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Army Family Covenant signed by Secretary Geren

Story and photo
by Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey, Jr. joined Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, USMA Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bergman and USAG West Point Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney Tuesday to sign the Army Family Covenant at the Youth Services Center here.

The first signing took place at Fort Knox, Ky., Oct. 17, and signings will continue at every Army installation worldwide to demonstrate the Army's commitment to provide a strong, supportive environment for Army Families.

Recognizing that the strength of Soldiers is in their Families, the Army Family Covenant improves readiness in five specific areas: standardizing and funding existing Family programs and services, increasing accessibility and quality of health care, improving Soldier and Family housing, expanding education and employment opportunities for Family members and ensuring excellence in schools,

youth services and child care.

The covenant represents a \$1.4 billion commitment in 2008 to improve Army Family quality of life, and Army's leadership is working to ensure similar funding for the next five years.

"This summer, we put \$100 million into Family programs, and that's just the Family readiness support," Geren said. "At West Point, it will add five additional full-time personnel in support of Family programs. Also, at West Point, there's \$5 million for a new child development center and additional money for free child care and respite here."

West Point has already started to see improvements, including the new 135-person capacity multi-use CDC, a renovated bowling center, a new water slide at Delafield Pond, an established Soldier and Family Assistance Center and Soldier housing and barracks exterior and interior improvements.

Casey touched on the importance of all five pillars of the covenant and believes it is more than just keeping up morale.

"We're asking Families to make huge sacrifices as their spouses go back into the war for the second



Secretary of the Army Pete Geren speaks with Capt. Rich Chudzik [center], a member West Point's Warrior Transition Unit, his wife Jill, and son, Gavin. Capt. Nick Trerotola, [in the background] is the commander of the Warrior Transition Unit here.

and third time," Casey said. "It's pretty easy for me having watched this now for 59 years [as a son of an Army officer and my own career],

and to watch how the support has evolved. We were doing pretty well, but it was a peacetime support and we needed to bring it up to a

wartime level support."

While Casey has seen

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Nov. 9 Rutgers Force Protection plan effects entire workforce

Compiled by Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

West Point is expecting thousands of enthusiastic Rutgers fans to travel to the Hudson Valley Nov. 9 to attend the 8 p.m. football game at Michie Stadium. So officials are encouraging supervisors across post to use some creativity in letting their civilian workers leave before the rush begins.

"We are strongly encouraging supervisors to let employees take leave at noon if they wish," said Col. Michael Colpo, West Point's Chief of Staff. "We're also asking them to consider alternate tours of duty, so employees could work four 10 hour days and take Friday off without having to use leave."

In addition, Colpo said, they are asking employees to park in K-Lot or Buffalo Soldier Field and take the shuttle to work that day.

"Significant portions of Clinton Field and Doubleday parking lots will be blocked from parking for the entire day," said Joe Senger, DPTMS force protection specialist. "And parking on the level of the Plain, including the remaining open areas of Clinton Field and Double Day parking lots, the tennis courts and along Kosciusko's monument will be restricted after 3 p.m."

Senger said that employees who choose to park in the below Central Area parking lots must move their vehicles to either K Lot or Buffalo Soldier Field by 3 p.m.

"Shuttle bus operations will

follow normal hours of operation, allowing employees to take the shuttle bus back to their place of duty," Senger said. "Employees who elect to work normal duty hours are granted time to move their vehicles, but must report back for duty."

Senger said the western portion of BSF's parking lot would also be blocked to the workforce.

"Employees and visitors going to building 626 and 622 should park in the marked parking spots along Swift Road," he added.

Handicap and disabled parking, he added, will not be affected.

"There will be no changes to employee handicap parking in the vicinity of the Plain," he said. "It will remain handicap parking

throughout the day."

For those employees choosing to work a normal workday, Senger explained, there will be some other traffic issues that come into play.

"We will block Stony Lonesome Road at 4 p.m. starting at the Flight Memorial Monument to just west of the Lusk housing entrance to the Delafield Road intersection," he said. "Personnel can get to the Lusk housing area via Stony Lonesome Road, but will not be able to continue further."

Senger advised anyone leaving post after 3 p.m. to use Washington and Thayer gates

Colpo has also asked residents to take the shuttle, walk, carpool or bicycle to work to help alleviate some of the parking challenges.

Got RCI questions? We've got the answers

Compiled by Irene Brown
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Q: When we move are we required to take down the storage sheds?
A: No, you will not have to take them down; the sheds will be grandfathered in and may remain for the next resident.

Q: What happens to the residents who have more than two pets and if you have a breed that is not allowed?

A: When you sign your lease and pet addendum, you will be asked to list your current pets. You may continue to have those pets once we have privatized so long as we have them listed on your pet addendum and they were within the guidelines of housing. However, if at some point you no longer have the current pets listed on your addendum, you may not exceed the two pet policy or breed restriction policy.

Q: Will GMH shovel the common sidewalks when it snows?

A: Yes, GMH will be responsible for the common sidewalks; however, the resident will be responsible for their walkway to their front door and their driveway.

Q: Will GMH have a large enough maintenance staff for our service

requests? When we call in for a service request will we be assigned a work order number, date and time that you arrive at our homes?

A: Yes, GMH will have a staff large enough to handle the work orders called in. Each service call that is generated through the work order system is assigned a work order number and the date and time frame that we will arrive at your home. GMH will work with your schedule so this service call is convenient for you. GMH is evaluated on our work order response time.

Q: How is the move out process going to be handled by GMH?

A: It really does not differ much from what you do now. You will be required to give GMH a 30 day notice and a copy of your orders [if applicable] or reason for your move. We will schedule a time/date for a pre-inspection with you at your convenience; this will help identify any damages/costs to you. We will also schedule a time/date for your final inspection. We will offer you the option to self clean your home or opt for a "Pay and Go". The prices for "Pay and Go" will be published once we have collected bids from local vendors.

Q: Will the housing draw still be in affect?

A: Yes. We plan on maintaining the tradition of the housing draw.

Q: How much notice will GMH give the residents to let them know when they are taking over?

A: We will continue to keep the residents updated and we will schedule lease signing events approximately sixty days prior to taking over operations.

Q: What is the length of our lease? What happens after it expires?

A: The initial lease you sign with GMH will be for one year. After

that the lease will be on a month-to-month basis.

Q: What happens if I move into a home that is lower than my pay grade, will I pay less rent?

A: No, the BAH is determined by your rank, not the location of your home. Your rental rate will be equal to your BAH.

Q: Can my children attend the West Point School if I live off post?

A: The Department of Defense requires that only children living on post are eligible to attend the

West Point School.

Renovation and construction questions

Q: You are going from 964 to 831 what is going to happen to the 130 families?

A: Our plan is to downsize through attrition (as residents move out).

Editor's note: The Pointer View® will be running an RCI question and answer column periodically. If you wish to have a question answered by the RCI team send it to sroosa@gmh-inc.com.

Army Family Covenant

We recognize the commitment and increasing sacrifices that our Families are making every day.

We recognize the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families.

We are committed to providing Soldiers and Families a Quality of Life that is commensurate with their service.

We are committed to providing our Families a strong, supportive environment where they can thrive.

We are committed to building a partnership with Army Families that enhances their

strength and resilience.

We are committed to improving Family readiness by:

- Standardizing and funding existing Family programs and services
- Increasing accessibility and quality of healthcare
- Improving Soldier and Family housing
- Ensuring excellence in schools, youth services and child care
- Expanding education and employment opportunities for Family members.

SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Maria Burger [USCC], Maj. Kim Kawamoto [ODIA] and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams [Dean]. Community members can e-mail McMahon at 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/ECS

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

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

Difficulty: Easy

See Solution on Page 11

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Local and National News

West Point AFAP conference gets things done

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Army Family Action Plan held its 18th annual conference Oct. 23 and 24 at the West Point Club to define issues affecting the community members and to work on finding solutions.

The five work groups of 12 delegates were given roughly 80 issues to consider. The teen work group met Oct. 20 to select their top three issues. Jennifer Pagio, the installation volunteer coordinator and AFAP program manager, said the randomly selected delegates

represent the demographics of West Point.

"The groups work on a number of issues concerning our Soldiers, cadets, children and community in general, so it does include a mix," Pagio said.

The six topical work groups included housing, public works/family support; entitlements; teen issues; medical/dental; consumer/child and youth education and military/civilian workforce support.

Each group was tasked with picking the top two or three issues they felt most impacted the community. Then prepared recommendations on possible solutions for the command.

For example, the medical and dental work group considered 11 issues and identified three they felt most impacted the community.

"People who need routine or wellness appointments usually need to wait sometimes as long as two weeks," said Andrew Novitske, the group's spokesman "Same day appointments are often filled by 6:30 a.m."

One of their recommendations was to track the number of unfilled

requests for appointments. This Novitske explained would help validate the need for more medical support on post.

Teen workgroup representatives Adrienne Strom and Connor Van Everen covered three issues they felt were very important to community teenagers.

"There should be more physical education and health classes at the middle school and they should be mandatory," Van Everen said. "Right now, they are electives."

Another issue they had was the implementation of a more involved sports program at the middle school.

"This will let us have fun and compete against other schools in the local area," he added.

Glenn Waters, speaking on behalf of the military/civilian workforce group, said one of their issues was with recognition for community members returning from deployment.

"Many of our Soldiers and

civilians returning from deployment are not officially recognized by their community after returning home," Waters said. "I believe this can affect community morale.

"We should implement some form of general officer recognition for these returning individuals and their families in a timely manner," he continued.

The consumer/child and youth education group was concerned with the lack of boundless playgrounds around post.

"The only boundless playground on post is at the school age services, but this has limited access for Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers and special needs children," said group spokeswoman Peggie Taylor. "This restricts the current special needs and WTU families' ability to freely participate in recreational activities as part of the West Point community."

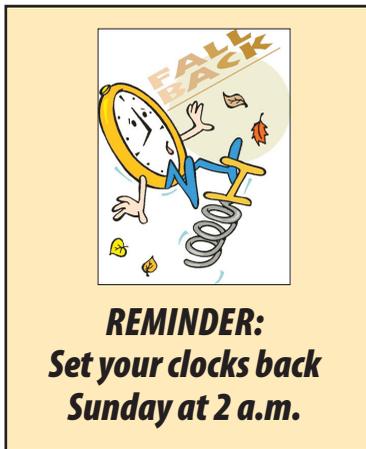
The group suggested building new boundless playgrounds with unlimited access, updating at

least one existing playground per housing area and better promoting the boundless playground at SAS.

After listening to the issues and possible solutions the six workgroups put forth, West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck said he was impressed with the hard work and careful consideration the groups had given to their selections.

"Some of these issues are clearly policy issues and we can put something together and we can get it done," Hagenbeck said. "I like the teen issues [of more physical education and sports] and we need to get to DODDS to see what we can do."

Other issues, however, will have to be staffed through other Army avenues and will probably take more time to resolve. ACS will provide issue status updates to the *Pointer View*® as they become available, as well as post them on their Web site, <http://www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm>.



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improvements over the years in supporting Families, Geren said the Army is still getting used to dealing with an all-volunteer force during the third longest war and the first with an all-volunteer force. [Revolutionary and Vietnam wars were longer.]

"This is the first time we've had an extended conflict with an all-volunteer force, so this is uncharted territory," Geren said. "This is a new challenge for the Army and we've been working to make Family programs better. In the late 1970s and '80s, it was an issue of pay that was addressed and other benefits. Housing was added in the late 1990s and the early part of this century.

"I just think this is the next piece as we, as a nation, learn how to build an all-volunteer force that's sustainable over the long term," he added.

Cadets, Soldiers and Family members filled the Youth Services Center and were keen on what they heard about continued quality of life improvements in the Army as

deployments mount.

"It would make me comfortable to know that when I deploy my Family is going to be taken care of," said Maj. Davina Hunt, an instructor in the English Department. "It would cause a problem if I was on a deployment and they weren't [taken care of] -- I would think about it all the time.

"My mission and my Family work hand-in-hand, and that is significant to me," said Hunt, who has two children, Devon [6] and Dasha [2]. "The reason I'm staying in the Army is that I know they'll take care of my Family. You don't have to worry about, 'well, will I have trouble juggling being a wife, mother and Soldier,' because I can balance them all because of the things the Army does ... the leadership, from the top on down, reinforces [the good things] and maybe that wasn't the case when I came in, in 1997, but I see it now and it's not just talk."

Editor's Note: Complete text of the Army Family Covenant is on page 2.

USMA named one of top 15 sports education teams

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

West Point's Department of Physical Education's Competitive Sports Team was honored by the Institute for International Sport Oct. 23 and named one of the 15 most influential sports education 'teams' in America. DPE was selected in the top 15 from a group of roughly 1,500 nominees.

"To be recognized by the Institute for International Sport as one of the top 15 sport education teams in the nation constitutes a significant achievement, and we're absolutely thrilled and honored at this distinction," said Col. Gregory Daniels, DPE director. "This recognition is a testament to the extraordinary efforts of many individuals who selflessly devote themselves to administering, leading and coaching our company athletics and competitive club sports teams."

Daniels said he credits Dr. Ralph Pim, DPE Chief of the Competitive Sports Division, for leading the effort and developing innovative ways to improve the competitive sports program such as the Champions of Character Program and the Krzyzewski Teaching Character through Sport Award. Both Daniels and the ISS stated that these

programs are important ways to teach character and instill leadership principles.

"Two years ago, the DPE Competitive Sports Team set a goal to build the premier sport education program in the nation for teaching character through sport," Pim said. "At this stage of our development, to be identified as one of the 15 most influential sports education teams in America, is truly an honor."

USMA was only one of two schools [Springfield College was the other] to receive the award for its impact on people. Other honored sports education influencers included ESPN "Outside the Lines," HBO Real Sports and sports columnists/writers from USA Today and the New York Times.

"Given the level of competition, we are genuinely humbled to be granted this recognition," Daniels stated. "According to the Institute's Web site, the 'core criteria for selection in each category was the effective use of sport as a means to educate.' It's a real honor to be listed alongside such notable models of character in sport such as Tiger Woods and coaches Mike Krzyzewski, Joe Paterno and John Wooden."

While Krzyzewski is a USMA

graduate, Daniels also noted that two former DPE distinguished visiting professors also made the list of the top 100 influential sports educators - Dr. Sharon Stoll [Professor and Director of the Center for Ethics at the University of Idaho] and Dr. Leroy Walker [Former President of the U.S. Olympic Committee].

The Institute for International Sport was founded in 1986 by Daniel Doyle. He used his experiences in the 1960s and '70s while traveling in Europe as a prep basketball player and visiting Cuba as head men's basketball coach for Trinity College, respectively. Doyle, according to an ISS news release, sees the power of sport as a medium to foster friendship and goodwill worldwide.

As Daniels expressed, sports doesn't inherently teach character, but in the hands of a skilled coach and caring mentor, sports can be a superb way to imbue some of life's

best lessons.

