

February changes [as of 2/28]	
C FUND	- 1.95 percent
I FUND	+ 0.18 percent
S FUND	- 0.26 percent

## Supe's semi-annual command interest brief

By Jim Fox  
Assistant Editor

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck gave his first semi-annual command interest brief to the West Point community Feb. 23 to a packed Robinson Auditorium crowd and live command channel audience.

The academy's 57th superintendent gave a "state of the academy" briefing to staff and faculty that covered such diverse topics as Tiger Teams, the upward trend in incoming cadet class sizes, business transformation, Residential Communities Initiative and National Security Personnel System.

Hagenbeck highlighted recent cadet academic achievements, such as scholarship winners and the continuing cadet cultural education experience to include the semester abroad program.

The Supe stressed that everyone at the academy is part of the cadets' military ethics education and that the two things that could "rock" the academy are sex or honor scandals.

"We have to keep our eye on the ball on this," he warned. "We can't get complacent."

Hagenbeck said officials are looking at making the 70 Professional Military Ethic hours

that cadets currently take a graded portion of their course work.

Even something as simple as receiving a grade on required class work can help improve a student's retention level, he explained.

Other portions of the 60-minute brief included the Army's continued use of Business Transformation to achieve cost savings and the future relocation of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School to West Point proper from Fort Monmouth, N.J. He said that despite various feasibility studies of other off-post locations, such as Camp Buckner, the location will be by the current motor pool near Washington Gate and should be open for business by 2011.

As part of his community update, Hagenbeck touched on the upcoming RCI that will change the responsibility of the maintenance and upkeep of Army housing on post from the Directorate of

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### Meet the new Boss

Congressman John Hall [D] 19th district N.Y. shakes hands with Cadet 3rd Class Joseph Berlin Feb. 23, while Cadets 3rd Class Justin McCarty and Jacqueline Uhorchak look on. The congressman made his first orientation visit to West Point to meet cadets from his district.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## Early Daylight Saving could affect computers

Submitted by DOIM

Daylight Saving Time begins March 11 this year and ends November 4. The date changes are one of the provisions in the 2005 Energy Policy Act, which President Bush signed into legislation Aug. 8, 2005.

The Department of Energy will study the impact of these changes and report their findings to Congress. Congress retains the right to resume the 2005 DST schedule.

So besides the obvious changes to when you "Spring forward, fall back" and the sleep loss or gain, what else could be impacted?

Possibly your computer.

There could be potential impacts to IT systems at West Point and throughout the nation, as many of these systems are dependent on timing to operate properly.

The Directorate of Information Management here is working to

ensure that systems continue to function properly after the March 11 time change.

One of those efforts is automatically "pushing" a patch to all workstations/laptops currently connected to the West Point network to update the Windows operating system and make it DST compliant. This is one of the many things done at night when workers are not here and have logged off their computers. It is the main reason for users to "log off" rather than "shut down."

If your activities have any unique systems, please have your Information Management Officer or Department Computer Officer investigate to ensure they are properly updated. In many cases no action will be required, but it is worth checking with the system proponent or vendor to confirm this. Similar to efforts surrounding the Year 2000 [Y2K] changeover, proactive efforts will

minimize the impact of the DST change.

If you have any questions,

please contact your respective information technology professional for assistance.

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## Violators of Military Hoaxes Act could receive fines, prison time

Submitted by  
Army CID Command

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - Persons making false or misleading statements to families about the death, injury, capture or disappearance of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States during a time of war could be fined, imprisoned or both.

According to the Stop Terrorist and Military Hoaxes Act of 2004, codified at Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1038, it's a criminal offense to convey false or misleading information

about the status of a service member during a time of armed conflict. In addition to fines, violators can face up to five years in jail for the hoax. When serious injury occurs as a result of a hoax, possible jail time increases to 20 years and life imprisonment is possible for the perpetrator if death occurs as a result of a hoax.

"The section was added by an act of Congress as a direct result of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001," said Capt. Anthony Adolph,

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## “Military Saves” encourages Soldiers to prepare for tomorrow

Commentary by  
William Bradner

ALEXANDRIA, Va. [Army News Service]-- For most Soldiers, a savings account is something that's not on their agenda, and in many cases, if they think about it at all, it's in a vague, sometime-in-the-future sort of way.

“Maybe after my next promotion, I'll start saving,” or “I just can't afford to put anything away, I'm living month-to-month right now” is an all-too-common frame of mind.

Regardless of the rank or marital status, the Soldiers who make regular deposits to a savings account are by far the minority, and even fewer are planning for retirement, according to recent surveys by the Thrift Savings Plan, a voluntary retirement plan for Department of Defense employees and uniformed service members. They recently surveyed almost 20,000 uniformed and civilian federal employees and discovered that less than 21 percent of active-duty servicemembers are saving for retirement. Lack of funds was cited as the largest reason for not contributing to a savings or retirement account.

However, it's not just the distant, retirement future that servicemembers should be worried about. The immediate future ... this week ... today ... is just as important to save for.

Unexpected medical expenses, new brakes on a car, replacing uniforms, parking or speeding tickets, emergency dental work ... If one thing is certain, it's that life happens. In fact, it happens regardless of whether or not you have the money to cover its expenses.

Americans take out an estimated \$2 billion a year in pay-day loans, which often charge as much as 500-percent interest, to cover emergency expenses. A modest savings account in each household could end the need for predatory lenders. It could also mean the difference between staying afloat and falling into serious debt.

For Soldiers, the risk of falling behind financially carries even more problems; severe debt can result in the loss of security clearances and disciplinary or administrative actions. It also adds to their stress if they are deployed, as they're distracted about payments, repossessions or the welfare of their dependents rather than the mission they're facing. Financial security directly impacts Army readiness and reduces stress for Soldiers and their dependents.

To combat this, the Defense Department has designated Feb. 25 through March 4 as Military Saves Week. This is part of the DOD Financial Readiness campaign, and the purpose is to encourage Soldiers and their families to establish positive fiscal-management habits

through savings and financial planning.

The Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, with the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, is coordinating the Army's response to Under Secretary of Defense David Chu's message urging all departments to participate in Military Saves Week.

DOD has teamed with the Consumer Federation of America to provide tools, resources and financial counseling to servicemembers through the Web site [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org). FMWRC is also supporting the effort through a month-long media campaign encouraging Soldiers and their families to participate, and special events through the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers network to encourage single Soldiers to be more fiscally responsible.

Many installation credit unions and banks will be participating by offering reduced minimum deposits for savings accounts and special offers to servicemembers to entice them to make short- and long-range

savings plans.

It doesn't have to be much. Cutting out the morning stop at the coffee shop on the way to work can save more than \$40 a month. Paying credit cards on time to avoid service fees adds as much as \$25 a month more. Simply going to the post library rather than the name-brand bookstore frees up money to put in a savings account, and using post recreation facilities [theaters, bowling alleys, gas stations, gyms and clubs] not only frees up money in the budget from the reduced costs of the items and services, it saves on gas, oil and wear and tear on a personally-owned vehicle.

