



## Commander-in-chief meets with cadets

President Bush visited the U.S. Military Academy Tuesday and provided the cow, yearling and plebe classes an update on the Global War on Terrorism during a speech at Eisenhower Hall. Bush spoke about doing what was necessary here and abroad to protect our troops and the American people. He also talked about how Afghanistan and Iraq offers an insight to a "new kind of war" and how it's transforming the fight for the next generation with the use of GPS, unmanned aerial vehicles, Special Operations expansion and a new focus on counterinsurgency that has led to a military transformation not seen since World War II. A complete transcript of his speech is at [www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2008/12/20081209-3.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2008/12/20081209-3.html). He held a separate meeting with the firsties in Robinson Auditorium.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

## TEE time at West Point

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
Directorate of Communications

It's TEE time at West Point once again, and it's the last task cadets must accomplish before enjoying the holiday break. Term end exams, or TEEs, are the equivalent of a university's final exams and cover all the material of the past semester.

According to Dean's Policy and Operating Memorandum 02-21, the purpose of TEEs is to enhance mastery of the course material by requiring the cadets to review, integrate and synthesize course concepts. They also provide a comprehensive evaluation of the extent to which each cadet has mastered the material.

"(With TEEs), what you're doing is certifying that they have mastered the knowledge for that particular subject," said Jim Dalton, Associate Dean for Operations and Registrar Division.

The first term TEEs begin Dec. 15, and the last is on Dec. 20. There are 11 term-end periods, each lasting about three-and-a-half hours. On average, more than 2,000 cadets take TEEs per exam period for the first nine

periods.

The amount of time and effort needed to prepare a TEE can vary depending upon the course. Core course TEEs are prepared and administered by a team of faculty members, while those of elective courses typically involve one or two professors. Preparation time for the TEEs can last from as few as 20 man-hours to more than 40.

After a TEE is written, it is reviewed for clarity and accuracy, Dalton said. Then professors will often take the exam themselves to gauge how much time it will take to complete.

Cadets are released for the holiday break when they have finished their TEEs. But when the last cadets finish TEEs on Dec. 20, the professors are still at work reviewing and grading the exams.

Grading time is typically one hour per exam. Each class has two to four sections, with 12 to 18 cadets in each section.

"If you have a professor that has four sections of 18 cadets," Dalton said, "you're talking anywhere from 24 man-hours of work

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## Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony

About 450 West Point and Town of Highlands Families turned out for the annual West Point Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony Monday at Buffalo Soldier Field. The event, hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and The Thayer Hotel, included a performance by the cadet chapel choir, carols led by Cub Scout Pack 23 (above), refreshments and visits with Santa. The tree, located on the corner of Thayer and Mills Road, will be illuminated evenings throughout the holiday season. This year, DPW adorned the tree with energy-saving lights, which will save West Point more than \$400 in electric costs and an estimated \$10,000 savings in bulb replacement costs.

APRIL ANDERSON/FMWR

## OPSEC - a new focus on an ongoing challenge

By Colette A. Drouin  
Installation Security Manager

Operational security, the protection of military operations and activities resulting from the identification, elimination or control of vulnerabilities susceptible to hostile exploitation, is everyone's responsibility.

To the West Point workforce, it means thinking about what the mission is and what asset you have that might be valuable to the enemy, especially the information with which federal employees and military personnel come into contact.

As an example, think about the GS-4 office automation clerk in one of the academic departments working on TDY orders for cadets, faculty and staff. Those TDY orders have personal information about the travelers including Social Security numbers and point-

of-contact information.

The GS-4 had a busy day, and in the process of getting these orders produced, some of them ended up in the regular trash rather than being ripped up or shredded.

This is a simple mistake of a worker not really considering what information is entrusted to him/her and what protection he/she should take to make sure this information does not travel to terrorists who somehow got their hands on the trash from this office.

How are civilian employees supposed to know what should happen to this type of trash? The GS-4 did not receive instructions that this type of document must be shredded or destroyed.

OPSEC is a mindset, and we all need to start thinking what OPSEC procedures are necessary everyday with all aspects of our jobs.

While most of us do not think terrorists have much interest in our cadets, they are perfect targets for identity theft. Most of the paperwork generated at West Point requires information such as Social Security numbers, names and dates and places of birth. This information could be used to steal the identities of these future leaders.

Everyone can incorporate OPSEC into the everyday work routine. Practicing operations security will help accomplish individual goals.

When you do something, ask yourself, "What could a bad guy glean from the knowledge of this activity? Is it revealing information about what we do and how we do it?" It is helpful to view yourself and what you're doing as an adversary would.

For example, what can be gained by observing your actions or reading what you

place on a Web site? (Note: West Point has external and internal Web sites, which is good OPSEC.)

OPSEC things to consider in daily operations:

- Make sure you destroy sensitive but unclassified information, such as documents with Social Security numbers -- shred or tear them into small pieces. USMA Policy Memorandum 160-08, dated Sept. 16, now regulates destruction of sensitive but unclassified information before its placement in recycling bins.
- Do not discuss certain information in public (plans, times, personnel numbers).

Web site information should not include biographies. Do you want the enemy to have personal information about you or your chain of command?

Do not give out specific information over the phone without confirmation of whom you are really speaking.

The West Point Installation Security Office is organizing the OPSEC mission by generating a standard operating procedure and working with each department to tailor OPSEC to specific vulnerabilities as they pertain to that department. For instance, the Department of Social Sciences has different items to protect than the Directorate of Logistics. As such, the ISO will guide each department in the OPSEC process and, by working together, the message of OPSEC will be spread.

## Summer Leaders Seminar information

In the next couple of weeks, students will start submitting applications for Summer Leaders Seminar 2009.

As West Point's faculty and staff, Admissions wants to arm you with the most current information about SLS.

Please support this valuable program by informing students and their influencers about it and encouraging potential candidates to apply.

SLS 2009 takes place May 30-June 5 and June 6-12 and brings together about 900 outstanding, rising high school seniors from around the country for a six-day immersion into West Point.

The Director of Admissions and the Dean of the Academic Board cosponsor SLS, which includes daily morning physical training, academic classes, intramurals, a day of military training, administration of the Candidate Fitness Assessment, a West Point tour and some social functions.

The academic program features workshops and class samplings from the academy's curriculum.

All participants stay in cadet barracks,

and meals are served in the Cadet Mess. Students pay their own travel expenses plus a registration fee to pay for food, workshop materials and some West Point apparel.

