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## Annual "Housing Draw" will have many changes

By Martha Hinote, DPW Customer Relations

Tradition, by its very definition, changes slowly. The West Point culture is not exempt from long-standing traditions and practices.

One of those traditions, Summer Officer Quarters Assignment Procedure, commonly called the Annual Housing Draw, is about to change.

In the 100 plus years since its inception in 1891 by then superintendent Lt. Col. John Wilson, the draw has never changed substantially. This year it will change significantly.

"This is a summer of exciting change in the way West Point's Family housing inventory is assigned, managed and maintained," said Col. Dan Bruno, Garrison Commander. "With the transition of housing to our Residential Communities Initiative Partner, GMH, there will be changes in our housing operations that, in the long term, will result in a

newly-renovated, better-maintained housing inventory."

Members of the Directorate of Public Works Housing Division, the RCI Project Office and GMH have been meeting regularly to discuss transition issues between the government operation and management of the housing inventory and operation/management by GMH.

The community has also been

involved in these discussions.

"As a result of those meetings and community forums, viable plans have been made that will guide this summer's housing assignment process and future operations," Bruno added.

"One of the obvious changes the community will notice is that there is no longer a Housing Draw," Bruno continued.

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## Diversity Conference set for April 10-12

By Eric S. Bartelt

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point will host its ninth annual Diversity Leadership Conference April 10-12 at various locations on post.

This year's theme is "The Faces of Diversity," which is based on an article written by Dr. Morten Ender, Behavioral Sciences and Leadership professor here, and the merits of the seven areas of diversity that will be discussed during the conference.

According to Col. Bryan Goda, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Accreditation Director and this year's Conference Co-Chair, the seven conference panels will discuss issues in the areas of ethnicity, gender, religion, ableism, ageism, sexual orientation and social class.

Goda is hoping that this year's panels bring about thought-provoking discussions that help bring an understanding to certain views on these seven topics.

"(The conference) is to promote discussion about diversity and how to look at different groups," Goda said. "When you think of diversity you normally think it's based on race, but there's gender, age,

disability, religion and a lot of other areas that you normally wouldn't think of as being a part of a diverse culture and the idea is to highlight these things."

He is interested to see how areas such as religion with the diverse nature of Catholic, Jewish and Muslim practices work in this forum with a number of participants from each religion.

"It's interesting to bring people with different backgrounds together because you don't really know what the group dynamic will be until you put them together," Goda explained. "Who knows how it will turn out, but it should be great."

There will be several speakers at the conference that include general officers (including Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead and 1981 USMA graduate) and other military leaders, CEOs of civilian industry (including Mark 'Ranger' Jones, CEO of Tough Jones Security, Inc. and former Army Ranger), professors from academia, government officials and military war veterans.

The conference will kickoff April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Herbert Hall Alumni Center with a reception and then the evening will

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## Catholic Chapel tower gets necessary repairs

The Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, viewed from the corner of Washington and Stony Lonesome roads, is undergoing renovation to its bell tower.

According to Tony Delfini, Directorate of Public Works construction representative for this project, the bell tower will be taken down to the level where the louvers start. The stones will be removed one by one, cataloged and labeled and they will be stored on site and reinstalled after structural repairs are made.

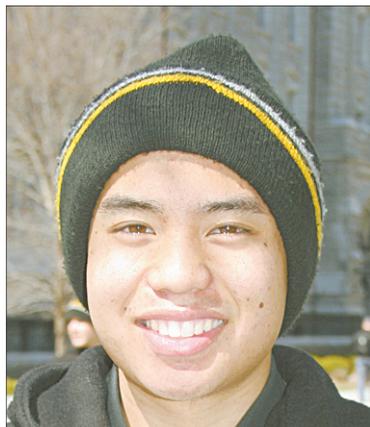
Water infiltration of the roof and parapets caused the failure of mortar joints and limestone arches at the louvers, creating a possible safety issue with potential falling mortar, Delfini said. Construction is scheduled for completion by Dec. 31, 2008.

However, there will be no changes or interruptions to Catholic services during the renovation project.

ERIC BARTELT/PV

# Your "Pointer" View

## "What was the best thing about your spring break this year?"



**Cadet 2nd Class**  
Hien Nguyen, B-1  
Union City, Calif.

*"I went to California -- Disneyland and the beach"*

**Cadet 4th Class**  
Jennifer Smith, H-3  
Cleveland

*"I went home and saw my family -- that was good enough for me."*

**Cadet 2nd Class**  
Heritier Diakabana, A-3  
Pawtucket, R.I.

*"I visited my girlfriend's family in Jamaica; the best part was the cultural experience and their natural attractions like landscapes."*

**Cadet 4th Class**  
Courtney Heaps, G-4  
Phoenix

*"We went on a cruise to Honduras, Belize City, Cozumel and the Bahamas"*

**Cadet 4th Class**  
Josiah McCoy, H-2  
Climbing Hills, Iowa

*"I shot my black powder muzzle loader and spent some time at home."*

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

### Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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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: Hard

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# Local and National News

## DCA employee Hassler passes

By Anne Caliendo  
Cadet Publications  
Coordinator  
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Activities

Roger J. Hassler, a procurement specialist in the Directorate of Cadet Activities, passed away suddenly March 13 at St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh, N.Y.

He was 61 years of age.

Hassler, with 42 years of combined federal and NAF service, is survived by his family; niece Mary Smith, her

husband, James Smith, and great-niece, Allison Smith, all of New

Windsor; and many friends here and abroad.

During his West Point career, Hassler's longest tenure was at the DCA where he served for 28 years before retiring from federal service in 2005, and then returned the next day as a NAF employee with the same office and mission.

He was the "life" of the DCA and will be missed by all.

Funeral services were held March 15 at St. Mary's Church in Newburgh, N.Y.

Interment followed at St. Thomas Cemetery in Cornwall, N.Y.



**Roger J. Hassler**

## Class of 2002 graduate killed supporting OIF

Compiled by Eric S. Bartelt

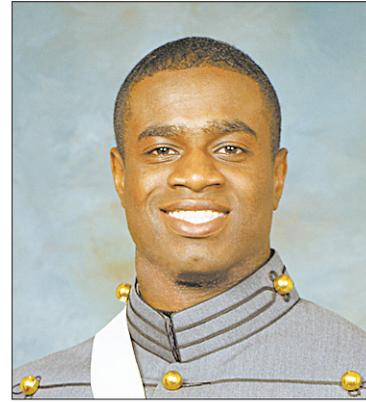
Captain Torre R. Mallard, Class of 2002, died March 10 in Balad Ruz, Iraq, due to wounds sustained when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device.

He was killed with two other Soldiers while supporting an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission with the 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

Mallard is survived by his wife of four years, Bonita, who lives in Killeen, Texas, with their two sons, two-year-old Torre Jr. and one-year-old Joshua.

The 27-year-old was buried

in Anniston, Ala, March 19. The Pentagon listed Mallard as a resident of Lawton, Okla., which is where his father, Mose Mallard, and his family lived for five years while his dad was stationed at Fort Sill. Mallard's grandparents still live in Anniston, and his parents



**Capt. Torre R. Mallard**

graduated from Anniston High School.

Mallard graduated from Salmen High School in Slidell, La., in 1998, and then attended West Point where he graduated with a computer science degree in 2002.

He was sent to Iraq for his first combat tour in March 2003 and was promoted to

captain in 2005. In November 2007, he deployed to Iraq for a second combat tour.

Mallard's brother, Terrence, of Huntsville, Ala., talked about his brother never liking to fail and felt his brother's work ethic was without parallel. He also believed the country was kept safer due to his brother's sacrifice.

"His life probably saved a lot of people's lives," he said.

(Editor's note: This story was a compilation from stories or blurbs written by the Associated Press, the Department of Defense and the Honor the Fallen Web page.)

## TSP TICKER

March changes (as of 03/27)

C FUND	+ 0.93 percent
I FUND	+ 0.09 percent
S FUND	- 0.28 percent

## QUICK NEWS NOTES

The Change of Responsibility ceremony for incoming USMA Command Sgt. Maj. Martin A. Wells will be April 7 at 4 p.m. at Trophy Point. The Inclement Weather locations will be Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

The entire West Point Community is invited. Come and welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Wells into the West Point family.

## HOUSING, cont. from page 1

“While there will be many changes occurring during the housing transition season this summer, there are areas that will remain the same,” Bruno added.

While the changes in the way housing is assigned this summer are geared toward officer housing, enlisted personnel should be assured of the continued command commitment that all personnel receive quality housing for their families at West Point.

“Our focus is that all personnel from the ‘first-tour-of-duty’ enlisted Soldier to the ‘about-to-retire’ colonel receive high-quality, fully maintained housing, that is assigned in compliance with all Army regulation,” Garrison Command Sgt. Major Violet McNeirney said.

