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Balfour Beatty, under RCI, takes over Aug. 1

**By Eileen Kaczkin
Residential Communities
Initiative Office**

On Aug. 1, Family Housing at West Point will transition to privatized operations under the Residential Communities Initiative program. Balfour Beatty Communities, West Point's privatization partner will manage, construct, renovate, maintain and operate Family Housing here for the duration of the 50-year project.

West Point's RCI Office will provide asset and oversight management of the project under the direction of Michael Colacicco, RCI Project and Assets Manager.

"This is will be a challenging time for West Point as these changes begin. Although there will be inconveniences due to construction and renovations, the quality of life for our Soldiers and Families will improve in the long term due to this

transition," said Col. Dan Bruno, Garrison Commander.

The RCI Office, Balfour Beatty Communities, the Housing Services Office and the Unaccompanied Personnel Housing Office all look forward to servicing the servicemembers and their Families of the West Point community.

Incoming military personnel must inprocess first through the HSO in Bldg. 626 for on-post, off-post housing and UPH. Those desiring on-post Family Housing will then be referred to the Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office.

Off-post housing assistance and referral is available to military and DOD civilians. Lists of rental properties are maintained along with information on area homes for sale.

Appointments can be made with the HSO by calling Eileen Kaczkin
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Air assault in action

Cadet members of the Air Assault 2 class being taught at West Point by members of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) practice sling-load maneuvers with both cargo and vehicles on the athletic fields by the Hudson River Sunday. Five Air Assault Military Individual Advanced Development classes were available for cadets to attend over the summer at various locations.

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BENJAMIN ZEDERBAUM/DMI

Dewhirst, 2006 USMA grad, killed in Afghanistan

Compiled by Eric S. Bartelt

First Lt. Nick A. Dewhirst, Class of 2006, was killed Sunday in the Qalandar district of the Khost province, Afghanistan, when his convoy came under attack.

His fatal wounds occurred when his convoy was hit by individuals using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire.

Dewhirst died while supporting an Operation Enduring Freedom mission with the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

His unit has been deployed to Afghanistan since the spring.

The 25-year-old Infantry officer from Onalaska, Wis., is survived by his parents, Randy and Susan, and his brother Chad, sister-in-law Heather, nephew Evan and brother

Chase.

The 2001 graduate of Onalaska High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, spent one year attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., before he received an appointment to attend the U.S. Military Academy.

As a cadet, he served as the cadet-in-charge of the U.S. Military Academy Parachute team. He was commissioned in May 2006 as a second lieutenant and arrived at Fort Campbell in June 2007.

"Nick always had a smile on his face and was always ready to go the extra mile for his teammates. Not only was he a great CIC for the USMA Parachute Team, he was an exceptional leader, teammate and friend," said Lynn Halterman, the Parachute Team photographer.

"He loved the sport of skydiving and the Parachute Team so much that

he stayed on with the team after his graduation to go to summer training to assist with the training of the parachute team members of the Class of 2009. He served his country with great honor and he will be dearly missed by all of us," added Sgt. 1st Class James Halterman, former NCOIC of the Parachute Team.

A memorial service will be held for Dewhirst in Afghanistan. Fort Campbell holds a monthly Eagle Remembrance Ceremony the second Wednesday of each month in honor of their fallen Soldiers.

The family is holding a memorial service in Onalaska Saturday at 10 a.m.

A military burial will be held at West Point at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nick Dewhirst Memorial Fund c/o Randy and

Susie Dewhirst, N4680 Timbercrest Drive East, Onalaska, Wis. 54650.

Online condolences may be offered at rdewhirst@mybluelight.com.

(Editor's Note: This story is a compilation from several news sources and the Department of Defense.)



1st Lt. Nick A. Dewhirst

INSIDE



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Force protection for West Point anti-terrorism exercise

By Joe Senger
Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

West Point will conduct its annual anti-terrorism exercise Monday through Thursday. Key elements of this exercise are the implementation and assessment of the installation's barrier plan to seal off critical areas and increase the level of protection in highly-populated areas.

The plan affects parking areas in the Central Area and Bldgs. 621 and 622 parking lots.

To support this exercise, the following force protection measures will be in effect:

Monday -- All installation traffic patterns, parking and shuttle bus services remain as usual.

Tuesday -- The installation will validate certain force protection conditions throughout the day. To support the FPCON measures, the installation's barrier plan will be instituted at the following areas starting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday until Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. The following parking areas will be affected:

- Thayer Hall Roof
- Thayer Road beginning at the Cullum Road junction along with the road behind the Central Apartments in the vicinity of the

- stairway from the upper 606 Lot
- Parking spaces on Cullum Road under Mahan Hall including the outside slots facing the river
- Entire parking area behind Lincoln Hall

Vehicles must be moved from the above listed locations prior to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday or risk being blocked in for the duration of the exercise

•Bldgs. 621 and 622 will experience elevated FPCON measures. Sections of the parking areas associated with these buildings will be blocked. However, the buildings will remain open for

customer support.

•West Point personnel that usually park in the affected lots are encouraged to park in the BSF and K Lot (FMWR Fitness Center) parking areas. The CPA Express shuttle will service BSF and K Lot parking areas between the hours of 5:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Wednesday -- Doubleday Lot will be for handicapped parking only.