Fifty-three firsties and cows participate in the program, earning cadet summer training detail credit while serving as the workshop chain of command down to the squad-leader level. They are responsible for planning and executing all SLS activities.

Students apply for SLS online only at <http://admissions.usma.edu/>.

There will be a link on the site to apply for SLS Dec. 15-April 1. Students are selected from among the top performers academically and top in leadership potential as gauged by their extracurricular and athletic activities.

The SLS selection process is an abbreviated version of the West Point admissions process.

Last year, DAD received more than 3,500 applications and anticipates similar interest this year. Generally, students invited to attend SLS will be competitive for admission to West Point.

Once a student applies for SLS, their application is reviewed and placed into one

of three categories -- offered, on the waiting list or not selected.

Students invited to SLS in December and January will have until March 1 to accept. Those offered in February will have until April 1. Those offered in March and April will have until May 1, allowing DAD to draw from the waiting list as needed to fill the SLS class with the best 900 students.

The SLS brochure, course descriptions and additional information are on the DAD Web site at <http://admissions.usma.edu/>.

Each SLS session is a week of academic, military and physical excellence and provides many social opportunities.

What better way for a student to understand our academy than to live it? SLS provides a unique overview of cadet life and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for competitive candidates.

SLS is the No. 1 West Point cadet accessions program, and nearly half of the attendees join the next class of the cadets after their attendance to become future members of the Long Gray Line.

**Lt. Col. Dean R. Batchelder**  
Associate Director of Admissions/  
SLS Officer-in-Charge

## SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Capt. Vanara Nevels (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Sicoletti (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at [Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu](mailto:Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu) for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets also can 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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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

Difficulty: Medium

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# Local and National News

## CID seeks candidates for special agents

Submitted by West Point CID Office

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking qualified applicants to become highly trained criminal investigators.

Special agents are responsible for investigating felony-level crimes of Army interest, conducting protective-service operations and working with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in specialized investigative disciplines.

Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI National Academy, Metropolitan Police Academy at Scotland Yard, DoD Polygraph Institute and the Canadian Police College and also have the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in Forensic Science from George Washington University.

To qualify, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years old, be an E-5 (non-promotable) with at

least two years but not more than 10 years time in service, have an ST score of 107 or higher (ST of 110 if tested before Jan. 2, 2002), have at least 60 college credit hours from an accredited institution (waiver of up to half of this prerequisite may be considered if favorably endorsed by the local CID office), have a physical profile 222221 or higher, normal color vision and no record of mental or emotional disorders, a minimum of one year of military police experience or two years of civilian police experience (a waiver of this prerequisite may be considered if favorably endorsed by the local CID office).

Applicants must be able to speak and write clearly, have suitable character established by a Single Scope Background Investigation leading to a top secret clearance, no record of unsatisfactory credit, no civil court or court-martial convictions and be able to complete 60 months of service obligation upon completion of the Apprentice Special Agent Course.

To apply or for more information visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil) or the West Point CID Office at 938-6049.



## Gingerbread house

Every year, Zachary Gillon, a baker at the Cadet Mess, creates and donates a gingerbread house to the Corps of Cadets. The house is displayed in the mess hall from Thanksgiving through the holidays for cadets to enjoy. Cadets enjoy looking and sometimes snacking on the cookies, candy and graham crackers that make up the gingerbread house. The house is built on a wooden frame and is decorated with roughly 25 pounds of candy, 250 cookies and 300 lights on the inside and outside of the house. A group of cadets gathered Monday to admire the different features of the house, some possibly considering an area or piece of candy that looks particularly edible to them.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## Delivery problems?

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## West Point gate hours

West Point gate access is as follows:

- Stony Gate is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This gate is for privately owned and delivery vehicles and trucks.

- Washington Gate is for vehicles with Department of Defense decals only and is open for entering post between 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m. seven days a week.

The exit lane is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Thayer Gate is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is primarily used for POVs and pedestrians.

Proper government-issued, photo identification is required to enter the installation at any time. Because of security measures, try to arrive early for events.

Call Christopher Shaw at 938-2042 or Sgt. Marcus Juarez at 938-5207 with questions.

# Changes to leave act benefit wounded warriors, Families

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**  
**American Forces Press Service**

Recent changes to the Family and Medical Leave Act will extend the period of unpaid, job-protected leave that eligible Family members can take to care for wounded warrior spouses, Labor Department officials said.

Legislative amendments to the act signed into law by President Bush provide new entitlements that pertain to military Families and enable them to take caregiver leave, officials said.

The Labor Department administers FMLA for private-sector workers. The changes, authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, were to be published in the Federal Register Nov. 17.

“This final rule for the first time gives America’s military Families special job-protected leave rights to care for brave servicemen and women who are wounded or injured and also helps Families of members of the National Guard and reserves manage their affairs when their servicemember is called up for active duty,” Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao said.

“At the same time, the final rule provides needed clarity about general FMLA rights and obligations for both workers and employers,” she added.

One change stipulates that eligible employees who are Family members of covered servicemembers can take up to 26 work weeks of leave in a 12-month period to care for a covered servicemember with a serious illness or injury incurred in the line of duty on active duty. This change extends the period of available unpaid leave beyond the original 12-week leave period. The new provision was a recommendation of the President’s Commission on Wounded Warriors.

A second Family-leave-related amendment to the act makes the normal 12 work weeks of FMLA job-protected leave available to certain Family members of National Guardsmen or reservists for qualifying exigencies when servicemembers are on active duty or called to active-duty status.

Qualifying exigencies for which employees can use FMLA leave include:

- Short-notice deployment;
- Military events and related activities;
- Child-care and school activities;
- Financial and legal arrangements;
- Counseling;
- Rest and recuperation;
- Post-deployment activities;
- Additional activities not encompassed in the other categories by which the employer and employee can agree to the leave.

Another change requires employees to follow their employers’ call-in procedures when taking FMLA leave. Previous rules were interpreted that employees could inform employers of taking FMLA leave for up to two full business days after initiating it.

Another rule change allows employers’ human-resource officials, leave administrators or management officials to contact employees’ health care providers to verify information on medical certification forms, so long as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 requirements and medical privacy regulations are met.

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to 72.”

In addition to multiple choice questions, TEEs often contain short-answer and essay questions as well, Dalton said. Different methods are used to evaluate how these questions are graded.

For example, English exam essay questions require outlines that detail key points cadets must explain in giving a correct answer.

