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I caught a fishy!

Three-year-old Hailey Gerhart doesn't quite know what to do with the bass she caught during the annual West Point fishing derby Saturday held at Round Pond here. Eighty-one community members participated despite the dreary, cold rain that fell off and on during the day. [See story on page 8].

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Cheney to be graduation speaker

Community ready for graduation event, security still an issue

Compiled by Jim Fox
Editor

Roughly 980 U.S. Military Academy cadets will receive diplomas Saturday at Michie Stadium during graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2007.

The graduating class will march into the stadium at 8:40 a.m. Vice President Dick Cheney will be this year's speaker. The ceremony is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Tickets for general admission seating will be provided at the stadium gates beginning at 7 a.m., when gates open.

Officials stress that attendees should arrive at the stadium early. Parking is available in many locations with free shuttle bus service to Michie Stadium.

Attendees should enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates. Academy security officials caution that all those 16 years of age and older must show photo identification at the gates and all vehicles are subject to search. There will also be road closures and different traffic patterns throughout graduation day, said Joe Senger, West Point's force protection officer.

"Stony Lonesome Road will be closed from the intersection with Washington Road in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel, to

the intersection of Delafield Road near the stadium from roughly 6:45 a.m. until around 7:30 a.m.," he explained. "Thereafter, Stony Lonesome Road will open only from the intersection with Washington Road to the intersection with Schofield Place [entrance to Lusk housing area] until the completion of the graduation exercise."

Senger said military police will block all roads around Michie Stadium from 6 a.m. until the end of the ceremony around 11:30 a.m. Traffic can still use Delafield Road to move from the central post area to the Post Exchange area.

Community members should avoid the main gates, he cautioned.

"Because of the heavy traffic expected at Stony Lonesome and Thayer Gates, those with DOD decals and CAC cards or military ID cards should use Washington Gate to avoid the delays," Senger explained.

Parking for those using Washington Gate is available at the old PX lot or Trophy Point with shuttle buses available to the stadium area," he added.

Families and visitors will enter the stadium through security checkpoints at gates 2, 3, 6 and 6A, he said.

Senger cautions everyone to be prepared for security checks at



Vice President Dick Cheney
DOD PHOTO BY CHERIE A. THURLBY

the stadium.

"Those entering the stadium must pass through detectors run by our contract security guards and overseen by the Secret Service," he said. "Security will again not allow large bags, coolers, backpacks,

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Appeals court reverses NSPS labor relations ruling

By Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

An appeals court reversed the decision May 18 that had barred the Department of Defense from implementing the labor relations portions of the National Security Personnel System.

A panel of appeals court judges stated in their decision that the DOD has the authority under 2004 law to limit the collective bargaining rights of civilian employees through

2009. But DOD must ensure the collective bargaining rights are in line with the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act.

The decision overrules last year's district court decision that stated the "National Security Personnel System infringed on employees' rights to bargain collectively, receive an independent third-party review of labor-management disputes and have access to a fair process to resolve appeals of adverse management actions."

Congress granted DOD the authority to restructure civil service as part of the 2004 Defense authorization act. DOD officials have long maintained the current system is too rigid and outdated to allow them to respond to threats of terrorism.

Pentagon officials maintained that the law allows them to override collective bargaining agreements after they are reached and gives them the ability to narrow the items subject to bargaining as much as

they want.

The Office of Personnel Management praised the court's decision stating that it "confirms the [Defense Department's] direction with important personnel reforms in support of our critical national security mission."

But the American Federation of Government Employees, one of the 10 federal unions to file the lawsuit, said the fight over the

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War is Hell, so do without MySpace, YouTube

Commentary by Allan Holmes
Govexec.com

It's time to put into perspective this kerfuffle over the Defense Department barring access to MySpace, YouTube and other video and social networking sites.

Yes, "War Is Hell" and that means troops in an all-volunteer military sometimes just don't get everything they want or what is readily available to people in civilian life.

Or, to update the best recruiting slogan ever hatched by my branch of service, the U.S. Marine Corps, "We Never Promised You a Rose Garden or Internet Access."

The firestorm over DOD barring access to Web sites was kicked off by a tear-jerker of a lead in an Associated Press article carried

by us and newspapers around the world from London to Perth, which said that a change in DOD policy barring Soldiers' access to social networking and video-streaming sites meant "Soldiers serving overseas will lose some of their online links to friends and loved ones back home."

Somewhat true, but balderdash.

We have the most connected fighting force in the world. Marines, Soldiers, sailors and airmen today can communicate with their loved ones by e-mail, cell phones, regular phones and computers in Internet cafes not hooked up to military networks. They also can go the old fashioned route: Write a letter via snail mail.

The only thing they can't use as of this week are bandwidth hogging

sites for the simple reason that no one, even DOD, has an unlimited amount of bandwidth to fritter away on social networking streaming video sites.

There is a war on.

This wide range of communications options available to troops today stands in stark contrast to my experience in Vietnam, where a letter took days to reach home, or the experience of my father, who served in the Philippines during The Big One, and who had to wait weeks for his letters to reach home. U.S.

military personnel today [including sailors and Marines floating around the bounding main] are far more connected than I or my father ever was.

The caterwauling by the chattering class about DOD and MySpace [*The Washington Post* declared this week that MySpace was "A Casualty of War"] also ignores one of the real harsh realities of war: The troops who most need access to creature comforts -- the grunts who do the dirty work -- have the least amount of access. Based on my experience, grunts

don't have high-speed Internet access, let alone access to essentials such as soap, water and hot meals. But, instead of focusing on that, folks such as Rep. Ed Markey [D-Mass] are beating on DOD about barring access to MySpace over military networks.

Finally, I suggest anyone wasting time blogging or bloviating over DOD and MySpace in the greater Washington area can put their time to much better use by driving to Baltimore Washington International Airport to greet the Soldiers coming off the charter flights from Iraq, look the Soldiers in the eye, shake their hands and say, "Thank you for your service."

SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahan, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Samantha Ross [USCC], Maj. Kim Kawamoto [ODIA] and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams [Dean]. Community members can e-mail McMahan at Jeanette.McMahan@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

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

Difficulty: Hard

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Local and National News

10th Mountain Division Task Force here for summer training

By Sgt. Michael J. Taylor
10th Sustainment Brigade

FORT DRUM, N.Y. -- Duty is defined as a legal or moral obligation to accomplish all assigned or implied tasks to the fullest of your ability. For the 10th Mountain Division, responding to the call of duty has always been, and will remain, a crucial part in the success of the division.

Sunday the 10th Mountain Division again stepped up and responded to the call of duty as they sent nearly 1,100 Soldiers from several different units to the U.S. Military Academy.

The division has been tasked to support USMA by providing Soldiers to train the academy's cadets, who could potentially become the future leaders of the U.S. Army, according to Lt. Col Michael R. Thomas, Task Force Mountain Guardian Commander.

Task Force Mountain Guardian is the name of the Task Force in charge of the mission.

"In previous years only infantry task forces were assigned this type of mission, but due to the amount of support Soldiers being exposed to the front lines during recent

conflicts, the army recognized that the mission can be accomplished by units other than combat arms," Thomas said.