In support of the exercise one of the installation gates will experience elevated FPCON measures that

may cause delays. The other two gates will not be affected, but West Point personnel can expect to see an increase of Military Police and other emergency service responder activities at the affected gate.

Thursday -- All installation traffic patterns, parking and shuttle bus services remain as usual.

By 4:30 p.m. all previously mentioned parking restrictions will be lifted and affected parking areas will return to normal use.

Anti-terrorism exercises not only provide training and

increased awareness of security and emergency responders; they are also a key facet of our Random Anti-terrorism Measures program. Every member of the West Point community is a key player in the RAM program and is reminded to report any suspicious activity to the Provost Marshal's Office at 938-3333 immediately.

For questions or further information on this event, contact either Mathew Cassidy at 938-3650 or Joe Senger at 938-8859 at DPTMS.

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), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Scioletti (Dean).

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

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215.

West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

Orientation of Newly Assigned Personnel for 2008 Schedule of Events

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	West Point Fortification Tour	Starting at South Dock
Aug. 1 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	West Point Fortification Tour	Starting at South Dock
Aug. 6 9 a.m. - noon 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	Superintendent's Seminar Lunch (on own) Small Group Discussion Question & Answer Period for Title 10 Employees with the Dean Community/ Wellness Fair Superintendent's and Garrison Commander's Community Welcome	Robinson Auditorium Various locations Thayer Hall Classrooms Thayer Hall Classrooms
6 - 9 p.m. 7 - 8 p.m.	Community/ Wellness Fair Superintendent's and Garrison Commander's Community Welcome	Eisenhower Hall Ballroom Eisenhower Hall Theater
Aug 12 3 - 5 p.m. 3:40 - 5 p.m.	Superintendent's Newcomer Reception Quarters 100 Tours	Grand Ballroom, West Point Club Quarters 100

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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				3			4	

Difficulty: Hard

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

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Army commemorates 60th anniversary of Armed Forces integration

WASHINGTON -- On July 26, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed *Executive Order 9981*, establishing the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

It was accompanied by *Executive Order 9980*, which created a Fair Employment Board to eliminate racial discrimination in federal employment.

Segregation in the military services did not officially end until the Secretary of Defense announced Sept. 30, 1954, that the last all-black unit had been abolished.

However, the president's directive put the armed forces at the forefront of the growing movement to win an equal social role and equal treatment for our nation's African-American citizens.

The Army, a little slow initially to embrace the change, began integrating units during the Korean

War. Eighth Army commanders in Korea began filling losses in their white units with individuals from a surplus of black replacements arriving in Japan in late 1950.

By early 1951, 9.4 percent of all African-Americans arriving in theater were serving in some 41 newly and unofficially integrated units. Another 9.3 percent were in integrated but predominantly black units. The other 81 percent continued to serve in segregated units.

This limited conversion to integrated units during the Korean War became permanent because it worked. The performance of integrated troops was praiseworthy with no reports of racial friction.

In December of 1952, the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, ordered worldwide integration of Army units.

All of the earlier fears cited to support the continuation of a segregated Army proved to be

groundless. There was no increase in racial incidents, no breakdown of discipline, no uprising against integration by white Soldiers or surrounding white communities, no backlash from segregationists in Congress or major public denouncements.

The Army and the nation were taking the first steps toward racial equality and harmony that would be at the core of the civil rights movement of the early 1960s.

The integration of the armed forces did more than just provide opportunity for African-American Soldiers, it opened the door of opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds.

"I think that we're leaders in many areas, but certainly we're leaders in equal opportunity," said retired Lt. Gen. Julius Becton.

Becton was a Soldier who lived through the integration from World War II through the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and was the Army's first African-American three-star general. "We're leaders in giving

all minorities an opportunity to demonstrate what they can do. A point that we oftentimes are prone to forget, the order of 9981 did not just help the blacks."

Executive Order 9981 not only opened the door of opportunity for people from all walks of life, it showed the strength that there is in diversity, which was quickly recognized.

"That order of 9981 helped the entire Army, because it enhanced combat effectiveness," Becton said. "We don't have separate this, separate that, but when you are training together, you're going to be a better Army. We've proven that time and time again."

As part of a continuing observance of *Executive Order 9981*, the U.S. Army will be highlighting the historic importance of its 60th Anniversary through the eyes of Soldiers serving today in a diverse force.

The true strength of a diverse force, as first demonstrated in those early days of integration, is being

played out in today's Army.

"We are not the greatest Army in the world because we are white or black, but because we reflect the faces of our society," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston. "You learn early on that people can either be successful or not based on their abilities, willingness to make personal sacrifices and their commitment to the team."

(Sources: Historical information above was condensed from Morris J. MacGregor, Jr.'s book, *Integration of the Armed Forces, 1940-1965*. Becton quotes taken from PBS News Hour program transcript at http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/military/july-dec98/integration_7-31.html.)

TSP TICKER

JUNE changes (as of 07/23)

C FUND	+ 0.32 percent
I FUND	- 1.61 percent
S FUND	+ 0.19 percent

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or Sharon Patterson at 938-2500. Questions for UPH should be directed to 938-2318.

To ensure a smooth transition from government to privatized operations, the DPW Housing Division Office in Bldg. 626 will be closed Monday through Thursday for records transfer and property inventory.