Programs like the Thrift Savings Plan and Savings Deposit Program make it easy for Soldiers to save, and there are huge tax and savings benefits to Soldiers who participate in these programs while deployed.

Most Soldiers have \$50 or more that they can put away, if they really sit down, make a plan, and stick to it. In less than a year, they can go from “I never have enough money” to “I'm confident we can face an emergency, if it comes.”

The local Army Community Service Center [West Point ACS Financial Readiness Office - 938-5653/4621] and [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org) can show the way. You can also find more information about Military Saves and financial planning online at [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com) and at your local banks and credit unions.

Don't just think about doing it. Think of protecting your finances and your family in the same way you think about protecting your country and our freedoms – it's not something to put off until “someday.”

[Editor's Note: Bradner writes for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.]

### SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Maj. Samantha Breton (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams (Dean). Community members can e-mail McMahon at [Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu](mailto:Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu) for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

### Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

7	1				5			6
		4						3
			9		8		4	1
	2	5	6		4			
4	3						6	2
			2		3	9	8	
9	6		3		7			
2						3		
5			1				7	8

Difficulty: Easy

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

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# Local and National News

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Public Works to an outside contractor.

"RCI coming is a good news story," Hagenbeck said. "We are one of the last posts in CONUS to go to RCI. It has worked in most cases."

He said he sees the new NSPS staying in place for the next two years "no matter what

way the administration changes [in 2008]."

Safety was also a topic of concern. Hagenbeck said West Point is in the "middle of the pack" as far as safety is concerned and warned that the Military Police will soon be cracking down on the creative parking that goes on here.

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judge advocate, Headquarters, 3rd Military Police Group [CID].

According to Lt. Col. Stephanie Stephens, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's staff judge advocate, terrorist hoaxes became an issue shortly after 9-11.

Existing law at that time generally covered fake bomb threats, but did not apply to fake threats of biological or chemical attack, such as anthrax scares.

The proposed "Hoax Act of 2001" was intended to close the gap, but was not passed because it was drafted too broadly. The "Stop Terrorism and Military Hoaxes Act of 2004" includes much of the original basis of the 2001 statute, as well as the additional crime concerning hoaxes related to the status of a military member.

Adolph said some individuals belonging to anti-war and anti-government groups may sometimes prey on family members as an act of rebellion to Soldiers actively engaged in conflict and could face stiff penalties if caught providing false information.

"Soldiers and their family members are easy targets for such groups who tend to prey on individuals with loved ones serving in combat," Adolph said. "Victims of this scam should know that in the case of injury notifications, the Soldier will be asked to personally call the family.

If unable to do so, the call will come from the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command or the hospital where the Soldier is recovering."

According to Col. Pat Gawkins, CMAOC director, if a Soldier dies in theater or while recovering in a medical facility, a casualty notification officer will make an in-person notification.

"Unfortunately, there have been circumstances beyond our control when we have had to make notifications by telephone," Gawkins said. "These calls are

followed up immediately by a Soldier or officer who will extend condolences.

"We have had issues of the Record of Emergency Data [DD93] not having current addresses or incomplete next of kin information, which have caused us to make telephonic notification," he added. "In these cases, by simply trying to verify an address, or one next-of-kin calling another while their Casualty Notification Officer was present, we have made notification. Again, this happens in very few cases, but it does happen."

In addition to the personal visit, Adolph said a casualty assistance officer will also provide immediate support for the family members whenever and wherever necessary to help the family through their crisis.

According to Stephens, the 2004 Hoax Act is meant to not only protect the victims of a hoax, but responders as well.

"The civil action portion of the statute means that in addition to criminal penalties, a person who violates the statute may be required to pay for the cost of any expenses that an emergency response or investigative agency incurs while responding to their hoax," Stephens said. "Hoaxes distract federal, state and local law enforcement criminal investigators and emergency responders from real crises and threats, resulting in a risk to public safety and national security."

CID Special Agents recommend that if family members ever receive a call concerning the medical status of their loved ones deployed to a combat zone, they should note the name and telephone number of the caller, if possible, and contact the local Casualty Office or the American Red Cross to confirm.

If the call is determined to be a hoax, immediately report the crime to the local CID office.

**[Editor's Note:** The West Point Criminal Investigation Division can be reached at [845] 938-3513.]

## USACIC unveils CID Lookout program

Submitted by Army CID

FORT BELVOIR, Va. -- The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, announced their new Army-wide crime prevention and awareness program dubbed "CID Lookout" Feb. 20.

The program is a CID initiative to partner with the Army community by providing a conduit for members of the Army family to help prevent, reduce and report felony-level crime. CID simultaneously announced its related "CID Cyber Lookout" program initiated by the Computer Crime Investigative Unit. The CID Cyber Lookout is designed to promote Internet safety by educating the Army community about the dangers posed by cyber-criminals on the Internet.

The USACIC is an independent criminal investigative organization that investigates serious, felony-level crime such as homicide, rape, sexual assault, robbery, arson, contract fraud and intrusions into

Army networks.

"Solving and preventing crimes of this nature takes community involvement and cannot be achieved solely by CID Special Agents. Together, professional law enforcement officers and the Army community must work hand-in-hand to fight serious crime," said the Provost Marshal General of the Army and Commanding General of CID, Brig. Gen. Rodney Johnson.

Part of the new CID Lookout initiative will be disseminating topical and useful crime prevention and crime awareness information to the U.S. Army via the internal Army media, according to Chris Grey, CID's chief of Public Affairs.

"The information will cover topics such as identity theft, logistics security, preventing sexual assault and robbery -- anything that prevents our Soldiers and their families from becoming victims," Grey said.

CID Lookout also asks Soldiers, family members and employees to "Be On The Lookout" and to report

crimes and suspicious activity.

"We want people to know who we are, what we can do for them, and what they can do for us to make our Army even more Army Strong and safe," Johnson said. "The new CID Lookout program provides that two-way communication mechanism for members of the Army family to get involved."

To view the latest CID Lookout press releases involving felony crime prevention and awareness visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil).

For more information on CID or to report a felony-level crime or provide information concerning a serious crime, contact your local CID Office, the Military Police, or visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil).

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# 2007 Military handbooks now available

Submitted by  
**Militaryhandbooks.com**

ARLINGTON, VA -- Military Handbooks has announced the release of its latest seven free handbooks for military personnel. More than 250,000 requests have been received so far, all of which will be fulfilled by the beginning of March. The response to these handbooks has been overwhelming. Military Handbooks will continue to honor any and all requests that come in over the next several months.

These military handbooks, written specifically for service members and veterans, include a variety of information about pay, benefits, education and transitioning from the military. Service members interested in receiving free copies of these handbooks can simply go to our Web site [www.militaryhandbooks.com](http://www.militaryhandbooks.com) and click on the request button.

"We are very happy to offer these free handbooks to the military community," said Johanna Altland, executive director of Military

Handbooks. "The military does so much for our country, and offering these handbooks at no cost is just one small way to give back."

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## Local and National News

# Update your emergency data

Submitted by CPAC

In 2002, the Department of Army initiated an Emergency Contact Database. The database was established in the aftermath of 9/11 as a source to provide emergency contact information in case of national or personal emergencies.

