Founders Day:
Distinguished Academy grads honored

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Two Academy graduates were presented the Association of Graduates’ Distinguished Graduate Award here Saturday during the Founders Day celebration. Recipients for 2014, retired Gen. Kevin Chilton, a 1976 Academy graduate, and Dr. Thomas Eller, a 1961 Academy graduate, were the 14th class of distinguished graduates recognized for their contributions to the Academy, society and the nation. Since 2001, the Academy and the AOG have recognized exceptional graduates whose accomplishments inspire and enhance the reputation of the Academy.

Chilton, the first U.S. astronaut to rise to the rank of general officer, said he is humbled to receive the award.

“I’m very grateful for the honor as I think about all of the graduates from this school, and the great things many of them have accomplished,” Chilton said in an interview before the event.

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Cadets heard from the Air Force’s top civilian leader and the first survivor of date rape to speak-out nationally during the Academy’s second annual Take Back the Night event Thursday at Clune Arena.

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Q: Chief Cody, in your recent CHIEF-chat, you stated the Air Force will not be looking at the number ratings on the back of the Enlisted Performance Report, rather that they will be “looking at, do you fit into this word picture; does this word picture describe you as an Airman and your performance?”

Chief Cody: Yes, we will be looking at the word picture. There is a board with which Airmen submit an application, and we look for Airman who feel they have the greatest potential to serve in our military, but may have some scenario on go in life where a break in service would help them take care of that—scenarios such as having a child, an ailing parent or educational goals.

There are a variety of circumstances that could happen in our lives and we may not want to give up our military service, but will be those circumstances we decide to separate. Our Air Force loses quality Airmen because they have to make those life choices. This program gives us the opportunity to select those quality Airmen who have the highest potential for service and allow them to take this time and come back without finding themselves behind in their career. This is another tool we will use to continue to retain and support Airmen.

Q: How will this program benefit the Air Force mission-long term?

Chief Cody: Long-term, it is a return on investment. There comes a time in their career where Airmen must make life choices. We invested a lot in them and they invested a lot in their career, but because things happen in life to where they can’t serve, we lose that investment. That’s a lost opportunity for that Airman.

These are Airmen who if we gave them just this amount of time to take care of what they need to, they can come back and serve a lifetime and be successful in a career, and we get to leverage that as an Air Force. That’s capability for the force.

Q: Athena Cody, with regards to the Key Spouse Program, you have stated that you believe that you recruit Airmen but retain families, and the Air Force benefits from every spouse who steps up. What are some specific examples that display how the program is working towards retaining families?

Athena Cody: In the military, as a community, we get married and take young people out of an environment, home or city they know and where they are very comfortable. Citizens who marry military members end up moving to a new location that appears to be exciting. With a new life and new marriage, they arrive and find out very quickly that it’s overwhelming, very intimidating and sometimes lonely. They lose a sense of the guidance and confidence they had where they came from.

It’s upon the military member to really understand they have a responsibility to reach out to other community members. They have to actually participate in taking them to the Airman and Family Readiness Center and signing them up for Heart Link and to meet their key spouse. If they don’t, sometimes those relationships don’t work.

Key spouses can mentor new spouses and partners in this community so they regain that sense of community and independence. If we don’t mentor them, they won’t blossom, they don’t thrive and they usually go home at the cost of marriage.
Cadets share ideas at CSURF

By Amy Gillentine
Office of Research

Over 130 U.S. Air Force Academy cadets participated in the Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum April 4 at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

The annual event is the result of a collaboration between the Academy, UCCS and Colorado College.

The forum, in its 12th year, features the best of undergraduate research. Cadets showed up to talk about a wealth of research projects.

The cadets presented their research in capstone and independent study projects, including innovative ways to reach Mars, how to remove the threat of improvised explosive devices and the importance of a liberal arts education.

The daylong event featured 120 posters and 56 oral presentations from students. The forum included visitors from the community serving as evaluators and session chairs. For the first time, students received evaluations about their presentations.