Core course exams can be checked for accuracy with each professor grading a particular set of questions in all of the exams. After professors are finished grading the exams, they are sent to a course and/or program director for a second review.

When that is done, they are sent to the department head, who approves the grades to be posted to the Academic Management System Dec. 23.

Then ORD prepares the material for the class committees and academic board to review. The grades are official when they are approved by the committees on Jan. 12 and the academic board Jan. 13.

Established in 1993 under the Labor Department’s jurisdiction, the FMLA originally entitled most federal employees to up to 12 work weeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period for:

- The birth of a child of the employee and the care of the child;

• The placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care;

• The care of a spouse, child or parent of the employee who has a serious health condition; or

• A serious health condition that makes the employee unable to work.

# Community Features and Photos

## BS&L professors go national with classroom skills

By Lt. Col. John Graham  
Department of Behavioral Sciences  
and Leadership

Eleven psychology instructors from the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership have been accepted to present teaching concepts at the National Institute of the Teaching of Psychology Conference in January.

"We are incredibly gifted with a tremendous crew of innovative teachers and developers," said Maj. Kandace Daffin, General Psychology for Leaders Deputy Course Director.

The annual conference brings together the nation's top-level psychology professors to share and learn new teaching techniques through presentations, networking and workshops.

Representatives from two- and four-year

undergraduate institutions from across the nation submit work and are judged by their peers for acceptance to the conference.

"We (USMA) had a clean sweep to the conference for our six separate teaching innovation submissions," said Maj. Lolita Burrell, BS&L Assistant Professor. "Given USMA's high status in the 'Forbes' and 'U.S. News' rankings, I think there is a lot of interest in how West Point teaches students."

USMA ranked in the Top 6 of the "Forbes" rankings and the Top 14 of the "U.S. News and World Report" rankings.

How psychology is taught at USMA is important to other colleges. Psychology is a course that most undergraduate institutions require for all students.

However at USMA there are direct transfers between psychology theory and the practice of leadership. Therefore, there is an expectation that cadets not only learn the

theories, but also can apply the theories to the leadership of a platoon.

The requirement to apply theory causes the instructors to develop innovative techniques to demonstrate complex theory in the classroom.

For instance, Daffin, Melanie Wong-Dodge, Dr. Lisa Korenman and Burrell tested a version of Monopoly as a classroom activity to teach social psychology.

"How we changed the distribution of money caused very different reactions in the students. As a result, the cadets clearly understand how social psychological theory directly applies to situations they may face in Iraq or Afghanistan," Korenman said.

Majors Bart Wilkison and Donnie LaGrange are presenting on techniques to compensate for teaching multiple sections of the same class.

"At West Point, we may teach the same

class to four different sections. Our goal is that the first time the class is conducted is as excellent as the fourth time it is taught," Wilkison said.

The two instructors have been studying what makes class performance different and how to measure the differences.

All 11 instructors are slated to present their work in early January.

"While I am looking forward to sharing our work, I am pretty excited to gather new techniques from the other colleges and universities," said instructor Maj. Joe Geraci. "There are many top psychology instructors also presenting their work. I will bring the best ideas back to West Point."

"I have to believe that these type of collaborations lead to a better cadet classroom experience," Daffin concluded, "and it is in keeping with USMA's ranking among top undergraduate institutions."

## Post DPW prepares for winter weather challenges

By Martha Hinote  
Department of Public Work Customer  
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Fall is starting to feel like winter in the Hudson Valley.

Even though West Point has escaped the challenges of winter's ice and snow so far, DPW is ready for when they do come.

"We have completed pre-season snow removal refresher training, fine tuned procedures and we are ready for whatever Old Man Winter has in store for the 2008-09 Hudson Valley winter season," Larry Kirwan, chief of the Directorate of Public Works' Operations and Maintenance Division, said.

The DPW's fleet of snow plows, salt spreaders, graders, loaders and tractors are ready for snow operations, along with thousands of tons of road deicer, barrels of ice melt, a supply of shovels and ice choppers and a fully-trained crew of operators.

"Approximately 3,000 tons of road deicer



is already on hand to help control snow and ice and keep our roadways safe," Kirwan said.

Snow operations at West Point are carried out in accordance with USMA Regulation 420-8.

This regulation establishes snow and ice clearance priorities for USMA roads, parking lots and sidewalks that have been tested over time for the most efficient use of resources while ensuring the West Point Garrison remains operationally ready at all times.

Priority One areas are main thoroughfares and areas designated as emergency response vehicle routes used by fire trucks, police vehicles and ambulances.

In particularly challenging weather conditions, all snow control assets are concentrated on Priority One areas.

Priority Two through Five areas are addressed only when Priority One areas have been made safe and passable.

Although USMA Regulation 420-8 currently calls for plowing to begin when two inches of frozen precipitation has accumulated, DPW standard protocol includes selected pre-treatment before storms or thaw-refreeze events and continuous operations throughout snow/ice events with the goal of achieving clear, dry roadways as soon as operationally possible, according to Bob Frederick of the DPW Snow Desk. "Personnel from our Land Maintenance Branch are 'on the road' 24/7 during winter weather events to ensure West Point roads, parking lots, and sidewalks remain clear and safe," Frederick added.

With the community's help, DPW can quickly, efficiently and effectively remove snow and ice from the main post area's roughly 150 miles of roads, many miles of



sidewalks and millions of square feet of parking lot.

When West Point is Code Red, do not drive onto West Point. Personnel who must come to work should use public transportation.

West Point is only placed in Code Red status under the most dangerous winter conditions, and adding a vehicle to the roads and parking lots compounds the difficulty of DPW's clearing effort.

West Point residents should park their cars in driveways, garages and other off-street parking as available when snow and ice are forecasted.

Before every snow/ice event, remove obstructions such as basketball goals, trash containers and other outside equipment and personal property from the road ways, including service roads, to give plows plenty of room to safely maneuver during a snow event.

Clearly mark decks, patios, porches, fences and edgings close to the edge of a

road with a brightly colored flag or other item that can be seen easily during winter weather conditions.

Snow removal for common sidewalks in the housing areas is being provided by Balfour Beatty Communities.

"Residents are responsible for clearing their own driveways and sidewalks from the street to their homes," Shari Roosa, Balfour Beatty's community manager at West Point, said.

Residents may pick up ice melt at Balfour Beatty's maintenance facility, Bldg. 695, by the cemetery.

