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Command Sgt. Maj. Martin Wells assumes responsibility

Story and photo
by Eric S. Bartelt

Command Sgt. Maj. Martin R. Wells officially took the position of command sergeant major of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in an assumption of responsibility ceremony Monday at Trophy Point here.

Wells assumes the responsibility of the job from Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick J. Laidlaw, who was the acting USMA command sergeant major while also performing his USCC command sergeant major role. Wells replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Bergman, who retired Jan. 11 from his post as USMA CSM after 32-plus years of active duty service in the Army.

During the assumption ceremony, Wells offered many 'thank you's' to those who helped him in his transition to West Point. He also said he is truly honored to have a part in the honor and tradition of West Point as the command sergeant major.

"The West Point motto of, 'Duty, Honor, Country,' rings sound and true in my heart, and has

done so since June 1, 1983, when I became a Soldier in the greatest Army the world has ever known," Wells said. "For almost the past 20 years, I've had the honor of being involved with the efforts aimed at providing the strength for our Army, an all-volunteer Army in a time of war.

"Now, my sights will be aimed at being an integral member of (the superintendent's) team," he added, "dedicated to the development of leaders of character who will serve as the future commanders within our ranks."

Wells, a native of Rockville, Md., comes to West Point from Fort Knox, Ky., where he served as the command sergeant major at the United States Recruiting Command since September 2006.

He enlisted into the Army as a field artilleryman in May 1983 and first served as a Lance Missile Crewmember with the 8th U.S. Army Field Artillery Detachment in Steenwick, Holland. Following that assignment, he served as an instructor at the Field Artillery Center and School at Fort Sill, **See WELLS, page 5**



West Point Command Sgt. Maj. Martin R. Wells receives the NCO Sword from Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck Monday at Trophy Point during an assumption of responsibility ceremony. The passing of the sword signifies the relinquishing of responsibility and authority from the outgoing to the incoming sergeant major. It represents the trust and confidence in the new NCOs leadership and commitment to care for the organization.

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Livieratos, Duda named East-West Center fellows

By Eric S. Bartelt

Firsties Cole Livieratos and Mike Duda were named graduate degree fellows at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii at Manoa March 28.

They become the 34th and



Firstie Cole Livieratos

35th cadets to earn East-West fellowships since the U.S. Military Academy began competing in 1991.

Livieratos, 22, of Columbia, Md., will work toward a master's degree in Asian studies. The double major in human geography and foreign area studies, is excited at the incredible opportunity to continue his education while studying in an environment that allows him to directly interact with people from the region for which he is currently studying.

"This gives me the ability to learn about Asian people and their culture first-hand," Livieratos said. "One of the best things about the program is the relationships that I will be able to build with fellow

scholars from countries throughout Asia, and contribute to bridging the culture gap between the East and the West."

The future Armor officer will begin his studies Aug. 11 at the East-West Center, and he believes that his studies will have a profound



Firstie Mike Duda

impact on his Army career, both as a junior officer and after his company command.

"The learning process and cultural interaction with those at the East-West Center will contribute to understanding how cultural differences play a role in the Army's current conflicts, and I can, hopefully, communicate this importance to my Soldiers," Livieratos explained. "After company command, I hope to work as a Foreign Area Officer, hopefully in the East Asian theater.

"A master's degree in Asian studies and continuing language training will help me reach this goal," he added, "and best prepare me to represent the U.S. Army **See EAST-WEST, page 5**

AER - Soldiers helping Soldiers

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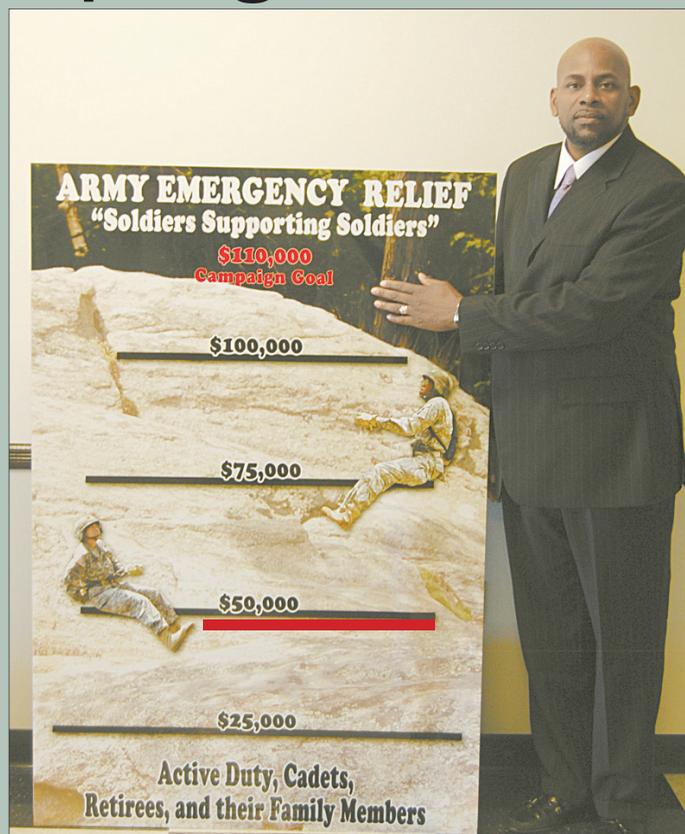
There is no other program that provides the Army Family immediate financial assistance for today's increasingly unforeseen challenges.