“This venture is designed to highlight the accomplishments of undergraduates,” said Esteban Gomez, a professor in the Anthropology Department at Colorado College. “It reflects the commitment and dedication of our faculty and staff to our students from all disciplines.”

For Academy cadets, it was an opportunity to experience a different campus and exchange research ideas and projects.

“This is a chance for all the undergraduates to come together to talk about the projects, and to get ideas about what other undergraduates are doing and to improve their presentation skills,” said Lt. Col. Candice Pipes, head of the Academy’s English Department and the CSURF committee chairman.

“It’s something we look forward to every year because it gives cadets a chance to talk about their educational experience with counterparts in the community,” Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, the Academy superintendent, opened the keynote speech by talking about the importance of research.

“We wear these suits,” she said, indicating the uniform she and all the cadets were wearing. “And it doesn’t really show everything that the Academy is about. This gives us a chance to show the community that we’re a military institution, but we’re also doing very innovative research.”
A hero’s sacrifice

Academy grad laid to rest 45 years after losing life in Vietnam

By Steven Simon
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The funeral for an Air Force Academy graduate killed in the Vietnam War was held Tuesday at the Cadet Chapel nearly 45 years after he gave his life serving his country.

Capt. Richard D. Chorlins, Class of ’67, was laid to rest at the Air Force Academy Cemetery. His remains were transferred here Monday in a dignified arrival ceremony with Academy Airmen and cadets lining up to pay their respects.

In 1970, then-1st Lt. Chorlins was assigned to the 602nd Special Operations Squadron at Nakhon Phanom, Thailand. On Jan. 11, his A-1H Skyraider was struck by ground fire and crashed into a mountain during a night mission over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. Chorlins’ death was officially confirmed Jan. 13 and he was posthumously promoted to captain Jan. 14. His remains were returned to the U.S. in 2003 but not identified until 2013.

Chorlins, of University City, Mo., graduated from the Academy with a bachelor’s degree in economics. He made the Superintendent’s List for five semesters and the Dean’s List for academic achievement seven of his eight semesters here.

Retired Col. Alex Archibald was one of Chorlins’ classmates here.

“Rick was so intelligent, he didn’t have to study as hard as the rest of us, so he had a pretty strict schedule of about an hour or so of studying each night when the rest of us burned the midnight oil just to stay off the dean’s other lists (academic probation),” Archibald said.

Chorlins’ senior-year roommate, retired Col. Dick Tebay, said Chorlins had a sharp sense of humor. Against regulations, the pair kept a hamster in their room, named Reep for the sound it made, he said.

“During one of our Saturday morning inspections, as we were standing at attention, Reep got out of the laundry bin, ran around our room only partially hidden under the wall heaters, and proudly announced his presence to our air officer commanding,” Tebay said. “Rick and I marched a few hours with rifles on the terrazzo in recognition of this indiscretion. As I recall, every time Rick and I passed each other, rodent communication occurred.”

Chorlins was a groomsman at Tebay’s 1967 wedding in Sioux City, Iowa.

“As I was getting into my dress uniform just before the wedding, I noticed he had written something in black magic marker on the soles of my shoes. ‘Help’ was there for all to see when Jeannie and I would be kneeling at the altar,” Tebay said.

Retired Col. Dick Tebay

Chorlins earned a master’s degree in economics at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. He was one of five cadets in a cooperative program between the Academy and Georgetown. Chorlins met his wife Nancy while attending Georgetown.

From Georgetown, Chorlins reported to Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, for undergraduate pilot training. His next training stop was Hurlburt Field, Florida, for follow-on training on the A-1 and then Southeast Asia.

Chorlins was interested in returning to the Academy as a faculty instructor after the Vietnam War, said Heather Beer, an Academy Association of Graduates intern.

