

Breakfast, Lunch and Drinks Provided

To register contact Tom Gonzalez at Thomas.Gonzalez@redcross.org or (719) 785-2701

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2015

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Solution on page 11

Fun By The Numbers

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Rain doesn’t dampen spirit of Academy Prep School graduation

Prep School Graduation

from Prep

working hard and to never give up,” Dykstra said. "He said although he’s not a Prep School graduate, his roommate at the Academy was and taught him a lot. I could tell he has an appreciation for the Prep School.”

The Prep School, established in 1961, offers a 10-month program consisting of academic preparation, military training, athletic conditioning, intercollegiate athletics and character development to equip cadet candidates with the skills necessary for success at the Academy.

To complete the program, Prep School students must demonstrate an aptitude for commissioned service and leadership, be satisfactory in conduct and personal integrity, and meet all physical, academic and military requirements.

Lorenz was named a 2015 Prep School honorary at the ceremony and cadet candidate Richard Evans was recognized as the Outstanding Cadet Candidate for the year.

In-processing for the incoming Prep School class is July 15.

Visit www.usafa.edu for more information.

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:

U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School cadet candidates rise in Arnold Hall Tuesday before taking the stage to receive their Prep School graduation certificates in an official ceremony here.

Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, the Academy superintendent, shakes hands with a Prep School graduate here Tuesday. More than 200 Prep School cadet candidates graduated in an official ceremony in Arnold Hall.

Prep School cadets candidates pose for a photograph Monday after taking part in the Prep School’s graduation parade at Black Memorial Field here.

Members of the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School Honor Guard march on Black Memorial Field here Monday during the Prep School’s graduation parade.

Prep School commander Col. Gerald Szubyk shakes hands with a Prep School Cadet candidate during the Prep School’s graduation ceremony Tuesday in Arnold Hall.

PHOTOS BY JASON GUTIERREZ
Increased travel and leisure activities go hand in hand with the summer months, and require increased emphasis on risk management, said Bill Parsons, the Air Force chief of ground safety. While Airmen and their families make the most of recreational opportunities during the summer, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends is the most important time to incorporate risk management in off-duty leisure activities. This is accomplished by using the same safety processes as those used on duty, Parsons said.

“Unfortunately, that same period ended last year with 17 fatalities,” Parsons said. “We need every Airman to commit to making that number zero this year, and we do that by using the same risk management skills we apply on the job to ensure everyone returns safely at summer’s end and ready to accomplish the mission. Summer safety is the extension of our Quest for Zero mishaps.”

Whether traveling, participating in water activities, sporting events or cookouts, Airmen should identify, assess and mitigate all risks to include: trip planning that ensures enough rest and preparation for contingencies, no alcohol while driving or participating in recreational activities, and use of appropriate protective gear in all activities.

“Most mishaps are preventable,” Parsons said, “mishap prevention requires doing the right thing. Sometimes the right thing is as simple as stepping up and stepping in when we see something that doesn’t look right. That alone can avert a potential disaster.”
**Graduation**

Ticket locations are open Monday through Friday but close May 25 for Memorial Day.

No more than six tickets will be given to each customer.

Tickets cannot be mailed and there is no will-call at the stadium. The Academy will not replace lost tickets.

Due to security measures at the Academy, anyone picking up tickets in Colorado Springs or Monument must provide their full name, date of birth and driver’s license number, and the state the license was issued.

Customers with current DOD identification do not need to provide additional information.

The graduation ceremony will feature a commencement address by Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and a demonstration by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

More than 800 cadets are scheduled to receive bachelor's degrees and commissions as second lieutenants at the ceremony.

Small folding umbrellas, food and drink in clear, unopened water bottles and medically necessary food items, cameras and video cameras will be allowed into Falcon Stadium. Camera lenses may be inspected at the stadium gates. Diaper bags will be allowed when a child is present. Seatbacks 18 inches or less are permitted into the stadium as long as they do not require a search due to excessive pockets or compartments. Seatbacks may be rented from vendors. Refreshments will be available throughout the stadium.