"We recognize that we have a significant challenge in that much of society embraces some of the negative behaviors associated with sport," said Daniels, noting that on any given night ESPN may show an instance of unsportsmanlike behavior by an athlete, coach, administrator or fan. "The cadets matriculating to West Point come

from this culture, so it shouldn't come as a surprise that we have a challenge.

"The good news is that the academy has a solid educational program designed to promote the positive aspects of athletic participation," he added.



Dr. Ralph Pim, Competitive Sports Division Chief and Col. Greg Daniels, Master of the Sword and Director of the Department of Physical Education.

Trained 'transformers' hitting critical mass

By Lt. Col. Mike Colarusso
Business Transformation
Office

West Point graduated 27 more Lean Six Sigma "green belts" Oct. 24. These newly trained Soldiers, scholars and dedicated civilian employees join the other 77 green and black belts already trained here in 2007.

With nearly 100 business transformation experts at its disposal, West Point is fast approaching what the Army calls "critical mass" -- having enough qualified personnel on hand to begin realizing significant and lasting improvements in speed and quality across all operations.

"The deployment of business transformation at an institution like West Point takes a phased approach," said Lt. Col. John Zsido, Transformation Office

director. "The first year focused upon training -- creating the knowledge base needed to generate real improvements. But in the days and weeks immediately ahead, West Point will start reaping the benefits of the training effort. The focus has shifted to project completion.

"In fact," he continued, "I encourage all of you to keep reading the *Pointer View*® for updates, because several of our first major projects are approaching completion.

"As we roll out each one, it will become clear that the dedication of our 'belts' is resulting in real improvements and hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings," Zsido added.

For the latest on West Point's transformation efforts, visit its AKO knowledge portal [CAC login required] -- <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/464235>.

Possible changes eyed for Guard, Reserve Montgomery GI Bill

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Defense leaders joined the Minnesota National Guard's adjutant general Oct. 18 in urging Congress to revise the Montgomery GI Bill to improve coverage for reserve-component troops, although they didn't necessarily agree on the best way to accomplish that.

Army Maj. Gen. Larry W. Shellito told the House Veterans Affairs Committee that the bill, as currently written, short changes National Guard and Reserve troops.

He noted that nearly half the Minnesota National Guard's 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, found they weren't eligible for full education benefits under the bill, despite being one of the longest-serving units in Iraq. The unit

returned home from a 22-month mobilization that included 16 months in combat as part of the surge force in Iraq.

All the returning "Red Bull" troops were eligible for Montgomery GI Bill benefits, but many fell short of the service time required to receive full benefits.

Among them was Army Sgt. Benjamin Hattan, a two-time Purple Heart recipient, who was denied education benefits because his deployment orders were written for up to 729 days. The Montgomery GI Bill requires 730 days of service to qualify for full benefits, Hattan explained to the committee.

The Army is working to amend the unit's orders and sent a team to Minnesota to help the Guardsmen wade through paperwork required to apply for benefits. Officials said the Army goal is to complete amendments so the Soldiers can receive their benefits for the 2008

spring term.

"The decision to grant these men and women their earned benefits needs to occur quickly in order for them to make important life decisions," Shellito told the committee. "As a key tool in building and maintaining a total Army force, we, as well as military leaders, also need this to occur, as it is fundamental to sustaining a ready and capable reserve-component force."

Defense Department officials agreed yesterday that changes are

needed to the Montgomery GI Bill for the Selected Reserve, as well as the Reserve Educational Assistance Program.

Both praised the Montgomery GI Bill for the support it lends to recruiting and retention efforts. "As we move through the 21st century, we must continue to build upon the remarkable legacy of the visionaries who crafted preceding versions and improvements in the GI Bill," they said.

The original GI Bill was enacted in 1944 to provide

education benefits for troops returning from World War II. More than two million veterans have attended college using GI Bill benefits.

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OPM projects potential locality raises

WASHINGTON [Govexec.com] -- Congress and the Bush administration still haven't reached an agreement on what next year's pay raise should be for white-collar federal workers. President Bush wants a 3 percent raise; the House and Senate have moved in the direction of a 3.5 percent increase.

Either way, the overall pay increase federal employees receive in 2008 will be depend partly on where they reside.

The Federal Salary Council earlier this month recommended that whatever Congress and the president decide, feds should receive an across-the-board pay

increase of at least 2.5 percent. If that recommendation is followed, employees can expect to see an additional 0.5 percent to 1 percent allocated to locality pay.

Figures provided by the Office of Personnel Management to Government Executive show the raises federal employees in all locality pay areas could potentially expect to receive in 2008. Two scenarios are provided to account for the possibility of either a 3 percent or 3.5 percent overall raise.

Editor's Note: For the New York Locality Area, the possibilities are 3.23 and 3.97 percent, respectively.

Community Features and Photos



Fans in Black

All Army fans are encouraged to wear predominantly black spirit attire, including hats, all day Nov. 9 in support of the Army-Rutgers night football game. While there is a "Blackout" shirt available on [www.goarmysports.com] fans have the option to wear anything black similar to the Dean's staff appearing above.

JIM FOX/PV



Afghanistan promotion

Former U.S. Corps of Cadet's Cadet Company A-4 tactical officer Maj. Chuck Baldwin was promoted Oct. 11, while serving for a year at the National Military Academy in Kabul, Afghanistan. Here Baldwin is congratulated by NMAA Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Hassamadine [left] and NMAA Commander Maj. Gen. Sharif [right]. Hassamadine also presented him with the Afghan major's insignia he is wearing. Lt. Col. Scott Hamilton, NMAA support Team Chief from the USMA department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering explained the parts of the ceremony and their significance. The entire proceeding was translated into Dari for the native NMAA Afghans.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LT. COL. SCOTT HAMILTON/NMAA&C/ME

West Point Girl Scout designs patch for seven counties

By Rachel Schmoyer
West Point Girl Scout
Troop leader

The Sarah Wells Girl Scout Counsel, of which West Point's Girl Scout troops are a part, is now part of a greater group known as Girl Scouts -- Heart of the Hudson.

Scout Jamboree turns 50

Story by Boy Scout Troop 23 and
Girl Scout Troops 118 & 126
Photos by Col. John Smith and
Rachel Schmoyer

On a bright, picture-perfect West Point afternoon, Girl Scouts from Troops 118 and 126 and Boy Scouts from Troop 23, as guests of the U.S. Military Academy Cadet Amateur Radio Club, broadcast from the W2KGY ham radio shack high atop Bartlett Hall during the 2007 Jamboree on the Air Oct. 21.

JOTA is an annual event during which Scouts meet other Scouts around the world through amateur radio contacts. This year was a



Cadet 4th Class Mike Weigand helps Girl Scout Kristine Houston make radio contact during the JOTA Oct. 21.



Boy Scouts Cameron Sullivan [left], Samuel Smith and Braden Virdell receive hands on instruction on basic electrical circuitry by Cadet 1st Class Rob Corless. The skills they gained helped them earn the Radio Merit Badge.

The official uniting took place in October, with seven counties joined as one Girl Scout Counsel.

Karis Bedey, daughter of Col. David Bedey, USMA Professor of Physics, and his wife Deborah, designed the new Girl Scouts -- Heart of the Hudson patch.

milestone, as it marked 50 years for the program.

During JOTA, Scouts engage in QSOs, which are "conversations" in the short-hand code of ham radio operators, with other Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and civilian operators all over the world.

