

## Lospinoso 88th West Point Rhodes recipient

**Story and photo by  
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Firstie Joshua Lospinoso is the latest West Point cadet to receive the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

The Sparta, N.J., native was one of 32 American men and women selected to study at the University of Oxford in England for two years beginning in October.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on scholastic talent, leadership and physical ability, integrity of character and selflessness.

Lospinoso is the 88th academy recipient of the scholarship since 1923.

"It is a true honor to be counted among these graduates," Lospinoso said. "It's not every day you can be counted in the same statistic as Pete Dawkins."

Dawkins, the 1958 Heisman Trophy winner and former first captain of the Corps of Cadets, earned a Rhodes Scholarship in 1958.

Lospinoso is a double major in economics and operations research, so his academic schedule is packed



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with studies and poses a significant personal challenge.

"Every semester since freshman year I've had over 20 credits," Lospinoso said. "This semester I have 25, so sleep comes at a premium."

His professors have observed a dedication to his work and a willingness to find new alternatives

in problem solving.

"Josh's contributions in class demonstrate his deep knowledge in many fields, and his ability to think laterally across these areas," said Maj. Bill Bundy, a Department of Social Sciences assistant professor. "He is clearly excited about learning, and throws himself into his work."

Lospinoso has done pioneering theoretical and applied research on social network analysis as well as top secret-level signals intelligence work at the National Security Agency and has many publications in network analysis.

The cadet regimental operations officer participated for three years in the Sandhurst competition, a grueling team-building exercise between the Corps of Cadets, ROTC cadets and cadets of other U.S. and international service academies.

"I came to West Point first and foremost to become a Soldier, and Sandhurst has helped me keep that choice in perspective," Lospinoso said. "It is tough and team-oriented, which I think have helped me in all areas of life to attack problems head on."

Lospinoso also performed different civic duties during his time at the academy.

In 2007, he volunteered to teach basic English to children of low-income Families from Tlalpan, Mexico, at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education in Mexico City.

He also helped facilitate the annual regional Special Olympics qualifier at West Point since 2006.

In addition, Lospinoso is a peer tutor certified by the College Reading and Learning Association. He has volunteered more than 300 hours of his time to assist classmates in understanding mathematics, economics and physics.

"Josh is helpful to the classroom dynamic because he is constantly challenging faulty assumptions, flawed logic and questionable facts," Bundy said. "He doesn't let students -- or instructors, for that matter -- get away with sloppy thinking. He pushes everyone, including himself, to think more critically and articulate arguments more effectively."

Lospinoso says he plans to study for a Master of Science in applied statistics at Oxford before serving as an infantry officer.

He also hopes his knowledge of applied statistics will be useful when he pursues doctoral studies in the future.

"Applied statistics has applications in everything," Lospinoso said, "from selling insurance to manufacturing to any kind of decision-making science, statistics are crucially important to make sense of an uncertain world."

## Exchange Midshipmen victims of cadet pranks

**By Emily Tower**

A little G-2 for U.S. Military Academy cadets wishing to pull a few pranks on their midshipmen neighbors during Army-Navy week: They already know about it.

Still, that doesn't mean they don't expect their uniforms to go missing or their furniture to migrate to the Plain.

"That's a partial reason I came up here this semester -- I wanted to see what (Army-Navy week) is like," said Midshipman 2nd Class Andy Mathes.

Traditionally, cadets enjoy harassing exchange midshipmen -- all in good fun, of course -- during the week leading up to the Army-Navy football game, which will be played Saturday in Philadelphia.

But, before midshipmen travel from the Naval Academy to West Point for their semester "abroad," as it were, they often receive briefings about Army-Navy week and what kinds of pranks to avoid.

And this year, they had a plan to strike first.

"We thought to provoke (cadets) on the first night and see what they come up with in return," Mathes said. "I'm trying to get some help from my company to get the plebes. Everyone likes to get plebes."

Prank plans included taking all plebes' boots and shirts and mixing them up in a pile. Midshipman 2nd Class Lyzzy Brumbaugh knows about the strategic placement of several alarm clocks in a barracks room and learned how to open a lock with a rifle butt to be well-prepared to gather uniform items.

She also knew how to lock up her gear to make it more difficult for others to take her uniforms. She expected cadets to take her uniforms and leave portions of mascot and other

uniforms in her closet. So, she hid her game uniform to make sure she has the appropriate clothing for the big day.

Other midshipmen were not as successful in hiding uniforms. Mathes had to attend class Monday in his pajamas, and Midshipman 2nd Class Allie Hamel attended in white works, the uniform Naval Academy students wear during their plebe summer.

While working through the week's challenges, Brumbaugh, Mathes and other midshipmen continue to plot the ultimate prank on West Point.

Their fellow midshipmen studying at the Air Force Academy this semester built a scale model of a submarine on the parade field before the Falcons lost to the Midshipmen in October. Midshipmen at USMA hope to at least meet that level of prank.

Most of the ideas they came up with won't happen because the midshipmen decided they would be too harsh.

They thought about painting George Washington's statue and burning "Go Navy" in the Plain's grass after cadets burned "Go Army" in the Naval Academy's parade field grass last year.

But, both midshipmen feel beating Army would be more satisfying to them than a prank.

Brumbaugh made a deal with her plebes. If Navy wins, they can no longer greet her with "Beat Navy" as they usually do.

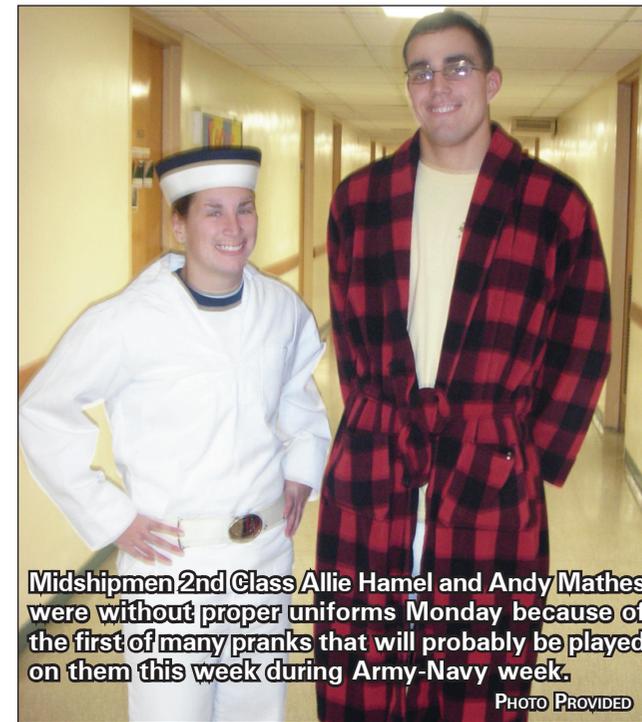
"They can say the standard company greeting," she said. "I won't make them say 'Beat Army.' That's mean."

If Army wins, however, both midshipmen expect cadets won't let them heal from the defeat.

"They will pretty much rub it in my face the rest of the semester," Brumbaugh said.

Regardless of what happens -- if their heads get shaved, if they are tied up in the central area in a laundry bin, if their things are stolen, if their barracks room furniture is moved to a roof somewhere -- the midshipmen said they will maintain a sense of humor.

"You can't take it too seriously," Brumbaugh said. "If you do, it starts to get vicious."



**Midshipmen 2nd Class Allie Hamel and Andy Mathes were without proper uniforms Monday because of the first of many pranks that will probably be played on them this week during Army-Navy week.**

PHOTO PROVIDED

## All customs and courtesies are important to remember

By Command Sgt. Maj. Martin Wells

There are a few customs and courtesies about which the senior West Point leadership would like to remind the military and civilian community regarding the American flag, saluting and military uniforms.

Recently, a change in courtesy toward the flag was made that has not yet appeared in Army regulations.

According to Public Law 110-181, which went into effect Jan. 28, the U.S. Flag Code was amended to authorize that, in addition to uniformed personnel, "members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute."

Other people present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart.

Those wearing headgear should remove it with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder with the hand placed over their heart.

According to AR 600-25, these courtesies will be applied as the flag passes in review and when reveille and retreat are observed.

Upon hearing the bugle call, all will come to attention and face the direction of the music.

Upon the playing of "To the Colors," military personnel will render the hand salute and civilians will place their right hand over their heart.

Personnel in vehicles should come to a stop, exit and display the appropriate courtesy.

At West Point currently, reveille is sounded at 6:30 a.m., and retreat is at 5 p.m. When Daylight Savings begins March 8, retreat will sound at 6 p.m.