Participation in this system is voluntary, but it is strongly recommended that appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund employees update their information.

The emergency database can be accessed through the Web link <http://cpol.army.mil/library/emergency/contacts/>.

In addition to this Web link, DA has recently updated the features of the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System to allow updates and

access to emergency data through MY BIZ and My Workplace.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is also available to assist employees who do not have access to a computer to update this information. It is suggested that

employees seeking assistance from the CPAC make an appointment through their supervisors.

For further information, please contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at [845] 983-3943.

**Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. March 11.**

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# Community Features and Photos

## Polar Fest draws winter crowd for snow fun

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation held the third annual Polar Fest Saturday at the Victor Constant Ski Slope here with more than 300 people participating.

The festivities included ski racing, lift darts, tube bowling, snowboard racing and a pig roast. The Black Knight made a surprise appearance to ski and play snow hockey with the children.

Many came who were not used to skiing or haven't been able to do

so because of the warm winter we have had until recently, but wanted to be outdoors on a great sunny winter's day.

"I just learned to ski last year," Cadet 1st Class Elizabeth Baxter said. "Erin got me out to the ski slope every weekend," referring to her friend Cadet 1st Class Erin Jensen, her ski mate.

Jensen however, was snowboarding.

"I love to ski, but this is the first time I've been snowboarding," Jensen said.

Thomas Kurtz was trying to teach his brother Steven to ski.

"I've been skiing before, but

this is the first time he's been on skis," Thomas said.

Music was provided by volunteer cadets with the U.S. Military Academy's radio station WKDT.

"We have a lot of volunteers at this wonderful event," said Nils Anderson, secretary of the general staff for the Commandant of Cadets and a ski instructor. "We have ski patrol cadets, the head of the junior race program and alpine coach volunteers here as well. All money received in this venture goes back into MWR activities."

The event was free for families of deployed Soldiers.



Jessica Rodi, 8, tries her hand at tube bowling at Saturday's Polar Fest at the ski slope.



Thomas Kurtz [background] teaches his brother, Steven, to ski by helping him to learn how to stand on skis, while also giving him a gentle push.

# BS&L class learns about tattooing and skin piercing

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Behavioral Sciences and Leadership department instructor Morten Ender, Ph. D., had a unique guest lecturer Feb. 23 in his *Introductory Sociology* [PL371] class. Body piercing expert and tattoo artist Matthew Montleon, who works at Zahra's Studio in Beacon, shared his insights.

"The idea [of this lecture and discussion] is to show that what most Americans considered to be

marginal behavior at one point in time can become accepted by other generations," Ender said.

Body piercing and tattooing have been around for thousands of years and were prevalent in many societies to show class or status as a warrior.

"Warriors would carry their scars from battle as a source of pride," Montleon said. "The more scars they had, the more their status went up as a warrior."

Polynesian societies tattooed young chiefs at the beginning of puberty as a key part to their

ascendancy into a leadership role, usually during an elaborate celebration.

Although new cadets entering West Point are allowed to have tattoos, "Tattoos or brands that are extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist are prohibited, regardless of location on the body, as they are prejudicial to good order and discipline within units," according to *AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia*. It is also against regulations for cadets to get tattoos or body piercings [except for ear piercing by women cadets] while at the academy.

Cadet 2nd Class Cortlandt Armstrong, a social science major, said he loves to study people and their cultures and he likes the idea of tattoos.

"I have two," Armstrong said. "People around my neighborhood had tattoos and I just thought it was cool." Armstrong already had acceptable tattoos prior to attending the U.S. Military Academy Prep School.

Montleon spoke about the ethics and techniques of tattooing and displayed needles and other instruments used in tattooing.

"I will refuse to draw a swastika," he said. "I just don't think it's a good idea. Although I have done Hells Angels tattoos, I am uncomfortable with gang related tattoos. Tattooing is a business and it could give a bad impression to other potential customers of the



**Cadet 1st Class Adam Hilenkamp speaks to Matthew Montleon after class regarding an American Flag tattoo and the different ideas and techniques on designing a waving flag.**

tattoo studio."

A person who is drunk or wants a girlfriend's name in a tattoo is another concern Montleon has.

"Alcohol thins the blood and an artist may run into trouble with bleeding problems," he said. "A person may want his girlfriend's name tattooed, which they could very well regret in the future. It's much harder and more expensive

to get a tattoo removed."

Montleon said he sees very little generational differences in tattoos.

"The only thing I have noticed is women tend to like wrist tattoos, but basically there is not much of a difference anymore," he said. "People want tattoos for a variety of reasons, some are cultural and some just like the art."



**Matthew Montleon, a body piercing expert and tattoo artist from Zahra's Studio in Beacon, speaks to a BS&L class Feb. 23 on the art, ethics and history of tattooing and skin piercing.**

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# Military Blood Program Web site has new look, updated content

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press  
Service

WASHINGTON -- The Armed Services Blood Program Web site has been redesigned, offering updated content as well as a new look, officials said.

The new Web site, [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil), features information on how to join a "Life Force" team of donors, volunteers and supporters. Topics include blood facts, donor eligibility criteria, donor center locations and more.

Other information offered involves the ASBP "Specialist in Blood Banking" program, its

curriculum and how to apply.

Convenient links direct users to online blood donation appointment scheduling via the "Click to Save Lives" blood drop button on the ASBP home page. Other information links access blood donor eligibility criteria and donation locations.

The new Web site "is very much improved. I think it was very professionally done. I was very impressed," Margaret Tippy, U.S. Army Medical Command's media relations officer, said. Located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, U.S. MEDCOM is the executive agent for the military's blood donation program.

It's a little-known fact that

about 20 percent of servicemembers donate blood, compared to less than 5 percent of the civilian populace, Navy Cmdr. Michael C. Libby, director of the U.S. military's blood program, said during a Pentagon Channel interview in December.

Libby said the program collected twice as much blood in 2006 than it did in 2001. That's possible, he said, because of the great generosity of the program's donors.

National Volunteer Blood Donor Month is held annually in January. That is the traditional time when the ASBP salutes its donors for their generosity, Libby said. "It is because of them that the program is very successful and we can support our warfighters," he said.

The ASBP collects blood only from servicemembers, government civilians, retirees and their family members. The U.S. military needs blood every day for critically injured troops, cancer patients, premature infants and other uses, Libby said.

The program manages 18 stateside blood donor centers and four overseas centers. Donors normally give about a pint of blood at a sitting.

Most people who are eligible to donate provide blood to the program, Libby said. Only a small percentage may be restricted from doing so because of travel to certain countries or the taking certain medications.

Specific information on these restrictions may be found on the program's Web site.

Blood is always needed, Libby said, noting blood products normally must be replenished about 42 days after being collected.

Frozen blood can be stored for years.

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# Cadets, military help save lives by donating 1,500 units of blood

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- [Army News Service] -- "Duty, Honor, Country." This is the motto of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. The motto, however, is more than just words, as evidenced by the enthusiastic showing of cadets who took a break from their studies to give blood for the troops.