Chorlins’ sacrifice has been honored across the U.S.: his name appears on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. (Panel 14W, Line 25) and on the Academy’s War Memorial on the Terrazzo. The Reflections Gallery in the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis also has a display honoring his memory.

Each year during pre-graduation festivities at the Academy, the Outstanding Cadet in Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Award is presented in memory of Captain Chorlins. This award is sponsored by the National Ladies Auxiliary and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc.

Chorlin’s aerial combat death was not the first for his family. His uncle, Harley Hammerman, a B-29 bombardier, was killed during World War II when his aircraft collided with a Japanese fighter in May 1945. Chorlins was born less than three months after the collision.

The U.S. Air Force Academy Honor Guard carries the casket containing the remains of Capt. Richard D. Chorlins, a 1967 Academy graduate, in a dignified arrival ceremony at the Denver International Airport Monday. He was laid to rest at the Academy Cemetery after a funeral at the Cadet Chapel Tuesday.

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A 2008 Air Force Academy graduate and A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot will receive the 2015 Col. James Jabara Award for combat sorties he flew in Afghanistan.

Capt. Kyle Babbitt, of Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., was one of eight Academy graduates nominated for the award given annually to an Academy graduate.

According to the award documents, Babbitt distinguished himself as the A-10 community’s most active combat pilot in terms of sorties and hours flown while deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from September 2013 to October 2014.

In Afghanistan, Babbitt flew more than 130 combat sorties and amassed over 470 combat hours in support of American, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Afghanistan National Security Forces.

“He combat service in Afghanistan over the last 13 months has been nothing short of remarkable,” said Col. Scott Caine, the 9th Air Forces vice commander, in a memo endorsing Babbitt’s nomination.

Babbitt attacked high-value targets and individuals on 14 occasions while deployed, overcoming difficult weather, visibility problems, dangerous terrain and communication issues, according to the award documents. He also conducted more than 20 low-altitude shows of force, saved coalition forces pinned down by small arms and machine gun fire, and coordinated operations with other aircraft, including AC-130 gunships and AH-64 Apache helicopters.

“This year’s competition was extremely tough, and you can be proud of your selection,” said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson in a congratulatory letter to Babbitt.

Babbitt’s nomination was one of eight Academy graduates nominated for the award given annually to an Academy graduate, living or deceased, whose actions directly associated with an aerospace vehicle set them apart from their contemporaries.

Among previous Col. James Jabara award winners are Vietnam War veterans Karl Richter and Steve Ritchie, pioneering astronaut Karol Bobko and U.S. Air Force pilot Chesley Sullenberger (Class of ’73), who safely landed Flight 1549 on the Hudson River off Manhattan, Jan. 15, 2009. Jabara was the first jet ace and the second leading ace in the Korean War. In 1951, he won the Air Force Association’s most prestigious award and in 1957 was recognized as one of 25 Americans who contributed the most to aviation.

The award is presented on behalf of the Academy, the Association of Graduates and the Jabara family.

(Simon in an Academy Class of ’77 graduate)
An Airman’s perspective: Holocaust Days of Remembrance

Commentary by Staff Sgt. Stephanie Brushwood
10th Medical Group

The Holocaust was a horrible event with global repercussions. Although I have never visited any of the concentration camps in Europe, with Holocaust Memorial Day coming up at the Academy, I sat down with Capt. Michele Gatheridge, a neurologist at the 10th Medical Group here, to discuss her experiences at one of the camps.

Gatheridge spent a day at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps in March 2013. She was in Poland for a year teaching neurology and neurologic medicine to Polish medical students. She said the monumental loss, death and horrendous actions that occurred at Auschwitz were “unfathomable.”

The captain described what it felt like first seeing the gates at Auschwitz and learning what they meant. The gates read “Arbeit macht Frei,” which translates to “Work Makes You Free.” This deliberate deception is terribly sad and makes the events at Auschwitz that much more disturbing, she said. The amount of belongings prisoners were made to abandon helped create a visible, real demonstration of just how many people were stripped of their identity and dignity at Auschwitz. Gatheridge described the awful, massive piles of hair, sunglasses and shoes on display at Auschwitz. Just hearing about it gave me goosebumps.