Army Regulation 600-25 states "all Army personnel in uniform are

required to salute when they meet and recognize persons entitled to the salute."

Those persons include commissioned and warrant officers of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, as well as both commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service.

It is appropriate courtesy to salute, "officers in official vehicles (recognized individually by rank or identifying vehicle plates and/or flags)." Personnel driving privately owned vehicles or those who recognize officers in privately owned vehicles are not required to salute.

Salutes are not required to be rendered or returned when the senior, subordinate, or both are:

- in civilian attire;
- engaged in routine work if the salute would interfere;
- carrying articles with both hands so occupied as to make saluting impracticable;
- working as a member of a detail or engaged in sports or social functions where saluting would present a safety hazard;
- in public places such as theaters, churches and in public conveyances;
- in the ranks of a formation.

The leadership also feels that a few uniform clarifications should be made. Under AR 670-1, Soldiers may wear one electronic device, either a pager or cell phone, on the uniform belt. The body of the device may not exceed 4 by 2 by 1 inches, and the device and carrying case must be black.

Soldiers will not wear electronic devices on the uniform when the commander determines such wear is inappropriate, such as in formation or during parades or ceremonies.

Soldiers will not wear items or devices on the uniform when not performing required duties.

No other types of devices are permitted for wear on the uniform.

If a Soldier has other electronic devices issued and required by the commander, those devices will be carried in the hand, pocket, briefcase, purse, bag or other appropriate carrier.

A clarification regarding wireless devices was published in All Army Activities message 140/2007, on June 19, 2007. Paragraph 1-9A(2) (B) of AR 670-1 "is changed to prohibit the wear of wireless Bluetooth devices and non-wireless earpieces while wearing any military uniforms, except while operating a commercial or military vehicle (to include a motorcycle or bicycle)." Under these conditions, Soldiers

should not walk while talking on a cell phone as well.

Additionally, ALARACT 140/2007 authorizes the beret to be stored only in the ACU cargo pockets when not worn or carried in hand. Paragraph 1-10K(4)AR 670-1 clarifies -- "Soldiers must fold the headgear neatly so as not to present a bulky appearance. Soldiers will not attach headgear to the uniform or hang it from the belt."

According to USMA policy memorandum 151-08, the use of headphones by pedestrians is now prohibited with the following exceptions:

- Pedestrians may walk, run, jog, bicycle, skate or skateboard while using headphones in areas closed to vehicle traffic, such as running tracks and practice fields;
- Walkers, joggers or runners

may use headphones on sidewalks;

- Headphone use while walking, jogging, running or bicycling in streets and roads is still prohibited;
- It is also prohibited on sidewalks during periods of reduced visibility, such as darkness, fog, rain and snow.

As an additional reminder, USMA policy memorandum 16-08 states that reflective gear will be worn with the Improved Physical Fitness Uniform at reverse port arms (right shoulder to left hip) during physical training from 5:30 - 7 a.m. weekdays or the end of USCC breakfast formation, whichever occurs later on the level of the Plain between Thayer Gate and the Catholic Chapel.

The reflective belt must also be worn during inclement weather and periods of limited visibility.

## December is 3D Prevention Month

Submitted by Alcohol and Drug Control Office

The "3D" (drug, drunk driving) Month campaign in December is a prevention initiative.

When one thinks of the month of December, Family traditions, parties and gatherings in the spirit of the holiday season come to mind. Many of these get-togethers will include alcohol.

Party hosts should use some preventative measures to ensure guests arrive home safely.

These suggestions are effective in reducing drunk driving:

- Have a bartender, someone

who is making the drinks and is not heavy handed;

- Serve food when serving alcohol. Food absorbs the alcohol and slows the effect of alcohol to the brain;
- Have non-alcoholic beverages available;
- Be observant of guests;
- Stop serving alcohol one hour before the end of the party. Bring out the desserts with coffee, tea, hot cocoa and other non-alcoholic beverages;
- Do not let impaired or drunk guests drive home. Be prepared for overnight guests, call a cab or have a designated driver.

Hosts are responsible for their

guests.

Remember, only time erases intoxication.

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Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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

Difficulty: Easy

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

See SOLUTION, page 9



**WARRIOR CARE MONTH – OPEN LETTER TO OUR ARMY COMMUNITIES**

In the month of November, Americans traditionally reflect on the service of our Nation's veterans – past and present – and give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their courage and sacrifice. Fittingly, the Department of Defense has designated November as "Warrior Care Month," taking stock of the advances we have made in treating our servicemen and women and, equally importantly, reaffirming to our troops our country's commitment to care for our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their Families.

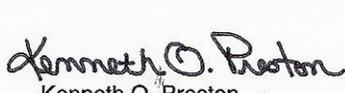
Over the past seven years, the United States Army has transformed the way we care for our men and women in uniform. From Soldiers highly trained in self-aid, buddy-aid and combat life-saving techniques, to our combat medics on the battlefield, to our forward-based surgical teams and combat support hospitals, to our medical evacuation personnel and on to our superb regional medical centers overseas and in the United States, the Army's medical care system provides world-class care for our Warriors. Today, nearly 90 percent of Soldiers injured in battle survive, compared to the 70 percent who survived during World War II. There is no better evidence of our Army's commitment to taking care of our own. It's clear, our Army care effort doesn't start when a Soldier arrives at one of our outstanding hospitals—it begins well before they get to the hospital.

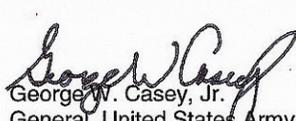
The Army supports its Wounded Warriors and their Families through the entire recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration process to ensure all their needs are fully met. Our thirty-six installation-based and nine community-based Warrior Transition Units provide individualized care for Soldiers and their Families. These efforts ensure Soldiers can heal and successfully transition—back into the Army or into civilian life—according to the best interests of the individual and their Family. For our most seriously injured Warriors and their Families, the Army Wounded Warrior Program offers dedicated and ongoing support, providing them a place to turn for help as their needs change over time. In addition, we are working daily to improve coordination between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs so our Soldiers and Families receive the full range of benefits they so clearly deserve.

This progress has come with the help of volunteers across America. So many have opened up their hearts and offered their time and volunteer efforts on behalf of our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their Families. They deserve our gratitude for their extraordinary work.

Warrior Care Month is a time for us to tell this story, the full story of Army care, throughout our Army Family. It is a story that touches every Soldier, every Family, and every community. Aside from the war and the defense of our Nation, providing the highest quality care and support to our Soldiers and their Families remains the Army's number one priority. No Soldier or Family should ever feel alone in their recovery.

We know there is more to be done. Meeting our obligation to Wounded Warriors and their Families will take the sustained efforts of not only the Army, but the Nation as a whole. Working together, the Army and our partners will ensure our Warrior Care programs are worthy of the sacrifices made by our Soldiers and Families in service to our great Nation.

  
Kenneth O. Preston  
Sergeant Major of the Army

  
George W. Casey, Jr.  
General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff

  
Pete Geren  
Secretary of the Army



**Grad returns from space**

Stationed near the shuttle's galley and stowage lockers, astronauts Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper and Lt. Col. Shane Kimbrough, STS-126 mission specialists, assemble the elements of Thanksgiving dinner on the middeck of the Space Shuttle Endeavour while the orbiter is docked with the International Space Station. A Russian cosmonaut and seven other astronauts were not far away from the scene, and all 10 shared the meal and observance at a common place and time. Kimbrough is a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. The shuttle landed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Sunday after a 16-day mission. The crew were reunited with their Families at Johnson Space Center in Houston Monday.

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**West Point gate hours**

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- Stony Gate is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This gate is for privately owned and delivery vehicles and trucks.
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# Army and Navy twin brothers share friends and experiences

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
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When most people see a set of twins, they probably do a double-take to believe what they're seeing. In the case of the Friedewald brothers, many have to look again to realize one is wearing the black, gold and gray of Army, and the other is wearing Navy blue and gold.

That is because Pete Friedewald is a first-class cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and his twin brother, Nick, is a first-class midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. They are a pair that invites curiosity from each service academy, regardless of rivalry.

"I think everybody thinks it's pretty interesting," Pete said.

"Nobody really gives us a hard time about it," Nick agreed.

The Ann Arbor, Mich., natives have interests in intramural rowing. Both were on the crew team in high school and attended the Navy's crew camps. Pete's decision to attend West Point was based on high school ambition, and Nick entered Annapolis when he was recruited for the crew team after graduation.

Since they entered their respective service academies, Pete and Nick have been able to meet up at Army-Navy sports, such as this weekend's football game in Philadelphia, and other events. They often bring their classmates along, who get to learn about how the other academy lives. One of Nick's classmates was even able to attend West Point for an exchange semester with Pete as his roommate.