The Armed Services Blood Program blood drive was held Jan. 8 to 11 in Eisenhower Hall on the West Point campus and was an overwhelming success. In fact, more than 1,500 units of whole blood were collected -- enough to supply over 90 percent of the ASBP requirement for the first two weeks of January. Roughly 100 Army, Navy and Air Force personnel from installations across the country came together to ensure blood was collected safely and efficiently.

In addition to donating blood, many who attended the drive also registered as potential volunteer marrow donors through the C. W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program. This program provides life-saving marrow for patients throughout the world.

This was the first time incoming cadets learned about the ASBP, the military program that supplies blood and blood products to sick and wounded military members and their families. Lieutenant Colonel Emmett Gourdine, Officer in Charge of the Fort Knox blood donor center noted, "Most of the Cadets I spoke with had some connection to a family member or friend who was, had been, or soon would be in Iraq or Afghanistan. That personal connection to someone who may need their blood makes donating feel that much more important."

To show their support of troops

who had been injured, the cadets also signed a banner thanking wounded warriors for their service and sacrifice. The banner was later displayed in the recovery area at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

All blood collected at the drive was delivered to Fort Knox, Ky. for testing and repackaging. From there, the vast majority was sent to the Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratories for shipment overseas, while some units went to treat those at military treatment facilities here at home.

The blood these cadets donated will save lives, Gourdine noted, "It's great to see these cadets starting out their military careers focused on how they can take care of each other. Looking out for one another is one of the very best things about the military community and this drive was a shining example of that dedication."

If you are interested in donating blood to the Armed Services Blood Program you can schedule a donation appointment online or call an ASBP blood donor center near you.

**[Editor's Note:** The next Blood Drive at West Point will be conducted by the American Red

Cross and will be March 19-22 at Eisenhower Hall's fourth floor

ballroom. The hours March 19-21 will be from noon to 7 p.m. and on

March 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 938-2583 for more info.



A cadet signs the ASBP banner after donating blood at the blood drive in January.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY ASBP

# Cadets take Information Technology class -- En español

Submitted by EE&CS

Most any afternoon while walking the corridors of Thayer Hall's fourth floor, you will hear professors from the department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science teaching cadets about Information Technology in IT305, a course taken by all cadets not in accredited engineering majors.

This semester, you will hear something different -- Spanish. Has the Department of Foreign Languages moved from Washington Hall? No, it's just a section of IT305 being taught in Spanish.

This experimental version of IT305 Theory and Practice of Military Information Systems covers exactly the same information as the original, except that lectures,

class discussions, in-class exercises, quizzes and exams are all in Spanish. Currently, there is one section of 14 volunteers taking it. They consist of Spanish majors, native speakers, cadets who have validated a Spanish course at West Point and cadets who are simply interested in the Spanish language.

The idea arose in January 2006 in response to a Department of Defense initiative to enhance cadet language capabilities. Traditional foreign language courses do not address technical topics, yet Army officers often need to communicate technical information in the field. IT305 presented an excellent opportunity for an experiment in filling this gap. In the process, cadets accomplish two academy goals at once.

First, the cadets taking IT305-Spanish learn the required IT topics. Second, they gain new proficiency in Spanish through immersion -- an hour at a time -- in an environment where their Spanish is practically applied.

Members of EE&CS coordinated extensively with the DFL to structure the course properly and find the proper student population. To ensure necessary language skill, cadets

were given a language assessment at the beginning of the course and will take another at the end in order to measure their progress.

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Huggins, an academy professor in EE&CS, is teaching the course. Although not a native speaker, he acquired his language fluency through tours in Latin America. A passionate supporter of increasing the language capability of cadets and

faculty, he is working to maximize language immersion opportunities for cadets, especially in technical disciplines where time and other constraints are obstacles.

A careful search has turned up no other U.S. institutions offering college-level IT courses in foreign languages. It looks like IT305-Spanish at the academy is the first class of its kind in college-level IT courses.



Cadets 2nd Class Katie Palesky and Michael Roth develop a network layout during an IT lab for IT305 in Spanish. Based on research done by EE&CS staff, the class appears to be the only college-level IT course taught in Spanish in the U.S.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## Cadet Hunting Club takes first trip of 2007

Submitted by the Cadet Hunting Club

As their first activity of 2007 the Cadet Hunting Club traveled to Harrisburg, Pa., to visit the Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show to learn more about the latest emerging technologies in hunting, fishing and outdoor equipment.

The Cadet Hunting Club is a growing organization whose mission is to provide cadets who are interested in the outdoors an opportunity to experience the hunting culture while at West Point.

So far this academic year, the Cadet Hunting Club participated in three hunting trips on the West Point reservation, which allowed many

cadets the opportunity to harvest game and enjoy the camaraderie of peers and officers in a casual outdoor setting. May 5-6 is the Spring Gobbler turkey hunt.

The Cadet Hunting Club holds meetings once a month in Bartlett Hall's Room 412. Their next meeting is March 26. Anyone in the West Point Community interested in the outdoors and hunting is encouraged to attend.

For more information on the Cadet Hunting Club, contact the Officer in Charge, Maj. Andrew Morgan at 938-3801 or visit their Web site at [www.usma.edu/uscc/dca/clubs/Club%20Setup%20Info/hunt.html](http://www.usma.edu/uscc/dca/clubs/Club%20Setup%20Info/hunt.html).

# Community Leisure



## MARCH MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at [www.usma.edu/mwr](http://www.usma.edu/mwr)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Cardio Kickboxing, 9am, Every Friday at the MWR Fitness Center

3



Defensive Driving, 8am-3pm, ACS, Register at ITR  
JR Ski Race, 9am-12pm, WP Ski  
Theater Van to Broadway, 7-11:30pm, ITR

4



Open Skate, 3:30-5pm, Tate Rink  
Staff & Faculty Hockey Program, 8:15-10:45pm, Tate Rink

5

Philadelphia Flower Show, 8:30am-5pm, ITR



Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS  
BGCA Web Design, 2:15pm, YC

6

Spring Story Hour, WP Library, 10am & 1:30pm  
Chess Club, 7-8pm, YC (Mar 6, 20 & 27)



7

Re-Entry Workshop, 10:30am, Newcomers  
Welcome Brief, 9:30am, ACS



Defensive Driving, 8am-5pm, ACS, Register at ITR

8

B&G Awards Ceremony, 10am, ACS  
Parent Advisory Group Meeting, 12-1pm, CDC



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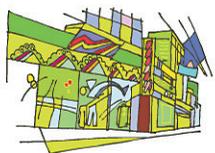
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10



Pure Energy Step, 8am, Spinning, 10am, Every Saturday at the MWR Fitness Center

11



Shopping in SoHo/Canal Street, 10am-5pm, ITR  
Open Skate, 3:30-5pm, Tate Rink  
Ski Closes for the Season

12



Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS  
Video Teleconference, 8am-4:30pm, ACS

13

Spinning, 5:40am, Group Pump, 9am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, Mat & Pilates, 6:45pm, Every Tuesday at the MWR Fitness Center



14



Theater Van to Broadway Matinee, 9am-5pm, ITR

15

Color a Black & White Photo, 2:15pm, YC (grades 6-12)



16



Irish Soda Bread, 2:15-3:15, YC

17

BOSS St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC, 11am-6pm



### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

7	1	8	4	3	5	2	9	6
6	9	4	7	1	2	8	5	3
3	5	2	9	6	8	7	4	1
8	2	5	6	9	4	1	3	7
4	3	9	8	7	1	5	6	2
1	7	6	2	5	3	9	8	4
9	6	1	3	8	7	4	2	5
2	8	7	5	4	6	3	1	9
5	4	3	1	2	9	6	7	8

### Delivery problems?

For PV home delivery problems contact Valerie Mullane at the Poughkeepsie Journal at (845) 437-4730 or by e-mail at [vmullane@poughkeegannett.com](mailto:vmullane@poughkeegannett.com).