I asked if her experiences at Auschwitz-Birkenau changed her understanding or feelings about the Holocaust. She explained that she had visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., but that seeing the camps with her own eyes and standing on the same ground made the horrific piece of history feel “100 times more real.” Being there, where so many different social classes, religious groups and outsiders were robbed of their freedom and lives was “heartbreaking,” she said. “You cannot understand or fully comprehend the extent of the destruction until you see it in real life.”

Gatheridge told me the unimaginable level of degradation at the concentration camps is something she will never forget. “They shaved their heads, tattooed them with a number and took away their name,” she told me. She described how the prisoners were transported to the crematoriums — they were led to believe they were being transported to the showers. When the train arrived at the crematorium, the prisoners were told to get out and proceed to the building. Once inside, they were killed by a poisonous gas called Zyklon B.

As we wrapped up our conversation, I asked the captain if she thought this type of persecution was still happening. “Of course,” she said. “We cannot let future generations go uneducated about this tragic time in our world history. The Holocaust can never be forgotten.”

Gatheridge’s recollection of her experience made me feel like I had also visited these concentration camps. Her story gave me the ability to paint a vivid picture of the events and horrific crimes committed during this terrible time in history. I believe that never forgetting and continuing to educate future generations is the best advice. By learning where we have been, we are more inclined to help change and control our future for the better.

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Capt. Michele Gatheridge

The gateway at Auschwitz 1 concentration camp. The sign reads “Work makes you free.” Jews and others went through this gateway to their death, rather than to freedom.
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“Integrity is essential for all Airmen,” he said. “You must have integrity or the whole system falls apart. A mindset of excellence in everything you do and serving others before yourself makes all the difference in your and others success.”

From 1969 to 1981, he taught in the Astronautics and Computer Science Department. After retiring from the Air Force, he taught physics here as a civilian.

“Cadets have a lot more to learn these days,” he said. “Look at all that has changed in the world. Back then, we didn’t have computers and now every cadet has one. They also have social media to deal with. The breadth of what they have to learn is broader than what I had to learn here.”

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“This, when it comes down to it, is pure cost benefit-type analysis. To make sure the cost is much higher than the benefit to the adversaries who want to attack us,” Rosenbach said.

To bolster its deterrence strategy, Rosenbach said, the DOD made a conscious decision to invest in capabilities and the cyber mission force.

“We have built robust intelligence,” he said. “I do think that it’s an important part of it, although not the core part, and we know that we need to reduce the anonymity of cyber space so that adversaries who attack us don’t think they can get away with it.

To carry out these missions, the DOD is building a cyber mission force comprised of 133 teams, Rosenbach said.

“There’s an important role for the National Guard and the reserve,” he said. “We want to capitalize on the expertise that folks who are in the private sector, but still want to serve their country, have.”

Building a cadre of cyber experts is very important to the defense secretary, Rosenbach told the panel. Since taking office, he said, one of Carter’s top priorities has been ensuring the DOD has the necessary talent to enter the department’s cyber community.

“The geography of the Internet itself means we can’t do this alone,” he said. “We’ve invested a lot of time, even recently, in Asia, the [Persian] Gulf and other places in the Middle East, and of course, [with] our traditional allies … and in NATO, in this area.”

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“Now we are in a totally different operational world,” he said.
Air Force men’s and women’s tennis closes out the regular season by hosting New Mexico at 2 p.m. Saturday.

**Men’s Tennis**

Air Force dropped a pair of Mountain West home matches Sunday when UNLV, ranked 75th nationally, defeated Air Force, 5-2. UNLV won the doubles point behind Alexander Cozonobov and Denys Pume, defeating Andrew Parks and Nicholas Carpenter, 6-4, at number three.