The 10th Mountain Division sent Soldiers from the 59th Chemical Company; the 511th Military Police Company; the Headquarters Company, Division Special Troops Battalion; the 57th Transportation Company and the Headquarters Detachment, 91st Military Police Battalion.

Several units from Fort Polk, La., Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Eustis, Va. are also participating in the training.

"The significance is that this task force is made up of all different types of units and this will be a multifaceted mission," Thomas said. "This is an Army team effort during a very challenging time. It is not one unit doing it all by themselves."

The Soldiers will be teaching the cadets skills such as reacting to ambushes, patrolling techniques, mounted operations, urban operations, conducting searches and attacks, convoy movement, land navigation, first aid and more.

"Our ultimate goal is to provide a foundation with training that will carry the cadets throughout their military careers," Thomas said. "We will train these cadets to not only fight, but win our countries

battles during future conflicts.

"I think this is a good opportunity for the Soldiers who are going because this is a chance for them to train for their future," he added. "I

am very confident in our team and I believe that when it is all said and done, this will be a great experience for our Soldiers and the cadets," Thomas said.



91st MP Bn.

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umbrellas, wrapped packages or banners of any type into the stadium, so plan accordingly."

Children attending the ceremony will be allowed to take part in the traditional hat toss, which marks the end of the graduation ceremony, Senger said.

[See Hat Toss box on page 4 for additional information].

For more information contact DPTMS, Joe Senger, at 938-8859.

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Alternative fuel projects coming to West Point

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

The U.S. Military Academy has taken a giant leap forward in the hopes of creating a better environment with two alternative fuel projects.

West Point will be the first service academy to have alternative fuel vehicles that use ethanol, or E85. This fuel consists of 85 percent ethanol and comes from corn production and alcohol 15 percent gasoline.

There will be a 5,000-gallon tank placed above ground at the motor pool that will serve 45 vehicles. The E85 project should be up and running by the end of the summer.

"Ethanol is great because you don't have the carbon release. It burns much cleaner because only 15 percent of it is gasoline," said Christopher Miller, environmental protection specialist for the Directorate of Public Works here. "We'll be putting 85 percent less pollution in the air than [we would] using all gas."

E85 will make a significant impact on both pollution reduction

and cost, he said.

The Defense Energy Support Center, at the urging of the Army Petroleum Center, funded the \$50,000 E85 tank that will be permanently placed at the motor pool. The money saved through using ethanol will be seen quickly at the gas pumps.

"The price comparison with gasoline being \$3.30 or greater nationwide up compared to the E85 being about \$2.10 -- it will be substantial over time," Miller said. "This is not a very costly startup project at all. We're not pooling together a great deal of resources to initiate an infrastructure that will safely operate this."

The 20-foot long by six-foot wide tank will be placed in a secure, fenced in area with lighting and cameras. DPW will fund the construction aspect of the project.

"DPW has coordinated all facets of E85," Miller explained. "DPW is going to construct the concrete pad, tank alarm and monitoring system that is an electrical hook up which signals us about leaks and how much fuel is in the tank."

Besides the cost, the importance of saving the environment is key

since the Hudson Valley Region is an ozone depleting chemical area.

"We have difficulty staying within certain ranges of pollution because of our proximity to industry," Miller stated. "But with the E85 project we're going to save a great deal in our air quality and that's huge."

With 45 alternative fuel vehicles on site, there will be significant savings in the long run for the Directorate of Logistics as well.

"All non-tactical vehicles such as pickups, tool trucks and vans will account for more than half the number of vehicles we have," Miller said. "Ethanol is better for engines, so maintenance-wise there's going to be another area of cost savings."

"The engine won't gum up and the fuel is going to burn cleaner, so the engine benefits from that," he added.

The other alternative fuel project the academy is involved with using hydrogen fuel cells, which came about through a memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center and USMA and U.S. Army

Garrison at West Point.

Colonel Kip Nygren, head of Civil and Mechanical Engineering here, is the overseer of the project from the Dean's side, while DPW has environmental oversight.

The difference with the hydrogen project is that West Point is being used for joint research in the use of fuel cell vehicles. The cost of the project is covered by General Motors because this will be a test site for their new Chevrolet Equinox fuel cell vehicles.

"GM is coming out with hydrogen vehicles, so we will be using their state-of-the-art first line hydrogen vehicles," Miller explained. "This is a cooperative agreement and the cost to the taxpayer is nothing at all."

"The Army greatly benefits from it," he added.

Once the hydrogen fuel cell tank is dropped into place with the pumps and dispensing system hooked up, the vehicles should be ready to run by September.

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labor relations rules is "far from over," adding that because of the strong dissent and previous court rulings, a full court review seems appropriate.

The unions could appeal the decision to the full appeals court, the Supreme Court or both.

In the meantime, however, a provision in the 2008 Defense authorization bill that would overhaul the Pentagon's

implementation of the system, restore employees' collective bargaining and appeal rights and require the department to bargain with unions before implementing pay for performance is on Capital Hill. The house approved the bill May 17 and several unions are urging the Senate to pass a similar bill.

"We commend the House for repairing the damage inflicted

by the department's misguided personnel system and are confident the Senate will do the same," AFGE President John Gage said.

DOD officials said they will not make any changes to the labor relations rules right away.

"The Pentagon will evaluate the court's ruling before making any decisions on the labor relations rules," said Joyce Frank, the NSPS spokeswoman.

Graduation Hat Toss guidelines

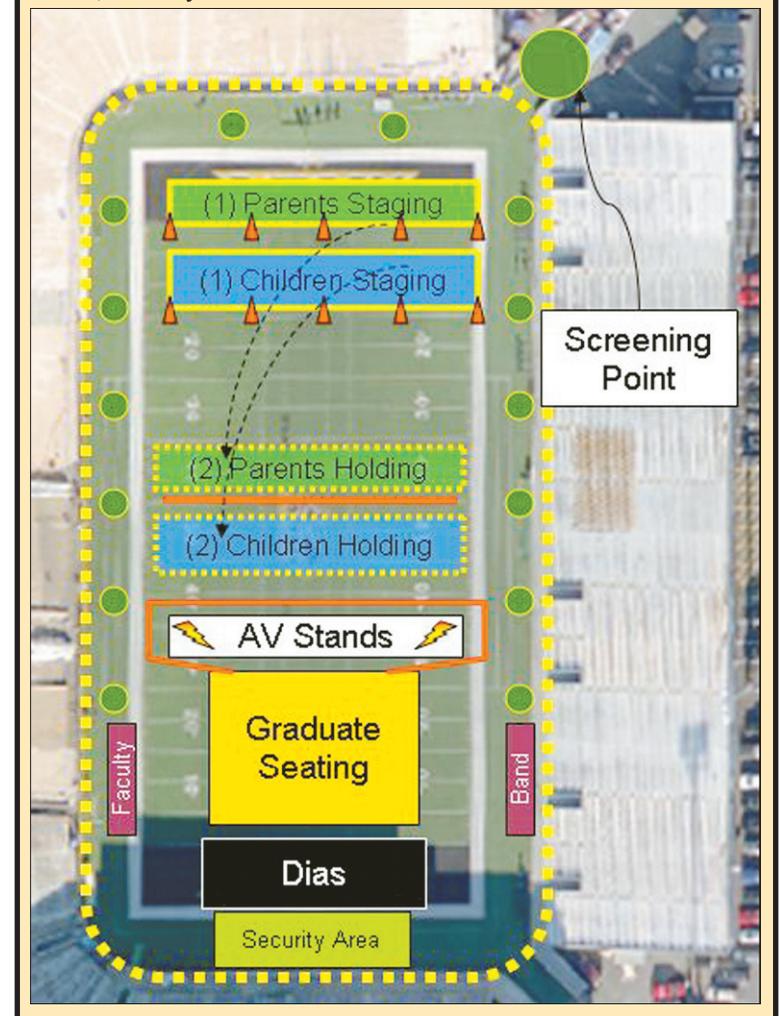
To take part in the Hat Toss event, children must be between 6 and 10 years old **and** be between 42" and 54" tall. After diploma distribution begins, participating children must be brought by their parents to the screening point near Gate #3.