No new appointments for inprocessing or outprocessing inspections will be made for that time period. Appointments that have already been scheduled for termination inspections will be honored; however, there will be delays in rescheduling missed inspections or repeat inspections. Only emergencies will be handled by the Housing Division during this time period.

All on-post Family Housing requests for housing information and maintenance will be handled by

Balfour Beatty starting Aug. 1.

The Web site is www.westpointfamilyhousing.com.

Residents should continue to report maintenance issues to DPW Service Desk, 938-2316 through Thursday, but beginning Aug. 1, all maintenance issues should be reported to Balfour Beatty.

The Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office will be located in Bldg. 132 and their main phone number is 446-6407.

The Maintenance Office will be located in Bldg. 695 and the Work Order and Emergencies number is 446-3570.

Shari Roosa, the Community Manager, is at 446-6407 and Project Director Richard Wagner is at 446-3960.

For more information, contact either DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407 or Balfour Beatty Communities at 446-6407.

New Central Area parking takes effect Aug. 23

By Matthew Cassidy
Directorate of Plans, Training
Mobilization and Security

The new West Point Central Area parking policy takes effect at 6 a.m. Aug. 23, so everyone who currently has a hang tag in their car for Central Area parking needs to get the new sticker.

The stickers are being issued now at the Provost Marshal's Office (Bldg. 616) on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

An additional location has been set up in the Central Area at the Old Cadet Library, Room 129 (the Periodical Room) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

What do I need to obtain a Central Area sticker?

Employees who need to park in the Central Area and request a Central Area sticker must provide the following to the Military Police representatives once the MPs have confirmed the vehicle is registered on post:

- Valid ID Card
- Valid Vehicle Registration
- Valid Insurance
- Valid Driver's License
- USAG Form 13-8 signed by a supervisor with the rank of Lt. Col., YC-02 or GS-12, or higher.

Employees whose vehicles are already registered on post can obtain their Central Area stickers at either the PMO building or the Old Cadet Library location. Those employees who still have to register their vehicles must go to the PMO building.

Why are we doing it?

A Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Team was sent by the Department of Defense to conduct an assessment of West Point's force protection program during October and November 2007.

Part of their assessment noted that parking privately-owned vehicles in certain lots in the Central Area created what could be considered a serious security issue.

To correct this issue, their recommendation was not to park POV's in those lots.

When briefed on the results of the assessment, the Superintendent,

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, directed the creation of a task force to develop an interim parking plan that would provide increased control of vehicles in the Central Area.

According to Charly Peddy, DPTMS director, the Superintendent also stressed that the plan should address access in these areas by a centralized process of permanently affixed decals.

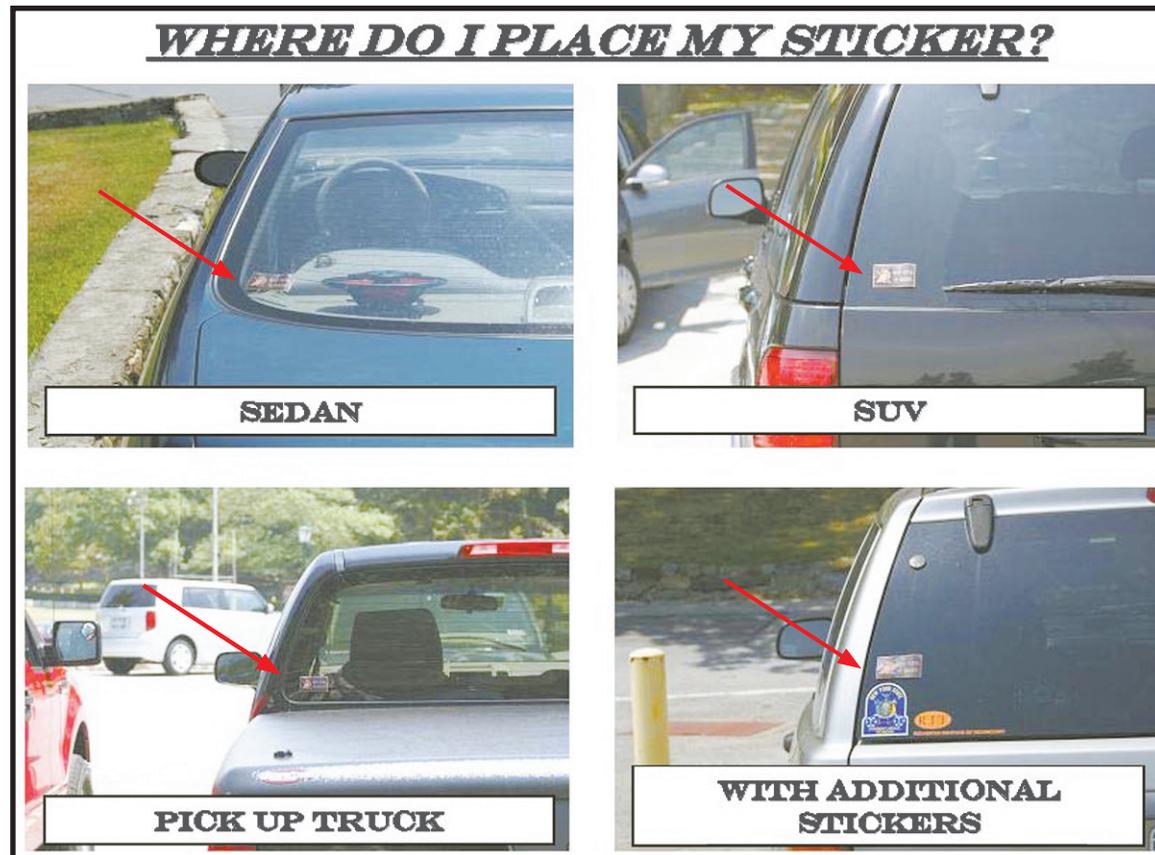
Based on this guidance, G-3/DTPMS created a task force to develop a Central Area parking plan that balanced the needs of the work force with the requirement for enhanced control of vehicles entering and parking within the Central Area.