## DPW Notes

### Emergency construction

A Directorate of Public Works contractor was expected to begin emergency shoring operations of the Bell Tower at Most Holy Trinity Chapel, Building 699, yesterday.

During this project, structural steel will be delivered to the Chapel site where a 50-ton crane will lift the steel to the work area.

The crane will be located behind the altar area and will close that exit to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The contractor will attempt to allow worshipers attending the noon mass to access the church through that door.

However, if safety becomes a concern, worshipers would need to enter the church through another entrance.

The street-side stairway to MHT is already closed for the winter season.

Work on the complete project to shore up and to add additional structural steel framing inside the top of the stone tower will continue through the month of March.

Coordination for this project has been made with the Catholic Chapel.

The contracting officer representative for this project is Tony Delfini, 938-6786. The Project Manager is Ted Coughlin, 938-5132.

### Construction of new water tank

A DPW contractor was expected to begin the construction/installation of a new 250,000-gallon water storage tank at the Stony Lonesome Water Treatment Facility Monday with tree clearing operations.

To complete this project, the contractor will be blasting to remove rock in the construction area from Monday through Friday, weather permitting.

Blasting will occur from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily.

The construction area is above the Ski Slope in the vicinity of Patrick Trail.

During the dates and times scheduled for blasting operations, Patrick Trail from the Stony Lonesome Water Plant to the Ski Slope is off-limits to all personnel.

All blasting activities have been coordinated with Ski Slope personnel.

For information, contact DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

### Thayer Gate Maintenance and re-route

To further improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Thayer search area, a brief re-routing of

the present traffic flow will be implemented Thursday.

The work should take approximately seven hours.

Traffic will enter Thayer Gate as a single lane of traffic and be directed into the Hotel Thayer parking lot. Once in the parking lot, traffic will be directed to use the appropriate lane designations.

Signs, barricades and cones will be positioned to guide the flow of traffic in an orderly fashion. Security measures will be fully implemented and the checkpoints will function in their normal manner.

Hotel Thayer guests will park in BSF, which will be clearly marked with "Reserve Parking" barricades.

## Natural Resources Manager recognized by peer society

Submitted by the New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society

James Beemer, the West Point Natural Resources Manager, received the Outstanding Professional Award from the New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society Feb. 22 from society President Tim Green at their annual meeting Feb.22-23 in Owego, N.Y.

The Outstanding Professional Award of NY-TWS is presented to a wildlife professional [or group of wildlife professionals working together] for outstanding professional accomplishments in the wildlife field in New York. Judging criteria for the award include contributions to knowledge, innovation, importance, applicability and leadership in any facet of wildlife work, including research, management, preservation, conservation, administration, education and enforcement.

During his tenure at West Point, Beemer has distinguished himself by his contributions to wildlife management, especially in his research and conservation activities related to copperhead and timber rattlesnakes at West Point. Beemer's work has contributed measurably to an increase in our knowledge of the wildlife of the Hudson Highlands eco-region within which West Point is situated.

The New York Chapter of the Wildlife Society is a not-for-profit, membership organization of professional wildlife biologists,



West Point Natural Resources Manager Jim Beemer, pictured here with a Red-tailed hawk rescued from Eisenhower Hall in 2006, was honored by his peers last weekend.

PHOTO PROVIDED

managers and conservationists.

Its members include individuals employed by colleges and universities, state and federal agencies and environmental consulting firms from throughout New York.

The chapter is dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Our mission is to enhance the ability of wildlife professionals to conserve diversity, sustain productivity and ensure responsible use of wildlife resources for the benefit of society. We encourage professional growth through certification, peer-reviewed publications, conferences and working groups.

## 2007 U.S. Military Academy Volunteer of the Year Award

Submitted by ACS

Every year, almost half of the American population volunteers its time, talent and energy to help others to solve local problems and to build stronger communities. It is through the dedicated work of volunteers that people are given a chance for a brighter future.

The connections we build exemplify the best in us: a sense of caring and responsibility for others, a commitment to service and a demonstration of citizenship. While their actions go largely unrecognized, volunteers are the America's unsung heroes.

This year, West Point will recognize six categories for Volunteer of the Year -- Active Duty Military Member, Military Spouse, Military Family, Civilian/Retiree,

Youth and Cadet.

These Volunteer of the Year Awards will be given at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony April 23 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

Forms are due by March 25.

If you know someone who exemplifies selfless service to this community, please take the time to fill out a Volunteer of the Year Nomination form and return it to Galatea Badger at [galatea.badger@usma.edu](mailto:galatea.badger@usma.edu) or fax it to 845-938-3019 to the attention of Galatea Badger.

Nomination forms can be found on the West Point Web site at <http://www.usma.edu/mwr/ACTIVITY/IVC/IVC.HTM> or you can pick them up at Army Community Service, Building 622.

**NOW SHOWING** in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Stomp the Yard, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday -- Smoking Aces, R, 9:30 p.m.  
 Saturday -- The Queen, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday -- Dreamgirls, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.  
 March 9 -- Epic Movie, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 March 10 -- Freedom Writers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

The theater schedule can also be found at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

**There will be no Pointer View® March 9 due to cadet Spring Break. We will return March 16.**



# What's Happening

## AG Office early closure today

The Adjutant General Division to include the ID Card facility will close at 3:30 p.m. today for an official function.

For more info., contact Earl Vass at 938-8474.

## Wyldlife Barn Social

The Wyldlife Barn Social, for sixth through eighth grade students, is Saturday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the West Point Elementary School.

If your last name ends in A-M bring something salty, like chips. If your last name ends in N-Z bring something sugary, like cookies.

## Free tax preparation

MilitaryOneSource offers free tax preparation and filing.

Visit [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) to file your federal and state taxes with TaxCut Basic Online by H&R Block.

Call 800-342-9647.

You name it, they can help -- 24/7.

Provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve [regardless of activation status] and their family members.

## AER Kickoff

The Army Emergency Relief Kickoff will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at Army Community Services at 622 Swift Road.

The annual AER campaign at West Point will run from March 7 through April 7. During this time, active duty personnel will be contacted and given the opportunity to contribute. Donations can be made in either cash, check or by

# Keller Corner

## Upcoming Blood Drive

The American Red Cross in Greater New York-Putnam/West Point is requesting volunteers from Orange and Putnam counties and the West Point community to help support the blood drive at West Point March 19-22 at Eisenhower Hall.

