



# Rampart Ramblin' Writer

## A Newsletter for the Association of Graduates Rampart Chapter

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### President's Message

**H**appy 2008 greetings to you all! I hope you and your families and friends enjoyed a joyous Hanukkah and Christmas season and your New Year is off to a good and prosperous start. I know we all look forward to the events and challenges of the coming year.

Most of you probably watched the Falcon football team in the **A r m e d F o r c e s B o w l**. Even with the loss, the team had an excellent season and I am sure they



appreciate the support from the fans.

Our Falcon basketball season is in full swing and the hockey team is also into their current season. Don't forget all the other winter sports teams (see the calendar of events elsewhere in this newsletter) and support them as well.

One of the winter sports is boxing, and our last luncheon speaker was none other than Coach Eddie Weichers. He gave us an update on current boxing events and also told us about the Wing Open Boxing tourney coming up on 02 Mar at Clune arena.

Our Rampart Chapter will again partner with the Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association to sponsor a pizza party prior to the Wing Open. Please plan to

come out and watch exciting cadet boxing and support the Cadet Wing charity this year.

The Rampart Chapter Annual Business meeting was 18 January at Doolittle Hall. The weather didn't exactly cooperate that evening and we still had a respectable turnout. We had short presentations on the Academy Liaison program. The chapter Board intends to provide limited financial support to the ALO program again this year and I encourage the chapter membership to assist us in that effort. You'll hear more about that in the future.

We also had an update on the upcoming National Character and Leadership Symposium. If you have not been involved in the NCLS in the past, I encourage

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### Wing Open Boxing

**T**he Annual Cadet Wing Open (Boxing tournament and Cadet Fund-raiser) will be held on March 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Clune Arena at the United States Air Force Academy. The Rampart Chapter of the Association of Graduates and the



Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association will host our annual Pizza Party beginning at noon. Please save the date for this worthwhile event!

All proceeds raised by the Rampart Chapter AOG and AF Association chapters are donated over to this cadet fund-raiser and

given to the family in need chosen by cadets. For those who are unable to attend the Boxing Tournament or Pizza Party, donations are being accepted. Please send your donations made payable to "Rampart Chapter, AOG" and noting "Wing Open" on the face of the check. All donations will be added to the money raised from the Pizza Party and given to the Cadets.

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## President's Message—Cont.



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you to participate as much as possible in one of the premier events presented to the Cadet Wing every year. Our chapter has the unique opportunity to attend and provide support for these events due to our close proximity to USAFA. I solicit all of you to get involved. Watch for more information in the near future.

The National AOG leadership and the National AOG Board of Directors also had representatives at our business meeting who provided updates and answered questions on the current status and future direction of our AOG. As in past years, the

chapter provided refreshments and also had our annual raffle.

In addition, we installed our new slate of Rampart Chapter officers. I am honored to serve as your Chapter President again in the coming year. I and the Chapter Board will seek additional ways that we, the local grads, can support the Cadet Wing and our Academy in the coming year, and to expand our chapter horizons and membership. We will continue our luncheon programs and our annual picnic event. I invite you to attend our chapter board meetings (check the Rampart web site for the schedule) and add your voice to our chapter initiatives.

If you know of a grad who is not a member of the chap-

ter, please invite him or her to join us at any or all of our events. It is a great way to reconnect and stay connected to fellow grads and our Academy.

I encourage you to contribute your time if you can to help out with our events, but more importantly I want you to contribute your ideas, comments, and concerns about our chapter. Please feel free to contact me or one of our board members with your thoughts.

Thanks again for your support to the chapter. Until next month, support our Academy cadets and teams. Again.....GO FALCONS!

Dan Beatty, '76

## Rampart Chapter USAFA/AOG Luncheon

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, March 12th -- 1130

**WHERE:** Jack Quinn's Irish Pub & Restaurant – 21 S. Tejon Street

**WHO: SPEAKER:** - T B A

**COST:** \$12.00 CASH ONLY!

**MENU CHOICES:**

- Reuben Sandwich
- Chicken Sandwich
- Club Sandwich
- Chicken Salad
- Soup & Salad
- Veggie Plate



Reserve VIA EMAIL ONLY – Use Subject Line “AOG”---- -- NLT COB 10 Mar to [mbca@comcast.net](mailto:mbca@comcast.net)

If you do not receive an email saying “You’re Confirmed !”

Then I never got your Reservation !