"Residents should report snow removal concerns using our maintenance number, 446-3570," Roosa said.

During every snow and/or ice event, roads, parking lots, common area sidewalks and steps are cleared in accordance with a specific priority order as outlined in USMA Reg 420-8.

Do not ask vehicle operators to divert from their assignment. This creates delays. During winter weather, DPW operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week to get roads, parking lots and sidewalks clear.

The snow control desk operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week to monitor and manage the snow/ice control effort. Call the snow control desk at 938-4707 with questions and concerns and to report areas in need of ice control/snow removal.

"West Point has the finest snow removal operations in the Hudson Valley region," Matt Talaber, Director of Public Works, said. "Our objective is prompt snow removal executed in a manner that is safe for our workers and the West Point community."

# Good safety practices can make holidays happier

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

With the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's holiday festivities fast approaching, people are busy planning, shopping and not necessarily thinking about safety.

The wreaths, trees, lights and candles add to a festive and warm atmosphere, but when not used properly, they can cause fires, injury and death.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates there are more than 14,000 candle-related fires each year that result in roughly 170 deaths and millions of dollars in property loss, according to [www.cpse.gov](http://www.cpse.gov).

The CPSC monitors the marketplace, including the Internet, for dangerous holiday lights and decorations and works with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to aid in preventing unsafe decorations from being distributed throughout the United States.

The CPSC does a lot to keep consumers safe, but they can only do so much.

Everyone needs to think about safety -- from selecting the Christmas tree, stringing lights, candle placement to setting up the fireplace.



## Trees and decorations

Most artificial trees will have fire resistant labels. Fire resistant does not mean the tree can't catch fire. It is an indication the tree is more resistant to burning. The CPSC recommends purchasing an artificial tree with a fire resistant label.

A live tree should be checked for freshness by making sure the needles are green, hard to pull out of the branches and do not break when bent. Check the bottom of the tree. A fresh tree is sticky at the base and it should not lose its needles when tapped on the ground.

Always place the tree away from radiators, fireplaces and traffic and be sure doorways are not blocked. Heated rooms will dry live trees quickly, so keep the stand filled with water.

The general rules of thumb, according to [www.christmastree.org](http://www.christmastree.org) are to have a tree stand capable of holding one quart of water and (contrary to popular belief) don't add sugar -- it does nothing for the tree.

A Christmas tree needs lots of moisture to keep it from drying out. Adding sugar could also add bacteria, which can cause an unpleasant odor. If this happens, add fresh water with dissolved baking soda rather than

adding a small amount of bleach. Bleach, even very diluted, is not good for tree tissues.

When decorating the tree, be sure to use non-combustible or flame-resistant materials. Tinsel or icicles should be plastic or nonleaded metals.

Leaded decorations can be harmful to children if ingested. Keep sharp or breakable decorations, trimmings that have small removable parts and any decorations that look like candy out of the reach of children.

Follow the directions when using artificial snow as it can cause lung irritation.



## Lights

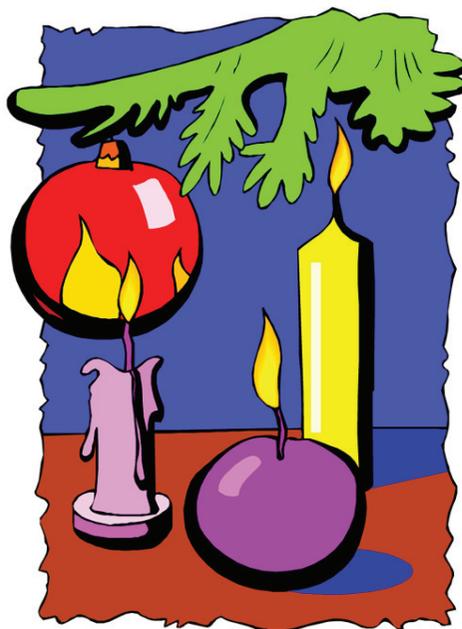
Always check each set of lights for irregularities such as broken sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections, whether they are new or used.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree as the tree can become electrically charged if there is faulty lighting, which may result in shocks or electrocution when touched.

Only use lights, either for indoors or outside, that have been tested for safety by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory.

Use newer lights that have thicker wiring and safety fuses to prevent wires from overheating.

When using lights outdoors, make sure they are certified for outdoor use and only plug them into a ground-fault circuit interrupter, protected receptacles or portable GFIC. Always turn off the lights when going to bed or when out of the house.



## Candles

Burning candles should always be kept away from any item that can catch fire, such as trees, evergreens, curtains and furniture. Candleholders should be non-flammable and



kept away from children and pets.

Make sure candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the house.

## Fireplaces

It always seems quicker to just throw used gift wrapping into the fireplace, but this material can ignite suddenly, possibly causing a flash fire.

Place a screen around the fireplace to help prevent sparks from igniting nearby flammable materials.

## Other holiday safety tips

Other safety tips for a happy holiday include:

- If attending parties, designate a driver;
- If hosting a party, make sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving;

• Be careful when cooking. Do not wear loose-fitting clothing and make sure the handles of pots and pans on the stove are pointing to the back to avoid accidents. Observe safety precautions when cooking;

• For information on preparing food safely, call the U.S. Department of Agriculture's meat and poultry hotline at 800-535-4555 or the U.S. Food and Drug administration's food information line at 888-723-3366;

• A detailed Web site on food preparation safely is [www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fsholida.html](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fsholida.html).

If everyone thinks a little about safety during the holidays, events can be averted that would otherwise put a damper on the celebration of the season.

# Community Leisure

## Two generals featured in N.Y. Historical Society exhibit

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

The New York Historical Society is examining the times and events of two 19th century generals, Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee, with an exhibition of "Grant and Lee in War and Peace" through March 29, which explores the roles these West Point graduates played during the Mexican and Civil wars.

The NYHS and the Virginia Historical Society are collaborating on this project.

Lee (1807-70) was Superintendent of West Point from 1852-55 and commanded the Confederate forces. Grant (1822-85), commanded the Union Army and became the 18th President of the United States in 1869. He served two terms.

The West Point Museum loaned three items to the exhibit -- two cadet uniform pieces and an original watercolor of "Indians Bartering" by U.S. Grant.

"Grant and Lee in War and Peace" is the third in a series of exhibitions by the NYHS that explores the ideas of liberty at various times throughout American history, according to the [www.nyhistory.org](http://www.nyhistory.org).