The purpose is to meet each other, exchange ideas, learn from each other and gain a mutual understanding. Though the intent is to try to make international contacts, the High Frequency and Very High Frequency radios used by the club are dependent upon atmospheric propagation conditions in the ionosphere.

The Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts were able to talk to ham radio operators in Germany, the Czech Republic, Canada [Yukon], Washington, California, Texas and Florida.

Using the call sign 2CX, the first amateur radio station at West Point was established in 1926 by Lieutenant William Holmes Wenstrom, a member of the Department of English. In 1936, the Cadet Amateur Radio Club was established under the direction of Capt. Edward C. Gillette of the Department of Chemistry and Electricity with a call sign of W2JIG.

A seven county contest took place for the designing of the new patch. It had to be colorful and easy to duplicate but most of all it had to have meaning. Karis's heart shaped design was chosen over dozens of other entries.



Karis Bedey

Karis, age 12, who has been involved with Girl Scouting for the past four years, said, "Girl Scouting is a lot of fun and I love to go on trips and learn new things." She started as a Junior and is now a Cadette in Troop 192.

Karis has always had a love

of art and has won quite a few poster and essay contests. She also achieved the State Award for High Honors through Johns Hopkins University and entered the patch contest because she thought it would be a fun challenge.

When asked about her design for the Counsel's new patch, she replied, "I decided to put a bridge on the patch because bridges are common in the Hudson Valley. The bridge also represents the new connection of the seven counties as one."

She is proud of her patch and her contribution to Girl Scouts -- Heart of the Hudson. Each member of West Point Girl Scouts was given one of the new patches to wear on her uniform.

Anna May Wiede, Heart of the

Hudson's new Board President, commented about Girl Scouts, "Our girls are our future and our future looks very bright."



The new Girl Scout 'Heart of the Hudson' patch was designed by West Point 12-year-old Karis Bedey.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

USMA faculty helps reinforce grads knowledge in the field

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

With the ongoing Global War on Terrorism, recent graduates from the U.S. Military Academy are expected to hit the ground running within their new units.

Knowledge obtained during their time at West Point can be exceedingly beneficial to them and their unit, as was the case for 2nd Lt. Mark Gerasimas.

Gerasimas, a 2006 USMA graduate, was an electrical engineering major at the academy and is now an infantry officer with 1-75th Cavalry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

As his unit prepares for the complex mission in Iraq, infrastructure rebuilding has been a huge portion of the Army's operations. Gerasimas, armed with his background in electrical engineering, was tasked to be the subject matter expert for all things electrical for his squadron in its preparations for departure to Iraq.

Since the area in Iraq where he will be based has two transformer

substations, learning more about Electrical Engineering and power was necessary.

His task was to present the basics of power generation. To do so, he contacted former instructors at the academy for guidance.

Lieutenant Col. Lisa Shay, assistant professor in EE&CS, received Gerasimas' request for help and sent him a presentation on the Northeast Blackout of 2003 and the EE377 textbook for pointers for his presentation to his unit.

"Retired Col. Paul Barber has come here every spring since 2004 to talk to the power course [EE377] and has given a presentation revolving somewhat around the [Northeast] blackout," Shay said. "Mark had heard him speak ... so I sent him Barber's presentation to give him some framework to explain to the officers in his battalion how power systems work. ... It wasn't specifically the Iraqi power system, it was the U.S. power system, but the fundamental principle is the same."

"We've had other recent graduates ask us about power. In

fact, we had communication with a non-EE graduate who was in Iraq who got referred to us," said Col. Eugene Ressler, Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences Department Head.

Ressler said the non-EE grad told him he was told him he was in charge of electrifying an Iraqi town and the Iraqi engineers are bringing me these calculations and I have no idea if they're correct or not -- could you help me figure out if they're correct or not?"

"So we put together a little committee and ran the numbers and it turned out the Iraqi engineers were telling the truth," Ressler added. "We told him and he drove on with the mission."

Everything taught within EE&CS, including information technology, may have an important role down the line for each cadet and that's something that Shay wants to stress to all cadets as they face a vast landscape in their future leadership roles.

"The cadets need to take their education seriously and realize there's more to being a good officer than just knowing stuff," Shay

explained, "They have to be able to solve problems because we can't train them on every problem they'll encounter."

Ressler talked about how the academy has changed over the years in its teaching methods as he's served parts of 17 years of his Army career at West Point.

"The principles are the same, but the change that has occurred in education is that one thinks about breadth more than depth," Ressler stated. "We used to be concerned with giving cadets certain skills that were very well-honed and refined, but within certain boundaries ... now, I think we give them a much broader picture because they're going to need it."

"What we've sacrificed is probably that the cadets don't delve as much into detail as they used to," he added. "But they get a broader assortment of views and in our case, with engineering, that's what they need."

Ressler reiterated how recent graduates and faculty members who have gone into the field call back here and say, "I need help

from the faculty," and they are always willing to help. Like in many other departments, EE&CS has 150 majors and teaches about 1,700 cadets on a yearly basis, but it's important for them to hear back from graduates, no matter the major, to know they can make a difference.

"We really love what we do and we're happy when one of our guys does well," Ressler said. "That's what Gerasimas did and we're happy to brag about him."

Gerasimas made his request more than a month ago to EE and he is happy about the information he received to help train his unit in the days before they deploy.

"I'm [thrilled to be] able to contribute a huge amount of information that is aiding my squadron," Gerasimas said, "in developing real world solutions to real world problems."

"I realized how gratifying it was to apply all the knowledge that I worked so hard to gain," he added. "It is a confidence booster to know you are the subject matter expert and everyone looks to you for the answer."

WPMS working on Web-based science, math and technology project

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Tricia Willis's West Point Middle School eighth grade class toured the Civil and Mechanical Engineering department Oct. 24 and viewed engineering projects that cadets are working on. The tours were conducted by Mechanical Engineering Program Director Col. Daisie Boettner and, Aero-Thermo Group Director, Col. Bob Crawford.

The tours are a part of a seventh and eighth grade science project called eCYBERMISSION, an online science project contest that looks for science, math and technology in unlikely places, to solve problems according to www.ecybermission.com. The Web site is taking the science fair out of the auditorium and into cyberspace. The students form teams and each team of students needs to propose a solution to a real problem in its community to compete for regional and national awards.

West Point Middle school children also toured the photonics lab here as a part of the school's goal of encouraging interest in science

and in the eCYBERMISSION projects.

Willis said the eCYBERMISSION project was the idea of retired Col. Merrill Blackman, director of research and studies partnership for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Army, Logistics and Technology-USMA, who encouraged the WPMS to get involved with the online science fair after attending its Science EXPO last year.

"Presently, all eighth grade students are in the process of registering their teams with the eCYBERMISSION Web site," Willis said. "Teamwork is encouraged as the rules indicate that a team must consist of two to four members. Students are using class time in science during the initial stages and will involve time outside of the school day, depending on the nature of the project and the availability of their team advisors."

Willis said some of the project topics include safety issues with I-POD headphones for joggers, water quality of the school creek, recycling issues within a school and building a virtual bridge across the Hudson River from West Point to



Eighth grader Eric Ohlson runs the strobe light under CME's Col. Daisie Boettner's direction to show changes in the properties of mineral oil flow when the flow is interrupted versus a turbulent flow.

Constitution Island.

"The tours in CME and Systems Engineering are brainstorming sessions for the kids to get ideas for projects they will be working on," said Cadet 1st Class Bovey Zhu, a cadet mentor.

The children viewed what Crawford called 'a pump and pipe apparatus' filled with mineral oil to observe the difference between uninterrupted and turbulent liquid flow. As the oil flowed through pipes into a clear plastic container, the children watched how the flow changed from slow to turbulent by

increasing the flow and watching it with a strobe light.