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## National Character and Leadership Symposium

The National Character and Leadership Symposium (NCLS) brings together the entire 4400+ Cadet Wing, 200+ visiting undergraduate students from around the world (last year included South Korea, Japan, and Canada), 50+ visiting faculty members from around the world, 400+ local community members, and 35+ distinguished speakers to explore a character based theme. The dates for the 15th Annual NCLS are 21-23 February 08 with the theme "Impassioned Citizenship: Can One Make a Difference?" With this theme, we intend to explore one of the six "Pillars of Character" as described by the Josephson Institute of Ethics:

"Citizenship includes civic virtues and duties that prescribe how we ought to behave as part of a community. The good citizen knows the laws and obeys them, but that's not all. One volunteers and stays informed on the issues of the day, the better to execute one's duties and privileges as a member of a self-governing democratic society. One does more than their "fair" share to make society work, now and for future generations. Such a commitment to the public sphere can have many expressions, [such as embodied in the Air Force Core Value, "Service Before Self."] The good citizen gives more than one takes."

To that end, the Center for Character Development is inviting individuals whose personal experience with citizenship and community will inspire

cadets and other NCLS participants to make a difference in their own spheres of influence.

Confirmed speakers to date include:

**General Barry McCaffrey** (ret) (President Clinton's drug czar and NBC News' analyst

**Dr. Harvey Schiller** (former President of TBS Sports, SEC commissioner, and CEO of YankeeNets; currently CEO of Global Options Group)

**Tommy Lasorda** (former manager of the LA Dodgers

**Major Garrett** (Fox News Congressional Correspondent

**Major Samantha Weeks** Thunderbird #6

**COL (ret) Danny McKnight** (Blackhawk Down -- convoy commander)

**CIC Erik Mirandette** Author, *The Only Road North*

**CIC Alea Nadeem** AFROTC student, University of New Mexico, survivor of kidnapping by Iraqi father.

**CPT D. J. Skelton** founder, Paradox Sports; helping disabled soldiers transcend limitations.

**Kristen Ulmer** (best woman extreme skier in the world for 12 years in a row)

**Mike May** subject of *Crashing Through - A true Story of Risk, Adventure, and the Man Who Dared to See*; blind for 20+ years now cured; entrepreneur.

**Missy White** outdoor leadership expert, formerly with NOLS who teaches team building to NASA astronauts.

**Kaziah Hancock** and **Marie Woolf** DOD's fallen soldier artist for Project Compassion; [www.heropaintings.com](http://www.heropaintings.com).

**Kristi Kiger** youth mentor and counselor; Southeast White House, Washington DC

**Greg Mortenson** author *Three Cups of Tea*; builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**Dr. Lonise Bias** lost children to drugs and gun violence; mother of Len Bias, star basketball player U of Maryland.

**Mr. Richard Fucci** paraplegic pilot; Freedom's Wings International program to allow disabled to fly.

For more information and to register to attend, visit the NCLS website at [www.usafa.af.mil/ncls](http://www.usafa.af.mil/ncls). Local AOG members are invited to volunteer to assist in the hospitality suite and with registration of guests. Please contact Maj Tina Erzen at 719-333-8574 if you are interested.

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## Editor's Corner

If you have comments and/or articles for upcoming newsletters please forward them to me at [jeff.mielke@aogusafa.org](mailto:jeff.mielke@aogusafa.org) not later than the 20th of month before publication. Pictures (640 x480 and JPEG format) are also very welcome. I will attempt to have the newsletter available as close to the beginning

Photos/stories courtesy of your USAFA Association of Graduates or Rampart Chapter members.



## Primary NCLS Sponsors

## February 2008

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09 Feb / 1600	Men's Basketball vs Utah	09 Mar	Daylight Savings Time begins
12 Feb	Lincoln's Birthday	12 Mar / 1130	Rampart Chapter Luncheon – Jack Quinn's
14 Feb	Valentine's Day	13-15 Mar	Recognition – Class of 2011
15 Feb	Sinking of USS Maine - 1898	17 Mar	St Patrick's Day
15 Feb / 1800	Air Force Ball – Broadmoor	18 Mar / 1900	Rampart Chapter Board Meeting – Rusinak Realty
16 Feb / 1600	Men's Basketball vs Wyoming	20 Mar	Spring begins
18 Feb	President's Day	20-30 Mar	USAFA Spring Break
19 Feb / 1900	Rampart Chapter Board Meeting – Rusinak Realty	23 Mar	Easter
20 Feb / 1900	Men's Basketball vs New Mexico	01 Apr	USAFA Founders Day
21-23 Feb	National Character and Leadership Symposium	04 Apr	USAFA Founders Day dinner
22 Feb	Washington's Birthday	06 Apr 1991	1 <sup>st</sup> Persian Gulf War ends
23 Feb	Flag raised on Iwo Jima – 1945	15 Apr	Tax Day
02 Mar / TBD	Wing Open Boxing & Chapter Pizza Party (Clune Arena)	15 Apr / 1900	Rampart Chapter Board Meeting – Rusinak Realty
05 Mar / 1900	Men's Basketball vs TCU	18 Apr 1942	Doolittle Raid
08 Mar / 1300	Men's Basketball vs San Diego St	23 Apr	Administrative Professional's Day
		25 Apr 1970	Operation Eagle Claw (Desert One)