The exhibition is displaying rare items such as the Bowie knife confiscated from John Brown after his capture by Lee at Harper's Ferry, Va., in 1859 and paintings, drawings,

Grant and Lee's full uniforms, sculptures, photographs and videos from public and private collections.



Gen. Robert E. Lee

Grant and Lee met only two times in their lives. The first time was near the end of the war with Mexico and the last at Appomattox, Va., 17 years later.

At West Point, Lee (class of 1829), graduated second in his class while Grant (class of 1843) finished 21st in a class of 39 at West Point.

The exhibit looks at the gentlemen's West Point connection as an engineering school that trained them in the design of civil works or civil engineering, but also trained them as Soldiers and includes Lee's engineering drawings for redirecting the Mississippi River from its course back toward St. Louis, which restored that city's waterfront. Grant's paintings are also on display.

The NYHS is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 11 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Sundays and is located at 270 Central Park West in New York. For more information, call 212-873-3400.

Free admission is offered to West Point staff, faculty and students who show military ID through the end of the year.



An original watercolor painting by Ulysses S. Grant, "Indians Bartering," is on loan to the exhibit examining the lives of Gens. Robert E. Lee and Grant from the West Point Museum.

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President Ulysses S. Grant

## Children need vaccine during flu season

By New York State  
Department of Health

Because children are more likely to get the flu than anyone else, they should be vaccinated.

"All children (ages 6 months to 18 years) and their Families should get the influenza vaccine each year to help reduce their risk of getting sick or making others sick," Capt. Kerry Garth of West Point's Department of Preventive Medicine said. "Depending on the ages of your children, they may be able to get either a flu shot or the nasal spray vaccine."

Babies younger than 6 months can't get vaccinated against the flu. They need their Family and others around them to get the flu vaccine each year to help protect them from the flu.

It is particularly important for children with long-term health problems, such as asthma and diabetes, to get a flu shot. They have a greater chance of getting very sick if they catch the flu, and complications may require emergency room or hospital care.

The Department of Preventive Medicine warns that children with long-term health problems should not be given the nasal-spray vaccine.

Flu shots are strongly recommended for all children with health problems such as asthma and other long-term lung diseases, heart problems, weakened immune system because of HIV/AIDS or other diseases affecting the immune system, long-term treatment with drugs such as steroids and chemotherapy, sickle cell anemia, diabetes, diseases that require long-term aspirin therapy, kidney disease and muscle or nerve disorders.

The Department of Preventive Medicine recommends that every parent ask their health care provider about the need for children to receive a flu shot or nasal-spray vaccine every year.

For more information about the flu, visit the New York State Department of Health's influenza Web page at [www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/communicable/influenza/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/communicable/influenza/).

# 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>.

## Moms and Tots

Moms and Tots is having a Fun Gym planned for 9:30 a.m. Friday 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.

## Brownie toy drive

The third grade Brownie troop (Troop #191) is collecting new, unwrapped toys for infants to 12-year-olds through Saturday 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. Saturday at the PX.

For more information, call Carrie at 859-4489.

## West Point Retiree Council

The West Point Retiree Council is meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday 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. Saturday 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 the community and enjoy the holiday season together.

## Candlelight tours at Boscobel

Boscobel's candlelight tours will be held 5-8 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

The tours bring 19th-century customs to life. Storytelling with Jonathan Kruk will take place Friday and Saturday 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).

## Garrison retirement ceremony

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

## Cadet Chapel holiday services

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

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

## 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.

## 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 are needed require appropriate documentation.

The new DD Form 93 is now uploaded into eMILPO.

Do not use the form on AKO.

## 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.

## Holiday schedule for Arvin CPDC

Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 20, 23-24, 26-27, 30-31 and Jan. 2-3; 1-9 p.m. Dec. 21, 28 and Jan. 4; and 5:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Jan. 5.

The center will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

## Ambulance corps volunteers needed

The Town of Highlands Ambulance Corps is looking for volunteers to become emergency medical technicians and emergency vehicle drivers.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and residents of Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery or West Point.

Volunteers receive uniforms, equipment, training and a retirement program.

For more information, call 446-3101 or e-mail [JStoppel@THVAC.org](mailto:JStoppel@THVAC.org).

## 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.

# Keller Corner

## KACH providers

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 patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## 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.

## 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 throughout the holiday season.

## Command Channel 8/23

Dec. 11 - 18

### Thursday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9 a.m. AFAP Brief  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
7 p.m. Army Newswatch  
7:30 p.m. AFAP Brief

### Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
Noon AFAP Brief  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. AFAP Brief  
7 p.m. Army Newswatch

### Monday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9 a.m. AFAP Brief  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
7 p.m. Army Newswatch  
7:30 p.m. AFAP Brief

### Tuesday-Dec. 18

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

## 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

# NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

- Friday -- High School Musical 3: The Senior Year, G, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday -- The Secret Life of Bees, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 19 -- Quarantine, R, 9:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 19 -- Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, PG, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 20 -- Quantum of Solace, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM)

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## Notice

A public information briefing on the Stony Lonesome I construction at West Point will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. tonight 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, West Point, 845-938-5948.

# AER scholarships can provide education money

Submitted by Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of active, retired and deceased Soldiers and offers scholarships based on financial need, academics and leadership/achievement.

The 2009-10 Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program Application is available on the Army Emergency Relief Web site, [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org), and is due March 2.

Hardcopy applications may be requested from Kasey Phillips at 703-428-0035, [kasey@erhq.org](mailto:kasey@erhq.org) or by mail to: HQ, Army Emergency Relief, Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship

Program, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332-0600.

The Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers and widows(ers) of Soldiers who died either on active duty or in a retired status who reside in the United States, with financial assistance to gain the education required for them to qualify for increased occupational opportunities.

The 2009-10 Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program Application is available on the Army Emergency Relief Web site and is due March 2.

Hardcopy applications may be requested

from Diann Evans at 703-325-2091, [diann@erhq.org](mailto:diann@erhq.org) or by mail to: HQ, Army Emergency Relief, Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332-0600.

The 2009-10 Student Aid Report is needed for both the programs.

To obtain the SAR, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. After analyzing the data on the FAFSA, the SAR is produced and sent to the applicant.

Since AER is not an education institution, the applicant must mail a copy after receiving it.

The Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program is a need-based education

assistance program designed to provide spouses residing with active-duty Soldiers in an overseas command only and provides financial assistance spouses can gain the education required to allow them to qualify for increased occupational opportunities.