"It has actually been really cool meeting Pete's friends at school," Nick said. "I've made it up there to visit a couple times, and he has come down to Annapolis. Pete has become good friends with a lot of the guys on my crew team."

In the last year, their friends have meshed together and started doing things as a group, such as visiting with friends and family in northern New Jersey, Pete said.

"One night we'll hang out with all of his friends, then one night all of my friends," Pete said. "Every once in awhile, we'll go down there to have dinner."

Once people learn about the brothers' alma maters, many assume their family must either be pro-Army, pro-Navy or are constantly at odds with each other.

"Nobody in my family really takes sides or anything," Pete said. "Everybody asks, 'oh, Thanksgiving must be crazy, half the table's wearing West Point stuff and half the table's wearing Navy?' We just have dinner like everybody else."

Their family is proud of their acceptance into the military academies and generally makes no issue about which school might be better, Nick said.

"I think my mom likes the Navy idea a little better because she thinks being on a ship is less dangerous," Nick said. "I'm sure they're also glad that they didn't have to pay for twins to go to college at the same time."

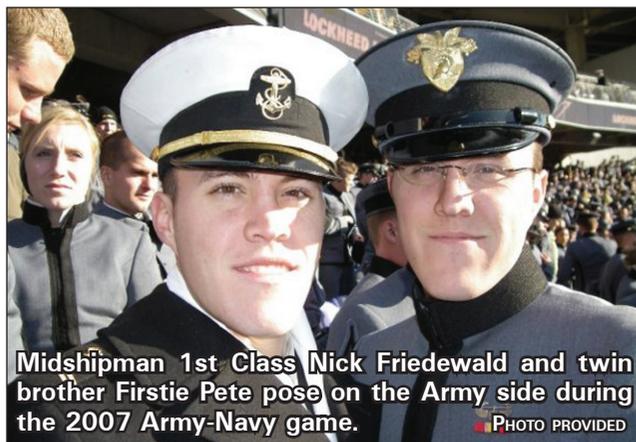
Over each Army-Navy football weekend, the brothers make a plan to celebrate each service equally. During the first half of the game, they sit in their respective seating areas; then each quarter in the second half, the brothers cross academy lines to hang out with each other's friends.

The brothers will face very different futures in the military upon commission. Pete has branched engineers, and Nick will attend nuclear power school to begin training to become a submarine officer.

In the time Pete and Nick's friends spent learning about

each other, they found that the academies draw the same kind of people with the same life experiences. For them, Army-Navy football games are just a time to bring cadets and midshipmen together, no matter who wins on the field.

"Although Army-Navy is the famous rivalry, it doesn't really feel like rivalry to us," Pete said. "Army-Navy for us is an opportunity for everyone to get together. The actual game is kind of secondary for us."



Midshipman 1st Class Nick Friedewald and twin brother Firstie Pete pose on the Army side during the 2007 Army-Navy game. PHOTO PROVIDED

# Math professor Navy educated, Army committed

Story and photo by  
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Army Lt. Col. Donald Outing lives a unique military career. It's apparent in his Army green uniform and the U.S. Naval Academy class ring on his finger.

The professor of mathematics will mark his eclectic career in wearing Army green Saturday, but rooting for Navy when the teams play in Philadelphia.

"In the time I've been (at West Point), I've never been pigeon-holed into one category," Outing said. "I fit into a whole lot of different categories, not just one."

The Baltimore native was recruited to attend the Naval Academy in 1979 by then-Navy football coach George Welsh. He played football as a defensive tackle until Welsh left in 1982.

Outing, a mathematics major, studied with the goal of becoming a Marine Corps officer. He left the academy shortly before graduation in 1983 and had a brief career as an enlisted sailor.

During that time, Outing sent the college credits he earned from the Naval Academy to the New York State Board of Regents. The board conferred his credits into a dual-degree of mathematics and military science from the State University of New York.

After working a few years in the corporate sector, he was inspired by a colleague to rejoin the military, this time as an Army officer. In 1988 he received a field artillery commission through Officer Candidate School, and later branch detailed into the military police corps in 1993.

When Outing first applied to teach at West Point, he was apprehensive that his status as an Annapolis student would not work in his favor. But during his interviews, it became a point of positive interest for his consideration.

"They actually liked that," Outing said. "They thought it was pretty interesting about my background. It brought some diversity into what I was bringing to the organization."

He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1995 to obtain his masters in mathematics, then returned to West Point

in 1997 to teach as a rotating instructor for four years.

Outing returned to RPI for graduate studies and earned his doctorate in 2004. Two years later, he was selected as a full-time mathematics professor.

In instructing his cadets, Outing has heard outrageous questions about the midshipmen, which made him recall the propaganda about cadets he heard as a midshipman. He does his best to dispel these rumors while encouraging teamwork throughout the military.

"He always stressed that... every academy is the same," said Firstie Tony Dace, Army football running back and a former student of Outing's. "In the end, we're going to be officers, and when that time comes, it doesn't matter what branch you are because we all work together."

"I tell them, 'you're more alike than different,'" Outing said. "I think the urban legends about West Point and Navy are good because they fuel the intensity of the rivalry. It's just all part of the culture."

As a former Navy football player, he always has something to share on football. His advice to the Army team -- stop the quarterback and fullback, and have the defense force Navy into turnovers it can earn points from.

"I think Army's got a good defense, but if their defense is on the field too long, Navy's going to take advantage of it, pick it apart and they're going to score," Outing said. "I think (Army's) defense is going to make a difference if they can get Navy's offense off the field."

Dace recalls how Outing always talked about how athletics and how being part of a team was the closest thing cadets will feel to that type of camaraderie in the Army.

"He promotes Army-Navy athletics very professionally," Dace said. "The most important thing to him is good sportsmanship and for us to see the big picture of things."

One of the most memorable Army-Navy games Outing witnessed was in 1981, when in a time Navy was expected to score leaps

and bounds over Army, the game ended 3-3 with what Outing called, "a moral victory for Army."

"I just remember a sea of gray storming the field on that tie because for (Navy), it was a loss," Outing said.

Outing has seen some of the Army football spirit wane and turn to cynicism since he first came to West Point. He and his friends -- even those in the Navy -- warn that cynicism is unhealthy for the team rivalry and affects overall academy morale.

"That's why I want to see Army win again," Outing said. "There's just something about (Army-Navy sports) that you have to get excited about."

Though he admits he will be pulling for Navy Saturday, Outing hopes to see more of the spirit from years past come back to spur on support for the team.

"I'd like them to believe, and believe in those guys that are out there playing," Outing said. "As a former player, I know it makes all the difference in the world."



Department of Mathematical Sciences professor Lt. Col. Donald Outing has evidence of his attendance and football career at Annapolis, but still will proudly wear Army green at Saturday's game.

# Community Features and Photos

## Scouts collect for Holiday Share and Eagle Scout project

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood

The annual community Holiday Share program organized by the West Point Boy Scout Troop 23, with the help of Cub Scout Pack 23 and volunteers from Girl Scout Troop 192, delivered flyers and bags Nov. 16 to community housing areas asking for donations of non-perishable food and coats. Scouts returned to the housing areas and picked up the donations left on front porches or back doors of apartments Nov. 23.

Food was delivered to the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion and was sorted and stacked by cadets and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers volunteers. The coats were delivered to Sacred Heart Church in Highland Falls and were sorted and hung by the scouts.

Although the Holiday Share program is an annual scouting project, the idea of donating coats along with the food was the brainchild of 15-year-old David Jaye, a student at James I. O'Neill High School, for his Eagle Scout

project.

"I started working on this project late last summer," Jaye said. "We always ask for food donations, but I thought it would be a good idea for people to donate coats, too."

Last year's share program project was run by Alex Smith, who was working on his Eagle Scout project. Smith had been involved in the share program for a few years before actually organizing it for his project.

For Boy Scouts to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, they need to complete a project that will benefit the church, community or scouts, Jaye said.

"With an Eagle Scout project, the scout must get approval from the scouting council and the board of review for his project," Jaye said. "Once the project is a success, then you can become an Eagle Scout (if the scout also has the necessary merit badges.) The Eagle Scout project is a great way to get good leadership experience."

Boy Scout John Robert, 13, said he has been a scout for three years and has his eyes

on becoming an Eagle Scout.

"I enjoy helping people and helping Dave with his Eagle project," he said. "I'm a Star now, the next step is Life and then after earning a few more merit badges and doing community service, I can become an Eagle."