After screening, all eligible children and parents will move to the staging areas. Parents and children must remain in their respective staging area for their children to participate in the Hat Toss exercise.

Only children will be brought forward to participate in the Hat Toss. Parents will wait for them in the Parents Holding area.

After the Hat Toss, parents and children will reunite in the Parents Holding area behind the Press Stand and leave the field by Gate #3.

Participants [parents and children] in the Hat Toss will take all directives from the officers/non-commissioned officers, Military Police, Security Personnel and cadets.



Community Features and Photos

Cadet pilot project studies Blackberry use feasibility

By Cadet 2nd Class
Anna Johnson
Blackberry Pilot
Project Leader

Five second class cadets from the Engineering Psychology Program are getting connected to the network 24/7 this month. The five are piloting a network science project to understand mobile battle-command, small display design and social network behaviors.

"A pilot study is conducted when research requires procedures and methods that have never been tried before," according to Maj. Jared Sloan, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and Primary Investigator here. "While we are starting out with a small group, the larger studies will expand this research to more than 100 blackberries by the summer's end."

A Blackberry is essentially a mobile phone that can also do e-mail. The difference between those used by the cadets and a civilian phone is this device is fully connected to the USMA server system, which means that whatever is on the cadet user's desktop or laptop is also on this device. The Blackberry has Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel and even a Power-Point viewer and connects to the West Point system from anywhere in the U.S. through cell phone towers.

In the Army, Blackberries are normally reserved for senior members of the command group.

"In this project, we are connecting the folks at the tip of the spear to the information grid," said Lt. Col. John Graham, assistant professor and head of the Engineering Psychology Program. "We are treating this device as a mobile command and control enabler -- essentially a commercially-available version of the Army's Future Combat System. We will learn a lot about how individuals and organizations change when members are always connected."

The pilot project is funded by Project Manager-Battle Command and the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center and is an interdisciplinary effort among three USMA Departments. The Departments of Mathematics, Behavioral Science

& Leadership and Electrical Engineering & Computer Science all have diverse interests in the project.

Maj. Ian McCulloh, Department of Mathematics instructor, is interested in algorithms that describe human behavior.

"If we can get to a point where we can accurately predict who will contact who and when, I will consider this project an extreme success," he stated. "Thus far, math majors Cadets 1st Class Matt Webb and Grace Garcia, during their first class research projects, had success in finding math models that accurately describe how humans will interact, based on how they have interacted in the past.

"Next year, Cadet 3rd Class Josh Lospinoso and Cadet 2nd Class Daniel Baller will expand on this research," McCulloh added, "incorporating the lessons learned this summer in the pilot program."

John James, Ph.D., Director of the USMA Network Science Center for EE&CS, is involved in the network issues related to the devices. As more and more individuals are fully connected to the information grid, the pressure on the server system and connectivity increases.

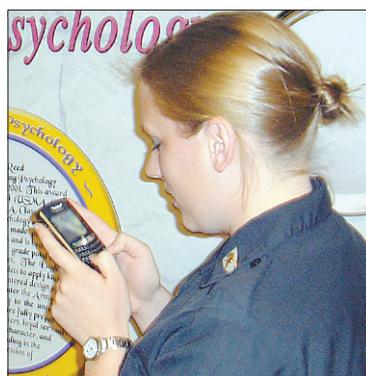
Further, there are significant security issues related to a mobile device that is connected to the USMA system. Each problem and issue represents a research project opportunity. Each research project leads to better support for our Soldiers.

"The common operational picture that we seek to provide to Soldiers involved in future conflicts will actually be different for each unit," James stated. "An insight we hope to obtain from this project is how known patterns of information exchange for current activities can be understood well enough to predict information exchange requirements for similar, but slightly different activities."

Sloan is interested in how junior leaders will respond to the devices.

"These select cadets will go from being connected to the information grid when near a computer in their rooms to being connected all of the time," Sloan said.

Some of the questions raised by BS&L cadets were "How is



The author, Cadet 2nd Class Anna Johnson, checks her Blackberry. PHOTO PROVIDED

the device integrated into the typical cadet's life? When will they be able to turn it off? How do they respond with a small thumb operated keyboard? What can they really do with such a small screen?"

Initial answers to these questions will come as the pilot study cadets join Camp Buckner staff, head out to training in Army Units and execute other summer operations.

If all goes well with the pilot study this summer, a greater number of cadets will receive

Blackberries in the fall from an Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense - Networks research grant. Further, a large number of Eisenhower Leadership Development Program officer-students will receive Blackberries from an Army Research Institute research grant.

"This is new territory for research," Sloan said. "We have had to work very closely with EE&CS and [the Directorate of Information Management] to set up the first five cadets for research. EE&CS has the computer science research orientation, while DOIM has the practical and administrative

expertise."

The larger study may include more than 100 Blackberries, so the pilot program will work out the kinks and bugs.

Ultimately, this experiment could change how the Army thinks about mobile battle-command. These cadets are not biased about how technology should fit into their work and lives.

"We expect the cadets to use the Blackberries in ways that a senior leader would never consider," said a Cadet Project Leader. "Capturing the creative user is as important as logging the normal patterns of use."

Dan Rather brings U.S. Military Academy to HDNet

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

One of the most recognizable journalists of our time visited West Point May 17 and 18 to tell the story of the U.S. Military Academy and its role in today's Global War on Terrorism.

Dan Rather, prominent for his anchor and managing editor role on the *CBS Evening News* from 1981 to 2005, returned to West Point for the first time in five years to do an hour-long feature for his show, *Dan Rather Reports*, on HDNet.

Rather, 75, last entered the gates of West Point accompanying USMA distinguished graduate Hal Moore in 2002 when there was a special showing for cadets of the movie, *We Were Soldiers*.

His return is to focus on West Point and how it trains leaders to adapt to an ever-changing world for his new show, which began in November, and re-introduce the public to the academy during the early stages of the 21st Century while the Nation is at war.

"I'm profiling West Point and I want to talk about the 21st century cadet," Rather said. "What are they taught; how are they taught it, what are their goals, their dreams? Then within that I will explore what these future officers are taught in subjects such as the rules of armed conflict and the Army's own Code of Conduct.