The 2008-09 Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program Application is now available on the AER Web site. Spouses must renew every term.

Hardcopy applications may be requested from Kristin Chapman at 703-325-0313, [Kristin@erhq.org](mailto:Kristin@erhq.org) or by mail to HQ, Army Emergency Relief, Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332-0600.



## Black and Gold volunteers

The Black and Gold Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held Monday, and pictured are (front row from left to right) recipients Analise Adams, Patty Bastianelli, Malisa Cazier and children, Monika Knotts, Julie Horton, Laura Hromadka and Cathy Baka and children. Back row (left to right) are Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno and recipients Master Sgt. Blair Ferrier, Sgt. 1st Class Myra Fishburn, Capt. Jack DeLong and Debbie Peterson. The Volunteer of the Month for November was Ferrier.

BEV COOPER/DOIM MMB

# FMWR Blurbs

## Holiday party

The West Point Club's annual holiday party is from 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.

## 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.

## 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.

All parents of DODEA school age children are encouraged to complete it.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

## Dance lessons

Ballroom dancing classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at Cullum Hall.

Classes run six consecutive Tuesdays, ending March 3. To register, call 938-3601 or stop by 695 Buckner Loop. Visa and Master Card are accepted.

## 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.

## Skate program

The FMWR Community Skate Program takes place 3:30-5 p.m. Sundays through March 8 at Tate Rink.

Call 938-3066 for more information.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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).



## WTU Soldiers receive gifts and breakfast

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Ogonowski (left photo), a Soldier in West Point's Warrior Transition Unit, prepares to open a gift from the Peekskill Quilt Club Dec. 5 at the Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Each WTU Soldier received a handmade quilt and Christmas card from the club. (Right photo) Sgt. Edward Lloyd, left, and Spc. Somath Thongsythavong, both of West Point's Warrior Transition Unit, enjoy breakfast Dec. 5 at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center. Bear Mountain Recruiting Company's Family Readiness Group prepared breakfast for the Soldiers to thank them for serving. The company's Soldiers and Families cover Orange County, N.Y., and northern New Jersey and wanted to share Christmas cheer with the Army Family they rarely get to see in recruiting.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SFAC

# Skiing at West Point will be available soon

By Emily Tower

Those willing to brave the cold for a little fun don't have to leave post for a thrill.

The Victor Constant Ski Slope, operated by West Point's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, soon will open again to skiers and snowboarders.

The ski slope typically is open the day after Christmas until mid-March -- snow permitting.



The ski slope personnel can make snow with machines that blow small drops of water into the air that freeze and add to what Mother Nature provides, with the capability of making snow on 100 percent of the terrain.

Trails can be opened after three or four days of sub-freezing temperatures regardless of the presences of natural snow, Thane Kelley, FMWR recreation chief, said. The snow machines were tested Monday.

When the season begins, the slope is open 3-9 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays.

The ski area is patrolled by more than 40 volunteers trained by the National Ski Patrol.

Ski lift passes may be purchased for the day or for the season. A triple chair lift can be taken to the Hollman Run, East Run and Rodney H. Smith trails, which offer a 500-foot vertical drop.

A new cable-tow, with built-in handles, was installed during the off-season to replace the old rope tow servicing the beginner's slope, which offers a 150-foot vertical drop.

"Now you can hang onto a handle instead of a slippery, old rope," Kelley said.

The ski area purchased a rainbow rail and kink rail to complement its terrain park this season as well. These rails are obstacles snow sport participants may use to test their skills. A rainbow rail is a pipe shaped like a rainbow,



and a kink rail is shaped like an S. Skiers and snowboarders may jump onto these obstacles and see if they can stay on them.

Skis, boots, poles and snowboards may be rented. Prices, which differ based on a person's rank, can be found at [www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/SKI/index.HTM](http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/SKI/index.HTM).

Skiers also can have their equipment tuned, tested, adjusted and repaired by ski slope staff. Check the Web site for prices.

Young skiers have the opportunity to participate in the West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team. Skiers ages 8-14 may learn ski racing as "a venue for competition to challenge themselves mentally and physically," according to the team's Web site.

To join, skiers must purchase a season pass and pay team dues. Skiers also must own a helmet, proper boots and skis and poles and must agree to certain conduct rules. More information, including skills skiers must possess, can be found at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzer0g6a/wpjast/id1.html>.

Training for the ski team begins Jan. 3 and is scheduled for 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays and 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays. Six races are scheduled for the 2009 season and run from

Jan. 11-March 8.

Skiers and snowboarders who aren't as advanced may take lessons at the ski slope.

Lessons may be reserved from January-March. Reservations can be requested by e-mailing [westpointski@usma.edu](mailto:westpointski@usma.edu).

Hour-long classes that do not require reservations are provided twice a day on weekends. Lessons are offered for skiers and snowboarders ages 5 and older.

While skiers spend the day at the slopes, they may purchase snacks. A new, larger grill means faster food preparation, Kelley said. Plus, a new greaseless fryer means faster and healthier food. The fryer uses a special batter and infrared heat to cook food.

"Unlike a fried product, the fat doesn't coagulate and get mushy," Kelley said. "Even when it's cold, it stays crispy. I like the taste better, and knowing there's not all that grease makes it better, too."

Staff began a weeklong food preparation



training this week.

More information about the ski slope, teams, lessons and other skiing and snowboarding activities can be found at [www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/SKI/index.HTM](http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/SKI/index.HTM).



## TSP TICKER

DECEMBER weekly changes  
(as of 12/08)

C FUND	+ 1.53 percent
I FUND	+ 0.78 percent
S FUND	+ 0.95 percent

# Army and Community Sports

## Evans, firsties head youth transition

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt

Transition is the buzz word this year for Army women's basketball with three yearlings entrenched in the starting lineup.

After a 1-4 start to this season, the team has worked its way back to .500 with a 4-4 record after victories over Air Force, Albany and Drexel.

Head coach Dave Magarity saw the Nov. 29 Air Force win as the tonic needed to change the team's early season woes and felt the win was, "a big confidence builder for us."

With a highly competitive non-conference schedule against Ohio State, St. John's, Rutgers, Yale and Loyola, there is really no time for the younger players to grow at a slow pace into their new roles as full-time starters.

"I think people have to understand when you combine a challenging non-conference schedule with ... a very young group of kids," Magarity said, "it'll be tough."

