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# Academy SPIRIT



## A final tribute



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The U.S. Air Force Academy and Cadet Honor Guards take part in the funeral service for Cadet 1st Class Alexandre Quiros Wednesday at the Cadet Chapel.

### Academy honors fallen cadet with funeral, 'Taps' vigil

#### U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The funeral service for Air Force Academy Cadet 1st Class Alexandre Quiros took place at the Cadet Chapel here Wednesday.

By request of the Quiros family, the service was not open to the public or media.

Quiros, 21, was assigned to Cadet Squadron 31 and several of his squadron mates spoke at the service about the cadet's love for his

friends, family and the Air Force.

Cadets also held a "Taps" vigil Tuesday night to honor Quiros who died here April 2. He was found with injuries in his dormitory and pronounced dead here at 3:43 p.m. by the El Paso County Coroner.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is conducting an ongoing death investigation, not a criminal investigation, and has not released any details regarding

a cause of death.

Quiros, of Colorado Springs, was an astronautical engineering major and made the Dean's List and Commandant's List multiple times, most recently during the fall semester. He was scheduled to graduate in May, with graduate studies to follow at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY.

Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, the Academy's superintendent,

ordered all installation flags to fly at half-staff Wednesday in Quiros' honor.

"Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Cadet Quiros. We lost a member of our Air Force Academy family, and it's a loss felt across our entire institution," Johnson said. "Right now, our focus is on providing all possible support to the friends and loved ones of our fallen Airman."

## Cadet Wing: 'We are Hailey Strong!'

#### By Don Branum

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Classmates of Cadet 3rd Class Hailey Lane have rallied together to support her as she recovers from a heart attack she suffered March 23.

Squadron patches, T-shirts, letters and a video featuring the entire Cadet Wing are just a few of the ways cadets here have shown their support, said Cadet 1st Class Taylor Bye, the cadet commander for Cadet Squadron 05.

Bye said she got a phone call on the 23rd from the squadron air officer commanding,

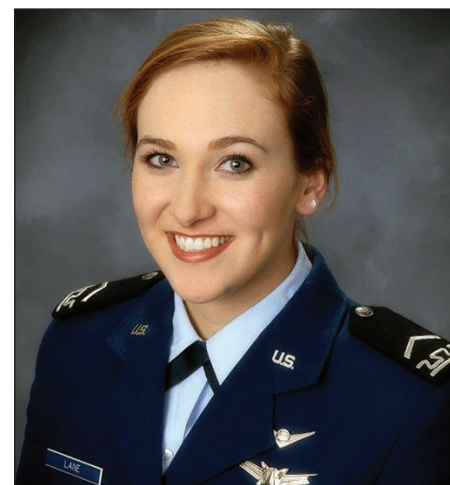
Capt. Kathryn Jannazo, notifying her of Lane's status. She notified some of the cadets in the squadron who would be affected.

"Ten people came by my room that day asking if there was something they could do," she said.

Word started to spread, especially once cadets returned from spring break. Along with the word came support.

"I got emails from other cadet squadron commanders asking if there was anything they could do to support Hailey," Bye said. "It brought tears to my eyes. She's a stranger to most of them."

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Cadet 3rd Class Hailey Lane suffered a heart attack March 23. A social media campaign has cadets and others from around the U.S. showing support for her recovery.

U.S. AIR FORCE



# Sexual assault prevention: Moving beyond awareness

By Gen. Larry Spencer  
Air Force vice chief of staff

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Every April since 2001, the nation has focused its attention on sexual assault awareness and the impact this crime has on those who have experienced it. This year, the Defense Department deliberately renamed the annual effort Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. I want to take this opportunity to share with you how the Air Force is focusing on prevention of this crime — stopping it before it takes place.

This year, we kicked off the new year with a week-long prevention summit that brought together experts in the sexual assault prevention field with Airmen from across the force — active, Guard, Reserve, civilian, officer and enlisted. Our goals were to better understand sexual assault and determine how to put prevention into action in the Air Force.

So, what did we learn? Most importantly, we learned that sexual assault can be prevented. Effective sexual assault prevention strategies focus on preventing recidivism because that is the only guaranteed way to stop the violence. Raising awareness about sexual assault is an important first step toward prevention; but awareness alone will not



Gen. Larry Spencer

create the individual or societal changes needed to stop sexual assault.

Based on decades of prevention science, we know prevention of sexual assault involves addressing factors that put individuals at risk for perpetrating sexual assault. Some prevention approaches teach skills to change attitudes or behaviors associated with assault. Other approaches equip bystanders with the skills to spot and intervene in high-risk situations or to speak out against language and practices that create a culture which tolerates or promotes sexual assault.

Strategies that simply raise awareness foster understanding of sexual assault without providing tools to take action. Tools for changing behaviors, relationships and our culture, are key to making every Airman a change agent and to creating a force free from assault.

The prevention summit culminated with Airmen's recommendations to prevent sexual assault. We are working hard to build programs across the Air Force based on these recommendations. In the meantime, I challenge every Airman to move beyond mere awareness and equip yourselves, your co-workers, your subordinates, and everyone in your sphere of influence, with the tools we all need to prevent sexual assault.