A few other things community members should keep in mind include:

- ♦ As a part of the Community Development Plan, GMH has received approval to change the grade allocations to several of the Family housing neighborhoods.

One example is Lee Area will be changed from lieutenant colonels to all field grade officers.

Another example is New Brick will change from field grade officers to junior NCO/junior enlisted.

The plan is to make this change through attrition.

For a period of time, these neighborhoods will have residents of several ranks.

- ♦ Demolition and reconstruction of Stony Lonesome I are scheduled to begin during spring 2009.

The plan is to reoccupy Stony I quarters which become vacant this summer.

All residents of Stony I who

must be relocated will receive priority for housing on post and will be moved at GMH’s expense.

Every attempt will be made to avoid excessive disruptions to Families by reducing multiple moves within a short period of time.

- ♦ Additional information about these changes is available on the DPW Family Housing Web site ([www.usma.edu/dhpw/Housing/housing2.htm](http://www.usma.edu/dhpw/Housing/housing2.htm)) and the GMH Web site ([www.westpointfamilyhousing.com](http://www.westpointfamilyhousing.com)).

The Family Housing Web Site also includes information such as eligibility standards for West Point Schools and local BAH rates.

The GMH Web Site includes the neighborhood reallocation plan.

Additionally, community members should continue to monitor all public information outlets, including the *Pointer View*, the Daily Bulletin, the Command Channel 8/23, various Web sites and e-mail distributions. Any changes to procedures will be announced to the community through these media outlets.

“I urge community members to be patient with their housing arrangements this summer as we at West Point go through this major operational change together,” Bruno explained. “We all need to keep in mind that all turbulence caused by these procedure changes will ultimately result in a housing inventory that will be newly renovated and routinely maintained due to reliable funding.

“That is the major incentive to ‘bear with’ the temporary inconvenience of the transition years,” Bruno concluded.

### CHANGING

- ♦ Officers will not select housing by specific unit. They will submit a preference sheet that lists three choices of housing area and type of house in a priority order.
- ♦ Soldiers, officers and enlisted, who are required to move before June 30, 2009, due to demolition or renovations will receive priority in on-post assignments, by grade and bedroom requirement, over incoming Soldiers.
- ♦ Secondary Waiting Lists and Quarters Advertisements procedures have been stopped. Intra-post moves are allowed only for promotions or change in bedroom requirement.
- ♦ The Superintendent has approved changes to the Key and Essential Personnel List.
- ♦ Officer preference sheets must be submitted to Housing Coordinators no later than 30 April.
- ♦ Soldiers, officers and enlisted, may choose to live off-post, including personnel assigned to Key and Essential positions. Exceptions to policy are NOT required.
- ♦ The Housing Division will review preference sheets, match projected arrival dates with projected quarters availability dates and make assignments no later than June 6 for officers.
- ♦ Officers will be notified through their Unit/Department’s Housing Coordinator and their AKO e-mail address of their housing unit assignment.
- ♦ Resident modifications, which were not previously approved by the government, e.g. painting (other than Self Help supplied paint), wallpaper, stencils, chair railings, swing sets, sandboxes, garage door openers, ceiling fans, finished basements, bookshelves, wall-to-wall carpeting, peel-and-stick vinyl/mirror tile, etc. MAY NOT be transferred to the incoming resident, effective immediately, and must be removed. Also, anything that was accepted from a previous resident must also be removed. All resident modifications must be removed before the terminating resident will be allowed to clear housing. Exceptions may be made if the quarters are scheduled for demolition or renovation.

### NOT CHANGING

- ♦ Pre-assignments will still be made for senior officers, approved exceptions, large-Family requirements, foreign officers and approved handicap requirements in mid-May, however, senior officers need to complete a preference form.
- ♦ There is no change from current policy for the assignment of enlisted personnel.
- ♦ Order of precedence in assignment will still be -- rank, date of rank, active duty list number, bedroom requirement.
- ♦ Families with a four bedroom or less requirements will be protected for the bedroom requirement.
- ♦ Soldiers may choose less than authorized housing by grade or bedroom.
- ♦ Housing grade allocations will remain as they are currently listed in the USMA Supplement to AR 210-50 for the summer of 2008.
- ♦ Handicap units will be assigned based on need, rather than grade.
- ♦ Soldiers must still accept quarters within seven days of the quarter’s availability date.
- ♦ All outgoing residents, regardless of when during the 2008 summer they are leaving West Point, are required to return interior walls to the off-white or pale Self Help paint colors or prime dark-colored paint in order to clear their termination inspection.
- ♦ Residents who are leaving West Point prior to the turnover of housing operations to GMH must arrange for a contract cleaner and pay the fee prior to their termination inspection, if they decide to use a contract cleaner.

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conclude with a diversity lecture in Robinson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Dalton Conley, currently the Professor of Social Sciences and Chair in the Department of Social Sciences at New York University.

Goda explained that approximately 50 alumni will attend the conference and it is also open to cadets, staff and faculty, other graduates and anyone else from the West Point community who is interested in attending.

As of press time, 40 people are registered to attend the three-day conference that has a \$25 fee. The fee covers the price of the Diversity

Leadership Conference book. All other aspects of the conference, including the meals at the West Point Club, Eisenhower Hall and The Thayer Hotel during the three-day event, are free.

The final date to register for the conference has changed and is now April 3 instead of March 10 as viewed on the registration page at the Association of Graduates Web page.

The conference is put together by the Association of Graduates, who will provide the proceeds of donations given by the conference’s corporate sponsors to support

the nine ‘diverse’ cadet club activities.

“A large portion of the cadet club budget from this conference goes to clubs like the Spanish Club, the Asian-Pacific Club, the Korean Club, the Margaret Corbin Forum and so on,” Goda remarked. “All these clubs get a substantial amount of money, more than half of their budgets, from these donations.”

Goda said it took about five months to get all the moving parts together to make this conference come off without a hitch and he credited the 25 people behind the

scenes who helped him pull it off.

“I’m excited about the conference,” Goda said. “Many people came together to help (pull this off) and to bring about a conference that helps promote discussion and thought, which is the purpose of this conference ... I think it’s going to work out well.”

For more information or to register for the Diversity Leadership Conference, go to the West Point Association of Graduates Web site -- <http://www.westpointaog.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=2485&srcid=366> or contact Goda at 938-5572.

### REMINDER

#### Replace your faded/ unreadable stickers

Beginning May 1, Military Police, in accordance with USMA Regulation 190-5, will cite individuals with faded/ unreadable decals.

# Community Features and Photos

## Trout fishing season opens April 1 at West Point

Submitted by DPW Natural Resources Branch

Trout fishing season opens Tuesday and West Point anglers get the opportunity to wet a line after a long winter. Some anglers may even catch some trout. The Directorate of Public Works Natural Resources Branch stocked thousands of trout prior to Opening Day.

"The relatively mild winter has left very little ice on the lakes we normally stock at West Point," said Jim Beemer, Chief of West Point's Natural Resources Branch -- the activity responsible for fish and wildlife management. "We were able to have most of the fish stocked before opening day. Of course, being that Opening Day happens to fall on April Fool's Day, anglers may find out that the fish and Mother Nature have the last laugh for the day. I remind all

anglers, too, that you cannot be actively fishing for trout prior to April 1. And, Bull Pond, Round Pond and Lusk Reservoir are closed to all fishing until April 1."

West Point will stock approximately 6,000 trout in 2008. Stockings occurred at Bull Pond, Round Pond, Lusk Reservoir, Popolopen Brook, Queensboro Brook and Highland Brook.

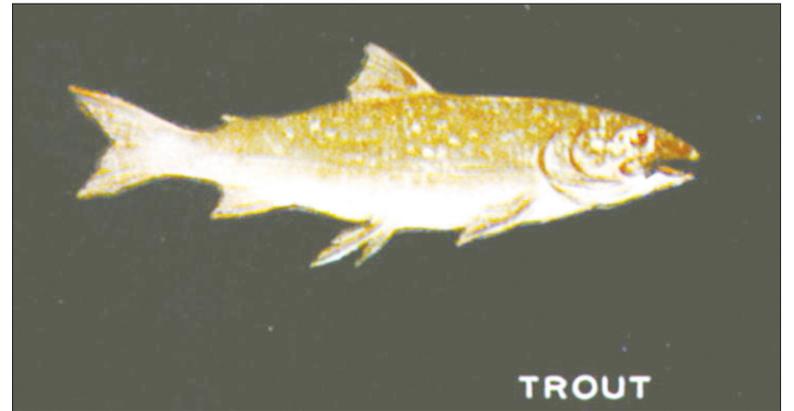
Fish stocked are brook and brown trout (9-inch average size) and trophy-sized (14-16 inches long, 1.5 lb. each) brook (400) and rainbow trout (600). The trophy-sized brook trout were stocked in Bull Pond (300), Round Pond (50) and Lusk Reservoir (50). Additionally, wild trout are available strictly for catch-and-release fishing in Mineral Springs Brook and Trout Brook, which are both located within Training Area L on the western edge of the

reservation.