The task force included representatives from the major activities and tenant organizations and met several times over the course of the past several months.

On June 24, the Senior Commander and the Board of Directors were briefed and subsequently approved the proposed plan.

The key elements of the new parking plan are:

- It discontinues use of the current Central Area passes (including discretionary, official vehicles, car pools, etc.) and replaces the pass with a Central Area parking sticker to be displayed on the rear window.
- It allows parking in any Central Area parking lot outside the confines of the cadet barracks area.
- The cadet barracks parking policy remains the same (e.g. use of Cadet Area Pass).
- Staff and faculty needing a sticker can go to either location discussed earlier with a USAG Form 13-8 signed by activity supervisor to receive Central Area sticker.
- Sticker enforcement will be 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Each vehicle must be legally registered with a state registration and must be registered on Post with a DOD sticker.
- Any vehicle that is parked illegally without the Central Area sticker will be towed without any warning and at the owner's expense.
- Staff and faculty needing to park in the Central Area can be issued a sticker for each of their



vehicles that are already registered on post.

• Staff and faculty that have assigned spaces will also be required to obtain a CPA sticker.

One of the major concerns that most employees have was about those parking slots that are set aside for specific purposes, Peddy said. "We have ensured that all handicapped spaces will remain the same, as well as the special accommodations (green numbered passes). Organizations that don't normally work in the Central Area will be able to utilize set aside spaces for government-owned

vehicles. There will be seven GOV spaces in Doubleday Lot (the first seven spaces) and an additional three spaces for GOVs in front of Mahan Hall.

"There will be five reserved spaces for Protocol along the north wall on Thayer Roof. Activities needing these spaces for

distinguished visitors will need to coordinate with Protocol for their use," he explained further.

Community Features and Photos

Cadets bring USARCENT technology to Cadet Field Training

-- USCC and Dean work together to make it happen

By Lt. Col. John Graham
Behavioral Sciences and
Leadership

Command Post of the Future, Tactical Ground Reporting System, Future Battle Command and Control System, FalconView and Theater Effects Based Operations are all terms referring to state-of-the-art Army computer systems associated with forward deployed units in Iraq and Afghanistan.

However, these systems are now integrated into the new Cadet Field Training program at Camp Buckner.

The idea to bring these new systems to Buckner came from two Behavioral Sciences and Leadership cadets, Firsties Don Mateer and Zack Savarie, who spent the first half of the summer working in

the Battle Command section of USARCENT-Kuwait for Lt. Gen. James Lovelace, Commander, and Maj. Gen. Charles Anderson, Deputy Commander.

"We spent a lot of time tracking the Iraq war with advanced systems that few in the Army have seen" Savarie said. "I learned a lot about what works and what does not."

"We actually reported to Lt. Col. Simon Goerger, a former West Point systems engineering professor, now assigned to USARCENT," Mateer explained. "He worked with us day and night to advance these new systems."

"Every week, we gave briefings to Col. Michael Yarmie (who is currently assigned to USARCENT, but is enroute to be the USMA Chief of Staff). Col. Yarmie asked a lot of tough questions during

the briefings," he continued. "We learned to be totally prepared when briefing the boss. One piece of advice I can give the USMA staff is 'be organized' when Col. Yarmie is in your meeting."

Upon their return to West Point for summer training, Savarie and Mateer had more advice for the academy -- "Get cadets exposed to state of the art systems now!"

Lieutenant Col. Steve Michael, new Cadet Field Training Regimental TAC Officer agreed. "We need our graduates to be strong in the basics of Soldiering. However, the academy also wants our lieutenants prepared for the technology they will use when they hit the ground. By placing high-tech systems in our cadet Tactical Operations Centers, the advanced cadets get exposure while the junior cadets keep focus on the foundations of Soldiering such as counseling, training, weapons employment and squad tactics."

One roadblock to bringing advance systems to CFT existed as there was no funding for advanced systems in the USMA training budget. However, a little creativity and a lot of teamwork got the mission done.

"Most of the Dean's Academic Departments do research for the Army in addition to teaching cadets," said Lt. Col. Ron Dodge, Assistant Dean, Information and Education Technology Division. "By pooling the resources and expertise of the Leadership Development Research Center, Network Science Center, Information Technology Operations Center, the Center for Environmental and Geographical Sciences and Operations Research Center, we installed an experimental, but state of the art, suite of systems



Firstie Nicole Myers, CFT operations officer, briefs Yearling Eldar Supataev on the new TOC system.

PHOTO BY LT. COL. JAMES MERLO/BS&L

at Camp Buckner."