## What's your social thumbprint?

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Hines  
USAFE-AFACR Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) — We've all done it in a vain sense of curiosity to see if our social presence has made any kind of impact on the world. Just admit it — you've Googled yourself.

Since entering the golden age of social media, it seems that now it's not hard to gather a handful of information on just about anyone, even ourselves.

But isn't that the point? It's why we blast pictures of high school graduations, trips to Europe, and all our favorite music and movie "Likes" on our profiles. We want to be heard and seen, we want to share our accomplishments and victories and find support when life gets hard.

Social media has allowed us to network and reach across the barriers of time and space to share our story, build partnerships and connect with people from around the world we may never have had the chance to.

It's not hard to get caught up in the exchange of information and let our guard down, especially when we believe our information is safe. Generally, the information we share is harmless.

We start to run into trouble when the information we share across various social networks is strung together like pieces of a puzzle, creating a larger snapshot of our lives than we realize. When coupled with public records and open-source content, the information we share online can create vulnerabilities in



our personal and professional lives.

But, where do we draw the line? When does information sharing become too much of a good thing?

Just as you would lock the front door of your home or secure your wallet, social media users should aim to lockup and secure their online personal information and do regular checkups of their social thumbprint.

This should include Googling yourself not just to see how awesome and popular you are, but to see what information is readily available or associated with your name. From there, you can take the necessary steps to protect or remove potentially revealing information.

Another important social check-

up habit people should practice is digging into a website's privacy and security settings. All social media sites require users to accept and Privacy Act agreements and terms of use guidelines. Unfortunately, nearly everyone accepts these terms without reading what they agreed to. This is probably one of the biggest culprits of overexposing personal information.

The agreements between social networking sites and users are designed to help keep personal information safe. However, it's our responsibility to ensure we use them to their fullest potential and not blindly accept new security settings without checking to see if our information is still secure.

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# Secretary of defense discusses U.S. presence to Asia-Pacific region

By Jim Garamone  
Defense Department News

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — A U.S. reemphasis on the Asia-Pacific region makes sense regionally and globally, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said during a Monday stop at Arizona State University.

Carter spoke at the John McCain Institute in Tempe, Ariz., on the first leg of a trip scheduled to take the secretary to Japan, South Korea and Hawaii.

The secretary's speech pushed for quick passage of the Trade Promotion Authority for President Barack Obama, "so that he can ensure America gets the best deal in a historic new trade agreement with 11 other Asia-Pacific countries: the Trans-Pacific Partnership."

Carter stressed while the rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region has a military component, it is a whole-of-government approach. Since World War II, the U.S. has underwritten security in the region, allowing nations Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia and China to develop.

## Decades-old Alliances

Carter said the U.S. will continue engaging with nations in the Asia-Pacific region, and his visit to Japan and South Korea highlight the importance of America's decades-old alliances with those nations.

The U.S. is doing more, he said, with the newest and most capable weapons systems going first to the region, and 60 percent of the U.S. fleet moving to the Pacific-Indian Ocean. Marines have a presence in Australia, and U.S. and Filipino authorities are working to strengthen military-to-military cooperation.

Carter said more than half the Earth's popu-



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Defense Secretary Ash Carter speaks at the McCain Institute at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., Monday.

lation will live in the region by 2050; over the next 15 years, there will be rapid middle-class growth across the Asia-Pacific, to the point that it will make up 60 percent of global middle-class consumption.

## Democracies Increase in Asia-Pacific Region

The U.S. presence has helped shape the region, Carter said, noting the increase in the number of democracies in the region.

"Following our lead, countries across the Asia-Pacific have embraced free and open commerce, fidelity to the rule of law and a rules-based international order," he said. "U.S. strengths in security, economy and diplomacy "are multiplied by America's unrivaled network of allies and partners, nations both in the region and around the world who seek our friendship, not because of our power alone or through coercion, but because of the gravitational pull of our ideals, values, and goodwill. These ties, tended to with careful diplomacy, are what make America's global strength so unique throughout history and today."

The secretary wants to expand the reach of these alliances and for America's allies in the Asia-Pacific region to do more together. Carter said the U.S. is working with Japan and South Korea to build an information-sharing arrangement and with Australia and Japan to strengthen maritime security.

The U.S. is also working with India.

"In January, we agreed to an update of our bilateral Defense Framework, the first update in 10 years," Carter said. "It will open up new ways to expand the U.S.-India relationship, such as on maritime security, and new opportunities to cooperate on high-end technologies, for example, jet engines and aircraft carrier design."

## China's Influence in the Asia-Pacific Region

Many observers are concerned about the scope of China's military modernization efforts, its cyberspace actions and its behavior in the East and South China seas, Carter said.

"These are concerns we raise with our Chinese counterparts on a regular basis," he said.

Carter also spoke on the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

"As secretary of defense, I never forget that our military strength ultimately rests on the foundation of our vibrant, unmatched and growing economy," he said. "[The Trans-Pacific Partnership] is so important because of its enormous promise for jobs and growth across our nation's economy. It is expected to increase U.S. exports by \$125 billion in the next decade, supporting high-quality jobs."