The team’s split the other doubles with Air Force’s Grant Taylor and Lucas Fumagalli, defeating Ruben Alberts and Jakob Amilon, 6-2 at number one. Taylor carried his momentum into singles, defeating Ace Matias, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, at number one. Max Olson picked up Air Force’s other singles win, defeating Adam Gage-Brown, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, at number four. The victory is the first in conference play for Olson this season.

UNLV won the other four singles matches in straight sets to make up the final margin. San Diego State, ranked 37th nationally, defeated Air Force, 5-2, April 10. The Aztecs won the doubles point, taking victories at number two and three.

Thorsten Bertsch and Jonas Meinzer defeated Jack McCullers and Max Olson, 6-4, at number two while Marko Goles-Babic and Andranik Khachatriyan beat Andrew Parks and Nicholas Carpenter, 6-4, at number three. Grant Taylor and Lucas Fumagalli picked up a 6-4 win at number one doubles over Hendrik Jebens and Freddy Gelbrich. San Diego State took four of the six singles matches.

Jebens defeated Fumagalli, 6-4, 6-2 at number three while Goles-Babic was a 6-4, 6-3 winner over Olson at number four. Khachatriyan defeated Carpenter, 6-4, 6-1, at number six to clinch the match. Milen Ianakiev won 5-7, 7-5, 1-0 at number five to round out the SDSU wins.

Taylor and McCullers picked up wins at the top two singles spots for the Falcons. Taylor defeated Gelbrich, 2-6, 7-6, 1-0 while McCullers beat Bertsch, 7-6, 6-2, at number two.

**Women’s Tennis**

Air Force split a pair of Mountain West road matches. Wyoming defeated Air Force, 6-1, Saturday, in Laramie, Wyo. The Cowgirls picked up a pair of wins to secure the doubles point. Jessica Panzher and Magdalena Stencil defeated Lilly Forlini and Mary Meyers, 6-2, at number two doubles while Dorothy Jonas and Silviva Zhelyazkova beat Chloe Forlini and Jocelle Rudico, 6-3, at number three. The number one doubles match did not finish since the doubles point was clinched. Wyoming won five of six singles matches with four of them coming in straight sets. The lone Falcon win came at number one with senior Natasha Rizada defeating Stencil, 7-5, 6-3.

Air Force defeated Colorado State, 6-1, April 10, in Fort Collins. The Falcons opened the match by winning the doubles point. Natasha Rizada and Tracy Landram defeated Natalie Hefron and Adriana Wojakowska of Colorado State, 6-3, at number one singles.

Lily Forlini and Mary Meyers of Air Force were 6-2 winners at number two doubles over Maddie Buxton and Madison Porter. Chloe Forlini and Jocelle Rudico didn’t finish their match at number three doubles since the point was already clinched by Air Force.

Air Force won five of the six singles matches. Chloe Forlini, the reigning conference tennis player of the week, set the Air Force singles-season record for wins with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Buxton at number three singles to open singles play. Forlini improved to 32-7 this season and breaks the record of 31 wins set by All-American Laura Simmons in 1996. Following CSU’s lone victory, a 7-6, 6-4 victory at number five singles by Celine Voss over Lily Forlini, Rudico posted a come-from-behind win at number six singles, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2 over Mollie Cooper to give the Falcons a 3-1 lead. Rizada provided the clincher at number one singles with a 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 win over Hefron. Meyers added a come-from-behind win over Wojakowska, 4-6, 7-5, 10-4, at number two singles while Landram won at number four singles over Porter, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Kim Gidley is in her 17th season as head coach of the women’s tennis team at the Academy. The first civilian head coach in the 37-year history of the program. Gidley became the winningest coach in the history of the program in 2003 with her 76th victory. She recorded her 100th career victory during the 2005-06 season against South Dakota State and her 200th against Seattle University last season. She has a 229-222 career record.