Holdover trout (those stocked in past years) can be found in Bull Pond, Round Pond, Lusk Reservoir, Queensboro Brook and Highland Brook. Holdover trout can be quite large. The West Point record brown trout was caught in 1994 from Bull Pond. That fish weighed ten pounds and was 28 inches long.

The second-largest rainbow trout was caught in 1992 in Bull Pond and weighed 4 lb.-12 oz. Large trout can be found in Round Pond and Lusk Reservoir, but there are not as many present. The volume of cold, well-oxygenated water in these two bodies of water is less than what is present in Bull Pond.

All West Point anglers ages 16 and older must have both a N.Y. fishing license and a West Point fishing permit (available from the Directorate of Family, Morale,



TROUT

Welfare and Recreation) to fish West Point waters.

West Point personnel wanting to bring a guest fishing need a daily guest pass, also available from either ITR or at the Round Pond Recreation Area office. The guest must also have a N.Y. fishing license, which is available from any town clerk's office, from ITR or the Round Pond Recreation Area Office.

Anglers are reminded that all fish that are kept must be reported in accordance with USMA Regulation 215-5. There are several methods to comply with this regulation.

Reporting slips are located in boxes found at all West Point waters.

The catch can be phoned in to the West Point Natural Resources office 24 hours per day at 938-3857. The catch can be e-mailed to the West Point Fish and Wildlife Biologist at [james.beemer@usma.army.mil](mailto:james.beemer@usma.army.mil) or through the USMA fishing Web site on the USMA Home Page (<http://westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/OUTDOOR/Angler.htm>). Finally, anglers can participate in the West Point Angler Diary Program.

Beemer stressed the importance of West Point anglers reporting fish they keep. "Every year funds are disbursed to provide West Point

anglers with the opportunity to catch some quality trout," Beemer said.

"However, many anglers do not report catching any fish. Are the trout all being caught and kept? Are West Point waters unable to support the trout for any length of time? What is the health of the fish populations in West Point waters? These are all questions that need accurate harvest data in order to answer them so that West Point anglers can continue to have a quality fishing experience," he added. "In 2007, less than 25 percent of the trout stocked was reported as being kept by West Point anglers."

All West Point anglers should consult the USMA fishing information sheet (available from the Round Pond Recreation Area Office or ITR) for information on season dates, size restrictions, bag limits and what fish are present in what waters. It is also available at the above Web site.

Questions regarding the Angler Diary Program, stocking or fish management should be directed to the Natural Resources Branch at 938-3857.

Direct questions regarding West Point fishing permits and regulations to either Round Pond at 938-2503 or ITR at 938-2401.



# March is National Nutritional Month -- Eat Right

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

National Nutrition Month began as a week-long nutritional educational awareness program sponsored by the American Dietetic Association in March 1973, and became a month-long observance in 1980 due to the apparent public interest in nutrition. Focusing attention on nutrition, making informed decisions on food choices and developing sound eating habits is the purpose of the month.

Most nutritionists advise eating one-to-two servings from each of the

four main food groups to maintain a balanced and healthy diet, according to [www.healthnewsdigest.com](http://www.healthnewsdigest.com). They include:

- Two-to-three servings a day of meat, poultry, fish or beans. These foods are a major source of protein and include foods such as fish, chicken and hamburgers.

- Two-to-four servings of a dairy product such as cheese, yogurt or milk.

- Two-to-four servings of fruits and vegetables because not only are they a great source of vitamins, they contain potassium and fiber and

citrus fruits contain vitamin C.

- Six-to-eight servings of grains. Grains contain carbohydrates and B vitamins. Grains include breads, pancakes and pasta.

Fats and oils -- such as butter and sour cream, soda and candy should be eaten in moderation. Much has been said recently about lowering the amount of fats consumed, especially those containing trans fats and saturated fats.

People should choose fat sources with polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats, which are found in nuts, vegetable oils and fish.

Trans fats and saturated fats contribute to heart disease and stroke primarily because they elevate cholesterol levels in the body. The nutritional guidelines, according to the American Dietetic Association, say fats should be kept between 20 to 35 percent of the total calories consumed.

Carbohydrates are an important food source for energy, but there are different types of carbohydrates that behave differently in our bodies according to [www.glycemicindex.com](http://www.glycemicindex.com). The glycemic index ranks carbohydrates according to their effects on blood glucose and insulin levels.

Diabetics and people who need to watch their weights should choose carbohydrates with a low glycemic index such as breakfast cereals that are made from oats,



barley or bran; wholegrain breads, pasta, noodles; and eat lots of salad vegetables using low-fat dressing such as vinaigrette.

Sugar is a carbohydrate with no nutritional value at all. Replace sugar with honey or fructose, which contribute a small amount of calories to a diet and have a low glycemic index. Honey and fructose will provide some nutritional value and a sweeter taste with limited influence on blood sugar levels.

Limit the intake of processed foods because they tend to lose much of their vitamins during the manufacturing process as well as containing added salt and trans fats.

In most nutritional literature, one is usually advised to drink eight glasses of water each day for optimal health and hydration. There are differing opinions on this.

A Dartmouth Medical School study headed by Dr. Heinz Valtin in Hanover, N.H., in 2002 found no scientific evidence to support this.

Water is part of most drinks and plentiful in food, meeting much of one's daily needs. The study found that a healthy adult does not need to drink eight glasses of water a day, unless exercising or sweating a lot due to work or weather.

The recommendation of drinking eight glasses of water a day may have started when the Food and Nutritional Board of the National Research Council stated: 'One milliliter of water for each calorie of food,' but a forgotten last sentence stated, 'however most of the water needed is in the food you eat.'

One milliliter of water per each calorie of food intake is translated into roughly eight cups of water. This subject is somewhat controversial, as many nutritionists and organizations such as the American Dietetic Association still believe that drinking an eight-ounce glass of water eight times a day is necessary to provide adequate hydration.



**Eat your fruits and veggies**

# Scouts earn Disability Awareness Merit Badge

Story and photos by  
Command Sgt. Maj.  
Cal Christensen  
Assistant Scoutmaster

Thirty members of West Point Boy Scout Troop 23 spent the month of March learning about different types of disabilities people face in their daily lives. Each week the scouts learned about a different disability as they worked toward their Disability Awareness Merit Badge. They focused on three disabilities -- being hearing impaired, wheelchair bound and blind.

The first week focused on

hearing impairment. Sharon Gillespie, audiologist from Keller Army Community Hospital, provided a CD for the scouts to listen to that simulated what a hearing impaired person would hear if a story was read to them. She also provided them some great exercises to get a sense of what it would be like to have a hearing loss.

One of the ideas was to get the scouts to realize what one could accomplish, even with a hearing impairment, like the great composer Beethoven. As his music played in the background, the scouts were amazed to learn that the music they

were listening to was never heard by the composer.

The following week, the scouts welcomed a special guest, 1st Lt. Ryan Miller, a member of the Warrior Transition Unit. He was wounded in the leg by an IED and is temporarily wheelchair bound as he heals and rehabilitates.

Miller mesmerized the scouts with his experience of being in a wheelchair and his fight to once again walk and run just like he had prior to being wounded.

He covered all of the day-to-day routines that the scouts take for granted such as showering and moving around in their houses to the challenge of going up to the hospital from his quarters. The scouts continued their learning, questioning him after his presentation, even during the planned exercises.

The final night was capped with a visit from John Morgan from the Department of Foreign Languages. Morgan has been blind since sustaining an injury to his eyes when he was 18 years old. The scouts have seen Morgan around post and in town with his guide dog.

They were amazed that he



The scouts had to pour water into a cup and pull back the top of a pudding and eat it. They did all these events while blindfolded and tried to work toward their Disability Awareness Merit Badge

could move around with such ease and were thoroughly taken aback by the fact that he has competed as a competitive swimmer in the Paralympics.

Morgan did an outstanding job educating the scouts on how he functions in daily life. He even showed them his talking watch and explained how he works with his talking computer.

Sheri Christensen, the

Disability Awareness Merit Badge coordinator, developed the overall plan. Her goal was to help the scouts understand what it feels like to be disabled and how disabled people live normal lives.

Christensen has worked extensively with disabled pre-schoolers for more than 11 years and has a vast understanding of the challenges some people face. She

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John Morgan, with dog his Wade, gave a presentation about how he copes and succeeds with his blindness, to include being a Paralympic swimming competitor.