While good for jobs, the partnership also makes strategic sense, the secretary said.

"In terms of our rebalance in the broadest sense, passing TPP is as important to me as another aircraft carrier," Carter said. "TPP would deepen our alliances and partnerships abroad and underscore our lasting commitment to the Asia-Pacific. And it would help us promote a global order that reflects both our interests and our values."

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# Academy supt. speaks at Higher Education Forum

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

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson spoke at the State of Higher Education Forum at the Colorado Springs Country Club April 3.

The forum was attended by education leaders and college presidents from the surrounding area, including staff from Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado College and University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

Johnson focused on the national issue of sexual assault on college campuses and the steps the military academies are taking to prevent and respond to the crime.

“Ironically, the military academies might be at the forefront of trying to cope with sexual assault on college campuses, because we’ve been under scrutiny longer,” she said. “But that is providing much-needed data so we can continuously improve.”

The way in which sexual assault is defined has changed significantly in recent years, Johnson said, and the way it needs to be approached has changed along with it.

“The issue we’re talking about isn’t the classic image of a person jumping out of a bush with a knife and a mask,” she said. “It might happen, but it’s the small minority of incidents. This is not a women’s issue, this is our issue. Men can be both victims and perpetrators, just as women can.”



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS RACHEL HAMMES

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson addresses the State of Higher Education Forum at the Colorado Springs Country Club April 3. Johnson spoke about the national issue of sexual assault on college campuses and the steps military academies are taking to prevent and respond to the crime.

Johnson said the Academy has updated its approach to ensure education is more relevant and leads to productive conversations on healthy relationships, boundaries, and victim care. The Academy continues to try and identify every unwanted sexual contact and provide an environment that encourages not only prevention, but reporting when an assault does occur.

“This focus will likely lead to an increase in the number of sexual assaults reported,”

she said. “However, we know many assaults go unreported. So, we’re trying to close that gap. Ultimately, we want to bring both numbers down — we don’t want any incidents, and we don’t want them to have anything to report.”

Johnson said battling sexual assault on college campuses is of extreme importance.

“If we don’t get this right, it will make moot all the other great things we’re trying to achieve,” she said.

# Academy inspection station wins facility award

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

The Academy’s Large Vehicle Inspection Station was recognized by the Air Force and the U.S. Green Building Council for its design excellence during a small ceremony here April 3.

The station was selected by the Air Force’s 2014 Design Award Program, managed by the Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineering Program in Washington D.C., for its cost control, energy efficiency, functionality and sustainability.

In a letter to the Academy, S. Richard Fedrizzi, president and CEO of the USGBC, said the facility’s design demonstrates “leadership in transforming the building industry.”

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed construction of the station near the Academy’s North Gate, used by 10th Security Forces Squadron Airmen to inspect contractor and commercial vehicles before they enter the Academy.

“The LVIS is the direct result of a strong partnership between the USACE and the Academy, and helps us maintain an open and secure installation while accomplishing our core mission of developing leaders of character for our nation,” said Col. Stacey Hawkins, the 10th Air Base Wing commander. “This station and all those involved in its construction, upkeep and daily use, is an example of our continuing to maintain our Academy as an exemplary installation.”

The site opened for business Dec. 2, 2012.

“One terrific element of its design is that it operates in full accordance with our force protection guide-



RAY BOWDEN

Airman 1st Class Blake Boren waves vehicles toward the Large Vehicle Inspection Station here April 3. The station, used to inspect contractor and commercial vehicles before they enter the installation, was recognized for design excellence by the Air Force’s 2014 Design Award Program and for its environmental sustainability by the U.S. Green Building Council. Boren is a patrolman assigned to the 10th Security Forces Squadron.

lines regarding bomb mitigation,” said Maj. Jose Lebron, the 10th SFS commander. “This means if an explosive device were to be found during an inspection, those outside the station would be protected. From a security perspective, this station is an absolute force-multiplier for the Academy and all who visit and work here.”

Along with the safety elements of its design, the station is also environmentally friendly, said Lt. Col. Jose Rivera-Hernandez, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

“Because of its design, including the Xeriscaping (landscaping and gardening that reduces or elimi-

nates the need for supplemental water), we use 23 percent less water than we would otherwise,” he said. “We’re able to provide customer service and protect the installation and the environment in a more sustainable way. It’s a big win for all involved.”

Winning building design projects raises the bar on the Air Force’s standard of excellence for facilities, said Col. Mark Sloan, the deputy director of faculty engineering for the Air Force Civil Engineer Center.

“These facilities were designed with aesthetics and functionality in mind, while still placing strong emphasis on resource and cost ef-

iciency,” he said in September.

The U.S. Air Force Design Awards program, established in 1976 and managed by AFCEC, recognizes and promotes design excellence across the Air Force.

There are three levels of awards: honor awards signify the best in design, followed by merit awards. Citation awards go to designs with a special aspect deserving recognition.

Other 2014 facility design award winners were the F-22 Systems Support Facility at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and the U.S. Strategic Command Gate at Offutt AFB, Neb.