Once the graduation ceremony begins, no one will be allowed to leave the stadium until the Thunderbirds' demonstration ends at 12:30 p.m.

Due to Federal Aviation Administration regulations, no one is allowed to park, drive or walk in the Thunderbird’s flight path.

Falcon Stadium is an outdoor venue and walking and stair climbing may be required. Indoor seats are not available at the stadium and visitors should prepare for any type of weather.

Medical technicians will be at the stadium through the ceremony.

Handicapped seating in the stadium is not reserved but visitors must have a ticket to enter the stadium. Wheelchair seating is located at the top of sections U2, U5, U9, U12, M2, M6, M10, L3, L6, L7, L9, L10 and L13.

The entire top row of the L sections (L-2 through L-14) is reserved for handicapped guests on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests are advised to arrive early for this seating.

In the event of severe weather or a security response to a high-threat situation, the ceremony could be moved into Clune Arena at the Cadet Field House.

Clune Arena has limited seating capacity, guests of graduating cadets would be restricted to three per cadet and public ticket holders will not be able to attend.
Falcons tally 5 MW titles on final day

SAN DIEGO — Air Force claimed five conference titles on the final day of action at the 2015 Mountain West Outdoor Track and Field Championships Saturday in San Diego.

The men earned three championships on the track and two from the field, en route to a runner-up finish in the overall team standings.

Senior Joey Uhle captured his second straight title in the outdoor pole vault, clearing 16’11½” to lead the Falcons to a sweep of the medalist positions in that event. Sophomore Kyle Pater matched that height (a career high) to finish second, while junior Dylan Bell completed the sweep with a third-place clearance of 16’3½”.

Freshman Jamiel Trimble earned a pair of first-place finishes in his initial outdoor meet, winning the 110-meter hurdles and anchoring the 4x100-meter relay team that opened the day with a victorious time of 40.75. Trimble clocked the eighth-fastest time in program history (14.18) during the 110-meter hurdles, while overtaking UNM in the final steps to win the relay by 0.03-seconds. Trimble was joined in the final steps to win the relay by teammate Tyler Berson, who placed seventh in the 4x400-meter relay, while classmate Zach Perkins scored for the Falcons in two events. The senior, who was joined on the 1500-meter awards podium by sophomore Matt Dorsev (3:54.66, sixth), also finished fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:50.99.

The men added a pair of scoring finishes in the javelin throw, as sophomore Taylor Hullslander and sophomore Eric Hoff finished fifth (194’3”) and seventh (180’6”), respectively. Senior Blaine Kearney rounded out the squad’s top-eight finishers, as he recorded a wind-aided mark of 49’0¾” to place fourth in the triple jump.

Air Force recorded 172 points to finish second in the team standings — just 15 points behind Colorado State (187), who won their first conference title with 187 points. New Mexico earned the 2015 championship sweep of team titles, as the women won the 2015 championship with 167 points. New Mexico finished second with 133 points, while San Diego State (116), Utah State (68) and UNLV (64) rounded out the top five. Boise State (62) edged Nevada (61) for sixth, while Wyoming (52) earned a one-point advantage over Fresno State (51). San Jose State (33) and Air Force completed the full women’s standings.

The season continues for Air Force today in Austin, Texas, for the preliminary round of the 2015 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.
Air Force sets record at Nevada

By Athletic Communications

RENO, Nev. — Air Force baseball split a pair of Mountain West games Saturday at Nevada. The Falcons lost 7-6 in 11 innings, in a continuation game and won the second game 5-4 at Peccole Park. Air Force won its 21st Div. I game of the season (22nd overall), setting a new school record.

In game one, a continuation of Thursday's weather-suspended game that tied 6-6 after 10 innings, Nevada (41-13, 22-7 MW) pushed across a run in the 11th. Kyle Hunt’s single scored Jay Anderson for the winning run.