In the face of losing a core to graduation that included the school's second all-time leading scorer (Cara Enright), a defensive stalwart (Margaree King) and a good low post player (Stefanie Stone), it was important for yearlings guard Nalini Hawkins, forward Erin Anthony and guard/forward Laura Baranek to step up.

Anthony is currently tied in points per game average with Firstie guard Alex McGuire at 12.1 ppg, and she adds another presence to the team's transition -- a low-post scorer. Anthony's play shows the change in the dynamic of the team from a perimeter squad to a low-post-dominant team.

"We've transformed ourselves

into more of a power team. Before we were more of a perimeter-dominant team ...," Magarity said. "Now it's Megan Evans, Erin Anthony and Courtney Wright, and those three are solid players that I think can go up against anybody in the (Patriot) League and be very competitive."

The firstie class has been the glue that held this team together through the rough early schedule. Magarity credits Evans, Wright, McGuire and guard Megan Ennenga for their leadership and work ethic in pushing the younger players to another level.

McGuire is the key to the team's success offensively because of her ability to score and control the ball.

"McGuire is a seasoned player and a kid who has tremendous confidence," Magarity explained. "She's been there, she's accomplished ... Rookie of the Year (in 2006), second team Patriot League as a sophomore, first team Patriot League as a junior.

"I think the past three games helped her because other kids stepped up ... she is a marked player as teams run double teams at her," he added. "She needs to get cleaner looks at the basket because her strength isn't one-on-one. What that does is put pressure on us as a team to execute better."

Magarity is sometimes frustrated trying to get the team to run their sets more efficiently. With a young group, it's been hard to get them to understand what they're doing and getting the timing of plays down. However, the three-game winning streak is a glimpse of the future and the talent that can belie their age and experience.

Still the team leans on experience and forward Megan Evans is a



Firstie forward Megan Evans is one of four captains, all the firsties, who will lead the team in transition as Army women's basketball has three starting yearlings in the lineup.

tremendous leader who brings a lot of energy to the court.

"Megan plays and practices at a high level, competes consistently, but does she make mistakes? Sure, and sometimes she may not be as focused as she needs to be, but ... it's never because of a lack of effort," Magarity said. "I refer to her as being a little psycho at times."

Evans embraces the "psycho" moniker her coach gave her and knows it's a strength she brings to the team.

"I try to bring a lot of energy, aggressiveness and intensity. If I can get us started on offense, that's great because I'm always looking to rebound," Evans said. "Rebounding is one of the big things I try to bring to the court. If I can't get things sparked on offense, then I bring

that extra fire on defense just to get people motivated."

Evans, a Canaan, N.H., native and B-4 company commander, had a strong start this year, leading the team in rebounds with a 7.1 rebounds per game average, fourth on the team in scoring at 8.3 ppg and is second in blocked shots with nine.

She tied her career high in points versus St. John's with 15 points, but felt the Air Force game, as Magarity said, was most important to the team's development this season.

"It's given us great momentum," Evans said. "We were excited to take that game on Air Force's home court, and it gave us a lot of energy going into the next game against Albany (Dec. 3) ... It was a huge win because if we didn't come out with a victory we would have had to play extremely well and play above our heads the rest of the season (to get our record even)."

Evans credits her dad, Rick, as her biggest influence in basketball. He coached her early in life and gave her the necessary tutelage on the Family driveway by teaching her post moves, shooting and dribbling beginning when she started playing in kindergarten.

If it weren't for her dad or her AAU coach, Heather Borges, who helped her find schools like West Point who were interested in her, Evans would have never experienced the last three years.

The last three years possibly have been the most special in Army women's basketball history, including their first NCAA tournament appearance, Patriot League championship title and first back-to-back 20-win seasons in school history.

But, hands down, Evans said nothing compared to winning the

Patriot League title in 2006, even her game-tying free throws at the end of regulation versus Navy last season leading to Army's overtime victory over the Midshipmen at home.

"It was an amazing feeling. It was one of those dream seasons with a new coach who didn't expect a lot out of us. We came in as underdogs in almost all our Patriot League games and surprised a lot of people," said Evans, who is branching military police. "Winning that game against Holy Cross (a 69-68 win), who just dominated the league for eight, nine years in row, was the greatest feeling."

"The last five seconds of that game were the longest five seconds ever," she added. "The scene on the court at the end of the game when the cadets stormed the court after the win was an awesome, awesome feeling."

For Magarity and the team, there's still exciting moments ahead as the season is still in its infancy, but Magarity is trying to build the team to play its best ball by February.

"I think we've done a good job of playing our best ball the last three years in February, but we're looking to have more success in the tournament because we haven't done well in the tournament the last two years," Magarity said. "This program has reached a point where the expectations are higher, and whether it's fair or not, it's a part of the business."

"It's a great thing for the academy because people look at this team a little differently than I think they did four or five years ago," he added. "They look at this group and these girls seem to generate a lot of enthusiasm. It's a great thing, and I hope we can keep it going."



Firstie forward Megan Evans leads the team in rebounding this season with 7.1 rebounds per game. She is fourth on the team in scoring with 8.3 points per game.

# Maggie Dixon Classic Saturday at MSG

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt

Firstie forward Megan Evans is highly anticipating the Maggie Dixon Classic Sunday.

It's not only about the thrill of playing Rutgers, a powerhouse in the Big East, or playing at Madison Square Garden, it's about recognizing and playing in memory of a very important person in her life, as well as the other firsties who played for Dixon in 2005-06 during their championship season.

"She brought a great energy every day to practice and all the games, which I think is one of the things the four seniors have carried over and tried to emulate -- the spirit she had and her attitude about the game," said Evans about Dixon, who died less than a month after the 2006 season. "It's an emotional experience, but it's something the four seniors really value, especially the impact she had on us and getting us to where we are today. It's always in the back of our minds what she gave us the first year we were here."

The Classic is now in its third year, second at MSG and first seen nationally on ESPN. Magarity welcomes playing in the Classic because it brings back those memories of her, someone he saw as a little sister or daughter.

"She did have a special personality and was really a special person," Magarity said. "She taught me a lot because I was brought in to help her and in reality she gave me back something. I felt

coaching with a bad taste in my mouth when I left Marist (men's team after 18 years).

"The way I left (Marist) I wasn't pleased with what happened and I sort of felt it was time for me to move along and do something else, which I did (administratively), but she pulled me back in," he added. "It was such a great experience with that year, it was so much fun."