It will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., March 19-21 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 22.

To volunteer call [845] 938-4100.

For an appointment to donate whole blood call Mary Mandia at 938-2583 [BLUD].

Apheresis services will be available for those individuals who wish to donate platelets. Apheresis

allotment.

Worldwide in 2006, more than \$49 million in AER assistance was provided to more than 50,000 Soldiers and their families. Due to this large volume, AER relies on the annual fund raising campaign to assure the continued availability of funds to meet the increasing assistance needed for Soldiers.

By supporting AER you help to continue the tradition of "The Army takes care of its own."

The POC for this campaign is AER Officer Joyce Harris. She can be reached at 938-5653/4621.

## Women's History Month luncheon March 28

The Women's History Month Committee and the West Point Equal Employment Office will host a luncheon with guest Brig. Gen. Anne F. MacDonald [USMA '80] March 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the West Point Club ballroom.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting committee members at either 938-2621/3475/5550/4265 or 7586.

## DUSA scholarship applications

The Scholarship Committee of the West Point chapter of the Society of the Daughters of the U.S. Army [DUSA] welcomes high school seniors to apply for one of our academic scholarships to assist their collegiate education.

To be eligible to receive a DUSA scholarship the applicant must:

- be a graduating high school senior
- the son or daughter or an active, retired or deceased U. S.

donors will be seen by appointment only and may call [914] 760-3177 to book an appointment.

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program will be able to do so at the times of the drive.

A picture ID is mandatory for whole blood and Apheresis donations.

## Pandemic influenza posters

If you or your section/department would like any Pandemic flu posters/brochures for display in your work areas contact Maj. William Porter at [William.D.Porter@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL](mailto:William.D.Porter@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL) for more information.

military service member whose family resides at West Point [or within a 35-mile radius of West Point] at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Scholarship funds are intended to pay for tuition, books and fees for degree, certificate or other professional programs at accredited institutions of higher learning.

Scholarships will not be awarded to those attending one of the service academies.

The completed application packet must be postmarked or hand delivered by 5 p.m. April 1 to DUSA Scholarships, c/o Heidi Robbins, 126B Biddle Loop, West Point, NY 10996.

Please call or e-mail Heidi Robbins for more information or to receive an application at 446-2615 or [heidirobbins@hvc.rr.com](mailto:heidirobbins@hvc.rr.com).

## Henry J. Reilly Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the Henry J. Reilly Memorial Scholarship program sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association are now available online at [http://www.roa.org/site/PageServer?pagina=roa=reilly\\_scholarship](http://www.roa.org/site/PageServer?pagina=roa=reilly_scholarship).

ROA awards merit-based graduate scholarships to members and merit-based undergraduate scholarships to children or grandchildren of members.

## U. S. Military Academy Band West Point, New York Guest Artist Series

West Point Trumpet Conference March 10<sup>th</sup> 8:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.



Jazz legend Jon Faddis



David Bilger principal trumpet of the Philadelphia Orchestra

### Concert

March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.

Come see the biggest names in trumpet, Jon Faddis and David Bilger. Faddis will perform Dizzy Gillespie favorites *Night in Tunisia*, *Manteca* and *Things to Come* with the Jazz Knights. The Concert Band will feature Bilger on *Fantasy for Trumpet*, by Bert Truax. Other works on the program will include music by Handel, Grainger, Wilson and Kalinnikov.

Eisenhower Hall Theatre  
**Free and Open to the Public**

See schedule at [www.usma.edu/band](http://www.usma.edu/band) or call 845-938-2617

ROA membership is available to any Officer that holds an Active, Guard or Reserve commission or honorably held a commission in any of the seven uniformed services [Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or NOAA].

Scholarships are valued at \$500 and scholarship winners can resubmit each year as long as they meet the application criteria.

ROA awards a minimum of 60 scholarships annually and the submission deadline is April 10.

For more information, contact [Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil](mailto:Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil).

## Looking for a few committed mayors!

The Community Mayors Election will be held in April.

The Garrison Command is looking for individuals interested in volunteering for the Mayors Program. The goal of the program is to improve community relations, expedite the problem solving process and to generate interest, pride and satisfaction among residents.

Mayors serve as liaisons between their community and the Garrison Command. As a Mayor, you would be expected to assist in identifying, assessing and resolving community issues and concerns.

Duties of Mayors include, but are not limited to: 75 percent attendance at monthly Community Action Council meetings, act as a focus of communications within the housing area and support residents in accomplishing housing area initiated projects.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Spc. Tanya Davila at Garrison, 938-2319, e-mail: [tanya.davila@usma.edu](mailto:tanya.davila@usma.edu) or your current community mayors on how to get

your name on the ballots.

## Red Cross classes

To register for any of the classes below, go to [www.nyredcross.org](http://www.nyredcross.org) or call 800-514-5103.

## Babysitter's training

Are you 11 years old or older and want to learn basic child care?

Saturday, March 24 and April 7, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Life Guard Training Course

Saturday, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## CPR/AED for the professional rescuer

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## First Aid for Cats and Dogs

March 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## CPR/AED adult

March 13 and 22, 5 to 11 p.m.

## First Aid with CPR/AED adult

March 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## CPR Child and Infant

Tuesday, 5 to 11 p.m.  
March 31, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Command Channel 8/23

March 2 - March 9

Friday  
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Monday - March 9  
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

# MWR Blurbs

## Employment Readiness Resource Center now open

The Army Community Service/Employment Readiness Program Employment Readiness Resource Center is open for business at Bldg. 622.

For more info., call 938-5658.

## Youth Center dance

St. Patrick's Day Dance for West Point and Highland Falls 7th and 8th graders, tonight from 6 to 9 p.m., will be held at the West Point Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Admission is one non-perishable item.

A permission slip is required.

For more info., call 938-8525/3208.

## Golf Pro Shop

The Golf Pro Shop opens for merchandise and pass sales March 20-24 and March 27-31 from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The course opens April 1, weather permitting.

For more info., call 938-2435.

## Morgan Farm Kennels

Need a home away from home for your pet during Spring Break?

Morgan Farm Kennels is now accepting reservations.

Call 938-3926.

## Become a youth sponsor

Get involved in your community. Help new youth become more familiar with West Point. Training will be scheduled for those interested in volunteering for this program.

The opportunity is available for children in grades 3 to 5 and teens in grades 6 to 12.

For more info., call 938-8525/3208.

## Family of the Year award

Nominate a family that makes a difference in your community. The National Military Association's Family of the Year award is given to 12 families who exemplify the best of the military family lifestyle.

One family will be recognized each month. Each winning family will receive \$500.

Additionally, one of these winning families will be chosen as the NMFA Family of the Year and will receive \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C.

For more information or to nominate a deserving family, visit [www.nmfa.org/familyaward](http://www.nmfa.org/familyaward).

## West Point Bowling Center

The West Point Bowling Center

is pleased to announce its re-opening March 29 at 4 p.m.

Completely renovated, the Bowling Center now features a state-of-the-art interior and serves Primo's pizza along with its famous Lil' Skeeters southern barbeque.