Crawford showed the youngsters computer controlled airplanes that cadets are working on and also took them to see the spirit tank, which resembles a jeep and a tank and is another project cadets are working on.

"The spirit tank will be making its debut in Michie Stadium sometime soon," Crawford said.

"Mechanical engineering is about making things work or modifying something to work in a different way," he explained. "The

watch you are wearing or the glasses you are looking through were made or designed by a mechanical engineer."

Considering these 'budding scientists' are involved in eCYBERMISSION projects, they are bound to get a few ideas for their own projects.

"I would like to do a project that has something to do with music," said eighth-grader Eliana Peralta. "I love music. I have a rough idea [of what I want to do]. That's why we are here touring -- to get ideas."

Community Leisure

What's Happening

Ski/snow board instructors needed

The annual organization meeting of the West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team will be held tonight at 7 p.m., at the ski lodge.

Current and new members are welcome.

The club is open to boys and girls ages 8-14. Skiers must be able to control speed and turn shape on the hill to participate. Call or e-mail Bob Ryan at 938-7817.

Command Channel 8/23

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FRIDAY
8 A.M. CFC 2007 VIDEO
8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
NOON CFC 2007 VIDEO
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
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6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
7 P.M. CFC 2007 VIDEO

MONDAY
8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
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4 P.M. CFC 2007 VIDEO
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TUESDAY
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7 P.M. CFC 2007 VIDEO

Defensive driving class

The next Defensive Driving class is scheduled for Saturday in Bldg. 622 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To register, contact ITR at 938-2401/3601.

Guidebook delivery/Scouting for Food drive

This Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m., the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of West Point will be distributing the 2007 USMA Guide & Directory to the housing areas.

They will also deliver information about this year's "Scouting for Food" drive, conducted with assistance from the BOSS group.

They will return Nov. 11, beginning at 1p.m., to collect bags filled with non-perishable, non-breakable food items for needy families at Thanksgiving.

For more info., contact Col. Mike Jones at 938-5706 or Col. John Smith at 938-2231.

USMA book signings

First time author and USMA grad Randy Cummings will be signing his murder mystery *Bad Intentions* Monday from 9 a.m. until noon at the USMA Bookstore.

Author R. Spiller will be signing his book *An Instinct for War* Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m., at the USMA bookstore.

Author Robert Greene will be signing his book *The 48 Laws of Power* Nov. 13 from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m., at the USMA bookstore.

Noontime seminar

Winemaker Paul Dolan will speak to the cadet chapter of the Environmental & Water Resources Institute during a lunchtime seminar in WH5326, Monday at 12:30 p.m. Dolan is an industry leader in winemaking. His Mendocino Wine Company [in California] is practicing biodynamic farming and has the first winery in the country to go carbon neutral.

Community members are welcome -- contact Maj. Mindy Kimball at 938-4265 to R.S.V.P.

Enlisted personnel briefing

An enlisted personnel management briefing for all enlisted personnel will be conducted by Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, HRC, Thursday, from 4 to 5 p.m., in Thayer Hall, Room 144.

Human resources command

The human resources command Enlisted Career Advisor Team will be at USMA to conduct career management interviews with all interested enlisted personnel Thursday, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the Building 622 ACS Training Room, and Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m. until noon, in Building 622, AG, Strength Management Office.

The POC is Sgt. 1st Class John Castillo, AG, Strength Management, 938-8450.

Officer personnel management briefing

There will be an officer personnel management briefing for all officers conducted by Col.

Brian Baldy, Director of Officer Personnel Management, HRC, Thursday from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., in Thayer Hall's Robinson Auditorium.

All officers are highly encouraged to attend.

There will also be a briefing and Q&A sessions with the HRC Division Chiefs for all interested officers and First Class cadets Nov. 9 at 12:15 p.m. -- Maneuver, Fires & Effects in Bartlett Hall 412, Operational Support in Bartlett Hall 211 and Force Sustainment in Washington Hall 5300.

There will be no individual interviews with HRC assignment officers this year.

AOG Tailgate November 9

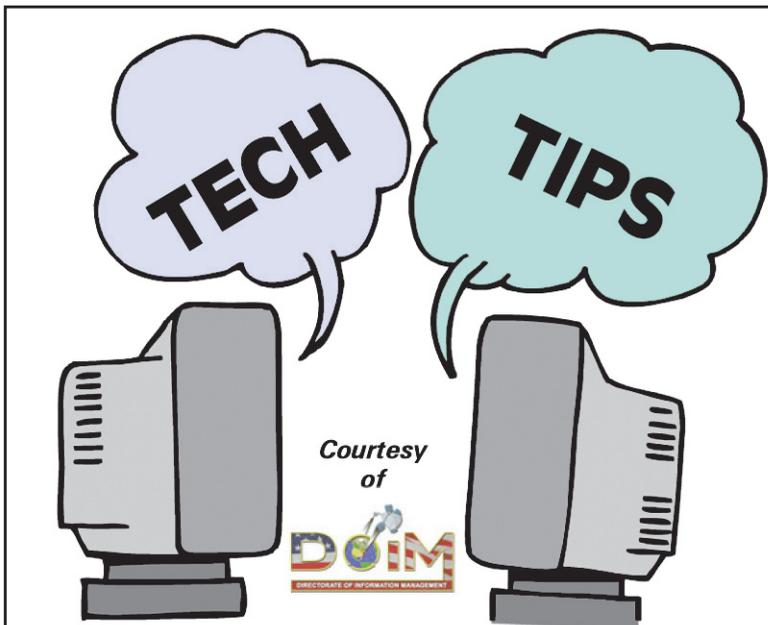
The West Point Association of Graduates and the West Point Society of the Mid-Hudson Region invite you to the Army-Rutgers tailgate at Herbert Alumni Center, located at 698 Mills Road, West Point, N.Y., Nov. 9 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To register go to www.westpointaog.org/Netcommunity/Page.aspx?pid=2261&srcid=366.

WPWC booksigning

The West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe will be open Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for a book signing by Maureen DuRant and Peter Caroll for their book *West Point -- Postcard History Series*.

MWR Blurbs



Trojan Horse steals Skype usernames, passwords

Skype Ltd. recently warned users of its software that a malicious code targeting the voice-over-IP (VoIP) and instant messaging service was on the prowl, the second such alert in the past five weeks.

A Trojan horse posing as a Skype add-on is stealing log-on credentials. Calling itself Skype Defender, the malware installs if users download and run the executable SkypeDefenderSetup.exe, then launches to display a mock Skype interface complete with username and password fields. Entering valid information, however, only results in the bogus application claiming, "Your Skype name and password were not recognized. Please check and try again."

By that time, the log-on information, usernames and passwords remembered by Internet Explorer have been snatched and sent to the attacker.

Most security vendors had updated their detection signatures to account for the new threat. Links to sites hosting the Trojan horse have been passed to some Skype users via instant messaging.

Bowling Center special

Dollar Night every Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Bowling Center.

Shoes, games, pizza, soda are all discounted. Call 938-2140 for more information.

Focus Group meeting Nov. 8

The Commissary and Exchange Focus Group meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., Thursday, in the Army Community Service common area.

This meeting is open to all community members who use these benefits.

Ski, skate and hockey swap

The Ski, skate and hockey swap will be at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge, Nov. 18 and 19, from noon to 8 p.m.

Buy early and save money - discounted season ski passes, rental equipment, wide selection of merchandise.

Call 938-3726 for more information.