The Maggie Dixon Classic is a women's basketball doubleheader as Army faces Rutgers at noon and then Penn State meets Connecticut.

Tickets are on sale at [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com) and Madison Square Garden and C.A.R.E. are teaming up to offer free heart screenings. Every child who gets an ECG screening will receive a free mini-basketball.

The event honors Dixon's memory as the former Army head basketball coach died April 6, 2006, at the age of 28 of a congenital heart ailment.

**The Maggie Dixon Classic honors Army women's basketball's late coach who died a couple of weeks after leading the team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance. Maggie Dixon (right) is seen here finishing cutting down the nets after winning the Patriot League championship in 2006.**



## Sports calendar

Dec. 11 - 21

### Corps

SATURDAY -- MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

SUNDAY -- 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.

## Unit Basketball Standings

\*Standings as of Dec. 4

	W - L
1. MEDDAC	3 - 0
2. STAFF & FAC.	2 - 0
3. 105TH ANG	1 - 2
4. MPs	0 - 2
5. STEWART MAR.	0 - 2

Games play through Monday before the Christmas break.



## Mooney breaks record

Army Firstie fullback Collin Mooney (center) labors for an extra yard Dec. 6 during the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia. Mooney had 17 carries for 54 yards, and his last carry broke Army's single-season rushing record (Mike Mayweather -- 1,338 yards, 1990) by one yard at 1,339 yards for the season. Army's offense couldn't get going throughout the day and was shutout by the Midshipmen 34-0, which extended the Black Knights losing streak versus Navy to seven games. Army finished the season 3-9 for the third straight year.

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## CLUB RESULTS

• **Boxing:** Army faced Navy in boxing Dec. 5 at Macdonough Hall in Annapolis, Md. Ten Army boxers squared off with their Navy counterparts, and five came home victorious.

In the first bout of the evening, Yearling Joe Grohoski of Army, a 115-pounder, used a non-stop barrage of punches to take a 3-0 decision from U.S. Naval Academy's Logan Hershman.

Army team captain Firstie Dan Hogan fought in the 140-pound bout and pressed his opponent throughout the bout, but in the end, he lost a 2-1 decision to Paul Hollwedel.

In the best bout of the evening, Army Yearling Johnny Garcia boxing up a weight class, lost a controversial decision to Navy's team captain and two-time National Collegiate Champion Antone Aku. Garcia used a good jab and combination punches to drive back and press the senior from Navy. Before the decision, many thought Garcia had beaten Aku decisively but, in the end, did not receive the nod from the judges.

In the 156-pound bout, Plebe James Brousseau used a punishing jab and effective straight-hook combinations to defeat Navy junior Chris O'Brien. Brousseau has decisive victories over Air Force and Navy opponents this fall.

Yearling Tim Dwyer, in only his second collegiate bout, gamely battled Chris Bertucci, the collegiate boxing 156-pound third-place finisher and All-American from the 2008 National Championship, until he was forced to retire at the beginning of the third round because of an injury.

Yearling Scott Ginter used his boxing skills and prowess to win a 3-0 decision over Jake Tenorio, a slugger from Navy at 165 pounds. Ginter has won decisions over his AFA and USNA foes this past fall, as well.

In the 160-pound bout, Plebe Huseyn Panahov, an exchange student from Azerbaijan, boxing in his first collegiate bout, was stopped in the third round by senior Jorge Hernandez.

Army Yearling Seth King, boxing in his third Collegiate bout, used his range and effective straight punches to defeat Dare Adeniji of Navy. King, who controlled the bout from the opening bell, has now beaten his AFA and USNA foes this fall.

In the first heavyweight bout of the evening, Yearling Chad Paddock boxed in his second collegiate bout, drove Navy freshman Nathan Jester to the canvas early in the second round with an accumulation of punches that culminated in a vicious straight right to the head. Army Yearling heavyweight, Art Boyev, lost a close decision to Navy's junior Marcus Johnson.

Earlier in the evening, in a crossover (non-collegiate) bout, Matt Longo, Army's Cow team captain, lost a close decision to Jesus Aguilera of Navy. Aguilera, who had almost 200 amateur bouts before entering USNA, is not eligible to compete in collegiate boxing.



Army helmets worn during the Army-Navy game like the ones Yearling quarterback Chip Bowden (#10) and Firstie fullback Collin Mooney wore will be up for auction on [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com).  
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## Army-Navy game ACU helmets up for auction

By Bob Beretta  
Athletic Communications

Two dozen of the game-worn football helmets designed by Riddell specially for Army's use in this year's Army-Navy classic are currently available via auction on Army's official Web site.

All of the helmets worn by Army's starters against Navy are currently up for auction. The helmets feature an Army Combat Uniform (camouflage) pattern, a first of its kind film cover never before used by Riddell.

Included in the grouping of those currently being auctioned are five rare "Revo Speed" style helmets. Riddell has produced less than 500 of this specially designed model.

The helmet worn by Army fullback Collin Mooney when he broke Army's single season

rushing record, previously held by Mike Mayweather, is available as well.

The first of the helmet auctions is scheduled to close Tuesday.

At least two of the auctions will close each day through Dec. 28 (with the exception of Dec. 25).

Fans can bid on any of the items currently being auctioned at [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com).

Army-donned, specially designed Nike game jerseys in Saturday's Army-Navy classic and the coaching staff sported Army baseball hats featuring a similar ACU pattern.

Replicas of both products sold out quickly at the Army Gift Shop less than two hours after the beginning of the game. Gift shop officials expect to receive additional shipments of both items within the next two weeks.

## Staff and Faculty Noontime Basketball Standings

\*Standings as of Dec. 8

<b>NORTH DIVISON</b>	W - L	<b>SOUTH DIVISON</b>	W - L
1. DMI	11 - 1	1. GENE/DFL	7 - 3
2. DAD/ODIA	8 - 3	2. MATH 2	4 - 3
3. SYSTEM ENGRS	6 - 4	3. W.P. GARRISON	4 - 3
4. MEDDAC	5 - 5	4. HISTORY	6 - 5
<b>CENTRAL DIVISION</b>	W - L	5. D/LAW	6 - 5
1. MATH 1	7 - 5	6. USMA BAND	5 - 6
2. DPE	4 - 5	7. ENGLISH	3 - 5
3. SOCIAL SCIENCE	0 - 8	8. EE&CS	2 - 7
4. BTD/USCC	0 - 10		