Robert said a Star scout should have at least six hours of community service plus additional merit badges for such things as athletics and community service. There are 120 merit badges available and to attain the status of Eagle, a scout must earn at least 21 with 12 required badges in such fields as first aid, citizenship in the community, communications, fitness, personal management and Family life. Star, Life and Eagles all are required to complete merit badges, some kind of service and leadership roles, according to [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

The approximately 2,000 pounds of food collected will be donated to Soldiers, community, soup kitchens and food pantries.

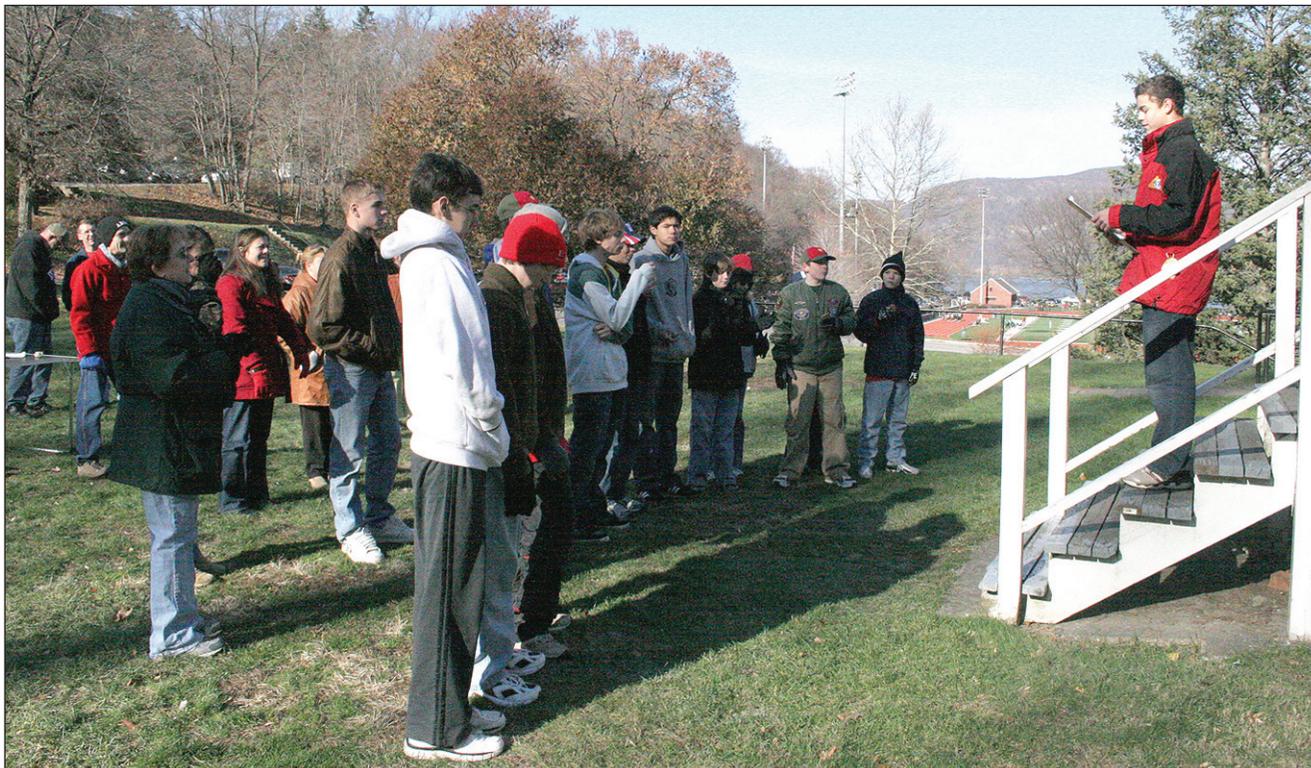
The estimated 500 donated coats went to the basement of the Sacred Heart Church in Highland Falls.

"The church's youth group will make a 'midnight run' to New York City to deliver food, clothes and toiletries to the homeless in the middle of the night when the streets are deserted except for the waiting poor," Jaye added. The church does the midnight run to New York once a year during the winter.

Jaye was extremely pleased with the outpouring of coats and food the scouts received from the community.

"Thank you for the generous food and coat donations in the recent drive. We received so many coats, we had trouble finding room in Sacred Heart Church. All the racks were filled and then some," he said.

"Thanks to the West Point community, many needy people have been helped this winter season, and for many winters to come," Jaye added. "The project can be called a complete success. Thank you again for your support."



Boy Scout David Jaye (on stairs) issues instructions to community and Girl Scout volunteers Nov. 23 on the steps of the Scout Hut on Washington Road about picking up non-perishable food and coats from the various housing areas. The scouts collected more than 500 coats and nearly 2,000 pounds of food. The coats will be delivered through the church's youth group's 'midnight run,' which takes food, clothing and toiletries to the homeless at pre-arranged sites in New York City, and also will be distributed to members of the greater West Point community, to include the Town of Highlands and Garrison..

Boy Scouts Michael Willis (left) and Josh McDonald collect food and coats in Lee Road housing area for the Holiday Share program Nov. 23. The collection of food and coats was an Eagle Scout project managed by David Jaye.



# West Point holds Native American Heritage Month celebration

Submitted by the USMA  
Equal Opportunity Office

Cadets and members of the West Point community celebrated Native American Heritage Month Nov. 19 at the Riverside Café in Eisenhower Hall.

Guests enjoyed an event-filled evening of traditional Native American dances by the Red Hawk Council from Manhattan, children's crafts and words from one of the Dance Troupe performers.

Morning Fire, a local resident and former Army major, along with Valerie Weygant from the cadet barbershop shared their collections during the celebration. The displays included various jewelry, clothing, flags, books and other artifacts that greatly contributed to the guests' understanding of the traditions, culture

and heritage of the various Native American tribes.

Firstie Brock Epps, cadet-in-charge of the Native American Heritage Forum, served as the master of ceremonies.

He spoke about the many significant contributions Native Americans have made to our country. Then, guest speaker Larry Ahenakew's presentation provided a balance of history and cultural information to explain this year's theme of "Living in Many Worlds".

To entertain the children, cadets from the NAHF hosted a craft event which focused on creating Native American jewelry from beads and leather cording. It was a way to get the children involved in the event and leave with a memento from the celebration. After donning their jewelry, the children rejoined

the group as the evening continued with a performance by seven Red Hawk dancers.

The dancers dressed in traditional costumes of many colors and designs. Before each dance, the leader explained the significance of the dance and dress. They danced to the beat of a drummer and to the chants of traditional tribal songs.

Some of the more popular dances are "Men's Fancy War Dance," in which they spin furiously with a circle of eagle feathers on their backs and "Women's Jingle Dress" which featured a female dancer making the sound of gentle rain falling to the earth.

During their last demonstrations, all the

guests were invited to join the traditional duck and circle dances, signifying mating rituals from long ago.

Colonel Douglas A. Boone, Director of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, provided closing remarks and recognized key contributors who made the night a success.

Upcoming events include Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday celebration Jan. 15 at the West Point Club and various events to Celebrate African-American History Month in February. Contact Maj. Evangeline Rosel at 938-7082 or Sgt. Vanessa Lackington at 938-2621 for more information.

## Web site assists personal travel planning

CINCINNATI -- A recently launched Web site -- [www.militaryrideshare.com](http://www.militaryrideshare.com) -- has begun to change the way active duty military members' travel by allowing them to log on and connect with others who might be traveling in the same direction for long weekends, vacation and base transfers.

This new online service is targeted specifically to military members, and word has spread rapidly throughout the armed forces about the site. Since the site's launch on Sept. 12, there have been more than 5,000 hits, and there are currently multiple posts of people offering rides or requesting a ride home.

"Your Web site idea is terrific, and benefits

all of us," said one Air Force lieutenant colonel.

Other comments included those of a female Soldier from Chicago, who said, "This is a great idea. I'm already trying to find a rider to Fort Benning in April."

Jennifer McGillis, founder of the site, said she never imagined the popularity of the site would catch on this quickly.

"I would have never dreamed this would take off the way it has," McGillis said. "But, that was the idea all along, to help my fellow military members travel together and hopefully save some money."

Membership at the site is free.



A Red Hawk dancer shows his colors during the Men's Fancy War Dance, one of the various dances performed during the Native American Heritage Month celebration held Nov. 19 at Eisenhower Hall's Riverside Cafe. PHOTO PROVIDED

## What's Happening

### Red Cross sponsoring mail to wounded Soldiers program

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a program to send mail to wounded Soldiers.

Send a Christmas card or letter to wounded warriors or Family members at Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456.