## New Self-Development Handbook available for Army Leaders

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAN. -- The U.S. Army Combined Arms Center - Center for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., has just released a new handbook for leaders called the Self-Development Handbook.

The handbook draws on lessons from the field, educational and leadership research, and applicable

Army regulations and doctrine to provide leaders with state-of-the-art guidance on designing and implementing an individualized program of self-development.

The Army accomplishes a wide array of missions in diverse and unusual circumstances around the world. At the same time, the Army is engaged in a massive and

accelerated transformation that will infuse new organizations, technologies and capabilities throughout the Army.

To meet the recurring challenges, Army personnel must supplement institutional and organizational training and education with continuous, planned self-development. Self-development is also important to achieving an Army leader's personal and professional goals.

Whether qualifying for an advanced level in a career field, seeking a different career field altogether, lacking in skills and knowledge, or just pursuing personal interests, leaders can use the information and exercises in this Self-Development Handbook to set their direction and take

action.

Personal growth benefits both the individual leader and the Army.

Due to the diversity of the Army's missions and needs, there are many self-development topics to study -- from gaining leadership skills to learning a new language.

No matter what leaders choose, they will make themselves and their current and future organizations more adaptable, agile and resilient by gaining depth and variety of expertise.

For more information about the Self-Development Handbook, contact Dr. Jon Fallesen at the Center for Army Leadership, (913) 758-3160.

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took the learning experience one step further, recommending a variety of exercises the scouts could do each night to include:

- Being in a soundproof booth and trying to figure out what was being said to them from the outside of the booth, which proved to be a very challenging station.

- Navigating an obstacle course in a wheelchair, doing a variety of tasks along the way as well as learning how to walk with crutches and carry a tray of food while they moved.

- Simulating having limited use of their hands and trying to tie their shoes while wearing oven mitts.

One of the most challenging exercises was maneuvering through a mock living room blindfolded to find, put on and button up a shirt, turn on a light and dial a phone number on a cell phone.

The other challenging exercise was the food station where the blindfolded scouts had to open a

container, pour water into a cup and peel back the top of a pudding container and eat it. Needless to say, this proved to be a bit messier than they thought it would be.

At the conclusion of the month, the scouts had a much greater sense of what it feels like to be disabled and an awareness of the daily challenges they face as they go through their day.

One scout put it best when he said that he never really thought about how hard it was to go without one of his senses until it was taken away and then he tried to do things that he normally does.

Studying disability awareness for this badge also helps fulfill one of the pillars in scouting, which is being community-minded.

This will help refocus the scouts as they look at their community in the future and help them better determine how they can work to help some of their community members.



**Self-Development Handbook**



# Community Leisure

## DFMWR puts Family Covenant and AFAP into Action

By Kathy Eastwood

The Army Family Covenant was signed here Oct. 30, 2007, to recognize that the strength of Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families.

The Covenant promised to improve readiness by "standardizing and funding existing Family programs and services, increase accessibility and quality of health care, improve Soldier and Family housing, expand education and employment opportunities for Family members and ensuring excellence in school, youth services and child care," according to an article by Eric Bartelt in the Nov. 2, 2007, issue of the Pointer View.

Today, many of these actions have been implemented, especially in the Army Community Services and Child and Youth Services. Maura DuMoulin, Chief of Resource Management for FMWR, detailed the 'Actions on the Family Front,' the department's initiatives for Youth Services and Army Community Services:

- ♦ The Youth Center provides Family programs for deployed Family members one Saturday each month through the Youth Center Family Deployment Day program.

- ♦ The Youth Center supports home-schooled children through the Youth Center Home School Program with fitness and technology programs Friday mornings. Child and Youth Center staff use resources and expertise to provide challenging and stimulating program options for children ages 6 through 15.

- ♦ Child and Youth Services and the West Point Schools have collaborated on jointly sponsoring 7th and 8th grade Boys and Girls Basketball teams.

Through this partnership, teams are allowed to play modified school teams through the Hudson Valley. The partnership has increased school spirit, allowed for sharing of gymnasium space in school and youth facilities and provided youths with the appropriate age and skill level competition.

This issue was brought up Oct. 20 at the Army Family Action Plan's Teen Workgroup conference by Connor Van Everen, who suggested that there should be a limited modified sports program at the middle school. "This will let us have fun and compete against other schools in the local area," he said.

ACS initiatives include:

- ♦ ACS coordination with the Post Library for 147 publications that are specific to military Family



Children enjoy playing foosball at the School Age Children facility which received a complete renovation in 2006 and re-opened in January 2007.

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and deployment-related issues for the Soldier Family Assistance Center and ACS programs from FMWR.

They are located in ACS and at the SFAC for Family members to check out and use as needed.

- ♦ ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program Manager, Galatea Badger and Elizabeth Harrington, FMWR Marketing Chief, are working on deployment cards for special events and discounts geared to Family members and Soldiers in the deployment cycle.

"The cards will be issued by Badger and is available now," Harrington said. "The cardholder must have a deployed spouse to be eligible. Cardholders will receive additional discounts at a variety of FMWR activities."

Badger said this was another issue that was addressed during the AFAP work groups.

"With the card, Families of deployed Soldiers can just show the card instead of telling people at events that they have a deployed Soldier," she said. "Families who are interested in the cards should contact me. The card will be automatically produced when Soldiers go through the Soldier Readiness Program."

Some of the benefits of the deployment card include:

- ♦ The West Point Club will offer admission to Quarterback Luncheons, Family nights with Macaroni the Clown and Membership Appreciation nights for no charge.

- ♦ Fees will be waived for the Polar Fest, Kids' Fishing Derby, 5/10K/Kids Fun Run, Haunted Hay Ride, Hog Wild BBQ and Volksmarch.

- ♦ The auto shop will offer one free vehicle inspection annually.

- ♦ 20 percent reduction in full-

day and 10 percent reduction on part-day care programs for each child at Child and Youth Services facilities.

- ♦ 10 percent discount on lessons and summer camps at Morgan Farms.

Implementation of these programs are the result of issues that were addressed at the AFAP conference held Oct. 23-24 at the West Point Club.

AFAP holds the conference annually and gathers quality of life issues from the community.

FMWR has implemented an AFAP link on its Web site at <http://www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm> featuring updates on current AFAP issues, results of the triennial AFAP Commander's Steering Committee Meetings, installation's annual AFAP Conference and news from HQDA AFAP Conferences and permanent freestanding issue boxes placed at key locations on post.

For additional information on Family Covenant initiatives or deployment cards call Galatea Badger at 845-938-5654 or e-mail her at [Galatea.Badger@usma.edu](mailto:Galatea.Badger@usma.edu).



The FMWR Deployment card is available now for Family members of deployed Soldiers by contacting Galatea Badger at ACS.

ELIZABETH HARRINGTON/FMWR



The Kids Fun Run, part of the 5K/10K Race, is an obvious crowd pleaser during the summer.

# FMWR Blurbs

## Honky Tonk Friday

Honky Tonk Friday is tonight at the West Point Club, from 7 to 11 p.m. Dance the night away to your favorite country music and enjoy a Tex-Mex buffet.

For reservations, call 938-5120. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

## Couples Retreat

Free Couples/Family Retreat at the Great Wolf Lodge in the Poconos May 10-11. Open to all Active Duty Families.

Soldiers and military couples are confronted with great challenges to their personal relationships.

The ever present reality of stressful deployments and lengthy separation contributes to the mixed emotions often felt during reunion and reintegration. Conflict sometimes seems inevitable and problems impossible to overcome.

Strong Bonds has been designed to encourage a safe and relaxed environment where Soldiers and military couples can learn new skills that help prevent the disintegration of their most important relationships. Strong Bonds unites fun programs with user-friendly, "battle-tested" methods that really work.

This retreat includes marriage enrichment sessions, recreational Family time, and a special Mother's Day lunch. Families may stay and enjoy the water park after the final workshop concludes Sunday.

For info, e-mail: [Galatea.Badger@usma.edu](mailto:Galatea.Badger@usma.edu) or call 938-5654.

## West Point Golf Course

West Point Golf Pro Shop is now open for the season! West Point Golf Course opens for play Tuesday (weather permitting). Call 938-2435 for info.

## Ski Lockers

Seasonal Ski Lockers need to be emptied and locks removed by April 4.

Ski Lodge hours of operation are Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Season Ski equipment is due back to the ski rental building by April 25. Ski rental return hours are Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. until April 4. Hours of operation from April 7-25 will be Mon.-Fri., 1 to 4:30pm.

## Community Swim

Crandall Pool is closed for repair until April 4. Recreational swimming will resume on April 5.

## Month of Military Child

Get tickets for the Month of the Military Child Picnic, to be held at Victor Constant Ski Lodge April 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Tues., available from the CDC, Bldg. 1207.

Call 938-3921 for info.