The funding for the systems actually came from research budgets sent to each of the academic departments.

"The comments and observations that the cadets make at CFT will be fed back to the system developers in the Army or turned into cadet projects during the academic year," Dodge explained.

So, how are the systems working out? Firstie Nicole Myers, CFT Operations Officer, has been the tip of the high-tech spear. "Some of the systems work great for our

operation," Myers said. "We are able to share our view of the operation across the cadet leadership. Other advanced systems have not been as useful ... they just do not match our goals in visualization and battle tracking."

"This is exactly the kind of feedback we use in developing systems for the Army," said Col. Dave Moore, Program Manager for Battle Command.

"Battle Command by doctrine is a blend of art and science. Every one of our advanced systems is constantly undergoing upgrade based on leader input. Continuous user feedback is critical to our development. We must have an interactive presence with users worldwide," he continued.

Savarie and Mateer are proud to be a catalyst for change at the academy and in the Army.

"My rugby coach talked to me about my knowledge of command and control," Savarie said. "That puts the Dean, USCC and athletics on one project."



Firsties Zack Savarie and Don Mateer spent the first part of their summer training with U.S. Army Central Command learning about advanced command and control equipment. They identified systems that are being used during CFT this summer.

PHOTO BY LT. COL. SIMON GOERGER/ARCENT



Adam Stern (right), an Emergency Medical Technician from Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., oversees the cadets medical training during their Military Individual Advanced Development course July 10. Stern supervises the cadets as they put a patient into the ambulance during their Cadet Medical Intensive Training.

By Eric S. Bartelt

Air Assault! Airborne! Cadet Medical Intensive Training!

OK, so CMIT may not roll off the tongue quite as well as 'Air Assault' or 'Airborne' during training; however, in the years to come it may turn out to be the most important Military Individual Advanced Development training course the cadets will take while at the U.S. Military Academy.

June 29 was the day that CMIT I kicked off and that class graduates Saturday as the first cadet MIAD class ever to go through such medical rigors at the academy. CMIT II will run from Sunday through mid-August and, when all is said and done, approximately 85 cadets will be Emergency Medical Technician and Combat Lifesaver qualified.

CMIT course director Benjamin Zederbaum, who has an EMS background and also works with the West Point Ski Patrol, was approached about six months ago by Master Sgt. Edwin Gargas, USCC Operations NCOIC, to develop a new medical MIAD at West Point.

Zederbaum wanted to have a program similar to the West Point Ski Patrol's curriculum and then worked closely with Fort Sam Houston to develop training similar to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for the CMIT course.

"I felt very comfortable saying that we could execute the EMT strategy and then add Combat Lifesaver as part of the MIAD," Zederbaum said. "So basically the foundation of the program is National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and CLS."

With six weeks to work with, Zederbaum tapped into his past and EMS background working in New York City to make contacts and found a couple of great partners in Fire Department New York and Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

After having discussions about what he was looking for in the training, he worked closely with Chief J.P. Martin, currently the chief of the EMS Training Center for the FDNY and the incident commander at the World Trade Center on 9/11 after the towers fell, and entered into a clinical rotation agreement

between the academy and FDNY.

"It is extremely significant in cadet education as FDNY is the premier emergency services response agency in the country, if not the world," Zederbaum explained. "The cadets are getting a first-rate experience by traveling in the ambulances in New York City for their clinical rotations and FDNY has facilitated it seamlessly."

The MIAD mission had a few bumps along the way because of staffing requirement troubles for the military training program.

Zederbaum envisioned a staff of nearly 20 Army combat medics (68 Whiskeys) to teach the program, but the war effort has spread military medical resources fairly thin. So Zederbaum reached out to William Howe, a director of the emergency medical division at Maimonides Medical Center, to discuss pre-hospital care education at the academy.

"(Howe) reached out to me and said Maimonides wanted to help us, so I let him know what our resourcing needs were and he said they would do what they could to support our mission," Zederbaum remarked. "Maimonides Medical

Center sent us 18 instructors, and they came free of charge, volunteering their time seven days a week for a two-month period."

With the way the War on Terrorism has played out over the last seven years, the need for medical training for all Soldiers is important. While enlisted Soldiers are receiving CLS training at Basic Training, this new MIAD gives cadets an opportunity to broaden their likelihood of saving more lives on the battlefield during the initial critical moments after an event occurs.

"The objective here is to give them situational awareness on the battlefield so they can effectively work with a medic and save lives that may not otherwise have been saved," Zederbaum said. "It's a very dynamic program and the cadets are being exposed to some of the finest pre-hospital care education available."

Brigadier Gen. Robert Caslen, former Commandant of Cadets, and current commandant Brig. Gen. Michael Linnington both consider this program significantly important to the education of these future leaders of the Army.



Firsties Jody Chapman (standing right), Ty Lin and Cow Riley Merrigan (front) stabilize a patient as they place a neck brace around the neck of the injured casualty.

"(They) have a focus on medical and military that is very clear and they understood the importance of the medical mission to the military," Zederbaum said. "(They) really want to see West Point keep up with AMEDD's objective, which is currently to have every single enlisted Soldier going through basic training get CLS (training). With that, it is a high priority to the academy and we're trying to step up to the bosses' objectives, which are to sharpen the cadets' medical skills."