Thanksgiving Feast at WPC

There will be a Thanksgiving Day Feast at the West Point Club Nov. 22.

There will be two seatings -- at noon in the Pierce Dining Room and at 2:30 p.m., Grand Ballroom.

For reservations and tickets, call 938-5120.

Army Photo Contest

The 2007 Army Photography

Contest is back and is now accepting digital entries through November 30.

Enter your favorite digital images to compete against the best photographers in the Army.

Categories: people, place, object, military life, experimental, Army values.

For info on how to apply, go to www.westpointmwr.com and select "Special Events and Attractions."

Pet boarding for Army-Navy

Morgan Farm is offering an Army/Navy Game Weekend Special [Nov. 30-Dec. 3].

Board your cat or dog three nights for the price of two.

The kennel is also accepting holiday reservations.

Call 938-3926 for more information.

Ski locker rental

Applications for the seasonal ski locker rental lottery are now

being accepted through Nov. 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Applications must be submitted online only, to <http://www.westpointmwr.com>, keyword ski.

Winning applicants will be posted on the Web site Nov. 12.

For more info, call 938-4637.

Ski Lodge reservations

Applications for the ski lodge reservations lottery are now being accepted through Nov. 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Applications must be submitted online only, to <http://www.westpointmwr.com>, keyword ski.

Winning applicants will be posted on the Web site by Nov. 27. For more info, call 938-4637.

Crandall Pool closed

Crandall Pool will be closed during MWR swim time Nov. 9, 10, 12, 21, 23 and from Dec. 17 until Jan. 11.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

- FRIDAY -- RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION, R, 7:30 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- MR. WOODCOCK, PG-13, 7:30 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- HALLOWEEN, R, 9:30 P.M.
- NOV. 9 -- THEATER CLOSED [HOME FOOTBALL GAME]
- NOV. 10 -- SYDNEY WHITE, PG-13, 7:30 P.M.
- NOV. 10 -- THE KINGDOM, R, 9:30 P.M.
- NOV. 16 -- 3:10 TO YUMA, R, 7:30 P.M.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT WWW.AAFES.COM.

Keller Corner

KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Nov. 12.

The emergency room will remain open.

Influenza vaccination

The influenza vaccination will be available to all TRICARE Beneficiaries Nov. 14 and 15 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Eisenhower Hall.

The vaccine will be available to DOD Civilians Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Employee Health Benefit Fair, which will also be at Eisenhower Hall.

TRICARE Behavioral Health

Did you know that if you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime [non active duty], you may receive the

first eight behavioral health care outpatient visits from a TRICARE network provider without a referral from your PCM or prior authorization from your regional contractor.

After the first eight visits [starting with the ninth visit], your behavioral health care provider must receive prior authorization

from your regional contractor. Behavioral Health Care providers include psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, certified psychiatric nurse specialists and clinical social workers.

For more health benefit information, contact the Health Benefit Advisors at 938-4838.

DPW Notes

Leaf vacuum schedule

Weather permitting, DPW, Land Maintenance Branch has begun picking up raked leaves in housing areas using the leaf vacuum truck.

Monday

Washington Road, Jr. NCO, Lee Area**, Dunover Court

Tuesday

New Brick, Old Brick, Merritt Road, Gray Ghost, Lusk, Band Quarters

Wednesday

Stony I, Stony II, Central Apartments, South Apartments, Wilson Road, Thayer Road

Thursday

Cemetery, Quarters 100, 101, 102, areas missed during the week

Friday

Washington Road, Jr. NCO quarters, Lee Area, Dunover Court

** Until the construction of Lee Road is completed and to prevent unnecessary damage to the equipment, the leaf vacuum will pick-up only along the back or center service road.

A public announcement will be made by DPW when construction has concluded, the road has been swept and leaf vacuum pick up along Lee Road will begin.

The leaf vacuum schedule is subject to change at the last minute due to command priorities, equipment availability and manpower shortages. Priority will be on the support of Soldiers participating in post-wide clean up activities.

Leaf vacuum pick up instructions

Rake leaves as close to the curb as possible, but not in the street or storm drains.

Leaves can also be bagged in the brown paper bags available at Self Help or residents may purchase them at the PX. Only these bags will be collected.

It's time to clean up West Point

By Martha Hinote
DPW Customer Relations

This is the time of the year when the entire West Point community puts all its energy and effort into a massive cleanup effort.

"Our goal is to have West Point in pristine condition by Nov. 30," said Col. Dan Bruno, Garrison Commander. "To achieve this goal," he added, "we need all community members to do their part in their work areas and housing communities."

"Post wide cleanup occurs twice each year -- during April and November," according to Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney, who is in charge with heading the cleanup effort, "The same way we concentrate on cleaning our homes during the fall and the spring, the Garrison concentrates its post cleanup efforts in the same way.

"Fall cleanup this year runs from Nov. 1 through 30," McNeirney added. "During this time you will see each troop unit in common areas throughout post raking, policing for debris, clearing branches and sweeping." The post is divided into sections and each unit is assigned sections based on USMA Reg 420-5. DPW supports the troop cleanup effort with all of its resources.

While the troops are cleaning

common exterior areas on post, building commandants will be busy organizing all occupants for special cleanup efforts in and immediately around all public buildings.

Building commandants are responsible for not only the interior of their buildings but also 50 meters around each building. If you go into any public building sometime during the month of November, you will find office workers dressed "down" and everyone pitching in to clean files, copy rooms, office spaces, conference rooms, storage areas, recycle areas, hallways, walkways and grounds.

They will be sweeping, raking, recycling, scrubbing, vacuuming, dusting and sometimes painting [by pre-arrangement only].

"When your building commandant gives you a cleanup date for your building, if your mission allows, please remember to wear your work clothes and pitch in," Bruno encourages. "Your help is needed," is echoed by both Bruno and McNeirney.

At the same time, all 900 plus Families living at West Point will be in their yards, weeding gardens and trimming shrubs and trees. The area coordinator, the senior service member in a specific neighborhood, is responsible to work with the community mayor, if possible, to devise a community common

area cleanup plan, ensuring that all playgrounds and common spaces are free of leaves, branches, other yard waste and debris and needed service and repair requests are submitted to DPW.

November 15 is the designated date for housing area cleanup [Nov. 16 is the rain date]. However, area coordinators may select another date if that is better for the residents in their area. Area coordinators should arrange for special DPW support early to insure resources are available.

If you are lucky enough to live in housing that is surrounded by trees and sometimes feel overwhelmed by the seemingly tons of leaves that fall and keep falling throughout November [and sometimes beyond] -- don't believe the myth that fallen leaves are good mulch and, therefore, should be left where they are to "fertilize" the grass.

The fact is, while chopped leaves do make great mulch,

whole leaves will not only harbor critters, but, if not removed, will rot and speed decay of the grass and plant life underneath them, according to Bob Jones, DPW Agronomist.

This will potentially cause more work in the spring by requiring residents to repair damaged spots in the lawn.

DPW can assist your fall cleanup effort with the following:

Self Help Center, Building 695, 938-5310: brown yard waste bags, rakes, leaf blowers and safety equipment

Land Maintenance Branch, 938-3318/8479/6859: Schedule leaf vacuum and street sweeper support

Solid Waste Management Branch, 938-4074/4281: bulk trash, recycling and hazardous waste

DPW Service Desk, 938-2316/4031: Report needed repair and maintenance

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Army and Community Sports Academy rivals Army, Air Force face off

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Army [3-5] returns to the gridiron after its bye week to face academy rival Air Force [6-3] Saturday at Falcon Stadium at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

The Black Knights won the last meeting at USAFA by the score of 27-24 in 2005, but lost last year's meeting versus the Falcons 43-7.