Gidley led the Falcons to a 17-9 record last season, the first time since moving to Division I in 1996 the team had five straight winning seasons. Gidley belongs to several professional and national organizations, including the United States Professional Tennis Association. She has been honored twice by the USPTA as the Intermountain College Coach of the Year, most recently in March 2008. Among her other awards, she received the USTA/ITA National Community Outreach Award for 2009 as well as USAF’s Instructor of the Semester for lifetime sports.

Dan Oosterhous is in his sixth season as the men’s tennis coach at the Academy after being named the program’s 12th head coach Oct. 1, 2009. Oosterhous is a 1993 Academy graduate. Oosterhous, one of the best tennis players in program history, led the Falcons to a 13-12 record last season, its first winning season since 2006 and the most wins in one campaign since 2005. The Falcons also achieved their highest national rank in program history at number 63 and finished the season ranked eighth in the Mountain Region, their best finish since 2005. Oosterhous has a 65-75 career record.
Air Force’s Jimi Blagowsky takes home MVP honors

Athletic Communications

Air Force women’s basketball held its annual team awards night for the 2014-15 season last weekend with senior Jimi Blagowsky taking home team MVP honors and also earning the Team Captain Award and Defensive MVP honors.

The guard from Edmond, Okla., led Air Force in scoring, averaging 13.2 points per game, earning All-Mountain West Honorable Mention honors. Her 14.3 ppg in Mountain West games set a new school record for scoring average in MW play.

Blagowsky ranked in the conference top 10 in scoring (9th), assists per game (8th - 3.1), three-points per game (4th - 2.0) and minutes per game (6th - 33.3).

Senior forward Lindsey Lewis also took home a pair of awards, earning a Team Captain Award and the Loudermilk-Chavez Leadership Award. Lewis, a native of Grapevine, Texas, had a standout senior campaign, ranking second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.2 points per game. Junior guard-forward Madeleine Philpot took home four different honors. The Mobile, Ala., native earned the team Free Throw Percentage, Field Goal Percentage, Leading Rebounder and Iron Bolt Awards.

Philpot set a school record with her 91.8 percent free throw percentage, making 56-of-61 attempts. The junior led Falcon regulars with a 39.0 shooting percentage and 4.8 rebounds per game. The Iron Bolt is awarded to Air Force’s top performer in strength and conditioning.

Air Force’s Assists Award went to freshman guard Cortney Porter. Porter, a native of Ogden, Utah, had a standout rookie campaign, ranking sixth in the conference, averaging 3.9 assists per game. Her 118 assists on the season is the second-most ever at Air Force in the Div. era and her 79 assists in conference play (4.4 pg) is a new Academy record, surpassing the previous record by 18 dishes.
Cadets race concrete canoes

Air Force Academy cadets made concrete float April 11 when they raced a concrete canoe on Cochiti Lake, N.M. during the 2015 American Society of Civil Engineers Rocky Mountain Student Conference.

Hosted by the University of New Mexico, the ASCE regional conference gathered nearly 400 students, cadets and faculty members from 16 different schools in a competition to enhance their civil engineering skills, April 9-11.

“We placed sixth out of 16 schools, an improvement over last year’s seventh place finish,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Senseney, an assistant professor at the Academy’s Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, and the cadet’s concrete canoe team faculty advisor. “The final results include open water race times and judges’ scores on aesthetics, a paper and an oral presentation.”

According to the ASCE website, the competition provides civil engineering students an opportunity to gain hands-on, practical experience and leadership skills by working with concrete mix designs and project management.

The history of concrete canoe in the U.S began in 1960s, when a few ASCE student chapters began holding intramural races, according to the organization’s website. The first national concrete canoe competition was held in 1988. The Academy first competed in a regional concrete canoe race in 1981.

“‘The Civil and Environmental Engineering Department is extremely proud of the hard work and long hours that this year’s cadets put into preparing for the competition,’ Senseney said.