While it's really a medical orientation for the cadets, they were bombarded with tons of medical information. Seven days a week they learned patient assessment, airway management, hemorrhage control and how to prioritize injured patients plus



Firstie Michael Marano (left) dresses a patient's wound as other Firsties Ty Lin and Dave Black (right) talk to the patient to keep her calm.

because it's the same every time," said Firstie Michael Marano. "I was unsure what to expect with this program and I was a little nervous about it, but it has turned out really well."

Learning foreign terms and having to read about five chapters of medical information an evening while sitting through hours of lecture every day had a way of wearing down the cadets.

"Sitting through 10 hours a day of learning a new language was very mentally draining and you're ready to hit the bunk at the end of the night," Marano said. "It's very intensive, but I think we all realize it's very good for us."

The cadets taking the course felt the most exciting parts of the four-week session were the opposition forces 12-mile ruck march and the ambulance ride-along in New York City with FDNY.

One of the most exciting moments that came during CMIT I was the assistance by Firstie Stephanie Barry in the delivery of a baby in the Bronx. This showed how the cadets had taken their studies seriously enough to be calm and knowledgeable during a very important circumstance in someone else's life.

"It's always important for them to remain calm," said Kevin Tse, EMT from Maimonides Medical Center. "If they panic, then the situation can go in the wrong direction, so they need to try to stay in control of the situation. On their ride-alongs, the best form of instruction was to let them get their

hands in there and let them be in control.

"They weren't alone, we were beside them and watched them closely," Tse added. "We jumped in and did the patient care if it was necessary. From watching them, a lot of these cadets, I think, are more than capable to save someone's life."

Overall, the 85 cadets who get this training this summer will have a very solid foundation in CMIT, but the program has a lot of room to grow in the future.

However, the end state is what these cadets will do once they become officers and leaders in overseas areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The medical mission is truly what is most important," Zederbaum said, "and that is to bring more Soldiers back home alive."

Despite the rough start with trying to get a new MIAD off the ground in six weeks, Zederbaum hopes that this will become as much of a MIAD staple as Air Assault and Airborne schools are for cadets.

"I envision long after I'm gone and these cadets have long since retired from the military that generations later this program will have morphed into something we have never dreamed was possible," Zederbaum said. "From a director's standpoint, that's what I want to see happen."



Firstie Stephanie Barry (left) and Cow Gary Leicht are all smiles after their clinical rotation in New York City. Barry, holding a stuffed toy stork, delivered a baby during the duo's rotation in an FDNY ambulance.

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What's Happening

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to work at the upcoming Blood Drive Aug. 25-28 at Eisenhower Hall.

The hours are flexible.

Please call 938-4100 for more information or to volunteer.

Summer Playground Fun

Bring your children and join others for playground fun from 9:30-11 a.m.

Please bring water and sun block for your child.

Wednesday Stony I

Aug. 6 West Point Elementary

In case of inclement weather, playgroup is cancelled.

Tour of West Point from the Hudson

All community members are invited to join DPW and Dr. Steve Grove, retired USMA Historian, for our annual guided tour of West Point from the Hudson River Aug. 9 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. departing from South Dock.

The event is free, but reservations are required. Plan now for an enjoyable, entertaining, yet

educational afternoon, for family and friends. Guests may bring food and beverages on board with them, as no other refreshments will be available.

For reservations, contact Kevin Kirkpatrick, Environmental Management Division, 938-5175.

West Point Women's Club Play Days

The WPWC Moms & Tots Summer Play Day will meet from 9:30-11 a.m. Aug. 14 at Stony II Playground.

For more information, please contact Shanna or Andrea via e-mail at usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com.

Highland Falls Farmers Market

The Vision-sponsored Farmers Market in Highland Falls, located in the Municipal Parking Lot across from Sacred Heart Church on Main Street, is every Sunday through Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

PWOC has three upcoming events in August.

Attend an open house on either Aug. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. or Aug. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Post Chapel to register.

This is a great opportunity to meet the Bible Study facilitators and Leadership Board as well as register your children for the Children's Ministry.

The PWOC Kick-Off Meeting is Aug. 20 at the Post Chapel from 8:45 to 11 a.m.

You're invited to hear the life-changing message from Sheri Rose Shepherd that has inspired more than 500,000 women at the 'His Princess' Conference.

This free conference is Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall.

For more information on any PWOC activities, please call 845-446-8798.

Worker's Compensation Training

Denise Singer (Compensation Specialist) is conducting training for Worker's Compensation on the following dates for employees. It is strongly recommended that all employees and supervisors attend at least one of these training sessions.

•Aug. 5 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall Theater

•Sept. 16 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Thayer 144

•Sept. 17 2-4 p.m. in Thayer 144.

Mandatory Training

The following classes are part of the Department of the Army Annual Training for all DA civilians and/or military.

If you have not been to these classes in FY08, you need to attend one of these sessions.

•Ethics - Robinson Auditorium, Aug. 27 from 10-11 a.m. and Sept. 4 from 6-7 p.m.

•Suicide Prevention - Robinson Auditorium, Sept. 11 from 6-7 p.m. and Sept. 17 from 1-2 p.m.