This address is genuine and comes from the Red Cross Web site at <http://www.redcross.org/email/saf>.

### ODIA Gift Shop sale

The Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics Gift Shop, located at the Visitors Center (Bldg. 2107 on South Post), is having its annual sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Items will be reduced as much as 30 percent.

### Brownie toy drive

The third grade Brownie troop (191) is collecting new, unwrapped toys for infants to 12-year-olds Saturday through Dec. 13 to benefit the Salvation Army in Newburgh.

A collection box is located at the Post Chapel. Toys also can be dropped off 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 13 at the PX.

For more information, call Carrie at 859-4489.

### Eisenhower Hall event

Ike Hall will feature Christmas with Amy Grant and Vince Gill at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Visit [www.ikehall.com](http://www.ikehall.com) for more information.

### Cadet Chapel holiday services

The 50th annual Handel's "Messiah" performance is 3 p.m. Sunday.

There will be a Protestant Cadet Christmas Leave Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16.

The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service for the community is 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24.

### Book signing

Margot Morrell, author of "Shackleton's Way. Leadership Lessons from the Great Antarctic Explorer," is scheduled to sign copies of her book from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at the USMA Bookstore, which is located on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

### PX/Commissary Focus Group meeting

The next PX/Commissary Focus Group meeting is 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at the ACS Common Area, Bldg 622.

### Moms and Tots

Moms and Tots is having a Fun Gym planned for 9:30 a.m. Dec. 12 and a play day planned for 9:30 a.m. Dec. 18 at Gillis Field House.

For more information, contact Andrea at 859-4567 or [usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com](mailto:usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com). New members are welcome.

### Candlelight tours at Boscobel

Boscobel's candlelight tours will be held 5-8 p.m. Dec. 12-14. The tours bring 19-century customs to life.

Storytelling with Jonathan Kruk will take place Dec. 12-13 only, is included in the price of a candlelight tour and is recommended for children who are school age and older.

Boscobel's museum gift shop will remain open during the candlelight tours.

Boscobel is located on Route 9D in Garrison.

Hours for the tours are 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with the last tour beginning at 3:15 p.m. The house, grounds and museum shop are open every day except Tuesdays and Christmas. Boscobel closes for the season Dec. 31.

Candlelight tour tickets can be purchased online. For more information, visit [www.Boscobel.org](http://www.Boscobel.org).

### West Point Retiree Council

The West Point Retiree Council is meeting at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 13 at Bldg. 622 (ACS).

All military retirees, spouses and widows/widowers are invited to attend.

Contact Will Plumley, Deputy Garrison Commander, at 938-4268 or [wilfred.plumley@usma.edu](mailto:wilfred.plumley@usma.edu) for more information.

### Hudson Highlands Holiday

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce will present the inaugural "Hudson Highlands Holiday," from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 13 on Main Street, Highlands Falls.

This day of fun family events includes a parade, Santa, carolers from West Point Schools, face painting, the Hand-to-Mouth Players and food. Come support our community and enjoy the holiday season together.

### Garrison retirement ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the Garrison Retirement Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall.

### Toys for Tots

The Directorate of Emergency Services in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps will be conducting a Toys for Tots drive.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the DES/PMO, Bldg. 616, on Swift Road until Dec. 20. There will also be a drop box at the PX Dec. 20.

For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Franklin Blanche at 938-8552 or Maj. James Redding at 938-4815.

### Commissary holiday hours

The commissary will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 22 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 24.

It will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The commissary will be open during regular business hours all other days during the holiday season.

### DIMHRS

All Soldiers are required to make an

appointment with the MPD to review and update their files no later than Dec. 19. Appointments are available 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. weekdays.

For more information or to set an appointment, contact the Military Personnel Division at 938-5060/8491/8489/2035/3005/3703 or e-mail [laura.perez1@us.army.mil](mailto:laura.perez1@us.army.mil).

Before your appointment, review your ORB/ERB and OMPF.

Any changes that needed require appropriate documentation.

The new DD Form 93 is now uploaded into eMILPO. Do not use the form on AKO.

### Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

The Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure at the U. S. Army Garrison West Point is available for public review through Dec. 22.

Information is available from George H. Markt, P.G., NEPA Coordinator, Installation Support Division, United States Army Garrison, West Point IMNE-MIL-PWF, 667A Ruger Road, West Point, NY 10996-1592 or via phone at 938-4459, fax at 938-2529 or e-mail at [George.Markt@usma.edu](mailto:George.Markt@usma.edu) email.

The EA and Draft FNSI also are available for review on the Web at [http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/env\\_ea\\_review.htm](http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/env_ea_review.htm) and at the following locations:

- Village of Highland Falls, 303 Main St. in Highland Falls;
- West Point Community Library, 622 Swift Road;
- Village of Cold Spring, 85 Main St., Cold Spring;
- Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring;
- The Alice Curtis Desmond and Hamilton Fish Library, Garrison;
- Woodbury Public Library, 23 Smith Clove Road, Central Valley.

# A Spouse's Point of View

## Have a Purr-fect Christmas!

By Janine Boldrin

Christmas is coming. I know this for two reasons: I receive at least five catalogs in the mail each day, and I'm getting e-mails from friends asking for our new address.

*Dear friends, Please send me your new address so your Christmas card doesn't end up at a place you lived two duty stations ago. Thanks!*

Each year my Christmas list grows longer as I add the names of friends we met at the last post. Keeping track of everyone's moves is hard. My low-tech address book is filled with crossed-out entries and outdated social rosters. At least one-tenth of my cards get returned each year because of a wrong address and at least one-quarter of the cards we receive have those yellow forwarding labels stuck on them.

I try to keep everyone updated on our moves because I would hate to miss receiving even one card, especially those that contain Christmas letters. I love Christmas letters. I enjoy knowing that my friend's new puppy passed obedience school and that little

Jimmy learned Spanish, Latin and French while mastering soccer, tennis and wrestling at summer camp. The trip to Hawaii, the better than expected quarters, and the lottery windfall ... wow, what a year.

But it is the Christmas letters that throw caution to the wind that I love the most. These are the ones that update us on what is really happening in our friends' lives with a lot less of the sugar coating and a lot more real life.

Little Wayne got kicked out of preschool, but we think he's got a bright future as a hostage negotiator.

We waited in lodging for a month to get into our quarters only to move our Family of seven into a three bedroom townhouse for the next three years but, on the bright side, we have a beautiful view of the river.

Remember when we announced the arrival of our "final" member of the family this past summer. Well, never say never, because baby number four and five will be arriving next spring.

The two-page single-spaced letters push me to the edge, but maybe it's the writer in me shouting "get to the point" when a friend waxes poetic about Jenny's recent

potty training success. And, about those "creative" letters from the perspective of the Family pet, sometimes it does seem a bit over the top -- although Ranger is quite witty.

Even better than the Christmas letter, is the Christmas picture. Many of the people we get holiday cards from we haven't seen for a long time. Over the years, I have met new babies and watched them grow up through pictures tucked into Christmas card envelopes. The photo cards adorn our refrigerator until the next year and the arrival of a new set.

This year I've opted for Christmas cards with a watercolor of the Cadet Chapel on the front instead of our usual Family picture photo card. I know what my friends will be thinking and they will be right: Janine hasn't lost the baby weight yet. Hey, I may even let our cat write the Family Christmas letter. Or, better yet, I'll just teach her how to address the envelopes ... maybe then I'll be able to bake the holiday cookies before Christmas Eve this year.

**(Editor's note: Boldrin is a writer, mother and Army spouse. Contact her about your experiences as a military spouse at West Point at janineboldrin@gmail.com.)**

## Keller Corner

### Appointments

Keller Army Community Hospital is experiencing a primary care provider shortage because of Global War on Terrorism deployments.

When appointments are not available at KACH, patients are offered appointments in the civilian network.

For urgent care needs, the KACH emergency room is available for KACH patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory,

pharmacy and radiology will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2. These offices also will be closing at noon Dec. 19.

The emergency room will remain open.

### Blood drive kickoff campaign

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Dec. 18. at the Keller Army Community Hospital Dining Facility about the upcoming Armed Forces Blood Program's Jan. 12-15 blood drive. Appointed key personnel from each activity should attend this meeting. Provide the names of attendees to

Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or via e-mail at [mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil](mailto:mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil) by Dec.18.

### Notice

A public information briefing on the Stony Lonesome I construction at West Point will be held from 7- 8:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Desmond-Fish Library, 472 Route 403 in Garrison.

The point of contact for any questions is Michael Colacicco, RCI Project and Assets Manager, U.S. Army Garrison, West Point, 845-938-5948.

