9/11, the high price of freedom

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN AIR FORCE STATION, Colo. — Freedom comes at a high price, and Americans were reminded of the cost of freedom 11 years ago on Sept. 11, 2001.

A remembrance and retreat ceremony was held Sept. 11 at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station to honor the 2,977 people from 93 nations who were killed in the terrorist attacks in 2001 and to pay tribute to the 2,114 Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Col. Joe Turk, CMAFS installation commander, described 9/11 as “a defining day for our generation.”

“On this day 11 years ago, terrorists executed unprovoked attacks on symbolic targets in the United States,” Turk said. “Their goal was to change our way of life. Although they succeeded in their attacks, they failed in their objectives. They only strengthened our love of freedom and our resolve to defend it.”

Since 9/11, millions of Americans have deployed around the world, Turk said. “We remember the rebirth of American pride that arose from that day and the understanding of all freedom loving people across the globe that freedom comes at a great cost,” he said.

The event was held in front of the 9/11 artifact display, which was dedicated last year during the 10th anniversary ceremony. At the center of the display is a beam recovered from the World Trade Center. The beam is one of eight artifacts to be memorialized at each of the military installations in Colorado Springs and around the Colorado Springs area.

A retreat ceremony and the playing of “To the Colors” concluded the commemoration.

Space Education and Training Center named for space pioneer

General William Shelton, commander of Air Force Space Command, and retired General Thomas Moorman, Jr., were featured speakers at the event highlighting a week of celebrations marking the command’s 30th Anniversary. Moorman’s 30th Anniversary. Moorman retired in 1997 as the Air Force vice chief of staff. Prior to this position, he served as the AFSPC commander.

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Major General Tim Padden (Ret.) and Airman Samuel Macklin, cut the ceremonial cake during a banquet hosted by the Space Foundation in honor of Air Force Space Command's 30th anniversary celebration Sept. 14, 2012, Colorado Springs, Colo. General Padden was the third Commander of Air Force Space Command and Airman Macklin is from the 721st Security Forces Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.

Air Force Space Command 30th Anniversary Banquet

By Air Force Space Command Public Affairs


The banquet recognized Dr. Hans M. Mark and retired Col. John P. Stapp for their accomplishments and induction into this year's elite group of Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers. General O'Malley award winner General Kevin McLaughlin and 2012 Hartinger award recipient General Bruce Carlson were also honored at the event.

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Personal accountability: The critical link of our core values

Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo. — Greetings Knights! We all know and live by our Air Force core values: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. There have been many articles written on our core values and what they mean to us; however, as a junior officer I never gave serious thought to how I felt about them. That all changed when I addressed an extremely challenging and complex personnel issue that led me to evaluate my perspective on the Air Force core values.

An individual that worked for me had a multitude of problems. As I analyzed the situation to determine the root cause and provide the individual feedback on how they could improve their performance to meet Air Force standards, it became apparent the fundamental issue affecting this person was the inability to accept responsibility for their actions. Unless this happened, the feedback I was providing would have no effect on their performance. During one of our counseling sessions, I stressed the importance of admitting shortfalls as a critical step to improving performance. The individual responded by stating “they lived the core values” and attributed their poor performance to numerous issues — none of which were their fault or within their sphere of control.

I was incredulous — how could our perspectives be so far apart? Then, it dawned on me — the critical link between personal accountability and our core values. The foundation of our core values is “integrity first.” Webster’s online dictionary defines integrity in the military as “a general competency contributing to maintaining the integrity of the organization, displaying high standards of ethical conduct, understanding the impact of violating these standards on the organization, self, and others.” Critical to this definition is maintaining ethical standards starts with personal accountability. Simply put, you must be true to yourself before you can be true to others or an organization. If you cannot hold yourself accountable to maintaining Air Force standards, how can you hold your subordinates accountable? This is especially true in situations where no one would “know” if you had a lapse in integrity. We’ve all been in situations where we could “bend the rules,” but our inner moral compass keeps us on the right path — we have held ourselves accountable.

“Service before self” establishes our commitment to the Air Force and our country — this sets us apart from other jobs and professions. We must subordinate our personal wants and desires for the betterment of the Air Force and our mission. This requires personal sacrifice and a close examination of our motives. Are we doing what is right for the mission and our organization or are we doing what is right for us as individuals? Many times these motives may be in conflict — we can only resolve these conflicts by objectively evaluating the intentions of See Accountability page 7

Action Line
The 21st Space Wing maintains a commander’s action line, a direct link to the 21st Space Wing commander. The wing commander encourages its use. Concerns should be addressed at the lowest possible level in the chain of command and elevated as necessary.