"I want to know what these future officers have thought about these real-time situations that they read [about] in the paper as well as heroism," he added. "This is not an investigative report designed to spur debate. West Point is the red beating heart of the Army's officer corps and I think a lot of people have little to no idea what it really is like to be here."

Rather spoke to a handful of cadets and staff and faculty members to include Cadet First Captain Jonathan Nielsen and Department of Law Head and Professor Col. Maritza Ryan to get an idea of cadet life and the ethical teachings that cadets receive to better enable them to avoid future military missteps such as the abuse at Abu Ghraib.

Many West Point graduates have crossed Rather's path during his 57-year journalism career such as Dwight D. Eisenhower, but it's the Soldiers and some young

"West Point is the red beating heart of the Army's officer corps and I think a lot of people have little to no idea what it really is like to be here,"

**Dan Rather
Dan Rather Reports,
HDNet**

current West Point graduates, those who dig deep into the dirt, that have always caught his eye.

"I've been honored, and I use that word measurably, to report on the American men and women in combat who serve in a lot of hell-hole places," Rather explained. "Courage and valor is what stands out most about them. Beyond that, I'm always struck by their idealism."

Optimism is definitely a strength needed when driving a HMMVV through the improvised explosive devised streets of Iraq or walking a foot in the Taliban-lurking mountainous terrain of Afghanistan. Most of all, Rather is impressed with the "dedication to the mission by the Soldiers to fight the radical, violent Islamic terrorism."

Through all the pain and sorrow that has come with the GWOT, Rather, from his experience of covering the Vietnam War on the ground for a year to all his ventures into Iraq and Afghanistan, has not yet seen the same breaking point in this generation of Soldiers.

"In Vietnam, once we started losing the real spine of the military, the non-commissioned officer corps and the best junior officers, it wasn't the same Army," Rather stated. "We have not reached that stage yet, but I do worry about it.

"One tour, two tours and by the time you get to a third tour, it hits hard on the ranks of the non-commissioned officers and junior officers. How much more can a family take? I hope my worries prove to be unjustified," he added. "Whether someone in the military command wants to acknowledge it or not, the Army [to include the Reserves and the National Guard] is strained and stretched, not quite to the breaking point, but to a point of concern. Our young officers and NCOs need our support and encouragement."

Telling the story of the Army's future officers in this new medium is an interesting one for Rather. HDNet will bring the highest quality of high definition television to those seeking top quality pictures and a sharper, more vivid look that adds more depth to the journalism. It also is the first time that Rather has a show that he can call his own.

"It's exciting, but it's also daunting," said Rather, who was also a correspondent for CBS' 60 Minutes. "For the first time in my journalism career, I have complete and absolute editorial and creative control.

"There's a liberating quality there and I love it," he added. "I have a passion for what I'm doing, I have a passion for this work and I particularly like it when I do something such as the story on West Point."

Rather credits Edward R. Murrow, a pioneer of news broadcasting, as his early inspiration in journalism. He has covered some of the biggest stories of our time, including the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, up to 9-11. Rather, as CBS's bureau chief in Dallas in 1963, was the first to report the actual death of



Cadet First Captain Jonathan Nielsen shows Dan Rather around cadet central area during his visit here to film an hour-long feature for *Dan Rather Reports*.

the president. But, some of the stories he's covered have changed his outlook on life.

"I had the responsibility of covering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement and that changed me as a person and as a journalist," Rather explained. "Then there was the year I spent in Vietnam in the relatively early stages of the war -- no one could go into that green jungle hell and come out the same person."

He continues to work to this day, but as he nears 60 years in the journalism field, no matter what people's perception is of him, he considers himself truly blessed to have worked with some great people and covered some unbelievable events.

"Whether it's believed or not," Rather stated. "I'm humble about the fact that I'm sometimes at the right place at the right time to tell the story."

H-4 cadets organize toy drive for Iraqi children

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

All children enjoy receiving presents. It's a tradition we have all come to expect in America. This is not so true in Iraq, where children, because of the war environment, are less likely to receive presents for economic reasons as well as lack of availability.

That was Cadet 4th Class Peter Campbell's [company H-4 Hogs] thought when he came up with the idea of a toy drive to send toys and school supplies to Iraqi children.

"I just wanted to do something," Campbell said. "I wanted to see if

we could get toys, school supplies and even clothing to send to Iraqi children. It's a way of bringing a little joy to their lives and it helps win the hearts and minds of the children and the Iraqi people. The Soldiers [in Iraq] have seen first hand how children look when they are handed a toy."

In February Campbell went to his platoon leader, Cadet 1st Class James Kelly, and discussed the project.

"I thought it sounded like a great idea," Kelly said. "I provided assistance by calling a couple of friends and grads to see what we could do about funding and

trying to figure out the logistics of it all, like the cost of mailing and arranging for distribution. I just kind of mentored a plebe experience. It was Campbell who initiated the project."

Galatea Badger, deployment readiness manager at Army Community Service said she had contact with Campbell a few times through e-mails and supported the project.

"I thought it was a great idea," Badger said. "Campbell e-mailed me to find out what the Iraqi children needed and I helped with that. I was also able to get addresses from Soldiers in Iraq for distributions."

The cadets went to the academic departments and the cadet book store to get permission to put boxes outside in the halls to collect toys.



Cadet 1st Class James Kelly with a truck packed with 20 boxes of toys.

PHOTO BY GALATEA BADGER/ACS

"We had a great deal of support from everyone from the Dean to department heads who allowed us to collect toys in their area," Kelly said. "We were able to get funding for shipping costs and advice from Michael Franzino [USMA 1971], a managing partner in Heidrick and Struggles investment firm on Wall Street in New York. There were a lot of cadet companies who also

donated. The generosity of everyone involved was astounding."

Kelly said cadet company D-2 actively wrote home to ask family and friends to donate action figures to help with their company's participation.

The cadets collected approximately 200 pounds of toys, school supplies, stuffed animals and children's books.



Cadet 1st Class James Kelly [left] and Cadet 4th Class Peter Campbell with one of the full container of toys outside of the Cadet Book Store in Thayer Hall here.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Cadet 4th Class Peter Campbell of company H-4 sorts through 200 pounds of toys collected in a toy drive here for children in Iraq.

PHOTO BY CADET 1ST CLASS JAMES KELLY/H-4

Annual Fishing Derby helps hook beginners

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Community children and parents braved the cold rain Saturday to attend the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the West Point Bass Club sponsored annual fishing derby at Round Pond here.

"We had a total of 81 who pre-registered or registered on the day of the event," said Nils Anderson, vice-president of the W.P.B.C. and secretary of the general staff for the U.S. Corps of Cadets. "The weather kept a lot of people away and some left the event early, but we are still happy with the outcome. Fish bite better with rain and a lower barometric pressure."

As if to make that point, several children pulled in various types of fish within minutes of each other.

Five-year-old Christoffer Snel caught a sun fish. Snel's father, Maj. John Snel of the 411th Engineers Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company out of New Windsor, N.Y., is deployed in Iraq.

"I have seven boys here, but only five are entered in the derby," said Christoffer's mom Teki Snel. "This was our first fishing derby. I

had taken them fishing once when we were in Kentucky.