•Equal Employment Opportunity/Training on Prevention of Sexual Harassment - Robinson Auditorium, Aug. 14 from 10:30-11 a.m. and from 6-7 p.m. (DA Civilians only)

•Sexual Assault and Prevention/Violence in the Workplace - Robinson Auditorium, Aug. 26 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. and 6-7:15 p.m. and Sept. 18 from 10-11:30 a.m.

•Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Robinson Auditorium, Sept. 2 from 10:30-11 a.m.; Sept. 3 1-2:30 p.m. and Sept. 15 from 6-7 p.m.

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL OFFICER

Major Greg Frey, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, has been appointed Summary Court Martial Officer to collect, inventory and process the personal effects of Sgt. Johan Bastardo, a member of the U.S. Military Academy's staff, who died June 30. Accordingly, if you are aware of any debts owed to or by Sgt. Bastardo, please contact Maj. Frey as soon as possible at 845-938-0418 or Gregory.frey@usma.edu.

Command Channel 8/23

July 25 - Aug. 1

Friday & Monday - Aug. 1
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Keller Corner

KACH Closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Aug. 8 for Organization Day. The Emergency Room will remain open.

Newborn, Adoptees and Pre-Adoptees: DEERS Registration and Prime Enrollment

It's important to register newborns and adoptees in DEERS to establish TRICARE eligibility for essential well-baby and pediatric health care.

By registering your newborn or adopted child in DEERS, you may avoid potential claims problems.

When Does TRICARE Cover Newborns and Adoptees and Pre-Adoptees?

As long as another family member is enrolled in Prime, TRICARE Prime covers:

- Newborns for 60 days beginning from the date of birth
- Adopted children for 60 days beginning from the effective date of the actual adoption
- Pre-adoptive children for 60 days beginning on the date of placement of the court or approved adoption agency.

To continue Prime coverage past the first 60 days, you must enroll your newborn or adoptee in either TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members within the 60-day window.

On the 61st day and after, if your child isn't enrolled in Prime or TPRADFM, TRICARE processes all future claims under Standard (higher costs) until you enroll them in Prime or TPRADFM.

Your child loses all TRICARE eligibility 365 days after birth or adoption unless they are registered in DEERS.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

The **West Point Band** presents
Music Under the Stars

Concert Band: "Family Excursions," Sunday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.

Concert Band featuring NY Philharmonic principal trumpet Philip Smith: "A Walk in the Park," Sunday, August 3, 7:30 p.m.
Inclement site: Eisenhower Hall

Jazz Knights with Scott Wendholt and Gary Smulyan, Sunday, August 10, 7:30 p.m. Inclement site: Eisenhower Hall

Trophy Point Amphitheatre
Free and Open to the Public
845-938-2617
www.westpoint.edu/band

FMWR Blurbs

Fitness Center

The annual Bike Rodeo returns to the PX parking lot Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. and is open to kids ages 5-12 who reside at West Point, the Town of Highlands or whose parent is a DOD employee.

Learn bike safety and test your skills on the proficiency course.

To become a Bike Rodeo volunteer, call 938-3655.

Junior Golf Clinic

Registration is now open for the West Point Golf Course Junior Golf Clinic, Monday - Aug. 1.

The clinic covers all aspects of the game, including fundamentals, etiquette, course management and more.

The clinic is open to kids ages 8 and up. Space is limited. Register by stopping by the Pro Shop or call 938-2435.

Team Championship

The Two-Person Team Championship will be held Aug. 2 and 3 at the West Point Golf

Course. Start time is 6:30 a.m.

Register by Thursday at dusk. Stop by the Pro Shop or call 938-2435.

BOSS Aloha Cruise

Join BOSS for their "Aloha Cruise" on the West Point Ferry Boat Aug. 9, boarding at 5:30 p.m. at South Dock.

This event is open to the entire West Point community over 18 years of age - bring valid ID.

For tickets and information, call 938-6497.

Defensive driving

A defensive driving class is scheduled for Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 622.

Call ITR at 938-2401 to register.

West Point Hunting Club

The West Point Hunting Club will hold its first meeting of the 2008-09 academic year Tuesday at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion from noon to 1:15 p.m.

All members of the West Point Community are invited to attend.

This meeting will be to elect club officers and get the club up and running.

For more information, contact Raymond Parrot at 938-3773 or Master Sgt. Edwin Gargas at 938-2883.

Quarterback Luncheon Tickets

West Point Club Quarterback Luncheon tickets go on sale Aug. 11.

For more information, call 938-5120

Army Family Team Building

Volunteers are needed for the Army Family Team Building program.

Opportunities are available for AFTB instructors and master trainers. Call 938-3773 for info.

Fitness instructors needed

Les Mills Body Combat instructors are needed.

Contact the FMWR Fitness Center for more info and certification dates at 938-6490.

Childcare Co-op

The childcare co-op at the FMWR Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:45-11:15

a.m. in accordance with the West Point Elementary School calendar to parents with FMWR Fitness Center and CDC/YS privileges.

You must complete a brief VCCUS Training administered by the CDC and children must be registered with CDC/YS.

For info, call 446-5140.

2008 Soldier Show

The 2008 Army Soldier Show, taking place at Ike Hall Oct. 19, is looking for local talent to perform on stage during the finale.

You must be active duty to be eligible. Deadline for the competition entry is Sept. 15.

Contact Sheryle Miller at 938-6497 for additional information.