To reach the action line: 21st Space Wing members and its 4Gs can call 719-552-2121, DSN 559-2121 or email 21stwpa.action.line@us.af.mil. The Peterson action line, for Peterson AFB items of interest or for the wing’s tenant units, can be reached at 719-556-7777, DSN 834-7777, or email peterson.action.line@us.af.mil.

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55th Wing Association reunites at museum

PETE RSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Peterson Air and Space Museum volunteer docent Dave Austin gives a tour to visiting members of the 55th Wing Association inside the museum’s EC-121 “Warning Star” display aircraft Sept. 8, 2012. The 55th Wing Association hosted a reunion this year in Colorado Springs and drew members representing more than 20 states, including pilots, mechanics, navigators, Airmen and their family members. The 55th Wing, the Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth, activated Jan. 15, 1941, at Hamilton Field, Calif. The wing was the first P-38 unit in the European theater and primarily a reconnaissance unit from the mid 1940s until the late 1990s. Currently the 55th Wing’s missions execute more diverse flying operations. The 55th Wing is now located at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and is Air Combat Command’s largest wing.
From 721st Civil Engineer Squadron
Fire Prevention Office
CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN AIR FORCE STATION, Colo. — Fire Prevention Week was established in 1925 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on Oct. 8, but continued into and, did most of its damage on, Oct. 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow, belonging to Mrs. Catherine O’Leary, kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you’ve heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O’Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

The ‘Moo’ myth
Like any good story, the ‘case of the cow’ has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O’Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that O’Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out, or that a Jumpoy cow sparkled the blaze. Mrs. O’Leary herself swore that she’d been in bed early that night, and no proof that O’Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out near the barn where Mrs. O’Leary kept her five milking cows. Some people have speculated that a fiery meteorite may have fallen to earth on Oct. 8, starting several fires that day — in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago.

The biggest blaze that week
While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn’t the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on Oct. 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area ‘like a tornado,’ some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wis., that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

Eight decades of fire prevention
Those who survived the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they’d been through; both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, today known as the International Fire Marshals Association, decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. The commemoration grew incrementally official over the years.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration’s Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Peterson AFB is marking Fire Prevention Week with an informational display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 6 at The Exchange. The PAFB fire department will also take its fire safety trailer to area elementary schools to educate students about fire safety during fire prevention week.

Information provided by the National Fire Protection Agency.
Suicide prevention: Risks and warnings

PHOENIX — Before intervention, before support, even before treatment...there is prevention. Tragically, 36,000 lives are lost to suicide each year in the United States. Tens of thousands more attempt suicide. Every day, families, friends, coworkers and neighbors lose someone they care about. Intervention, support and treatment can help, but to get to the heart of suicide, start with prevention.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a nation-wide toll-free crisis support and prevention resource. The Lifeline points out that life experience includes two types of factors: risk and protective. These are both sides of the coin and should be addressed together to “keep it together.” Knowing what they are, and what to pay attention to, can help you love one another.

Risk Factors
The lifetime has identified suicide risk factors. These are not predictors, they can only be looked at as factors that increase the chance of attempting or thinking about suicide. They include: trauma, physical illness, substance abuse, relationship or career problems.

Protective Factors
Factors, on the other hand, are characteristics that can decrease the possibility that someone may attempt or think about suicide and include: ongoing medical and behavioral health support, no access to highly lethal means of suicide, strong connections to family, community support, cultural or religious beliefs discouraging suicide. Learn more about both types of factors can affect anyone at the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Warning Signs
While some risk factors can be important, behaviors can point towards issues. Trust your feelings and your reactions. You probably know more than you think you know. Everyone understands the key, but common warning signs include:

- talking about wanting to die or feelings of hopelessness
- talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- increasing use of alcohol or drugs
- withdrawal or isolation.

If you are concerned about someone, there are places to go for help and support. 
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- Mental health at 556-7804
- Military and Family Life Consultant at (719) 640-9961
- Military Crisis Line is available (1-800-273-TALK, option 1)
- Self-help information and links to resources at TriWest.com
- TriWest Crisis Line (1-866-284-3743) for West Region TRICARE beneficiaries.

Pioneer
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for championing professional development of space forces, General Moorman retired in 1997 as the Air Force vice chief of staff. Prior to this position, he served as the AFSPC command and vice commander.

“We commit this center to the development of deep space expertise and capability within our Air Force and we name it after someone who has dedicated his adult life to that same objective. May all who pass through the doors of the Moorman Space Operations Center and its academic library that supports all aspects of space professional development, conference rooms and staff office space, classrooms and library that supports all aspects of space professional development, conference rooms and staff office space, observe and reflect on the words of the late General Thomas S. Moorman, Jr.,” declared General Shelton before the building.