Army faces a Falcons squad that lost to New Mexico 34-31 Oct. 25, but who received another outstanding performance by senior wide receiver Chad Hall.

Hall leads Air Force in rushing yardage with 847 while leading the team in receptions with 38. He currently leads his team with 1,628 all-purpose yards.

The Falcons line Hall up in a two-back, I-formation, according to Army head football coach Stan Brock, and they also line him up in a split back formation with a fullback and another tailback or they put him at the wing in a typical option look. Hall has been used in a plethora of ways to include the wide wing while going in motion, which is most typical for wide receivers.

"They have a reverse we have seen them run and [Hall] has scored five touchdowns [off the play]," Brock said. "They throw him the ball. He is their go-to-guy. They

want to get him the ball as many times as they can. When he gets the ball he is very, very effective."

Senior safety Caleb Campbell said that Army has to concentrate on Hall so he doesn't take over the game like he did against Colorado State Oct. 13, when he amassed 256 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

"He's a great athlete and a big-time threat for Air Force," Campbell said. "He's very quick and he can change direction very well. Having the focus to know where he is on the field is going to help us tremendously as a defense."

Army will start sophomore quarterback Carson Williams, but senior quarterback David Pevoto has started practicing again this week after an ankle injury that has kept him sidelined for six weeks.

"Carson will start unless something huge happens," Brock said. "[Tuesday] was David's first practice. You just don't come in after missing that much time as a quarterback.

"Although he is healthy, you wonder how mentally and physically sharp he will be," he added. "Will he play? I will have to wait and see."

One player on defense who will not have to 'wait and see' is junior linebacker John Plumstead. He made a big impression in his first start versus Georgia Tech Oct. 20,



Seniors safety Caleb Campbell and cornerback John Laird [#36] take down Georgia Tech tight end Colin Peek at Georgia Tech Oct. 20. Campbell and Laird have combined for 101 tackles this season through the first eight games.

JIM FOX/PV

taking the place of injured senior Charlie Rockwood, by making nine tackles, including four for a loss and his first two career sacks.

His teammates are well aware of how confident Plumstead is and weren't worried about him hurting the defense.

"[Plumstead] went out and played his butt off and did a great job last week," said junior linebacker Frank Scappaticci. "Maybe he exceeded some people's expectations, but my expectations for him were high.

"I expect him to be even more excited for this game," he added. "I think we all have to step our game up just a little bit higher."

The players and Brock are pumped up for the game, and, for guys like Brock and freshman running back Patrick Mealy, this will be their first test against an academy opponent.

"I am very excited for my first game [as head coach in the Commander in Chief's Trophy series]," Brock said. "If we do the

things we know we can do and what we're good at and continue to practice hard, then when we go play Saturday, it doesn't matter who [we] line up against."

Mealy added, "I'm excited to go out there ... [with a win] it'll be one step closer to our goal of getting to a bowl game and getting the CIC. It would mean a lot to this team."

Saturday's game will be aired locally at 3:30 p.m. on CSTV [available with Time Warner Cable subscription package on channel 457 or, if you have DirecTV channel 610] with Tom Hart and Trev Alberts calling the game.

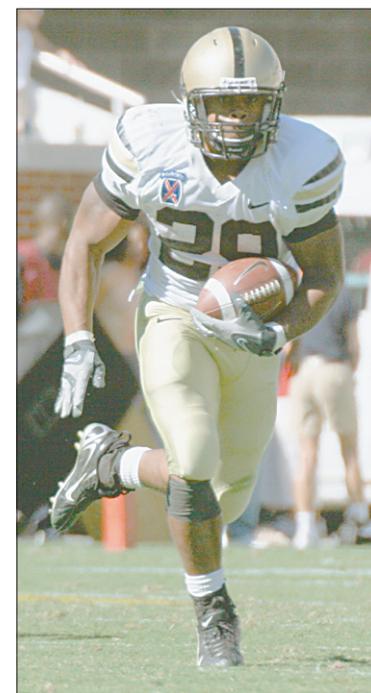
The Army game can be heard on the Army Sports Network through WABC 770-AM New York and Sirius Satellite Radio on Channel 123 beginning at 3:30 p.m., with John Minko and Dean Darling as the play-by-play man and color analyst, respectively.

The game is also audio-streamed via Army Knight Vision at www.goARMYSports.com.



Replacing senior linebacker Charlie Rockwood due to injury, junior linebacker John Plumstead stepped in and made a big splash. He made nine tackles, four tackles for a loss and two sacks in his first career start.

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Freshman running back Patrick Mealy looks forward to his first academy-rival game. He leads all Army runners with 253 yards this season. JIM FOX/PV

Mighty Mites win third annual Mighty Bowl



The Mighty Mites won three straight games to win West Point's first championship in the Mighty Mites tournament.

PHOTO BY ERIN BRYANT

By Ben Liotta Junior Black Knights

The third annual Mighty Bowl end of season Mighty Mites tournament was held Sunday at Michie Stadium, and for the first time, the local team brought home the trophy.

Eight teams from across Orange County competed in the tournament. In opening round play, Benny Storms gave JBK all they needed in defeating Goshen 2-0. Other round one winners were Newburgh, Middletown and Marlboro.

The semifinals saw JBK play a tough Newburgh team and the JBK defense stopped Newburgh on the last play of the game to preserve a 2-1 victory and a trip to the finals. Middletown defeated Marlboro in the other semifinal game.

The championship game was a hard fought contest between two teams playing their 3rd game of the day. JBK fell behind 1-0 and, on their final offensive possession in regulation time, the Mites tied the score with a touchdown.

The JBK defense held and the game went to overtime. The JBK defense stopped Middletown on

four straight plays, and then it was the Storms show again.

On the first play from the 10-yard line, Storms again got the call and wasted no time taking a sweep to the left right into the end zone bringing the championship home to the Junior Black Knights. The Mighty Mites completed a very successful season ending with a record of 7-2-3.

Division 1 [1-7] completed their season with another tough loss, this time to Cornwall 13-6. JBK D1 fell behind 13-0 in the first half, but the defense soon settled down and shut down the Dragons the rest of the game. The lone JBK D1 score came in the 4th quarter as Fullback Kyle Liotta punched it in from the one-yard line on 4th and goal.

The Division 1 players were applauded all season by coaches and parents for their relentless hard work and determination, traits that eventually will lead to victories on the field.

Division 3 [4-4] played Goshen at home and lost to the league powerhouse in a playoff tune-up game that had no bearing on the league standings. Division 3 had already clinched a playoff spot and

will play Cornwall in Cornwall Sunday at 4 p.m.

The Division 2 Junior Black Knights finished with a 7-1 record, good enough for 2nd place in their conference and a home playoff game against Warwick.

The team asks that the community come out and support the kids in their quest for their first ever D2 Championship. Fans are encouraged to wear black to the game as a show of support.

Army Pistol takes Buckeye Invitational

Army Pistol won the 8th Annual Buckeye Invitational Pistol Match hosted by The Ohio State University varsity pistol team in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 26 and 27.

Army won the match with a three event [Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Air Pistol] aggregate score of 6291 to Ohio State's 6260. Missouri State University was third with a score of 5852.

Led by Team Captain and All-

American, senior Daniel Hickok, Army shot well for their first match of the 2007-2008 collegiate pistol season.

Also on the scoring teams were All-Americans seniors Marc Eskew and Casey Miller and junior Kimberly Schultz. Senior Roldolfo Palma and juniors Ryan Dowd and Seth Freshly rounded out the scoring teams for the three events.