Swimming

Both Delafield and Round Pond swim areas are open daily for the summer, weather permitting.

Delafield hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info, call 938-5158.

Round Pond beach hours are noon to 6 p.m. For more info, call 938-2503.

For other activities, go to www.westpointmwr.com.

WEST POINT SCHOOLS Registration Open now

Parents may register their school age children Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon at the West Point Elementary or West Point Middle schools. Pre-K students must be four years of age by Oct. 31 and kindergarteners must be five years of age by Oct. 31 to register for school.

Please have the following documents:

- **CERTIFIED** Birth Certificate
- **CHILD'S** Social Security Card
- **MOST CURRENT** military orders of the sponsor
- **CURRENT** housing letter
- **COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE** of RCI Lease Agreement once it is signed
- **IMMUNIZATION** record.

If you have copies of your child's school records or last progress report/report card, please bring them for review.

For additional information, please call 938-3827 or 938-2923 and speak to the school registrar.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- **You Don't Mess with the Zohan, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
Saturday -- **Get Smart, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
Aug. 1 -- **Kung Fu Panda, PG, 7:30 p.m.**
Aug. 2 -- **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

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

Eisenhower Hall's Fall season

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons
 Sept. 14 5 p.m.
 Marina Arsenijevic
 Sept. 25 7:30 p.m.
 Paul Rodriguez
 Sept. 26 8 p.m.
 Altar Boyz
 Oct. 4 8 p.m.
 Monty Python's Spamalot
 Oct. 18 8 p.m.
 Nunsense
 Oct. 26 3 p.m.
 Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker
 Nov. 22 2 p.m.
 Amy Grant & Vince Gill
 Dec. 6 8 p.m.

For more information and ticket ordering, go to

www.ikehall.com

Army and Community Sports Michie Stadium gets new FieldTurf

By Kathy Eastwood

Blaik Field at Michie Stadium is in the midst of an overhaul of sorts. The old AstroPlay® turf, which was installed in 2001, is being replaced with the newer FieldTurf® with installation to be completed by the first day of

football practice Aug. 1.

“The surface of AstroPlay and FieldTurf are similar,” said Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Communications Brian Gunning. “The FieldTurf has a mix of rubber and sand, which requires less maintenance. Twenty-two NFL

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A look at Michie Stadium's new FieldTurf, which replaced the AstroPlay surface that was installed in 2001.



Workers intensely pull at the FieldTurf to get it perfectly placed on the Michie Stadium surface.

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teams currently use it.”

AstroPlay uses a polyethylene fiber matrix and a monofilament fiber.

FieldTurf feels like grass, according to www.fieldturf.com and is engineered to play like grass. FieldTurf is comprised of rounded silica sand and cryogenically frozen smashed rubber particles, which allows the turf to stay in suspension and provides proper biomechanics, shock absorbency and durability.

Michie Stadium has seen several changes in turf as the home of Army football for 85 seasons.

In the fairly recent past, AstroTurf® replaced the natural grass surface in 1977, SuperTurf™ was installed in 1984, AstroTurf 8 in 1992, AstroPlay in 2001 and now FieldTurf.

“The reason for the replacement was basically a wear and tear issue,” Gunning said.

**ARMY FOOTBALL
MEDIA DAY -- AUG.
4 (Fans Welcome,
autograph session
available.) Time to be
announced.**

Post Intramural Softball

*As of Tuesday, Final Regular Season standings

NORTH DIVISION	W - L
1. DPW	15 - 1
2. Stewart Marines	14 - 2
3. ODIA	12 - 4
4. MEDDAC	9 - 7
5. MPs	8 - 8
6. USMA Band	7 - 9
7. DOIM	4 - 12
8. WTU	3 - 13
9. 411th ENG	0 - 16

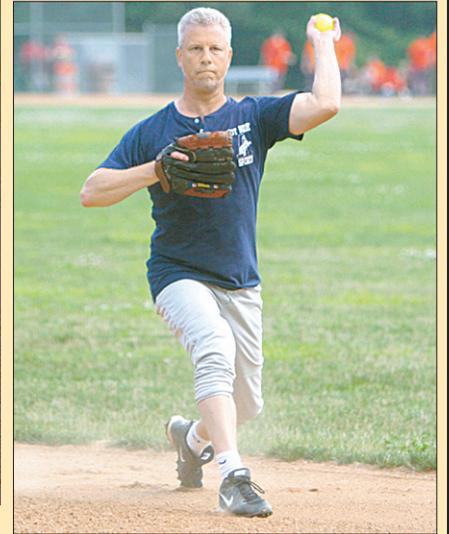
SOUTH DIVISION	W - L
1. Math	18 - 0
2. History	14 - 4
3. DPE/EECS	11 - 7
4. Dean/DOL	11 - 7
5. DMI	10 - 8
6. DAD	8 - 10
7. Engineers	7 - 11
8. BTD	4 - 14
9. CLS	4 - 14
10. Soc. Science	3 - 15



DPW leftfielder Kenny Miller and his teammates finished the season 15-1 and in first in the North.



Shortstop Mike Zitelli (above) and the rest of his History teammates will take their 14-4 record into the playoffs Thursday versus the winner of the Engineers/Social Science series Wednesday.



Dean/DOL John VanVynck and his crew finished 11-7 this season.

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