A family there allowed us to go fishing in their pond and helped the oldest boys fish for a while," she said. "The children enjoyed the derby despite the rain and I am trying to find a weekend where we can go back out fishing again."

Robert Praninto, who is 10, caught the first trout and the second minutes later.

The event is roughly 30 years old and was associated with the West Point Rod and Gun Club 23 years ago before the Bass Club took it over, according to Anderson.

Bass Club members teach children [and some adults] how to put bait -- usually worms, on a fishing line, how to cast and how to reel the fish in.

"The fish can be any weight, but if they wanted to keep them, the fish must be at least six inches," said Peter Spinning, maintenance supervisor and coordinator for outdoor recreation here.

Colonel Eugene Palka, a W.P.B.C. member, professor and head of the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, had the task of weighing the fish.

"Some of the fish are so small that they should be thrown back

in, but that's not important to the kids," he said. "They just enjoy fishing. For some of them, it's their first time."

Three-year-old Hailey Gerhart caught a bass, but since it is not bass season yet, it had to be thrown back.

Prizes were sponsored by the West Point Women's Club, Coca Cola, Kellogg's, Hudson Valley Renegades, W.P.B.C. and Pisces Restaurant in Cornwall-on-Hudson.

Prizes included boys' and girls' mountain bikes, a rod and reel, a tackle box, four tickets to a Hudson Valley Renegades game, 10 coupons for bowling and various fishing items. There were plenty of opportunities to win prizes throughout the day with door prizes and even prizes for those who picked up the most trash.

First prize recipients [based on total weight of fish caught] were

Elizabeth Bert with 1.7-pounds in the 5-8 age group, Kyle Walling in the 9-11 age group with a 3.9 pounds and Mark Knowlton with a

5.0 pounds in the 12-15 age group. First prize was a mountain bike, second was a rod and reel and third was an empty tackle box.



Ten-year-old Robert Praninto caught the first and second trout of the day. Here the W.P.B.C.'s Col. Gene Palka weighs his catch.



[Left to right] Lisa Spinning helps Jeremiah Snel, 7, cast his line. Five-year-old brother Christoffer Snell already has his line in the water at the West Point Fishing Derby Sat. at Round Pond.



Christoffer Snel catches a sun fish and is helped by West Point Bass Club member George Peterson. Peterson said he remembers taking his daughter fishing at Round Pond. His daughter is now 60 years old.



Distinguished Graduates

[From left to right] Retired Lt. Gen. John M. Wright [USMA '40], Brig. Gen. Amos A. Jordan ['46], Col. Joseph G. Clemons ['51], Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Franklin ['55] and Maj. Gen. Bernard Loeffke ['57] enjoy their day after they were recognized as the 2007 Distinguished Graduates by the Association of Graduates. Each was presented the Distinguished Graduate medal by AOG Chairman Theodore G. Stroup Jr. during the award presentation on the Plain Tuesday.

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Cadet earns Rotary Award

Cadet 1st Class Aaron McKenney [right] was selected as the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club Service Above Self awardee for the Class of 2007 by the U.S. Corps of Cadets. Here McKenney and WP-HF RC President Jerry Sheehan touch base at the May 17 meeting at the Thayer Hotel here.

PHOTO BY LT. COL. KENT CASSELLA/PAO

'Last man standing'

USMA Class of 1932 grad leads the way during annual alumni ceremonies

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Sunny blue skies made the "Long Gray Line" seem new again Tuesday as former graduates of the U.S. Military Academy participated with current cadets in alumni events.

The classes of 1932, '37, '42, '47, '52 and '57 made the march from Eisenhower Statue along the Plain to the Sylvanus Thayer Statue to place a wreath at the foot of "the father of the military academy."

Leading the way with help from Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and Association of Graduates Chairman retired Lt.

Gen. Theodore Stroup Jr., was 97-year-old retired Brig. Gen. William B. Kunzig.

Immensely spry despite his advanced years, the 1932 graduate walked every step of the way from Eisenhower to Thayer and then stood throughout the wreath-laying ceremony and the Distinguished Graduate Award Review.

Kunzig, born and raised as an Army brat with a father and two brothers also graduated from West Point, who said he has been to every anniversary mark since his classes' 50th back in 1982.

"It's a wonderful event," Kunzig said. "This one will be the greatest event of all for me because I'm the oldest graduate here. I've been to a number of reunions and at the last one, five years ago, there were about five of us here and they're all gone now."

Kunzig is honored to be the "Last Man Standing," as he called it, from his class of 1932. He reminisced about the friendships he had and how the size of the academy has changed. His class had 262 graduates.

A 30-year Army veteran, Kunzig said the most notable moment of his career was being in the European Theater during World War II.

"I was in charge of training every battalion that made the assault landing at Normandy on Omaha and Utah beaches," Kunzig stated. "I was a lieutenant colonel then and trained them with realistic battle landing exercises. I had a great deal



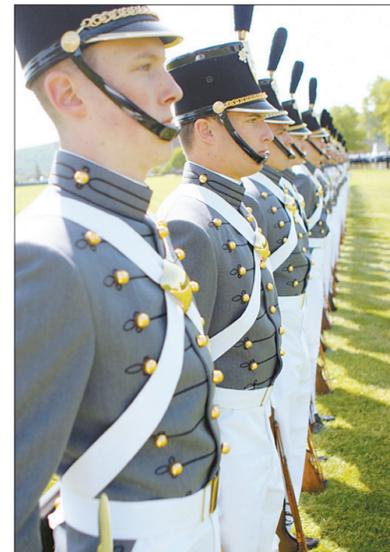
Kunzig and Hagenbeck have a brief conversation prior to the beginning of the graduate class walk to Thayer Statue with Stroup in the foreground.



Class of 1932 graduate retired Brig. Gen. William B. Kunzig [left] stands with Cadet First Captain Jonathan Nielsen while they salute after placing a wreath at the foot of "the father of the academy" Sylvanus Thayer's Statue Tuesday at West Point.



Kunzig [right] stands with U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck during the wreath ceremony.



Cadets line up as they pay tribute to the Classes of 1932, '37, '42, '47, '52 and '57 as they pass by them during the wreath ceremony.



Kunzig and Nielsen place a wreath at the foot of the Sylvanus Thayer Statue.



The Combined Cadet Choirs sang the Alma Mater and The Corps for the graduates and family members on hand during alumni ceremonies Tuesday.



The Class of 1947 walks along diagonal walk as they are accompanied by classes of 1932, '37, '42, '52 and '57.

of satisfaction in being responsible for their training."

After his Army career, he went on to work in the engineering business before settling on the hotel business. Since 1973, he

has owned and operated a large number of Residence Hotels in the San Francisco area and created the Golden Gate Hotel Association.

Kunzig was accompanied by his wife, Vivian, who he's been married to since 1939, and his son, William Jr.

Life changed for Kunzig in December when he retired from the hotel business.

"My wife is glad to have me home now," Kunzig explained. "I'm busy catching up with a lot of miscellaneous things that I didn't get around to doing when I was working hard in the hotel business."

Walking behind Kunzig to Thayer Statue were members of the Classes of 1937, '42, '47, '52 '57 and other non-reuniting graduates of various classes.