## Bull Pond Lottery

The issue of lottery numbers for Bull Pond reservations begins Tuesday.

Numbers can be obtained by visiting Round Pond, calling 938-2503 or at the lottery itself.

The actual lottery is April 5 beginning at 9 a.m. at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond Recreation Area, Rt. 293.

## Defensive Driving Class

The next Defensive Driving Class will be held April 5 in Bldg. 622 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

## Fitness Center Boot Camp

Take your workout to the next level -- try Boot Camp at the MWR Fitness Center, Mondays at 9 a.m. in April.

This one-hour class combines aerobic and anaerobic intervals and will challenge your mind and body!

For info, call 938-6490.

## Kids Summer Riding Camps

Registration is now open for Kids Summer Riding Camps at Morgan Farm. It includes English and Western style riding, grooming, tacking, mucking and proper TLC. Beginner and intermediate levels, affordable rates - call 938-3926.

## Army Emergency Relief

The AER Campaign runs through April 18.

The AER mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to active duty Soldiers, retirees and their dependents.

Emergency assistance is also provided to surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they have retired.

For more information or to give, call 938-5653.

## STOMP Workshop

Specialized Training of Military Parents) Workshop is April 8-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion (Bldg 628).

STOMP provides free training, support and advice for military Families regardless of the medical or educational need of the exceptional Family member. Work through challenges such as navigating services, financial worries, anxiety, and inadequate information flow.

Register online at <http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/ACS/EFMP.htm> or call 938-5655 for info.

## FMWR Craft Shop

Kids craft classes are Saturday mornings at the MWR Craft shop from 10 a.m. to Noon.

For class schedule, go to [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com).

Limited space is available. Call 938-4812.

## AFTB Leadership Classes

ACS will be holding AFTB Leadership Class Series on the following dates:

April 10 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., "Leadership Styles."

Sign-up deadline is Thurs April 24 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., "Leadership Assisted Problem Solving."

Sign-up deadline is April 24. May 8 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., "Coaching and Mentoring."

Sign-up deadline is May 1. ACS will provide child care. Call 938-5654.

## Post Library

The West Point Post Library's Spring Story Hour will be held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. through April 29.

Open to all WP community children ages 3-5.

Registration is required on a weekly basis.

For more information, stop by the Library or call 938-2974.

## Volunteer of the Year Award

The 2008 Volunteer of the Year Awards will be given at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony April 21 at Noon in the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

For more info., call 938-3655.

## CYS Summer Technology Camps

CYS summer technology

camp, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bldg. 500 Youth Center.

Movie Making: Children will learn to story board, make props and sets, film, download, edit and take home their own creation on DVD.

June 23-27: School-Age (must have completed 3rd - 5th grades) July 7-11: Middle School (must have completed 6th grade).

Lego Robotics: Children will build Lego Robots, create an obstacle course and program the robot on the computer to complete the obstacle course. The finale will be a competition between other campers on the obstacle course.

July 21-25: School-Age (must have completed 3rd to 5th grades) July 28-Aug 1 (must have completed 6th grade). Call 938-3727.

## Spring Fling Dance

The Spring Fling Dance is April 4 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and is open to West Point and Highland Falls 7th and 8th graders.

The dance will be held at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Permission slips are required. Call 938-8525.

## CYS SKIES programs

Open registration for various Child and Youth Services SKIES programs.

For info, go to [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com).

## FCC needs child-care providers

Family Child Care is looking for high quality child-care providers to provide child care in their government quarters for authorized family members of children from four weeks to 12 years of age.

Call 938-3921 for more information and to begin training.

## Military OneSource

Military OneSource offers FREE tax preparation and filing for your federal and state taxes.

File your taxes online using Tax Cut Basic at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

For more info, call 1-800-342-9647.

## West Point Tax Center open

Federal and state income tax preparation is available free of charge for active duty military servicemembers, military retirees, and immediate family members at the WP Tax Center.

IRS-trained tax preparers are available to answer your questions and file your tax return from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, while scheduled appointments are given top priority.

Please call (845) 938-5920 to schedule an appointment.

# What's Happening

## Community Action Council

The Community Action Council Meeting is scheduled to meet Monday at 9:30 a.m., at the Jewish Chapel.

Members of the West Point Community are invited to attend.

## Greek Independence Day

The 13th annual Greek Independence Day celebration will take place in Highland Falls, Sun. at 2 p.m., in Memorial Park.

There will be a reception following the ceremony at the Highland Falls Fire Department hall.

Both events are open to the public.

## Dept. of Geography and Environmental Engineering Lecture

On Wed., in Washington Hall, Room 5300, from 7:45 to 9 p.m., Dr. Thomas Barnett, Franklin, Ind., Senior Managing Director and Strategic Planner, Enterra Solutions, best-selling author and public speaker and former Senior Strategic Researcher and Professor in the Warfare Analysis and Research Department, Center

for Naval Warfare Studies, Naval War College, will present a lecture to cadets in EV365, EV372, EV374, EV386, EV390B, EV482 and EV485 titled: "America's Geopolitical Imperatives in the 21st Century."

The West Point Community is invited to attend although space may be an issue. For more information, contact Maj. James Chastain, Course Director, 938-3094.

## Book Signings

Michael J. Durant will sign his books, *The Night Stalkers* and *In the Company of Heroes*, about his experiences with the U.S. Army Special Operations Blackhawk April 4 from 9 to 11 a.m.

All signings are at the USMA Bookstore, Thayer Hall, 4th floor.

## West Point Yard Sale

The West Point Yard Sale is scheduled for April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The rain date is April 19.

## Boy's Summer Basketball Day/Overnight Camp Signups

Boy's Summer Basketball Day/Overnight Camp Signups for boys ages 9-18 are open now. Camp runs

from July 6 through 10. Sign up online at [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com) (click on CAMPS) or contact Chris Hollender at 845-938-2419.

## Cadet Chapel Child Watch-Care Provider

The Cadet Chapel is currently accepting applications for a paid Child Watch-Care Provider to begin immediately. Please contact Jennifer Gilliam at (845) 446-6530 or Chaplain Mallard at (845) 938-3412 for more information.

## DIMHRS Awareness Briefings

Since all servicemembers will be required to use the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources Systems as of Oct 1., the following individuals need to attend one of the three briefings on April 23 in Robinson Auditorium:

- Active duty servicemembers at West Point,

- Civilians who supervise military

- All military human resources and finance professionals

Times: 9 to 11 a.m., 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., or 5 to 7 p.m.

DIMHRS is a Congressionally-mandated program with efforts spearheaded by the Department of

Defense focusing on the Army's personnel and pay functionality. It is an application that will provide servicemembers with a single, comprehensive record of service featuring a self-service capability that allows them to update portions of their personal information.

This web-based HR tool will be available 24 hours a day.

This will be the only visit to West Point by the DIMHRS Training Team before implementation. To get more information on the program, go to [www.armydimhrs.army.mil](http://www.armydimhrs.army.mil).

For more information on the briefings at West Point, contact Laura Perez at (845) 938-8489

## Vacation Bible School 2008 Volunteers needed

Mark your calendars: June 23-27 and 'Come Have a Blast' at Vacation Bible School this Summer! Volunteer sign-ups have begun, contact Melody Nuckowski for details: 859-4573 or [melodyann@earthlink.net](mailto:melodyann@earthlink.net). Participant sign-up coming soon!

## Pete Taylor Partnership Award

During his tenure as chairman of the Military Child Education Coalition, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Pete Taylor played an important role in the establishment of partnerships between military installations and school districts serving military-connected children.

In recognizing Taylor's dedication and work toward assisting military children, the MCEC Board of Directors established the Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award at its annual conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., in July

2004.

The award, to be given annually, may represent a single project in which the military installation(s) and the school district(s) participated, or it may be a summation of the entire program between a military installation(s) and the school district(s) which serve the installation(s). The application deadline is May 1. Apply at [www.militarychild.org/Award.asp](http://www.militarychild.org/Award.asp).

## 7th Annual Golf Outing and Hudson River Cruise

Attention All Golfers - Sacred Heart School in Highland Falls announces its 7th Annual Golf Outing and Hudson River Cruise at the West Point Golf Course May 12. Contact 446-4609/2674 for registration information.

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## Delivery problems?

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS  
CONTACT VALERIE MULLANE AT THE  
POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL AT (845)  
437-4730 OR BY E-MAIL AT  
[VMULLANE@POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM](mailto:VMULLANE@POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM).

# Ombudsman at KACH

Submitted by KACH

If you are a warrior in transition and feel angry, frustrated, or disappointed, there is someone locally you can call who will help.

Retired Master Sgt. Kevin Ivery serves as the West Point MEDDAC (WT)-based Ombudsman for the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program and a Soldier-Family advocate in support of wounded warriors in transition.