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday** -- **The Express, PG, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday** -- **Closed**  
**Dec. 12** -- **High School Musical 3: The Senior Year, G, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 13** -- **The Secret Life of Bees, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 13** -- **Quarantine, R, 9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

[WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM)

## The West Point Band

presents

## A HUDSON VALLEY HOLIDAY CONCERT

featuring

VOCALIST ROB ZAPPULLA OF THE TOMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA

THE AMERICAN BELLES VOCAL TRIO

THE ESTELLE AND ALFONSO DANCERS

Saturday, December 13th, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 14th, 3:00 p.m.  
 Eisenhower Hall Theatre

Free & Open to the Public  
 For more concert information please visit [www.westpoint.edu/band](http://www.westpoint.edu/band) 845-938-2617

## Command Channel 8/23

Dec. 4 - 11

**Thursday**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
 9 a.m. Spirit Videos  
 1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 1:30 p.m. Spirit Videos  
 3 p.m. Spirit Videos  
 4:30 p.m. Spirit Videos  
 7 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 7:30 p.m. Spirit Videos

**Friday**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
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 4 p.m. Spirit Videos  
 6 p.m. Spirit Videos  
 7 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 7:30 p.m. Spirit Videos

**Monday-Dec. 11**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
 1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 7 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 Other shows: First showing  
 • AFAP Brief (Tues., 9 a.m.)  
 • Army Families (Tues., Noon.)

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## TSP TICKER

**DECEMBER weekly changes fsince Nov. 17 (as of 12/01)**

C FUND - 0.39 percent  
 I FUND - 0.59 percent  
 S FUND - 0.70 percent

# FMWR Blurbs

## BOSS Project Angel Tree

Stop by the PX lobby to support local families in need this holiday season with Project Angel Tree.

Take an ornament off the Angel Tree and buy an age-appropriate gift.

For more information, call 938-6497.

## BOSS Santa suit rentals

Looking for a Santa or Mrs. Claus suit for your holiday party or Family gathering?

BOSS is renting suits this holiday season. Rent one or both for the day.

For suit rentals and information, call 938-6497.

## Photography contest

The 2008 All Army Digital Photography Contest is now accepting entries.

To enter, go to <https://artscrafts.fmwr.army.mil>, complete a profile and upload photos.

Submission deadline is Sunday.

The contest is open to active-duty and Army civilians.

For more details, go to the Web site above or call the Craft Shop at 938-4915.

## Holiday tree lighting ceremony

The annual West Point Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Soldier Field.

Light the community tree and sing carols. Then enjoy refreshments and a visit from Santa inside The Thayer Hotel.

There will be special performances by the USMA Band and the Cadet Glee Club.

For more information, call 938-6497.

## ACS Marketing Yourself seminar

Army Community Service is sponsoring a professional lecture entitled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career," from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at ACS (Bldg. 622).

Brian Blanchfield, deputy director of the officer placement service for the Military Officers Association of America, will be presenting the seminar on transitioning

from the military to civilian employment for interested officers, NCOs and Family members.

All attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and will receive a free copy of the publication "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career."

If you have questions or to register, call 938-5658.

## ACS Financial Readiness classes

ACS is offering financial readiness classes for first-term Soldiers. The class planned from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Banking Services/Accounts Management is scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. Dec. 11, and Investing Strategies for 2009 is scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. Dec. 17. Paying for College is set for 1-2:30 p.m. Dec. 18.

All classes take place at ACS, Bldg. 622. For more information, call 938-5356.

## Focus group meeting

The AAFES/Commissary focus group meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at ACS, Bldg. 622. It is open to the entire West Point community.

For more information, call 938-3620.

## Holiday party

The West Point Club's annual holiday party is scheduled for 7-11 p.m. Dec. 12 and includes a cocktail hour, buffet, dessert bar and dancing.

A cash bar will be available. Reservations and advance payment are required.

For more information, call 446-5545.

## Right Arm Night

Bring your right arm to Right Arm Night at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at the West Point Club. Complimentary snacks will be provided.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## Golf end of season sale

The golf end of season sale runs through Dec. 21 at the West Point Golf Course Pro Shop.

Save money on a selection of golf gear and equipment.

Call 938-2435 for more details.

## The Brick

Why Wait Until January To Start Your New Year's Resolution? Get in shape over the holidays.

"The Brick" is ongoing at the FMWR Fitness Center. Join Erin and Dana for a 30-minute spin followed by a 30-minute outdoor run 5:40-6:40 a.m. Tuesdays and 9-10 a.m. Wednesdays.

All fitness levels are welcome. Class is held rain or shine.

Reflective belt and running watch are recommended.

Contact [teamwhitefitness@gmail.com](mailto:teamwhitefitness@gmail.com) for more information.

## Education survey

Take the Department of Defense Education Activity survey through Feb. 28 at [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu).

The survey provides feedback about the quality of education and areas needing improvement.

## FMWR community skate program

FMWR is holding a community skate program from 3:30-5 p.m. every Sunday through March 8 at Tate Rink.

Call 938-3066 for more information.

## Lifeguards needed

FMWR is looking to hire Red Cross (or equivalent) certified lifeguards to monitor swimmers at Crandall Pool for a noon weekdays lap swimming program.

Those who are interested should submit an application to NAF Civilian Personnel, which can be reached at 938-2822.

For more information, call 938-8249.

## Weekly job listings

The Employment Readiness Program offers weekly job listings to military Family members living on West Point and in the

surrounding community.

This is a free service. To list your available openings with the Employment Readiness Program, please e-mail [amyjo.johnson@usma.edu](mailto:amyjo.johnson@usma.edu).

## Hockey program

West Point Sports Office Staff and Faculty Hockey Program has begun.

Sessions are 9-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays.

For more information call 938-3066.

## CYSS SKIES

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Instructional Program sessions are ongoing.

For more information, visit, [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com) or call 938-3727/8893.

## ACS volunteers wanted

ACS can help build marketable skills to incorporate into resumes. Volunteer and develop professional references and community networks while giving back to the Army community.

Volunteer areas include Financial Readiness, Employment Readiness, Army Family Action Plan and Relocation.

Child care costs will be covered.

For more information, call 938-5658.

## BOSS resale lot

Do you have a vehicle you want to sell? Consider the BOSS Resale Lot located in the Commissary Parking lot.

Call 938-6497 for more information.

## Army's eCYBERMISSION

The Army's eCYBERMISSION program has launched its Virtual Judge recruitment campaign for the 2008-09 competition year.

Prospective Virtual Judges can learn more and register to volunteer at [www.ecybermission.com](http://www.ecybermission.com) by using the code ARMY.

More information is also available by calling 1-866-GO-CYBER or by e-mailing [volunteerprogram@ecybermission.com](mailto:volunteerprogram@ecybermission.com).

# AFAP conference addresses residents concerns

Story and photo by  
Emily Tower

More than 100 volunteers sorted through dozens of concerns submitted by the West Point community to figure out how to improve the post's quality of life during the Army Family Action Plan conference Nov. 18-19.

The post's leadership was briefed about the issues and the recommended solutions developed by the AFAP panels and promised to report issues and solutions to the necessary agencies.

"We do owe you answers on all of these issues," Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, West Point superintendent, said after the briefing, adding he will make sure post residents are kept updated about the issues' progress.

AFAP volunteers were divided into groups to study child, youth and education issues; consumer and Family support; housing, relocation and public works; medical and dental issues; military and civilian force support; and teen issues. The

teen panel was comprised of high school student volunteers while other panels were made up of adult volunteers from across West Point.

Issues were submitted via Internet and suggestion boxes by West Point residents.

Issues ranged from housing concerns to hours and varieties of programs that are offered to handicap accessibility of some buildings.

Most issues can be resolved locally, and Hagenbeck called many of those "easy fixes." Others will have to be sent to higher levels of command, but Deputy Garrison Commander Wilfred Plumley promised that would occur.

The No. 1 issue and recommendations from each group were:

- School Age Services not being available for children who attend off-post schools. Recommendations include expanding SAS for those children and providing SAS when off-post schools do not have school but on-post schools do.
- No thrift shop at West

Point. Recommendations include developing a thrift shop and management agency and allowing residents to donate or consign items.

- Lack of awareness and enforcement of temporary lodging policies. Recommendations include making sure policies and procedures follow the standard operating procedure and posting the standard operating procedure in prominent places and on Web sites.
- Bringing therapeutic horseback riding to Morgan Farm. Recommendations include partnering with local therapy programs to provide a program at Morgan Farm and training volunteers to help coordinate with cadet equestrian club and other organizations with access to horses.
- Driver's license and vehicle registration for military personnel and Families. Recommendations include creating a nationwide decal and registration system for military Families and creating a long-distance license renewal process.