Hagenbeck [left], Kunzig and Association of Graduates Chairman retired Lt. Gen. Theodore G. Stroup, Jr. [holding on to Kunzig's arm] make their way along Diagonal Walk toward Thayer Statue.



MWR Blurbs

Soldier Appreciation Day

U.S. Army Garrison, West Point and MEDDAC Soldiers are invited to participate in Soldier Appreciation Day Thurs. at Camp Buckner from 9:30 a.m. until complete.

Summer Reading Rodeo

The West Point Post Library will conduct a "Summer Reading Rodeo" from June 18 until July 28.

The program is open to all West Point community children ages 3 to 12. Registration will run from June 6 to 15.

To sign up, stop by the Post Library, Bldg. 622 or call 938-2974.

Executive Transition Workshop

Register now for the upcoming Executive Transition Workshop being held July 9-11 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. [attendance is required at all three days of the workshop] at Army Community Service [Bldg. 622].

Seating is limited, so reserve your spot today. Attendance at this workshop will meet the requirement for Pre-separation Counseling [DD2648].

For more information, contact Jan Meert, ACS Employment Readiness Program Manager, at 938-5658 or janeatta.meert@usma.edu.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Services is now offering a variety of financial readiness classes. Call Joyce Harris at 938-5653 for more information.

Father's Day Brunch

The West Point Club will host a Father's Day Brunch June 17 in the Pierce Dining Room.

There will be two seatings -- at 10 a.m. and at Noon.

For reservations and for more information, call 938-5120.

Summer Horse Camps

Morgan Farm will offer three- and five-day summer horse camps this summer in Beginner Western.

The three-day mini-camp is from July 30 to Aug. 1.

The five-day camps are from July 9-13, 16-20 and 23-27.

No intermediate or advanced camps are scheduled at this time. Camps will be added according to the level of demand.

Call 938-3926 or 446-5365 or go to www.westpointmwr.com for more info.

Army Teen Panel

Teens ... want to make new friends, travel and learn new things? We have just the opportunity for you. The Installation Management Command Northeast Region is now interviewing potential applications

for Army Teen Panel.

We are looking for military teens between the ages of 13-17, who are interested in being a voice for other teens, traveling, making new friends, communicating new ideas, developing leadership skills and making a difference in the community.

To make a difference, contact Renee Podolec at [757] 788-5270 or renee.podolec2@us.army.mil.

WPGC now open

The West Point Golf Course and Driving Range are open. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to dusk. For more info., call 938-2435.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater
at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- **Blades of Glory**, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- **CLOSED**

June 1 -- **TMNT**, 7:30 p.m., PG

June 2 -- **Blades of Glory**, 7:30 p.m., PG-13

June 8 -- **Disturbia**, 7:30 p.m., PG-13

June 9 -- **The Invisible**, 7:30 p.m., PG-13

June 15 -- **Next**, 7:30 p.m., PG-13

The theater schedule can also be found at www.aafes.com.

Change to gate ID checking procedures begin Monday

**By Joe Senger
Force Protection Office**

Beginning Monday gate security guards will inspect the identification of all vehicle occupants entering West Point in both the DOD and all other lanes.

This will include the South Post Gate that leads to Spellman Hall and the Five Star Inn and Camps Buckner and Natural Bridge during cadet summer training.

Personnel are advised that the security guards will handle each respective identification card to ensure its authenticity.

This change in procedure is to ensure West Point is in compliance with Department of the Army Installation Access Control directives.

Remember that all persons 16 and older are required to show the security guards a valid, government issued photo ID upon entering the installation.

For more information contact, the Force Protection Officer at 938-8859 or the Security Officer at 938-2042.

Keller Corner

KACH closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed May 28. The emergency room will remain open.

Call 911 ...

If you need emergency care, go to the nearest hospital emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance. This simple rule applies to emergencies on and off West Point.

Clinical Breast Study

Female military health care beneficiaries between 30 to 45 years of age are invited to participate in an ongoing clinical breast study to evaluate a new non-invasive imaging technology for its ability to identify young women who may be at an increased risk for breast cancer. Contact Joyce Epstein-Ross FNP at 938-8387.

Did you know ...

that limiting excessive sun exposure during the first 18 years of life is probably the most important intervention that will decrease the risk of skin cancers later in life?

Reducing exposure to the sun between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., wearing protective clothing and hats, and applying a sunscreen with a sun protective factor [SPF] of 15 or above will diminish the risk of these highly preventable cancers.

What's Happening

Tours curtailed

The U.S. Military Academy will not provide tours of the academy grounds Friday and Saturday due to Graduation activities.

The Visitors Center information desk, West Point Gift Shop and the West Point Museum will be open to the public.

On Memorial Day, Monday, tours will start at 9:45 a.m., but will be curtailed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The last tour will leave the Visitors Center at 3:30 p.m.

Valid photo identification is required for all adults ages 16 and older wishing to take the guided tour of the academy.

Memorial Day at WP

The U.S. Army Garrison and U.S. Military Academy Band will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony at Battle Monument Monday at Noon. The commemoration is conducted annually to honor the Nation's war dead and those still missing in action.

WPWC

The WPWC Gift Shoppe, located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at www.shopthepoint.com and is open Wed. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Shoppe is always open by appointment by contacting Julie at 446-2950.

USO

The USO has served tens of millions of service men and women, their families and dependents.

The USO currently operates more than 130 centers worldwide, including 10 mobile canteens located in the U.S. and overseas.

For information on USO programs and services or how to support the troops in New York and the surrounding area, contact the USO of Metropolitan New York at [212] 695-5590, ext. 241 or visit their Web site at www.usonyc.org.

Information on USO programs and services world-wide can be found at www.uso.org.

Lowe's offers military discount for Memorial Day weekend

Lowe's will offer all active, reserve and retired military personnel and their immediate family members a 10 percent discount on in-store purchases made during the Memorial Day weekend.

The discount is available through Monday.

Arvin CPDC hours change

The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will close at 4 p.m. June 9 due to a staff function.

ACPDC will be open beginning at 8 a.m. that day.

Boy Scout Yard Sale

Boy Scout Troop 118 of Cornwall, N.Y., will be holding their annual Yard Sale June 9 at the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church on Route 94 and Jackson Avenue.

This event is one of the Troop's main fundraisers. Come find some treasures at reasonable prices or rent your own space.

For more information or to reserve a space, call chairperson Michelle Goldfrank at 534-8054.

The event will be held rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mine Torne Road closures

Mine Torne Road will be closed at various times this summer during Cadet Summer Training.

Field artillery will be firing June 14-30 and July 1. On those days MTR will be closed from 6

a.m. to 9 p.m.

Convoy training will be conducted July 5, 7 and 8, as well as from July 16 to 27 and from July 30 to Aug. 3 and Aug. 7 and from Aug. 9 to 11.

On these days MTR will be closed from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

West Point Vacation Bible School this year is June 25-29, from 9 a.m. to noon daily.

VBS needs volunteers in all areas: crafts, games, drama, kitchen, crew leaders, set up/clean up, decorating and registration.

Call Jen Lyle to volunteer at 446-5542.

Registration runs until June 22 and forms are available at any church on post or at the Post Chapel Annex.