Enjoy complimentary food and bowling all evening and enter to win a free bowling party.

For more info., call 938-2140.

## Multi crafts

Preserve memories at a price you can afford. The MWR Craft Shop offers a wide variety of mat design motifs and framing options to create a picture entirely unique to you.

Drop it off or do it yourself with the help of our talented staff

-- quality and beautiful results are guaranteed.

The Craft Shop also does engraving, laminating screen printing, trophy and plaque purchases and more.

Call 938-4812 for more information.

## Youth Sports registration

Child Services Youth Sports registration is now open for the following spring sports: baseball, soccer, lacrosse and spring hockey.

Call Youth Sports at 938-3550 for more information.

## Defensive driving classes

MWR defensive driving classes are now being held at Army

Community Services in Bldg. 622. Classes are Saturday, April 21, May 1 and 2 and June 16.

Register with ITR at 938-3601.

## SAS summer camp sign ups

School Age Services Summer Camp for grades K through 5 will accept applications from non-current patrons beginning Monday through March 16.

Monday applications will be accepted from 6:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Applications will be accepted on other dates from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bldg. 1207.

For more info., call 938-4458.

## Army Family Team Building

Army Community Service is offering Army Family Team building, a series of workshops dedicated to strengthening the family structure and the total Army effort.

Army Family Team Building workshops provide valuable training and knowledge to help strengthen the family base and support the total Army effort.

For more information and to register, call 938-5651.

**AFTB Level I training:**  
March 21

**AFTB Level II training:**  
April 4, 18, May 2, 16

**AFTB Level III training:**  
June 6, 20, July 11, 25

**AFTB instructor's course:**  
TBD

# Army and Community Sports

## 51st Brigade Boxing Open on ESPNU

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

The third time was the charm for junior Cory Kastl as he wore down his opponent during the 51st annual U.S. Military Academy Brigade Boxing Open Finals Tuesday at Hayes Gym to take the top boxer honor of the evening.

Kastl, representing company A-3, bloodied company B-4 sophomore Dan Khan to take the 165-pound brigade title. This was the first time in his three years competing at the Brigade Open that he won, having lost to current junior Ovidiu Iacob at 175 pounds in 2005 and current senior co-captain Reggie Smith at 185 pounds in 2006.

To finally win at the brigades was a great feeling for him, Kastl said, knowing that all his hard work finally paid off. Winning the William Cavanaugh and Herb Kroeten Outstanding Boxer Award was icing on the cake.

"With all the great boxers we have, it's a great honor to [earn the MVP]," Kastl said, "and to know someone thought that I was good enough to stand out among all the other guys."

Kastl worked Khan over with body shots to take advantage during the three rounds and controlled most of the bout.

"I had to go to his body right away," Kastl explained. "I tried jabbing away because he's really long and lean. I got some shots in and wore him down and as the fight went on I started landing more and more shots."

"I knew I had to bring my A game to beat Dan," he added.

Kastl has left an impression on his fellow boxers because of his determination to drop weight. He fought Smith in the open last year 20 pounds heavier than he was Tuesday.

"Cory has been working really hard," Smith said. "Cory has worked hard to cut weight. His smooth transition is a product of that hard work, and to get the MVP on top of that makes me proud of him."

Smith, who was the 2006 National Collegiate Boxing Association national champion at 185 last year, lost his first Brigade Open match Tuesday after dropping his bout to junior Steve Solaja at 185 pounds.

Fighting for company F-3, Solaja came at Smith and fought the senior's game throwing more punches and gaining more points in the end. Smith, who fought for company D-4, knew he was going to get Solaja's very best. Especially during the last 45 seconds of the third round, which saw the fighter's trade shots continuously throughout the final seconds.

"I spar with Steve everyday and he really brings the best out of me, [so] for us it was another day, another battle," Smith said. "We both knew what was coming and both knew the last minute of that last round [was going to be ferocious] and that was everything I had left."

The Smith/Solaja bout was a great way to cap off an exciting evening of pugilism that was viewed on ESPNU.



Junior Cory Kastl [left] beat sophomore Dan Khan to win the 165-pound bout Tuesday during the 51st annual Brigade Boxing Open. Kastl was named the Outstanding Boxer of the event.

The night was kicked off by senior co-captain and E-3 company's Mike Benedosso, who went on to win his third Brigade Boxing Open by defeating company G-4's Matt Longo at 119 pounds.

The three-time 112-pound All-American was thrilled to win what he calls the "most prestigious boxing event" at West Point in front of his company mates.

"All my friends came out," Benedosso stated. "I have a great company, E-3, and about 20 people came out to see me. I was honored

to represent that company and to cap off my senior year with a victory."

This is just another step on the road toward a national championship for the Army boxers. Their next test comes in the East Coast Regionals that will take place March 23-25 at West Point.

"Our team is very strong and has a lot of depth," Benedosso said.

"We will be a force to be reckoned with at Nationals. I feel this is the start of a new era of Army boxing and we will bring a 'reign of terror' at Nationals."

Smith added, "This is the most powerful we've been since I've been here, by far. We're expecting big things and anything less than first place at the Nationals will be a disappointment."



Freshman Ryle Stous [left] won the 156-pound title over junior Leon Perry.



Junior Dan Priester [right] defeated classmate Tom Morkes in the 132-pound bout.

### Other bout winners

- 125 -- A-3's SOPH. DAN HOGAN OVER A-3 FRESHMAN JON WRIEDEN
- 132 -- F-1 JUNIOR DAN PRIESTER OVER F-2 JUNIOR TOM MORKES
- 139 -- F-3 JUNIOR JAROD TAYLOR OVER E-4 JUNIOR RUSSELL CALLOWAY
- 147 -- G-2 JUNIOR ALBERTO MARQUEZ OVER G-4 JUNIOR KEVIN RAMIREZ
- 156 -- H-1 FRESHMAN RYLE STOUS OVER G-4 JUNIOR LEON PERRY
- 175 -- F-2 JUNIOR OVIDIU IACOB OVER D-2 SOPHOMORE ALONZO McNEAL
- 195 -- F-1 FRESHMAN ROBERT MYERS OVER E-1 SOPHOMORE MIKE NJOKUOBI
- HWT -- D-2 FRESHMAN CEDRIC FRASER OVER A-3 SOPHOMORE JODY CHAPMAN.

# Army racquetball team headed to college nationals

Story and photos by  
Maj. Kenneth Braeger  
Team OIC

The Army Racquetball Team competed in the Northeast Regional Racquetball Championships Feb. 16-18. The men's team finished fourth, the women finished sixth, and in the combined category the team finished fifth.

More than 17 schools were represented at this tournament in Albany, N.Y., with either a men's or women's team, including such schools as Penn State, Rutgers University, Providence College and the University of Massachusetts.

The men's team improved to fourth place this year after finishing 11th place at the same event last year and barely missed out on a 3rd place finish. Bryant College [R.I.] kept the Army men out of the 3rd place position with a couple well-played matches.

The women's team also improved drastically over last year's tournament, going from a 10th place last year to a 6th place finish this year. With their participation, Army qualified for a bid into the College National Championships at the end of March at the University of Arizona.