“As your Ombudsman, I will resolve complaints and assist in obtaining accurate information when you are faced with complex, often overwhelming issues, such as health care, pay, the physical disability process, retention and transition,” Ivery said.

Ivery brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise, both as a retired Army noncommissioned officer and one who has worked the Patient Administration Division/Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Office mission.

That, coupled with ongoing efforts at Department of the Army level to ensure the nation's wounded warriors receive the support and treatment they need -- and that no fallen comrade is left behind -- epitomizes the role Ivery plays in meeting needs of men and women assigned to the WTU and West Point.

“I have recently retired from the Army after 28 years of service” Ivery said. “During my tenure in the Army, I held multiple positions to include human resources, logistics, military intelligence, field artillery and infantry. I spent the last two years working as the Chief of Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Office at Fort Drum. This position gave me invaluable expertise and knowledge which I am utilizing to assist the Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers, most of whom are in some phase of the MEB/PEB process.

“The Ombudsman position presents a unique challenge and allows me to continue working with Soldiers and their Families, which I am truly enjoying,” he added.

If you are a Wounded Warrior in transition or Family member who needs assistance, call Ivery at 938-6827. He is available at Keller Army Community Hospital.

For more information on the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, visit <http://aw2portal.com>.



**Kevin Ivery**  
**Wounded Warrior Program**  
**Ombudsman and Family**  
**Advocate**

## Keller Corner

### Blood Drive

Hudson Valley Blood Services will be conducting a Blood Drive April 7 to 10 at Eisenhower Hall, 4th Floor Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., April 7 to 9 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 10.

Walk-ins are always welcome -- however, for convenience purposes, appointments to donate whole blood can be made by calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (938-BLUD).

Apheresis services will be available for those individuals who wish to donate platelets. Apheresis donors will be seen by appointment only and may call

914-760-3177, or sign up on line at [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DoD Bone Marrow Donor Program will be able to do so during the drive.

**Picture ID is mandatory for donations.**

### Support Group for Weight Loss Surgery

There will be a support group meeting for weight loss surgery candidates, post-surgical patients and their significant others on April 8 at noon in the second floor classroom of KACH, facilitated by a Registered Dietitian, covering

post-surgical exercise: safely and effectively to promote weight loss and muscle tone.

A physical therapist will be instructing the group. Candidates should already have a referral in place for surgery at KACH or in network. For more information, contact Maj. Ronna Trent at 938-6661.

### Childbirth Preparation Classes

April 9, 16, 23 and 30 (class series), classes are held at Keller Hospital in the second floor classroom. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

**NOW SHOWING** in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Fools Gold, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday -- Step Up 2: The Streets, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 Juno, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.  
 April 4 -- Welcome Home Rosco Jenkins, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 April 5 -- The Spiderwick Chronicles, PG, 7:30 p.m.  
 Vantage Point, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

**SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL OFFICER**

Maj. Tom Bryant, Public Affairs Office executive officer, has been appointed Summary Court Martial Officer to collect, inventory, and process the personal effects of Sgt. 1st Class Rogers L. Jones.

Any individual possessing property of Sgt. 1st Class Jones or having claims against his estate should contact Bryant at 938-3808 or [thomas.bryant@usma.edu](mailto:thomas.bryant@usma.edu).

**Coming to EISENHOWER HALL**

*The Producers* - a Mel Brooks musical - April 5 - 8 p.m.  
*Ring of Fire* - the Music of Johnny Cash - April 20 - 2 p.m.  
*Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance* - May 2 - 8 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.ikehall.com](http://www.ikehall.com)

**Cadet Fine Arts Forum's O'Donnell & Pinnell Awards of Excellence in Creative Arts**

Open to all Cadets -- Enter to Win Cash Awards

- Four categories:
- ◆ Film
  - ◆ Painting/drawing
  - ◆ Photography
  - ◆ Poetry and prose

Submissions due April 7  
 Awards event April 25

For details contact: Maj. Davina L. Hunt, 938-3553 or [davina.hunt@usma.edu](mailto:davina.hunt@usma.edu)

**Command Channel 8/23**

March 28 - April 4

**Friday**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
 1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 2 p.m. RCI Meeting  
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 7 p.m. RCI Meeting

**Monday**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
 Noon RCI Meeting  
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch

**Tuesday**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
 9 a.m. RCI Meeting  
 1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch

**Wednesday**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
 1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 2 p.m. RCI Meeting  
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch

**Thursday**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
 1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 6 p.m. RCI Meeting

**April 4**  
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
 1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
 7 p.m. RCI Meeting

**Community Mayors needed**

Looking for Community Mayors to represent our communities. Areas in need of mayors are Biddle Loop, Lee Area, Old Brick and Stony II (Enlisted). Call 938-7731.

THE USMA SEXUAL ASSAULT REVIEW BOARD,

Chaired by LTG F.L. Hagenbeck

Is Pleased To Invite You To Participate In

**INAUGURAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH POSTER COMPETITION FOR THE WEST POINT COMMUNITY**

The USMA SARB, to help the USMA community get involved in enriching our understanding of preventing sexual assault, is hosting this poster competition. The competition will not only support the cadets' understanding of the issues but will ultimately benefit the entire USMA community.

**Judging Categories**  
 Cadet  
 West Point Community-at-large

**Poster Submission Deadline**  
 April 16, 2008

**Poster Entry Application Form**

A separate entry form must be completed and paper clipped (not glued or stapled) to each poster when the poster is formally submitted.

**Poster and Entry Form Submission Address**  
 USCC: ATTN SAC-HR  
 MAJ Maria Burger  
 Cullum Hall, First Floor  
 West Point, NY 10996

**Winning Posters**

Posters will be judged in two categories listed above. Winning entrants will be notified by April 18, 2008. Certificates will be awarded to first through third place participants in each category.

**Awards Ceremony**

An awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. The ceremony is to recognize all contest participants.

**Prizes**

First Place - Tandem jump with parachute team, \$75 certificate  
 Second Place - \$50 certificate  
 Third Place - \$25 certificate

**Additional Information**

If you would like additional information about the competition, or have any questions, please send an e-mail to [maria.burger@usma.edu](mailto:maria.burger@usma.edu). Contest rules and entry forms are available at Cullum Hall, first floor, or by e-mailing a request to MAJ Maria Burger at the previous address. Additional resources are also available at the U.S. Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response website: [www.sexualassault.army.mil](http://www.sexualassault.army.mil) or the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response website: [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil).

# Army and Community Sports

## Kyler earns All-America wrestling honors

By Tim Volkmann  
Athletic Communications

ST. LOUIS -- Army sophomore Matt Kyler finished sixth at 141 pounds to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Wrestling Championships Saturday at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

Already assured of finishing no lower than sixth place, Kyler took on fourth-seeded Nathan Morgan from Oklahoma State in Saturday's consolation semifinals. Morgan took an 8-3 decision that sent Kyler to face ninth-seeded Nick Gallick of Iowa State in the fifth-place match, where he fell one point short, 3-2, to settle for sixth place.

Kyler became Army's first All-American since Phillip Simpson won the honor three-straight times from 2003-2005, including a runner-up finish during his senior season.

Kyler finished the season with a 43-8 win-loss total to set the academy record for single season victories, breaking the old mark set by current assistant coach Brad Fenske during the 1995-96

campaign when he finished 42-9.

"Matt had a great couple days and I am really proud of the way he competed throughout the tournament," said Army head coach Chuck Barbee. "He came up big in some pretty high-pressure situations and put a big exclamation point on what was already a tremendous season for not only him, but the whole team."

**Fifth-Place Championship Match: Nick Gallick (Iowa State) dec. Matt Kyler (Army), 3-2**

In the fifth-place match, Gallick scored first with a two-point takedown, but Kyler escaped to cut the deficit to 2-1 after the first period. Kyler chose to start the second period down and quickly escaped to even the score, 2-2, heading into the third period. Gallick started in the down position and slipped away from Kyler with 30 seconds to go in the match to take the 3-2 lead. Gallick avoided Kyler's final attempts at a takedown to hold on for the one-point victory.

**Consolation Semifinals: Nathan Morgan (Oklahoma State) dec. Matt Kyler (Army),**



Sophomore Matt Kyler finished sixth at 141 pounds to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Wrestling Championships Saturday in St. Louis. He finished the year with a 43-8 record, and his 43 wins set an academy record for single season victories.

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8-3

Morgan grabbed an early 2-0 lead with a takedown, before Kyler escaped to make the score 2-1. Morgan registered another takedown to lead 4-1 after the first

period. Starting the second period in the down position, Kyler escaped to make it 4-2 deficit, but another Morgan takedown built his lead back up to 6-2. Kyler escaped one more time to remain in striking

distance at 6-3 entering the final period. Morgan, however, got away for a final escape and picked up another point for over a minute riding time advantage to seal the victory.