Call 938-2003 for more info.

BOSS resale lot moved

Are you looking to sell your automobile, van, truck, motorcycle, boat, trailer, or small motor home? Are you an Active Duty service member, DOD civilian, retiree or a family member?

For \$20 a month, the BOSS Resale Lot has slots available for rent.

The BOSS Resale Lot is now located on the left side of the Commissary parking lot.

All vehicles, boats, trailers and motor homes must be less than 24 feet. For more info., call 938-6127/6497.

Harry Potter reservations

Come by the USMA Bookstore at Thayer Hall to put in your reservation for the newest Harry Potter book "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" by J.K. Rowling.

The book is due out July 21.

Anyone interested should complete a form at the cashier's booth.

The USMA bookstore, located in Thayer Hall on the fourth floor, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Upcoming Triathlons

The 3rd annual Kid's Triathlon is Aug. 18 and the 18th Annual West Point Triathlon is Aug. 19 at Camp Buckner. Register for both at active.com.

Red Cross classes

To register for any of the classes below, go to www.nyredcross.org or call 800-514-5103.

CPR/AED Adult

June 5, 5 to 10 p.m.

Babysitter's Training

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

Learn the skills every parent looks for in a responsible babysitter. June 9, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Standard First Aid/ Adult CPR & AED

June 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

American Red Cross Youth Leadership Conference

The American Red Cross is hosting a Youth Leadership Conference in New York City June 29 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Anyone interested should call 938-4100 for more information.

Freedom Team Salute

The Army recognizes that in this time of war, we are all Soldiers for Freedom. We, as Soldiers, respond to the Call to Duty, which binds

us to our service and guides our actions as guardians and defenders of freedom.

This service would not be possible without a strong support network.

Freedom Team Salute recognizes those supporters who make it possible for Soldiers to serve our country.

FTS provides all Soldiers -- Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve -- with the opportunity to recognize and honor our parents, spouses and employers who make our service possible.

FTS additionally recognizes and honors veteran Soldiers of all generations for their legacy of freedom, duty and honor to our country and for their continued support of the Army mission.

Log on to www.freedomteamsalute.com to nominate your spouse, parent, employer [for RC Soldiers] and a veteran today.

Arts for Vets

The newly formed Orange County Arts Council is offering a wide range of ongoing arts-related activities for military families in Orange County.

"Arts for Vets" reaches beyond the stereotype of what art is to reach the artist in everyone. The Project kickoff event is at the Orange County Veterans Picnic June 2.

The OCVF is an annual event held at Thomas Bull Park on Rt. 416 in Montgomery at the Day Camp Pavilions from noon to 4 p.m.

All are invited.

For more information, on the workshops or to volunteer to work on this project contact Megan Cooke at [845] 469-8111 or artsforvets@hotmail.com.

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**Command
Channel
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May 25 - June 1

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Graduation Dinner
[Live]

Saturday

8:40 a.m. Graduation 2007
[Live]

Monday

No programming
[Memorial Day]

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
2 p.m. Graduation

Thursday

9 a.m. Graduation
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

June 1

9:30 a.m. Community Action
Council [Live]
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m. Graduation

Information tables at Housing Draw

Community organizations are invited to have information tables at the USMA Annual Housing Draw, June 4 and 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the lobby of Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall, Bldg. 601. Provided information should focus on what new residents can use to smooth the transition into the USMA community. A representative should be available to answer any questions. This service is open to community organizations only. No businesses will be allowed. Interested organizations should contact Martha Hinote, DPW Customer Relations, at 938-4407 to express interest and to receive a copy of the operating procedures.

West Point issues water quality report

The Directorate of Public Works has issued the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, which tells the West Point Community what is in their drinking water. It is also intended to raise awareness about the sources of our drinking water and the importance of preventive measures such as source protection.

West Point's potable water supply is tested on a daily basis and continuously meets all State and Federal health standards without violation. The report describes the water sources, treatment methods and recent system improvements, plus it discloses any detected contaminants discovered during routine testing.

The full report is available in hard copy at the Environmental Management Division, Bldg. 667, and Housing Division, Bldg. 626. It is also available online at www.usma.edu/dhpw. To access the report from this location, click on announcements.

For more information on the report, call the USMA Environmental Management Division at 938-8000.

Contractor work at Buffalo Soldier Field

Work on new curbs, parking lights and drainage catches along the north and west sides of Buffalo Soldier Field is scheduled to start Tuesday and continue until approximately July 6, weather permitting.

The work will begin on the north side grass area and will

have little impact on personnel or parking in the area. Work on the west side [in front of Buildings 622 and 626] is expected to begin the following week and will eliminate approximately 50 parking spaces and 4 handicapped spaces.

The handicapped spaces will be temporarily relocated to alongside the current two handicapped spots in front of Bldg. 626.

Faster response times for air conditioning service calls

Recognizing the need for a speedier response to service calls to repair broken central air conditioning in family housing, the housing division of DPW has procured the services of Stelmar Design of Cornwall, N.Y., to provide service to all Army Family Housing central air conditioning units.

Stelmar Design is required to respond rapidly when called to establish an appointment to repair a broken air conditioner.

The procedure is the same for the resident: Call the service order desk at 938-2316 to get a service order number.

Be sure to leave a correct telephone number with the service

order clerk.

The phone number is required for the contractor to reach you in a timely manner.

A representative of Stelmar Design will contact you. It is important that you rapidly return any messages left by the contractor and establish an appointment quickly to repair your air conditioner.

If you submitted a service order for your air conditioner during May 2007, it will be automatically transferred to the contractor within the week.

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

Watering your lawn

The following are the guidelines for the watering of lawns in all

housing areas on West Point:

The recommended time for watering your lawn is early in the morning [5 to 9 a.m.], when humidity is high and temperatures are lower.

It is during this time that your lawn receives the most benefit from your watering effort and is the most efficient use of USMA's

water supply.

If that's impossible, the next best time to water is late in the day [6 to 9 p.m.].

Community involvement is the first line for enforcement of these guidelines.

Questions on lawn care may be directed to Bob Jones, DPW Agronomist, 938-6789.

Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline

To report suspected Fraud, Waste and Abuse, call the Internal Review & Audit Compliance [IRAC] Office Hotline. Reports are confidential and callers do not have to identify themselves, but if they provide names, they can remain anonymous. To report suspected abuse of equipment/supplies accountability, travel/pay and cash accountability, call extension **938-8082**. Please provide all pertinent information.

R-Day rehearsal volunteers needed June 29

Volunteers should be at Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall no later than 9:45 a.m. June 29.

Parking is available at Eisenhower Hall, Gillis Field House and Buffalo Soldier Field.

The rehearsal starts promptly at 10 a.m. and concludes at approximately 1 p.m.

Lunch will not be provided; you are welcome to bring a snack and carry it in your bag along with a bottle of water if desired.

Volunteers must be between ages 14 - 55. It is guaranteed to be a fun-filled day you will enjoy for generations to come.

To register call [845] 938-2825/2826.

Army and Community Sports

Dawkins receives NFF's highest honor

DALLAS -- Ron Johnson, chairman of The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF), announced May 16 that former Army great Pete Dawkins is the co-recipient of the 2007 Gold Medal, the NFF's highest honor.