One of the most exciting

matches of the weekend was between Army junior Clint Ott and a powerhouse player from Penn State, Alex Barch. Ott upset the heavily-favored Barch in the first game, 15-13, with a couple well-placed serves that left the Penn State big hitter without a shot. Barch came back to win the second game and got the final victory in the tiebreaker 11-8. This was one of the best matches for Army and made a statement to the conference that Army was making its way back to the top of the league.

Senior Gordon Winslow gave an outstanding performance and finished third in the Men's 2 Gold Division. Paired with junior Erik Hamilton, the two placed fourth in the Men's 2 Gold Doubles Division. Winslow played well throughout the weekend and contributed heavily to the men's final score.

Newcomer senior Estelle Hong had a great performance in her second tournament and was the leading scorer for the women. Hong played in the Women's 2 Division and finished fourth in the Gold bracket, losing in her last match to Lauren Roberti from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Junior Anna Johnson was the second highest scorer for the Army women, finishing third in the Women's 3

Gold Division, beating out RPI's Diana Shiroma.

Army's playing ability has improved greatly this year and that has not gone unnoticed. At the Tournament Banquet, the Army Team was nominated as player of the year by the Director of the Eastern Collegiate Racquetball Conference.

Army will spend the next few weeks getting ready for the Arizona tournament, making final roster decisions and holding extended practices.

Going to the College Nationals is a big step for Army. The team only re-formed last year after the re-opening of the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

The club was non-existent during the construction period, as there were no facilities for practicing.

The teams plan to attend two of the league tournaments in Allentown, Pa., and Penn State, Pa., the Regional Championships and College Nationals. This will mark the end of a 10-year hiatus away from College Nationals for Army.

The team is continuing to get stronger and will soon be considered one of the power houses in the conference again.



Junior Anna Johnson beats RPI's Diana Shiroma.



Junior Erik Hamilton hits a shot against a Bryant College player.

## Men's Team Handball finishes regular season 3rd; will host playoffs

By Maj. Chris Springer  
MTH OIC

Army Men's Team Handball finished up the regular season in the Northeast Team Handball Conference this past weekend here. The Army team finished the weekend 2-2 to lock up third place in the conference heading into

the league finals in April, which will feature the top teams in the Northeast U.S. and Canada and will be held at West Point.

Army began play Saturday against the New York Athletic Club in a game that decided third and fourth places in the league. After a sluggish start, Army recovered from a large halftime deficit behind

senior wing Jamie San Juan to rally in the second half for a two-goal victory.

Army's second game of the day was against the reigning league champions, New York City. While the game was competitive throughout, NYC pulled away for a convincing victory.

Army opened up Sunday with yet another slow start and halftime

deficit to the New England Freeze, but rallied once again in the second half for a convincing victory, which locked Army in as the 3rd seed for the league.

In the final game of the weekend and regular season, Army played a tough Chaudiere team from Quebec City. Army trailed only by one goal at halftime, thanks to a stellar performance from junior goalie

Keith Fine. However, Chaudiere proved to be the better team and pulled away for an eight-goal victory.

Army finished the regular season at 8-8 and will face either Alberta or Champlain 2 in the first round of the League finals in April. Army is off until Spring Break when they travel to Germany for a training trip.

### Patriot League Women's basketball playoffs

SATURDAY  
[@ ANNAPOLIS, Md.]

#### QUARTER-FINALS

#1 BUCKNELL vs. #8 COLGATE, 11 A.M.  
#4 AMERICAN vs. #5 NAVY, 1:30 P.M.  
#2 ARMY vs. #7 LEHIGH, 4 P.M.  
#3 HOLYCROSS vs. #6 LAFAYETTE,  
6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY  
[@ ANNAPOLIS, Md.]

#### SEMI-FINALS

#1/8 WINNER vs. #4/5 WINNER, 1 P.M.  
#2/7 WINNER vs. #3/6 WINNER, 3:30 P.M.

#### WEDNESDAY

[@ HIGHEST REMAINING SEED]

#### FINAL

6 P.M. ON ESPNU

### PATRIOT LEAGUE MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

SUNDAY  
[@ LEWSBURG, PA]

#### SEMI-FINALS

BUCKNELL vs. ARMY, 3:30 P.M.

### IM Unit hoops update

#### Final

#### PLAYOFF RESULTS

FEB. 21

#4 MPs 2, #5 BAND 0  
#6 1ST/1ST 40, #3 USMC#2 37  
#1 MEDDAC 37, #5 MPs #2 34  
#2 USMC #1 36, #6 1ST/1ST 32

#### FINALS

#### MONDAY

MEDDAC 54, USMC #1 40

[MEDDAC WINS CHAMPIONSHIP]

**Home  
sports  
schedule**

**SATURDAY**

WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. MASSACHUSETTS, 9  
A.M., LITC

LACROSSE VS. LAFAYETTE, 1 P.M.,  
MICHE

WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. HOFSTRA, 2 P.M.,  
LITC

**SUNDAY**

MEN'S TENNIS VS. COLGATE, 1:30 P.M.,  
LITC

**WEDNESDAY**

SOFTBALL VS. MARIST, [DH],  
3:30 P.M., NAF

**Atlantic Hockey  
playoffs**

**SATURDAY**

PLAY-IN GAME  
#8 CANISIUS VS. #9 AIC

**MARCH 10**

**QUARTER-FINALS**

#1 SACRED HEART VS. # 8/9 WINNER  
@ SACRED HEART, 7 P.M.

#2 ARMY VS. #7 BENTLEY,  
@ WEST POINT, 7 P.M.

#3 CONNECTICUT VS. #6 MERCYHURST  
@ STORRS, CONN., 7 P.M.

#4 AIR FORCE VS. #5 HOLY CROSS,  
@ COLO. SPRINGS, COLO., 7 P.M.

**MARCH 16**

[@ ROCHESTER, N.Y.  
BLUE CROSS ARENA]

**SEMI-FINALS**

GAMES ARE RE-SEEDDED. 4 AND 7:30 P.M.

**MARCH 17**

[@ ROCHESTER, N.Y.  
BLUE CROSS ARENA]

**FINALS**

7 P.M.

**IM Noontime  
hoops update**

PLAYOFF RESULTS  
AS OF WED.

**NORTH Div.**

**SEMI-FINAL**

DAD/DIA 28, DMI 18

DAD/DIA 31, DMI 21

[DAD/DIA WINS 2-0]

**FINALS**

**TUESDAY**

DAD/DIA VS. SOSH

GAMES 1 & 2

**THURSDAY**

GAME 3 [IF NECESSARY]

**SOUTH Div.**

**QUARTERS**

HISTORY 23, LAW 12

LAW 16, HISTORY 15, 3 OTs

[LAW WINS 2-1]

**SEMI-FINAL**

ENGLISH 19, BAND 17

[ENGLISH WINS 2-1]

PHYSICS 24, LAW 13

PHYSICS 23, LAW 16

[PHYSICS WINS 2-0]

**FINALS**

**TODAY**

ENGLISH VS. PHYSICS

GAME 1

**TUESDAY**

GAME 2 & 3 [IF NECESSARY]