Baron Henry of West Point's Army Community Services helps Army Family Action Plan volunteers organized into the consumer and Family support work group sort through issues submitted by the West Point community during the AFAP conference Nov. 18 at the West Point Club. More than 100 volunteers tackled dozens of issues and presented the most pressing and suggested solutions to the post's leadership Nov. 19.

- Activity awareness for high school students. Recommendations include starting a teen focus group to develop programs for high school students, creating a Web site and blog detailing activities for high school students and marketing events with flyers.

All issues and recommendations as well as updates about how issues are being tackled by leadership

can be seen at the AFAP Web site -- [www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm](http://www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm).

Though the AFAP conference lasted two days, committees meet year-round to resolve issues.

The public is invited to listen in on AFAP steering committees. Schedules are posted on the Web site and will be published in future editions of the "Pointer View."

# Mooney nears record, leads by example

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt

The names are synonymous in Army history for greatness out of the backfield -- Davis, Blanchard, Dawkins, Anderson, Mayweather, Jones ... Mooney?

It's remarkable how one year can change the perception of a player who turned from a three-year backup fullback to a full-steam ahead, opportunistic running dynamo out of the backfield.

Firstie fullback Collin Mooney went from a non-factor who had six touches for 22 yards in three seasons into 1,285 yards on 214 carries and eight touchdowns this year. The change to an option-based attack made it possible for this success, and Mooney took the ball and ran with it.

"If you told me four years ago that I would be doing this, I would have said, 'yeah, right,' because I came in as a linebacker out of high school and I wasn't highly recruited," Mooney said. "When I got here, I was told to play fullback, and I took it as a challenge for myself to play a different position. I really wanted to play here, so it was either play fullback or play somewhere else.

"For me, to be on that list (of great Army running backs) seems unreal at this point," he added. "Those are some pretty serious names and to throw Collin Mooney in there, I mean who is this guy from Katy, Texas, who didn't really run the ball much before (this season)? It's crazy."

Mooney was told in the spring that he would possibly be the featured back in the newly formed triple-option attack. Army head coach Stan Brock looked at his 5-foot-10-inch, 247-pound back and knew he had the capability to be something special.

"I thought with this (new) offense and (Mooney's) speed and toughness that I believed he would have a good year," Brock said.

"Even more than his (1,285 yards rushing) is his leadership and the way he's approached this season. Here's a guy who prior to this year had only six carries, so with a new offense he's had an outstanding season."

As Mooney approaches the Army single-season rushing record of 1,338, held by Mike Mayweather, his qualities go beyond running over defenders and making 80-yard runs -- he's a leader with a strong work ethic that will go a long way into shaping the future of Army football.

"People follow leaders and Collin is a very positive leader, and people see the success that he's had and see how much fun he has while he's doing it," Brock explained. "His work ethic, his no nonsense approach to practice preparation, which leads to game preparation -- I think everyone sees that and understands he's created an environment in the running back meeting room and within the team as a whole that has raised the bar and that's because of Collin's work ethic."

Mooney's game started taking off when Yearling quarterback Chip Bowden took over the starting job from Cow quarterback Carson Williams.

Bowden is a more natural fit in the option-based attack because of his running abilities, which, in turn, opens up the field for Mooney.

"Having a quarterback threat who can get outside where he can run and pitch the ball more frequently gives me a chance to (gain many yards) off the dive because (the opponents) are more worried about the perimeter than they're worried about between the tackles," Mooney said. "I'm not taking anything away from Carson, but I think Chip helps me out in terms of opening up the dive and giving us more options in the option game."

Mooney's season went from respectable to record-pacing during a three-week period in October



Firstie fullback Collin Mooney (#30) is 54 yards from the Army single-season record of 1,338 yards held by Mike Mayweather, who achieved the record in 1990.

when he gained 187 yards at Tulane, then followed with a career high 229-yard performance at home versus Eastern Michigan and then a 172-yard day at Buffalo, where he broke for a career-best 81-yard touchdown run.

No matter if it's Pop Warner, high school, any division in college or the NFL, 588 yards in three weeks is something incredible, and even more so from someone who didn't play running back in high school and had only a handful of carries in college before this season.

The Tulane game was Mooney's highlight of the season because of the team's victory after a tough, but valiant, 21-17 loss to Texas A&M the week before.

His play garnered team accolades. He received the "Black Death Award," an honor bestowed only in cases of exceptional, near-perfect play, and national attention as the AT&T All-America Player

of the Week and earned a "helmet sticker" from ESPN analyst Lou Holtz.

The recognition he got all of a sudden left the whole experience as surreal for him.

"It is surreal because for three years I was in the backlight," Mooney said. "Even now I think I've just been doing my job and doing what I've been told. I waited my time, and it's come to fruition, and now everything has come together for me.

"I wish it would come together more for the team because I want wins more than individual accomplishments," he added. "But, I always had in the back of my mind during my first three years as I was behind Mike (Viti) and other guys that I would someday get my chance to step up."

The future field artillery officer credits his parents, Chuck and Kris, as his greatest role models, who helped him stay focused through the hard times during his first three years at West Point.

Several influencers led him to choose West Point over Air Force -- his grandfather, Charles Mooney, an Army colonel who served in Korea and Vietnam, and an older sister who graduated with a couple of guys who went to West Point from whom he got advice.

"I wanted to come here before football was even an option. I started thinking about it my freshmen year in high school," Mooney said. "I wanted to come here to be in the Army and to be an officer."

The final game of his career is Saturday versus Army's biggest rival, Navy. With a 3-8 season, his firstie class has been determined to change a losing mindset within the

Army team and change its attitude.

Changes were made to add motivational posters in the locker room and meeting areas, music and videos were added to pre-game rituals as well as other things to bring out the best in players.

"I know not everyone is motivated in the same way," Mooney said. "We had to find a way to get everyone motivated in some way. It's one thing we wanted to change and get going as far as attitudes and bringing a winning attitude and winning feeling to Army football."

With getting the team motivated to compete every down of every game, Mooney now focuses on the biggest moment at hand -- his first career start against Navy.

It's a culmination of three-and-a-half years from Beast Barracks to working out every day to writing military art papers until 4 a.m. It's a moment that he's worked toward since first putting on shoulder pads and a helmet in the second grade.

"This game is the last time we'll have a chance to go through something that we'll never quite experience for the rest of our lives," Mooney said. "We had many struggles and many great times, but this will be the biggest game we'll ever play as Army football players ... I ponder this being my last game, it's definitely emotional and tough for me.

"As for the game, I think we're a lot better team than we were at the beginning of the season and definitely than in years past," he added. "I see big things happening for us in this game. There's a good feeling going around and I'm never one to make predictions, but I'm going to go out and play hard and we'll see what happens."

## Sports calendar

### Corps

TODAY -- SWIMMING AND DIVING vs. **NAVY**, CRANDALL POOL, 3:45 P.M.

FRIDAY -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL @ DREXEL, PHILADELPHIA, 4 P.M.

SATURDAY -- FOOTBALL vs. **NAVY** @ PHILADELPHIA, NOON (CBS, SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO CHANNEL 121, XM SATELLITE RADIO CHANNEL 103.)

WEDNESDAY -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. YALE, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

### Dec. 4 - 21

WEDNESDAY -- MEN'S BASKETBALL @ PENN STATE, UNIVERSITY PARK, PA., 7 P.M. (ESPNU)

DEC. 13 -- MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

DEC. 14 -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. RUTGERS, MAGGIE DIXON CLASSIC @ NYC (MADISON SQUARE GARDEN), NOON (ESPNU)

DEC. 20 -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. PRESBYTERIAN, CHRISTL ARENA, 1 P.M.

DEC. 21 -- MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. VMI, CHRISTL ARENA, 1 P.M.

### Club

TODAY -- MARATHON TEAM, ARMY/NAVY BALL RUN TO PHILADELPHIA, 7-7:30 P.M. START TIME.

FRIDAY -- BOXING @ **NAVY**, ANNAPOLIS, MD., UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY BOXING INVITATIONAL, 7 P.M.

SATURDAY -- MIXED MARTIAL ARTS, BATTLE OF THE BRAINS @ COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN NYC, 4 P.M.

# Offensive option attack hopes to halt Navy streak

Story and photo by Eric S. Bartelt

Army and Navy play Saturday at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia in their 109th meeting. Kickoff is scheduled for noon and the game will be broadcast nationally on CBS.