The Gold Medal has been presented to seven U.S. Presidents, four U.S. Generals, three U.S. Admirals, one U.S. Supreme Court Justice, 25 Corporate CEOs and Chairmen, John Wayne and Jackie Robinson. Dawkins, along with co-recipient Roger Staubach, will become the 51st and 52nd recipients of the award, which has been bestowed since 1958.

The highest and most prestigious award presented by the National Football Foundation, the Gold Medal recognizes an outstanding American who has demonstrated integrity and honesty, achieved significant career success and has reflected the basic values of those who have excelled in amateur sport, particularly football.

"The awards committee is incredibly proud to present the Gold Medal to Pete Dawkins and Roger Staubach," said NFF Awards Committee Chairman Bob Mulcahy. "Not only have they reached the pinnacle of collegiate football success as Heisman Trophy winners and members of the Hall of Fame, but they have proven themselves as selfless leaders through their courageous military careers and business endeavors."

After overcoming polio at age 11, Dawkins showcased a natural gift for conquering life's challenges, and few can match the unparalleled athletic, educational, military and business successes of this bona fide American icon.

A Royal Oak, Mich., native, Dawkins showed his athleticism at an early age, earning a scholarship to Cranbrook Kingswood School. He was named an all-league quarterback and captain of the baseball team.

Following his high school

graduation, Dawkins chose the U.S. Military Academy over Yale. He is the only cadet in West Point history to serve as Brigade Commander, class president, captain of the football team and a "star man" in the top five percent of his class academically.

In 1958, his achievements reached new heights, as he was named the Heisman Trophy winner and Maxwell Award recipient under legendary coach Earl "Red" Blaik.

A stellar student, Dawkins was also named a Rhodes Scholar and studied at Oxford following his graduation from the academy in 1959. He received a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) and later earned a Ph.D. from Princeton.

Dawkins then attended Infantry School and Ranger School before being posted to duty in Vietnam. He received two Bronze Stars for Valor and was later chosen to work on a task force designed to change

the U.S. Army into an all-volunteer organization.

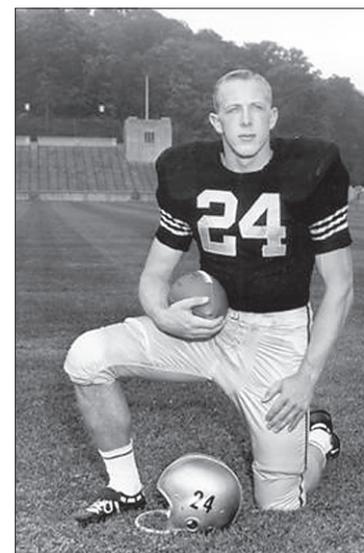
After 24 years in the service, the 1975 College Football Hall of Fame inductee retired with the rank of Brigadier General.

He then joined Lehman Brothers, a Wall Street firm, and later became vice chairman of Bain and Company. He was named chairman and chief executive officer of Primerica Financial Services, Inc. in 1991.

A former Republican candidate for the United States Senate, Dawkins now serves as vice chairman of Citigroup Private Bank and resides in Rumson, N.J.

The award will be presented at the 50th Annual Awards Dinner Dec. 4, 2007, at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

The National Football Foundation will also recognize the National Scholar-Athlete class and induct the 2007 College Football Hall of Fame Football Bowl Subdivision Class that evening.



1959 U.S. Military Academy graduate and Heisman Trophy winner Pete Dawkins will receive the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame 2007 Gold Medal, which is the NFF's highest honor. PHOTO COURTESY OF ARMY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Kickoff set for Army home opener Sept. 8

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- ESPN, Inc. and the Army Athletic Association announced May 16 that the Black Knights' 2007 home opener against Rhode Island Sept. 8 will be televised nationally by ESPN Classic with air time set for 1 p.m.

Continuing a pattern of

unprecedented national television exposure, the Black Knights are scheduled for seven national television appearances this fall, with another game currently slotted for regional broadcast. Those numbers promise to grow as the season draws near.

In the third year of an exclusive

five-year, multi-media agreement reached in the spring of 2005, all of Army's home football games and select neutral-site games in which Army is the home team will be televised by either ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Classic or ESPNU.

In addition to the season opener against Rhode Island that

will appear on ESPN Classic, Army's date with Rutgers Nov. 9 at Michie Stadium will be televised by ESPN2.

The Black Knights' service academy showdown with Air Force in Colorado Springs, Colo., will be televised nationally by College Sports Television [CSTV].

The annual Army-Navy game, which is usually played in Philadelphia, is to be played in Baltimore Dec. 1 and is set to be televised by CBS Sports.

Army's remaining home dates versus Temple [Sept. 29], Tulane [Oct. 6] and Tulsa [Nov. 17] will be televised by either ESPN Classic or ESPNU.

As part of the agreement with ESPN, kickoff times and broadcast carriers for those games will be set between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. and will be determined 12 days prior to each contest.

The FirstMerit Patriot Bowl, which will pit the Black Knights against Akron at Cleveland Browns Stadium in Army's 2007 season opener Sept. 1, will be televised regionally, with details to be announced in the weeks ahead.

For the third straight year, a

video stream of ESPN's telecasts of Army's home football games will be available live to Soldiers, their families and all Department of the Army civilian employees via the Army Knowledge Online [AKO] Web site at: <http://www.us.army.mil>.

They can see it thanks to a cooperative effort between ESPN and the Department of the Army.

After entering their user ID and password to gain access to the site, visitors will be provided a direct link to connect to the video stream of Army's ESPN telecasts. The telecasts will contain special advertisements and messages to the troops abroad and will be archived on the site as well for users to enjoy throughout the season.

Broadcast details for Army's road contests at Wake Forest [Sept. 15], Boston College [Sept. 22], Central Michigan [Oct. 13] and Georgia Tech [Oct. 20] will be announced later this summer.

Season ticket packages and single game tickets to all Army home football contests for the 2007 campaign are currently on sale at the Army Ticket Office or online at www.goARMYsports.com.



Anderson Rugby complex dedication

The Anderson Rugby Complex was officially dedicated May 12 at Target Hill Fields. Here Association of Graduate's President Bob McClure [left], U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, lead donors Penny and Lee Anderson [USMA '61], AOG V.P. of Development Mike Mahan [USMA '70] and Army Men's Rugby head coach Rich Pohlidal in opening the facility.

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Sports Notes

■ **2007 SUMMER SOFTBALL SEASON** will begin June 4 and will continue through the beginning of August. Game times will be at 5, 6 and 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday. This year, league games will be held at the new Softball Complex at "H" Lot near the PX and Commissary.

Check with your coaches for game times or contact James McGuinness via e-mail or call him at 938-3066.

■ **The Superintendent's Trophy** for the 2006-07 season has been awarded.

MEDDAC is this year's winner of the Supe's Trophy by finishing at the top with 400 points after eight competitions.

The competitions include softball, basketball, bowling, ultimate frisbee, racquetball, volleyball, tennis and golf.

The U.S. Military Academy Band finished second with 390 points. First Battalion, 1st Infantry took third place with 325 points and the Military Police 2nd Platoon finished with 265 points.