Moorman watched as letters on the facialet carrying his name was unveiled along with a 230-lb bronze plaque bearing his likeness. He and General Shelton then cut a ribbon officiatingly opening the center.

“I have a deep sense of gratitude to the Air Force and Air Force Space Command,” said General Moorman. “When I was asked to take command of AFSPC at Peterson Air Force Base as my professional home. The Moorman family’s ties to Colorado Springs are long-standing, deep and emotional, so I was honored to have my name associated with this mission and cadre are met by this facility.... I’m most humbled, and deeply honored to have my name associated with this mission and this terrific facility.”

Prior to the ceremony, Moorman reflected on the role of space education in the command’s earliest days.

“The need for space professional development dates back to the original plans for the command,” said Moorman. “We recognized the need to institutionalize and formalize space education, so the Air Force Space Professional Development Center (AFSPDC) was established in 1982, and the need included consideration of facilities, a syllabus, space education for all Airmen, and within each of the national war colleges.”

Moorman served on the 2001 Rumsfeld Commission to Assess U.S. National Security Space Management and Organization. The commission anticipated development of a core national space cadre, notable since national focus at the time was more about space systems and capabilities than development of a professional space force.

“AFSPC is about organizing, training and equipping,” said Moorman, “So, providing well-educated, talented space opera-tors is crucial. The requirement to integrate space capabilities into military operations is critical, and we need highly-trained people to do that. This center is a big part of how we will continue to develop that force for the nation.”

The new facility houses the staff, classrooms and library of the AFSPC Advanced Space Operations School, the Air Education and Training Command’s Space Professional Development Center (SPDC) and the Air University’s National Security Space Institute, the Reserve National Security Space Institute, and Navy Cyber Forces Colorado. The new facility integrates classrooms equipped with the latest technology to support large-scale classified training, an academic library that supports all aspects of space professional development, conference rooms and staff office space.

Accountability
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our actions. Again, this requires a true assessment of our motives against the ethical and professional standards of the Air Force and accountability for adhering to these standards. If we are not accountable, we will fail to have the right priorities.

Finally, our third core value calls us for strive for “ex-cellence in all we do.” In order to achieve true excellence, we must take personal ownership of the task at hand and establish the highest standards for our performance. In today’s Air Force, we face an incredible operations tempo as budgets and manpower have been cut to the bone. Each day we are faced with too much to do — we struggle with completing all tasks to the highest standards we have estab-lished for ourselves. By taking personal ownership, we hold ourselves accountable for giving the Air Force our best effort within the constraints we face. Only if we individually hold ourselves accountable and conduct our work with complete integrity against the standards we have established, we should know emphatically we have put our service before ourselves and have strived to achieve excellence.
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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley used his keynote speech at the 2012 Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here Sept. 17 to discuss the importance of caring for Airmen.

“Whatever the intensity of our nation’s demands, in war or in peace, we have an abiding obligation to this institution that we know and love at the United States Air Force to develop and retain quality Airmen of character, who earn and deserve the trust placed in them by the American people,” Donley said.

The secretary addressed one of the force’s more troubling issues: suicide. According to the Department of Defense, there were 101 suicides across the military in 2010. In 2011, there were 122. By June 2012, there were already 140 across all the services. Earlier this year, Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta called it one of the most complex and urgent problems facing the department.

“As you know, this problem is not unique to our service, and it is not unique to our military, but we must do all we can to strengthen Airmen’s resiliency, and look out for our wingmen in order to prevent these irreversible tragedies,” Donley said.

He also spoke at length about sexual assault in the military, specifically the allegations of professional and sexual misconduct by basic military training instructors at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. The allegations range from violations of Air Force policy that prohibit unprofessional relationships to crimes of sexual assault.

He emphasized the Air Force’s zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault, noting that courts-martial have occurred and further investigations continue.

“I expect command-directed investigations to identify any systemic failures and to develop reform recommendations to help prevent such behavior,” Donley said. “We hold Airmen to high standards because that’s what is expected of us and what we expect from each other — to set the example, to treat people with dignity and respect, to act promptly to right a wrong, to protect people under our charge, and to live by the Air Force core values.”

He expressed confidence that the Air Force will confront the challenges of suicide and sexual assault, and come out stronger and better on the other side.

“Leaders at every level have an obligation to adhere to and enforce Air Force standards, and to establish and maintain a unit climate and culture that reflects what we stand for,” he said. “This is a family business. Nobody will do this for us.”

For more information on the Air Force’s efforts to stop suicide, visit http://www.af.mil/suicideprevention.asp.

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