Army Boxing finishes 4-2 at Chuck Davey Classic

By Maj. Eric Buller
Army Boxing Coach

The Army Boxing Team competed Oct. 23 against top opponents from the Air Force and Naval at the 5th Annual Chuck Davey Classic at the Detroit Athletic Club.

In the feature bout, sophomore Matt Longo, in a rematch from last



Sophomore Matt Longo earned a unanimous decision against the defending champion from the U.S. Air Force Academy in a rematch of last year's national championship bout. Longo also was named the Most Outstanding Boxer of the event.

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season's national championship bout, used a technical and aggressive boxing style to earn a unanimous decision over the defending champion from Air Force, thereby staking his claim as the best 119-pound collegiate boxer in the country. Longo was also named the Most Outstanding Boxer of the event.

Sophomore Ryle Stous defeated an All-American opponent from the Navy. Other winners included sophomore Deonte Dawson, who defeated his USNA opponent, and senior J.T. Taylor, the Brigade Command Sergeant Major, who defeated his USAFA opponent.

Junior Nick Antonio was dominating his USAFA opponent, but was caught by a few hard blows in the third round and lost when the referee stopped the contest.

Sophomore Nate Taylor, lost a close decision to his USNA opponent with national championship experience, but, in



Sophomore Ryle Stous defeated an All-American opponent from the U.S. Naval Academy at the Chuck Davey Classic in Detroit Oct. 23.

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doing so, gained great experience at the elite level.

At the end of the night, Army and Navy both finished 4-2 in their bouts and Air Force finished 1-5.

This event kicked off the season for Army Boxing. They now head to Colorado Springs, Colo., and prepare for a head-to-head match up with at Air Force today.

WAR makes NERFU Finals

Submitted by the Women's Army Rugby Team

October 24 and 25 proved to be quite a challenge for the Army Women's Rugby team as it traveled to the University of Massachusetts for the New England Rugby Football Union Semifinals.

The Vassar women played a good game with aggressive and intense defense, to include great rucking.

Needless to say, it was a well-matched game, with two tries scored -- one by junior prop "Bobby D" Usher off a 5-meter line-out, and the second and third [including one conversion] by outside center junior Katie Pulliam. WAR defeated Vassar 17-0.

The atmosphere was right for a second electric game against top competitor Brown University.

Brown won 10-0 advancing to the NERFU finals as a number one seed, followed closely by number two seed Army.

Before the rematch against Brown, Army will host Syracuse University Saturday at Anderson Rugby Complex at 1 p.m., for the Northeastern Rugby Union Quarterfinals.

Racquetball takes third at Albany tournament

By Maj. Ken Braeger
Racquetball OIC

The Army Racquetball Team traveled to Albany, N.Y., Oct. 19 to 21 to compete in the second tournament of the 2007-08 Eastern Collegiate Racquetball Conference season. The Black Knights returned back to West Point with their best finish in 15 years -- finishing in third place in the men's, women's and combined categories.

Third place for the men was a repeat result of their first tournament in September played in Allentown, Pa. The men are continuing to get better with each tournament.

In Allentown, the battle for third place was a close fight between the 3rd through 5th place teams. In Albany, Army opened that gap and clearly held the position and actually closed the distance between second and third. Penn State won the tournament with their dominant top level players and deep roster. Division II Bryant College [R.I.] took 2nd and had a chance to upset the Division I powerhouse, but the #1 seeded

player from Bryant was upset in the semifinals.

The future is bright for the women's team. This was the first tournament in known history that Army was able to field a full roster of eight women. Many of the women are new to the game, but are improving quickly. This is mainly a building year for the women as the freshmen filled roster will develop as a group and soon dominate the other women's team in the conference.

In the last tournament in Allentown the women finished in 5th place and were only a few points from third place. This tournament the women increased their level of play and firmly grabbed the third place spot and threatened the top two teams from Penn State and Bryant College.

Overall, it's amazing how much better the team is getting. Players from other schools do not like to play the cadets from Army. Michelle Turk from Clarkson said, "The Army players are in such good shape and they don't give up. They can be down 14-0 and will

continue to try and win."

The cadets are working to get better for the next tournament, all in preparation to represent

the academy at the National Championships in the spring -- this year planned for either Texas A&M or Arizona State University.

Sports calendar

Nov. 2 - Nov. 11

Corps Squad

- FRIDAY -- SPRINT FOOTBALL VS. **NAVY**, SHEA STADIUM, 7 P.M.
- FRIDAY -- VB VS. LEHIGH, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 7 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- RIFLE, **PRESIDENT'S TROPHY**, IN ANNAPOLIS, MD., 9 A.M.
- SATURDAY -- WBB VS. VILLANOVA [SCRIMMAGE] CHRSTL ARENA, 11 A.M.
- SATURDAY -- MBB VS MARIST [SCRIMMAGE], CHRSTL ARENA, 3 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- FOOTBALL VS. **AIR FORCE** IN COLORADO SPRINGS, 3:30 P.M. [CSTV]
- SATURDAY -- MSOC VS. HOLY CROSS, CLINTON, 3 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- VB VS. LAFAYETTE, GFH, 3 P.M.
- MONDAY -- WSOC VS. **NAVY**, ANNAPOLIS, 7 P.M. [RE-SCHEDULED FROM 10/26]
- NOV. 9 -- FOOTBALL VS. RUTGERS, MICHIE STADIUM, 8 P.M. [ESPN2]
- NOV. 10 -- HOCKEY VS. AIC, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.
- NOV. 10 -- RIFLE VS. TCU, TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 9 A.M.
- NOV. 10 -- MSOC VS. **NAVY**, AT ANNAPOLIS, 7 P.M.
- NOV. 10 -- M&W SWIM & DIVING VS. UCONN., CRANDALL POOL, 1 P.M.
- NOV. 10 -- VB VS. BUCKNELL, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 4 P.M.
- NOV. 11 -- VB VS. COLGATE, GFH, 2 P.M.

Club

- FRIDAY -- PISTOL, TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 4 P.M.
- FRIDAY -- BOXING VS. **AF** AT USAFA, 4:30 P.M.
- FRIDAY -- RACQUETBALL VS. **AF**, AT USAFA, 5 P.M.
- FRIDAY -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE VS. **AF**, AT USAFA, 5:30 P.M.
- FRIDAY -- MEN'S VB VS. **AF** AT USAFA, 6 P.M.
- FRIDAY -- JUDO VS. **AF** AT USAFA, 7 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- PISTOL, TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 8 A.M.
- SATURDAY -- EQUESTRIAN, VS. REGIONAL OPPONENTS IN THE INTERCOLLEGIATE HORSE SHOW ASSOC., MORGAN FARM, 9 A.M.
- SATURDAY -- PAINTBALL VS. **AF** AT USAFA, 9 A.M.
- SATURDAY -- MEN'S RUGBY HOSTS THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL UNION PLAYOFFS, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, NOON AND 3 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S RUGBY VS. SYRACUSE, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 1 P.M. [NERU PLAYOFFS]
- SUNDAY -- SKEET & TRAP VS. YALE, 10 A.M., RANGE 10.
- NOV. 10 -- USMA OPEN JUDO TOURNAMENT, ACPDC, 7:30 A.M.
- NOV. 10 -- MEN'S RUGBY HOSTS THE NERFU CHAMPIONSHIPS, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 8 A.M.
- NOV. 11 -- SKEET & TRAP VS. THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE MID-HUDSON REGION, RANGE 10, 10 A.M.

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