## Army crew gets set for spring on Boggy Bayou

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EGLIN AFB, Fla. -- The plebes, yearlings, cows and firsties were enjoying themselves despite aching muscles and straining lungs.

Eighty-five cadets, men and women, from the U.S. Military Academy were at Eglin Air Force Base for a week practicing their craft -- rowing.

The Army crew team was out March 21 on Boggy Bayou after launching four- and eight-man shells from Post 1 Point.

"Today is technique day, so it's mostly drills," said head coach Pete Hanlon.

At the helm of a motorboat and using a bullhorn, Hanlon set the workout -- so many strokes for a specified period of time -- and then watched. On this day he was supervising part of West Point's women's crew.

When finished, 16 rowers and two coxswains heard what they did



Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy women's crew team practiced rowing March 21 on Boggy Bayou. West Point's men's crew team also took part in the spring-break training for upcoming regattas. The Army crew teams ended their week-long stay at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Sunday.

right and wrong.

If there's cause to critique a workout during the rowing or order course adjustments, it's the coxswains who draw Hanlon's attention.

"They're the commander of the boat," he said, smiling. "They're

the ones I yell at."

The West Point crew is preparing for spring regattas on the East Coast, where races are typically 2,000 meters. It takes a good men's crew between 6 minutes and 6 1/2 minutes to cover the distance. The women take about

a minute longer.

Freshman Lisa Maginot, 19, of Huntington Beach, Calif., was content with the morning session.

"It was a good day on the water," Maginot said after practicing in one of the four-man shells. "It was real nice out there."

Maginot rowed with a club in high school and figured crew would be a natural fit for her at West Point, where all cadets must participate in a fitness-oriented extracurricular activity.

"I love it," she said. "This is something to do to meet people and get away from the company."

Rowing also provides a "major relief" from the heavyweight classes at the academy, she added.

Sophomore Phil Linder of Lexington, Ky., has a father who rowed in college and there were posters of crew on the walls at home. So Linder thought he'd give rowing a try.

The 20-year-old is in his second year on West Point's crew.

Standing on the beach at Post 1 Point after competing against another four-man boat, Linder looked well-rested.

"I feel good," Linder said. "If you asked that 20 minutes ago after the last race, I would have told you I was about to die."

## CLUB CORNER



**Freshman Danielle Munoz takes down a black belt during Judo Training in Japan.**

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**JUDO** -- The Army Judo team successfully returned from Japan with no injuries, problems or concerns. In fact, this was by far the most successful trip section they have ever taken and one which all members will remember for the rest of their lives.

Highlights from the Judo team's trip include:

- Dual match with the NDA -- Army lost, but the team had several individual wins and two ties fairing a lot better than expected.
- Cultural exchange with NDA was a huge success that the team hopes will continue next year.

- Judo training in the Kodokan, the original dojo of Judo. Team members shared a mat with five Olympic/World Champs. The team thought it was a surreal experience to be training on that mat.

- Judo Training with the Japanese Emperor's personal security in the Imperial Palace Dojo -- they are considered some of the most elite judo players in all of Japan. The team likes to think it "fought through Japan and battled the emperor's body guards."

**TRIATHLON** -- The West Point Triathlon Team traveled to Clermont, Fla., for a week of intense training during Spring Break. The team arrived March 14 and immediately began training under coach and retired professional triathlete Tony Deboom.

To start the week, the team competed in the Third Annual Wildman Triathlon and swept the results in both male and female categories. Sophomore Ashley Morgan finished first place overall for females and in the female 20-24 age group.

Junior Randy Wintermantel, sophomore Erica Triebenbach and senior Christine Kawoczka claimed first, second and third places, respectively. For the males, 2nd Lt. Nick Dason (2007 USMA graduate), junior Nick Vandam and sophomore Rob Sherry took first, second and third places overall.

In the male 20-24 age group, West Point triathletes claimed first through seventh places, with junior Nick Sterghos and sophomores Peter Bauleke and Andrew Stock leading the way and claiming first, second, and third places.

## Peyer scores late goal for lax victory

By Tim Volkmann  
Athletic Communications

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. -- Army junior attackman Jason Peyer buried a shot in the top left corner from 15 yards away with two seconds left to lift the (16/13-ranked) Black Knights to a come-from-behind 8-7 victory at (12/15-ranked) Hofstra Tuesday.

Peyer took a feed from freshman midfielder Rob McCallion and converted from a very tough angle, as Army, which trailed 7-4 with 14:50 to play in the game, scored the final four goals of the game.

Senior midfielder Paul Widgzinski tallied three points on two goals and an assist, while McCallion, junior attackman Brooks Korvin and freshman attackman Jeremy Boltus each scored a goal and added assist for the Black Knights (6-2). Senior goalkeeper Adam Fullerton made eight saves to preserve the victory.

Hofstra struck first at 11:35 as Michael Colleluori converted a Jay Card feed for the early lead. Widgzinski tied things up at 6:54 with a bouncing shot from eight yards out to knot the game, 1-1.

Korvin scored, unassisted, from five yards out at 3:48 as the Black Knights led 2-1 after the first quarter.

Hofstra scored four-straight goals while holding Army scoreless in the second quarter to forge a 5-2 lead.

Widgzinski bounced home his second goal from eight yards out off an assist from Korvin to make



**A game removed from a career-best four goals against Holy Cross Saturday, junior attackman Jason Peyer (above, #28) scored the winning goal with two seconds remaining Tuesday to defeat Hofstra.**

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it a 5-3 game with 12:38 to play in the third quarter.

With the score 6-3, Army would get within two before the end of the quarter as Boltus took a feed from

junior midfielder Alex Rhoads and scored from seven yards out with 1:34 on the clock as the Black Knights trailed 6-4 after three quarters.

Hofstra would capitalize on two Army penalties that put the Black Knights down two men to start the fourth quarter. Stein's second goal made it a 7-4 Pride lead with 14:50 on the clock.

From there, the Black Knights took over. Junior midfielder Kevin LoRusso took a feed from Widgzinski and used a nice move to beat Hofstra goalie Danny Orlando to make it 7-5 with 13:03 to play.

Sophomore midfielder Brandon Butler took a pass from Boltus and scored on a 12-yard laser at 11:26 before McCallion faked out Orlando and beat him from close range to net the equalizer at 6:52.

Army's comeback marked the first time the Black Knights won after trailing to start the fourth quarter since beating Colgate 10-8, April 28, 2006.

## Army Spring Classic April 5 and April 6

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The U.S. Military Academy Cycling team will host the 24th annual Army Spring Classic April 5 and 6.

The April 5 events will include a road race and team time trial at Camp Buckner.

Roads in and out of Camp Buckner, including Route 293, will have cyclists on them from approximately 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

There will be a criterium and individual hill climb time trial races at Shea Stadium April 6.

The individual hill climb time trial races begin at Shea Stadium

and will race up to Stony Lonesome Road to the intersection of Stony Lonesome and Continental roads from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m.

For the criterium, the roads surrounding Shea Stadium, Eisenhower Hall and Gillis Field House will be closed for racing from approximately 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Army Softball traffic for April 6's doubleheader that starts at 1 p.m. against Holy Cross will be directed appropriately through the area.

All races are free and open to the public.

# Kassel, McKelvie, others earn AHA top awards

By Ryan Yanoshak  
Athletic Communications

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- Despite the disappointing 4-2 loss to Mercyhurst that ended Army's hockey season March 15 in the Atlantic Hockey Association semifinals and hopes for their first berth in the NCAA Tournament, Army still finished out on top in the league awards.

Josh Kassel was named the Player of the Year, Zach McKelvie was named the Best Defenseman, Brian Riley was named Coach of the Year, and Luke Flicek joined Kassel and McKelvie on the all-conference first-team as the Atlantic Hockey Association distributed its awards March 13 at the RIT Inn.

Kassel earned top player honors despite being a goalie and joined McKelvie as Army's first two major award winners during its five-year stay in the Atlantic Hockey Association.

Riley earned his third straight Coach of the Year trophy and the Black Knights were honored for their regular season championship at the league banquet.

Flicek was one of three forwards

on the all-conference first team and was joined by McKelvie and Kassel. Sophomore Owen Meyer earned second team honors at forward.

Voting was done by league coaches prior to the beginning of the playoffs.

"(March 13) was a great night for Army hockey," Riley said. "I am so proud of all these players for their hard work and dedication on and off the ice. We were fortunate to have a lot of success this season and I am grateful to the conference coaches for the recognition of our players."

Kassel, a junior from Greensburg, Pa., was a second-team choice as a goaltender last year, but turned in an outstanding season to earn MVP honors as well first-team laurels along with the regular season goaltending trophy.