Flag retirement ceremony to be held today

The Air Force Academy Cadet Honor Guard will conduct a dignified retirement ceremony for damaged American Flags today on the terrazzo at 4:45 p.m.

Title 4, USC, Chapter 1, states: “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way.”

Last week, the Honor Guard accepted damaged American flags for disposal from the local community. Taps will be played during the retirement ceremony before the flags are destroyed, then buried on Academy grounds.

In 2014, 674 flags were retired at the Academy.
Win a:
Sky Sox
Luxury Suite
For 12:

Treat yourself and eleven of your friends to a great evening of baseball! Twelve tickets to Sky Sox versus Iowa in a Luxury Suite on Saturday, April 25, including food at the game and parking.

Game: April 25 | 6:05 p.m. at Security Service Field

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Enjoy lunch, coffee, baked breads and more at the Great Harvest Bread Company.
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Enjoy a great steak dinner from Texas T-Bone.
2070 S. Academy Blvd. or 5245 N. Academy Blvd.

See gazette.com/insider for complete contest rules.
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Take Back

From Page 1

wide at thousands of schools, or-
ganizations and military bases, to
inform and empower others to put
an end to sexual assault.

“As an Air Force Academy ca-
det, you don’t ever leave an Air-
man behind,” she said. “It’s hav-
ing the courage of shattering the
silence and speaking up when si-
lence would be the easiest way out.
I don’t want anyone to ever say ‘It
doesn’t fit in my schedule to spend
five minutes to intervene. Sav-
ing a life doesn’t just mean saving
someone from bleeding to death
or who can’t get enough oxygen.
It includes saving someone from a
lifetime of not being able to be in
healthy relationship again because
their trust is so broken.”

It’s important to focus on how
men can make a difference, Koest-
ner said.

“‘It’s not just a women’s issue,’ she
said. “It’s a people issue and it’s
one we need to be united on. One
of the catchphrases for Take Back
the Night is, ‘The people united
will never be divided.’”

TBTN is the Academy’s center-
piece for Sexual Assault Awareness
Month. Throughout the evening,
cadets held glow sticks to shine
light on their role in eliminating
sexual assault and supporting vic-
tims of the crime.

Nearly 400 red glow sticks glis-
tened to represent sexual assault
victims here.

“We want to allow individuals
to proclaim they have the right to
walk freely within their communi-
ties day or night without any ha-
rassment or sexual assault in their
way,” said Col. Carrie Bausano,
vice commandant of culture and
climate here. “We want them to feel
e empowered to take these educa-
tion pieces and let victims, whether
military or civilian, know they can
come forward to report sexual as-
sault.”

Cadet squadrons, athletic teams
and other units here designed T-
shirts campaigning against sexual
violence, including slogans such as
“Hurts one, affects all,” “Stand up,
speak out” and “H.O.P.E.—Hold
on, pain ends.”

“IT’s our chance to step up and
highlight the institution’s efforts as
a whole year and throughout Sexu-
al Assault Awareness Month,” said
Cadet 1st Class Avery Larkin, Ca-
det Wing Personal Ethics and Edu-
cation representative. “It’s a chance
for us to come together and reflect
on what our role is to prevent sexu-
al assault and actively support vic-
tims. It also gives cadets a chance
to come together as a Cadet Wing
and be reminded of an issue that
affects everyone.”

The event was open to all Acade-
my personnel and Defense Depart-
ment ID cardholders. This year’s
SAAM theme is: “Know your part,
do your part.”

“All are affected by sexual as-
sault regardless of race, religion,
social background or gender, Koestner
said.

“It's important to paint an inclu-
sive picture about the problem,” she
said. No one should ever threaten your right to feel com-
fortable here. There is no alter-
native Air Force Academy to go
to. It’s even more important you
all hold each other to the high-
est standards of respect because
respect is so critical to helping us
solve this problem.”

Visit www.usafa.af.mil for an up-
dated Take Back the Night story.