Junior Trent Monaghan (5-6) took the loss for the Falcons (22-27, 11-17 MW). Starting pitcher Griffin Jax pitched four innings, his shortest start of the season. Freshmen Michael Ricker and Nick Biancalana and junior Steven Trojan provided 4.2 scoreless innings in relief.

The Falcons had 10 hits in the game. Third baseman Noah Pierce led the way, going 2-for-5 with two runs and three RBIs. His two-run homer in the eighth inning rallied Air Force back from a 6-4 deficit to tie the game and ultimately send the game into extra innings. Right-fielder Spencer Draws and second baseman Tyler Zabojnik added two hits each.

Nevada reliever Christian Stolo (8-1) picked up the win. Starting pitcher Trenton Brooks went six innings, allowing four runs. The Wolf Pack had 17 hits in the game. Leftfielder Kewby Meyer, third baseman Bryce Creager and shortstop Kyle Hunt had three hits each.

In game two, Air Force scored four runs in the eighth inning and held off a late Nevada rally to pull out the 5-4 win. With the game tied 1-1, the Falcons had the big eighth inning to jump ahead 5-1. Nevada scored three in the bottom-half of the inning to make it a 5-4 game.

In the bottom of the ninth, Nevada loaded the bases with no outs and seemed on the verge of rallying. Monaghan, who had the hard-luck loss in the first game, was able to retire three in a row to close out the game and pick up the save.

Reliever Ben Yokley (2-0) picked up the win. Yokley made his 93rd appearance, setting a new school record for most career pitching appearances. Starting pitcher Jacob DeVries pitched five innings, allowing just one run off two hits, striking out four. Trojan also pitched in game two, tossing 1.1 scoreless innings.

The Falcons had 11 hits in the game. Draws led the way, going 4-for-5 with two RBIs. Designated hitter Bradley Haslam and Zabojnik added two hits each.


The Falcons won their 11th Mountain West game of the season, the second-most in program history.
Asian-American/Pacific Islander heritage

May is Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The theme of the event is “Many Cultures, One Voice.”

Educational displays in the McDermott Cadet Library, Community Center library and the 10th Medical Group lobby will feature historical information, artifacts and books.

An Asian-American and Pacific Islander book reading and learning event is scheduled 4-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the Falcon Trail You Center. Call 333-4400 or 333-5416 for more information.

Cadet Sponsor Program

The Air Force Academy’s Class of 2019 is due to arrive June 25. The Academy is looking for volunteer sponsor families to build a professional mentoring relationship and provide a home-away-from-home for the cadets.

Eligible sponsors are captains and above, technical sergeants and above and Government Schedule employees GS-05 and above.

Cadets are scheduled to meet their sponsors at the Doolie Day Out event July 18th. The deadline to sign up for the Doolie Day Out event is July 2.

Sponsors may also sign up for academic year sponsorship if they are unable to participate in this one-day event. The Academy will take requests to sponsor cadets for the academic year (through grad year) no later than August 14th.

Visit www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetSponsor for more information or call 333-2727.

Vacation Bible School

Everest Vacation Bible School: June 8-12, 5-7:30 p.m. at the Community Center Chapel. The event is for pre-kindergarteners through fifth grade. Visit the Community Center Chapel to register.

Volunteers to place flags at Academy Cemetery

Decorative flags will be placed at the Academy Cemetery 11 a.m. today to honor veterans who served in America’s Armed Forces.

Some of the most famous Airmen in Air Force history are buried in the cemetery. L.t. Gen. Hubert Harmon, the Academy’s first Superintendent, was the first to be interred here on Sept. 28, 1958.

Other notables buried there include former Air Force Chiefs of Staff Gen.’s Carl Spaatz and Curtis LeMay; triple ace and former Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Robin Olds; Medal of Honor recipient Master Sgt. William Crawford, U.S. Army; and 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte, Academy Class of 2006, the first woman graduate to be killed in combat.

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Academy roadwork

All four lanes of North Gate Boulevard will open Sunday and stay open through the cadet graduation ceremony Thursday.
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