Kassel was a unanimous selection to the first team, along with forward Simon Lambert of RIT. Kassel was named Goalie of the Week five times during the regular season and was once named the Player of the Week.

He is in the top-eight nationally in both goals against and save



Junior goaltender Josh Kassel was named Atlantic Hockey Association Player of the Year March 13. He finished the season with a 1.92 goals against average and .925 save percentage, both tops in the AHA. He also added five shutouts.

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percentage. For the season, Kassel posted an 18-10-2 mark, including five shutouts. He has a 1.92 goals against average and a .925 save percentage, both tops in the AHA.

Kassel's five shutouts give him nine for his career, tied for second in academy history with Brad Roberts.

Kassel is the first goalie to be named Player of the Year in the AHA.

"This is a tremendous honor for Josh and a great honor for a goalkeeper to be named the Player of the Year," Riley said. "Every time Josh steps on the ice, he gives you a chance to win and that's all you can ask from a goaltender."

McKelvie, a junior from New Brighton, Minn., was honored as the Andover Tape Best Defenseman and also earned first-team honors. McKelvie, who played 35 games this season, finished tied for fifth on the team with 17 points.

An alternate captain, McKelvie had four goals and 13 assists and was a part of a defense that yielded less than two goals per contest. Army is third in the country in scoring defense with 1.96 goals per game. It is the first league honor for McKelvie.

"Zach plays hard every night and works just as hard off the ice," said Riley. "He is one of the hardest working and toughest players I have ever been around and it's great to see him recognized for his stellar play."

Riley, now in his fourth season, earned his third straight Nike-Bauer Coach of the Year trophy

after leading the Black Knights to their first-ever regular season championship and setting the Academy record for conference wins with 19.

Flicek, a senior forward from Burnsville, Minn., has been among the nation's leading scorers all season. He was named to the third team as a junior, but posted 12 goals and a team-high 26 assists during the regular season to earn a spot on the first team. Flicek, who was chosen to participate in the Frozen Four Skills Challenge, is also a candidate for the Hobey Baker Award.

An alternate captain, Flicek has a team-best 11 multiple-point games this season, two in which he dished out three assists.

"Luke never takes a shift off and goes full speed every time he is on the ice," Riley explained. "He is always looking for a scoring opportunity and serves as a great role model."

Meyer, a sophomore from Dundee, Ill., was on the All-Rookie Team last season and picked up second-team honors after leading the Black Knights with 21 goals this year.

He also handed out 18 assists and netted 10 multiple-point contests during the regular season. He had a team-high seven power plays goals, one short-handed score and four game-winning goals.



Junior defenseman Zach McKelvie was named best defenseman in the Atlantic Hockey Association March 13. He finished the year with 17 points.

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## Sports calendar

March 28 - April 5

### Corps

FRIDAY & SATURDAY -- TRACK & FIELD, DICK SHEA INVITE, SHEA STADIUM, NOON

FRIDAY -- MTEN vs. MARIST, LITCHTENBERG, 4 P.M.

SATURDAY -- MTEN vs. ST. BONAVENTURE, LITCH., 9 A.M.

SATURDAY -- WTEN vs. ST. BONAVENTURE, LITCH., NOON

SATURDAY & SUNDAY -- BASEBALL vs. BUCKNELL (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON AND 1 P.M. STARTS, RESPECTIVELY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY -- SOFTBALL vs. LEHIGH (DH), NORTH ATHLETIC FIELD, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY -- LACROSSE vs. COLGATE, MICHIE STADIUM, 1 P.M.

APRIL 4 & 5 -- GYMNASTICS, ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS, GROSS OLYMPIC CENTER, 6 P.M.

APRIL 5 -- WTEN vs. UMBC, LITCHTENBERG, 9 A.M. AND LAFAYETTE, 3 P.M.

APRIL 5 -- MTEN vs. LAFAYETTE, LITCHTENBERG, NOON AND HOLY CROSS, 6 P.M.

### Club

FRIDAY -- LACROSSE (WOMEN) vs. RUTGERS, DALY FIELD, 5:15 P.M.

SATURDAY -- RUGBY (MEN) vs. DARTMOUTH, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

SUNDAY -- BOWLING vs. USCGA, BOWLING CENTER, NOON

SUNDAY -- LACROSSE (WOMEN), LEAGUE GAME, DALY FIELD, NOON

APRIL 5 -- LACROSSE (WOMEN), ROUND ROBIN GAMES, DALY FIELD, 9 A.M.

# WPJAST provides ski skills to kids

By Bob Ryan  
WPJAST Coach

The 2007-2008 West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team completed its on-snow season March 1. This year's team had 45 racers from ages 8-to-14.

In its 5th season, the team has grown from an initial membership of just over 20 children to more than 50 in the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

The team started the season in November with dry-land training, ski tuning and waxing sessions. Although Mother Nature was not very cooperative this winter, the team managed to squeeze in three home races and one away race at Plattekill Mountain in the Catskills.

The team accepts children who are capable of changing their turn-shapes, stopping on demand and taking direction from a coach. The coach's emphasis is in helping the skiers' gain confidence in their technical development as a skier and applying those skills in a race course.

Along the way, the kids, their coaches and parents enjoy the Club as a family oriented activity -- it takes everybody to pitch in and make the team a success, and this year was no exception.

The athletes are trained to race Giant Slalom. The young racers gain the ability to make competent technical movements at high rates of speed.

The team uses the American teaching system as its guide to training these athletes the basic skiing fundamentals and then applying tactics to racing gates.

The Club also serves as a feeder system to area high school racing programs. This year, James I. O'Neill and Cornwall High Schools had super race seasons from Tyler Christiansen, Josh Daniels, Patrick Bastianelli, Chris Powell, Andy Ryan and John Foody (Cornwall) -- all of whom are former WPJAST members.

We saw great individual improvement from every team member. As a coach, the unique aspect of working with the racers is that the coaches are right in there modeling drills with their athletes. As coaches, we improve our own skills right along with the racers.

This year's coaching staff consisted of a dedicated group



West Point Junior Alpine skier Christian Barnard heads down the slopes of the Victor Constant Ski Slope. Barnard is one of 45 racers from ages 8-to-14 who compete with the team that is in its fifth year of existence.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY WEST POINT JUNIOR ALPINE SKI TEAM

of volunteers -- Lt. Col. John Graham (Dept. of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership), President; Nate Loeb (Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics), Vice President; Corina Morano-Ender, Treasurer; Bob Ryan (Center for Enhanced Performance), Director of Racing; plus coaches Dave Brzywczy (Public Affairs Office), Karin Barrows, Lt. Col. Mike Jaye (Dept. of Mathematical Sciences), Donna Jaye, Anna Loeb and Alison Nichols.

Some of our veteran racers -- Jack Graham, Josie Econom, Axel Ender, Christian Barnard, Austin Packard, Karis Bedey, Emily Jaye and Jake Loeb -- showed some great leadership by often leading challenging drills on the hill, designed to push all skiers a little bit out of their comfort zone.

The team appreciates the great support of the management, snow makers, lift operators and patrollers of the Victor Constant Ski Area for making a mostly uncooperative winter one in which the team still managed to get their practice reps in and enjoy the friendly competition the races bring.

The WPJAST also acknowledges the outstanding support of the Daughters of the U.S. Army. Through DUSA grants, the

team was able to equip itself with first-rate team gear to raise the bar of excellence with our members.

The Club will hold their end of year party and annual meeting Tuesday at the Ski Lodge.

Anyone with children interested in joining the Club for the 2008-2009 season should visit our Web site at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzer0g6a/wpjast/index.html> or call Bob Ryan at 938-7817.

# Rifle takes second at NCAA Championships

**By Mady Salvani**  
**Athletic Communications**

Army's first NCAA champion after capturing the smallbore title the first day in leading a Black Knight sweep of the top three places in the individual competition.

**WEST POINT, N.Y.** -- Alaska Fairbanks headed into the final day, March 15, of the two-day NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Championships tied for second and trailing first-day leader and host Army by six points.

The defending champion Nanooks outpointed the Black Knights in the final event, air rifle, 2350-2334, en route to capturing their third straight title by a 4662-4652 composite Saturday afternoon at Christl Arena.

Army freshman Stephen Scherer turned in the Black Knights' highest mark in that event (588), along with qualifying for the shoot-off, as the Black Knights tied for third with Nevada-Reno as both teams produced 2334s.

Scherer was the lone Black Knight to qualify for the shoot, but bested the field with a 103.2 en route to a final 690.2 composite in finishing fifth.

It is the second year that Army earned the silver at the championship and fifth consecutive time the Black Knights placed among the leaders under head coach Ron Wigger. Army was fourth in 2004, first in 2005, third in 2006 and second the past two years.

Army senior Chris Abalo became