The Black Knights (3-8) are not only looking to halt a three-game, in-season losing streak, but they will also try to snap their six-game losing skid to Navy, dating back to 2002. Navy currently holds a 52-49-7 lead in the series.

The Midshipmen (7-4) enter the game leading the nation in rushing average at 292 yards per game and face an Army team that held opponents to 124.8 yards a game running the ball, ranking them 32nd in the nation.

Navy features two strong running backs in seniors Shun White (873 yards) and Eric Kettani (807 yards), and a quarterback who could be making his second career start Saturday.

Sophomore quarterback Ricky Dobbs is Navy's third-leading rusher at 493 yards and has added eight touchdowns in his limited playing time. Dobbs replaced an ineffective senior starter in Jarod Bryant and injury-riddled senior Kaiponoa Kaheaku-Enhada, who is scheduled to return Saturday from a hamstring injury but may not start.

Navy came away with a 16-0 victory in Dobbs' first start Nov. 25 against Northern Illinois, and Army may try to focus on rattling the young quarterback early to get him off his game.

"I don't know how mature (Dobbs) is as a player because he could be as mature as a senior," said Firstie linebacker Frank Scappaticci. "But, I think our coaches will talk about that and tell us to get after him early because any player, if you get after them early, can be discouraged."

Scappaticci, who leads Army in tackles (82) and interceptions (three) this season, said the defense is confident headed into the game because of their strong showing against Air Force earlier in the year.

"We're confident facing the option offense, and I feel we played well against the other option team we faced this year," said Scappaticci about Army holding Air Force to 142 yards rushing. "We spent a lot of time practicing against our offense this summer, so I feel our defense is ready, and I expect good results."

The key to the game will be how Army's offense responds to their three-point output versus Rutgers Nov. 22. Getting back on track will be placed on the shoulders of Firstie fullback Collin Mooney and Yearling quarterback Chip Bowden.

Mooney has rushed for 1,285 yards this season and is only 54 yards from the school single-season rushing record. Bowden, after replacing Carson Williams as the starter, has rushed for 566 yards and has added two touchdown passes through the fall.

The option-based attack took some time to get rolling, but it moved progressively along through the middle part of the schedule.

"I think we started off pretty conservative as we tried to make sure everyone knew what they were doing, especially me," Bowden said. "I think as the year has progressed from game-to-game from the offensive line to the receivers to the backs, we've gotten more comfortable with what we're doing and understand our roles a little bit better."

"I think that's the biggest thing ... everyone knows their job that much more after every practice and game," he added.

Although Bowden will be facing Navy for the first time at the Division I level, he did face them two years ago at the Prep School where U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School lost, 30-23. The USMA Prep School has taken two of the last five meetings, including this year, against their Navy counterparts, so Bowden would like to translate that into the big game on Saturday.

"The rivalry at the Prep School was very competitive and the guys bring that from the Prep School to here, and I think that adds to it," Bowden explained. "This game carries a lot of weight. It's basically bragging rights for

a year. The (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) is a big thing around here and although we won't get it due to our loss to Air Force, it would be a step in the right direction to beat Navy and put a positive spin on the end of the season."

Army head coach Stan Brock feels the team has been consistently strong on defense this year with the emergence of a young linebacking corps in Yearlings Stephen Anderson and Josh McNary and a myriad of defensive backs who stepped to the forefront. However, the biggest improvement he sees is the continued progress of the offense.

"I've seen the offense evolve from an offense that had a hard time moving the ball to where we can move the ball very, very well and I think that's been good," Brock said. "The evolution of the offense and where we're going to go from here is that we've really created a base for our offense and we've established a running game. This is what we do as a triple option football team."

"As we evolve this into including the passing game and different ways to run the option, I think there's a lot for us to look forward to," Brock added.

While Brock gets his team mentally and physically prepared for its biggest challenge this season, players such as Scappaticci and the rest of the firsties have been working toward this moment by instilling a new attitude and legacy with the underclassmen that may start reflecting record-wise in the near future.

"I want to let them know that winning isn't just going to happen," Scappaticci said. "They should know they have to put their heart and soul into this if they want to turn the program around and to see the results they want."

"I feel like we can leave behind the thought of you're only going to get what you put into it and I feel there are a lot of leaders among the underclassmen who can take that and run with it," he added. "And I'm confident they will see the results they want."

Besides CBS' television coverage of the Army-Navy game with Ian Eagle and Boomer Esiason calling the action, fans can also hear the Army Sports Network broadcast via Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 121) and XM Satellite Radio (channel 103) beginning at noon with John Minko, Dean Darling and Rich DeMarco broadcasting the game.



Yearling quarterback Chip Bowden has rushed for 566 yards and passed for two touchdowns since taking over as starter early in the season.

# Army downs AF, 54-44

By Tracy Nelson  
Athletic Communications

The Army women's basketball team rode a 17-2 run over the final four minutes en route to a 54-44 victory Nov. 29 at Clune Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Yearling forward Erin Anthony scored seven of her 12 points over the final 3:56 to key the Black Knights in their second victory of the season over their service academy rival Falcons. Firstie guard Alex McGuire led all players with 16 points, while Yearling guard/forward Laura Baranek added 10 points.

"I am just thrilled with the way that we executed down the stretch today," said head coach Dave Magarity. "Erin did a tremendous job in the final minutes, and we really just saw everything come together. I'm very proud of the way these kids played, especially on the defensive end, this afternoon."

Yearling guard Nalini Hawkins added seven points, while Firstie forward Megan Evans chipped in with six for the Black Knights, as Army improved to 2-4 on the season. Air Force dropped to 1-4.

The Falcons owned a 37-29 advantage off the glass, but Army matched Air Force's 19 rebounds in the second half. Anthony paced the Black Knights with seven boards and Firstie guard/forward Courtney Wright finished with six.

Both teams shot 35 percent from the floor, featuring a 17-of-48 effort from the Black Knights. Army outscored the Falcons, 22-16, in points off turnovers as the team committed a season-low 12 miscues on the afternoon.

Army took a 24-22 halftime lead and came out to score the first four points of the second half, as Baranek's jumper and Anthony's layin both fell in the first two minutes to extend the Black Knights' lead to six, 28-22.

The Falcons owned seven of the next 11 points, making it a one-point game yet again, 30-29, with 14 minutes to play. Neither team scored over the next three minutes before McGuire's jumper ended the drought and

stretched the lead to 33-29 at the 11:13 mark.

Yearling guard Jessie Coiffard then initiated a steal on the other end, which allowed Army to extend its lead to 35-29 -- its largest lead to that point -- on an Anthony layup with 9:46 remaining. The Falcons responded with an 8-2 run over the next 3:35 to establish their first lead, 37-35, since the 12:21 mark of the second half.

A pair of McGuire free throws followed, tying the score at 37-37 with 5:49 to play. The Falcons scored the next five points to establish its largest lead of the game, 42-37 (4:23).

McGuire found Anthony in the post just 27 seconds later, igniting a 12-0 Army turnaround over the next two minutes that re-established a 45-42 Black Knight lead with 2:06 on the clock.

Anthony helped the cause with seven points, including five from the free throw line, while McGuire added five tallies during the critical surge. Army hung on to hit 7-of-8 from the free throw line over the final 1:13 to seal the win.

Army opened the game hot from long range, as Hawkins (18:36) and McGuire (16:02) triples surrounded an Evans hook shot over the first five minutes of action, as Air Force took a 10-8 lead with 15:25 on the clock. The Black Knights went on to take a 13-12 advantage following a wide-open three-point bucket courtesy of Coiffard and a 10-foot baseline jumper from Baranek.

Both teams hit a bit of a scoring slump before McGuire's three from the right baseline made it 16-14 with just under 10 minutes to play in the half. The teams went on to exchange baskets for the remainder of the half. The Black Knights took their largest lead of the half, 24-20, on a Hawkins putback at the three-minute mark. A pair of Falcon free throws made for a 24-22 Army lead at the break.

Air Force's Kim Kreke finished with a double-double (15 points, 11 rebounds) for the Falcons.



Yearling forward Erin Anthony scored 12 points and added a team-leading seven rebounds in Army's 54-44 win over Air Force Nov. 29.

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## Owning Navy

Firstie flanker Dan Geib (right) and Firstie 8-man Austin McNaul (#8) celebrate after Geib's try that put Army up 14-0 in the first half of the rugby match against Navy at the Anderson Rugby Complex Nov. 21. Geib was named the game's most valuable player as he added another try on the last play of the first half to help the Black Knights to a 40-7 pounding of their academy foe. Army also received tries from Yearling wing Latu Vaha'i, McNaul and team captain hooker Tom Sandonato while Firstie wing Mike Fleming added five conversions.

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