USAFA SAAM Baseball Game

Air Force vs. Utah Valley State - Monday, April 20 - 2 pm @ Falcon Field

STRIKE OUT
SEXUAL ASSAULT

Eliminate Sexual Assault.
Know Your Part.
Do Your Part.

- Prizes and Giveaways
- First Pitch by USAFA Commandant of Cadets and Dean of Faculty

Q and A

From Page 2

Chief Cody: It’s recognized by our Air Force
that you need a support structure. Unless you
come from this lifestyle, when you walk into
it, it can be overwhelming. The Key Spouse
Program provides an immediate connection
and support. This is a part
of, the Air Force family. If you have a strong
family, you can have a strong career.

Q: Chief Cody, as you know, Laughlin Air
Force Base graduates the world’s best pilots,
and the enlisted Airmen of this base work di-

genously to ensure their role in that mission is
done with the upmost professionalism and ex-

cellence.

Besides their jobs, what should our enlisted

Airmen at every level be doing each day, with
respect to mentoring junior officers, that in-
spires their growth and professionalism? What
do you think the enlisted core should learn from
the junior officers they work with each day?

Chief Cody: It’s a fundamental responsibil-
ity of our senior NCOs to mentor officers but
there is an opportunity here for all of the Air-
men, with the exposure that you’re having with
these young pilots, Air Force officers who will
eventually move out of the cockpit and into
more leadership roles. At some point in pilot
training, the enlisted force will get a chance to
interact with them, and pilots get to spend time
with the enlisted force seeing what the enlisted
force does in their technical jobs. It’s a unique
opportunity where you can show them your
job and how it ties in to what they are going
through. Most of you know your jobs and are
really good at it. You can connect them with
the importance of everything that supports the
development of world class Air Force pilots.

These officers are the next genera-
tors in our Air Force. You can learn a lot from
them — how they think about things, how they
are evolving and developing. You can help them
connect with our core values, help them connect
with what it means to be an Airman first and
understand the enlisted force’s expectations of
officers. We have this opportunity for you to be
officers up for success and create a foundation
for this exceptional and respectful relationship
where we value each other.
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Community

Bear safety

Black bears will soon come out of hibernation and look for food. If bears were able to get food in the trash containers near your home or office last year, it’s probably first place they will return to this spring.

To keep the bears away, ensure the doors on your bear-resistant dumpster or tote receptacle are closed and properly latched. Medicines, chemicals, plastics and items typically found in household trash can kill or injure a bear, and access to food items will get bears used to being around people.

To report a bear-resistant dumpster needing repair in the Pine Valley or Douglass Valley housing areas, call Forest City housing maintenance at 867-9675. For other non-housing bear-resistant container repairs, call the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron contract services at 333-3053.

Housing residents who do not use a bear-resistant dumpster are required to secure their trash in a garbage until collection day.

If you have an immediate bear problem, call the 10th Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk at 333-2000.

To report bear sightings call Natural Resources at 333-3308 or e-mail “10 CES/CECN (Bear Watch)”. Visit cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Living-with-WildlifeBears1.aspx for more information.

Military retiree lunch
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Call 573-4078 for more information.

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Schedule of Worship

Cadet Chapel

BUDDHIST
Service: Sunday, 10 a.m.
Meditation: Thursday, 6:20 p.m.

PROTESTANT
Traditional, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary, Sunday, 11 a.m.

CATHOLIC
Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.
Daily Mass: Mon - Thurs, 5:30 p.m.
Confession: Sunday, 9 a.m.
Adoration Confession, Wednesday, 4:30-5:20 p.m.

JEWISH
Shabbat, 7 p.m., Kiddush dinner, 7:45 p.m.

MUSLIM
Jumah Prayers, Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Community Center Chapel

CATHOLIC WORSHIP
Mass: Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday, 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3 p.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Religious Education: Sunday, 9 a.m., pre-school through adults.

Community

Around the Academy

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Instagram photo of the week

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