

PPLD Board President retires after 10 years # Nathan Pine, pictured, has been selected as the U.S. Air Force Academy's newest director of athletics. Photo courtesy of USAFA # Show MoreShow Less # Caption + # Pikes Peak Library District Library Board President Kathleen Owings, second from left, is retiring from the position after 10 years of service. She and husband Michael are pictured here with former PPLD Board Vice President John Wilson and his wife Marnie in this file photo from 2013. # The Air Force announced last week that Brig. Gen. Michele Edmondson will be the Air Force Academy's next commandant of cadets. # Edmondson is expected to arrive at the Academy next summer and, following a change of command ceremony, will take command of the Cadet Wing from Brig. Gen. Kristin Goodwin. # "This is terrific news," said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria. "We wish General Edmondson and her family the best as she prepares to take charge of our No. 1 resource: our cadets." # As commandant, Edmondson will command the 4,000-member Cadet Wing and more than 200 Air Force and civilian personnel. Her responsibilities will include character and leadership development, military training, supervising cadet life activities, and providing facility and logistical support to all cadets. # Edmondson has a background in space operations and acquisitions, and will come to the Academy from the White House, where she directs the Space Policy, National Security Council. Before this, she commanded the 81st Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, where she led and provided technical training for 12,000 Airmen and civilians, Reservists and other Defense Department agencies, to create combat capabilities. # She holds masters' degrees