I encourage you to find out more about AER by contacting your agency's representative or Barron Henry, my West Point representative.

This valuable resource to our Soldiers truly is a time honored tradition of "Soldiers helping Soldiers."

Thank you.

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, Superintendent



Barron Henry, West Point AER representative, holds the West Point AER goal chart. The campaign goal is \$110,000, but the red line indicates that as of Tuesday, donations, primarily from retirees, were below \$50,000.

ELIZABETH HARRINGTON/FMWR

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 for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

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

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Local and National News



Blood drive April 7-10

Firstie Sean Gilligan donates platelets at the Hudson Valley Blood Drive held at Eisenhower Hall here.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

DOD to phase out full SSNs on IDs

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- As a means of combating identity theft, the Defense Department will issue identification cards without full Social Security numbers printed onto them, a senior official said April 3.

The Defense Department cares about protecting personal information as well as increasing database security, Mary Dixon, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center based in Arlington, Va., told Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service reporters.

Identity theft is a very real problem today, Dixon explained. Criminals who pilfer SSN-bearing identity cards can virtually assume someone's identity through a few computer keystrokes and clicks of

a mouse, she said.

TriCare, the military services' health maintenance organization, already has removed Social Security numbers from its members' identification cards, Dixon said.

Plans are to remove the Social Security numbers from identification cards issued to military Family members by the end of this year, Dixon said, noting that those cards still would display the sponsors' SSN, for now. Between 2009 and 2010, all department-issued identification cards will feature only the last four digits of a holder's Social Security number, she said.

About 3.4 million people now have department-issued common access cards, Dixon said. Around two-thirds of those card holders are military members, and some civilians who deploy overseas, who have full Social Security numbers printed onto the back of their CACs.

"You might lose that card," Dixon pointed out, noting that Family members, including children, could misplace their identification cards, too.

Modern information technology precludes the need to have full social security numbers printed onto employee and Family member ID cards, Dixon said.

"Today, all of our (computer) systems can 'talk' to each other, so we don't necessarily need to know all of that information printed on your card," she said.

New identification cards will be issued as they reach their expiration dates, Dixon said.

TSP TICKER

APRIL changes (as of 04/10)

C FUND	+2.54 percent
I FUND	+3.02 percent
S FUND	+2.40 percent



Dean congratulates

Bernie Holliday (left) and Kimberlee Bonura both get a big handshake from USMA Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan. The Dean congratulated Holliday, instructor for the Center of Enhanced Performance for receiving the National Association for Sport and Physical Education 2008 Dissertation Award and Bonura, Assistant Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, for receiving the American Psychological Association Division 47 Dissertation Award for 2008 at a small gathering April 2.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Community Covenant and Proclamation at West Point Day in Albany

New York State Sen. William Larkin (left), USMA Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, First Captain Jason Crabtree and Acting Lt. Gov. Sen. Joseph Bruno hold the West Point Day Proclamation (left) and the Army Community Covenant. Bruno and Finnegan signed the Covenant during the annual West Point Day events at the Capitol Building in Albany, N.Y. Wednesday. Eleven cadets, members of the West Point staff and members of the N.Y. Legislature participated in the day's events.

DAVE BRZYWCZY/PAO

Thoughts on Command

from Gen. Richard Cody, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and USMA Class of 1972

- Every Soldier wants to succeed ... the Commander sets the conditions for the Soldier's success.
- The Commander can have no 'favorites' ... everyone on the team is important.
- Commanders are responsible for building trust -- Soldier-to-Soldier, leader-to-led and unit-to-unit.
- There is no 'I' in team.
- Integrity is non-negotiable.
- Soldiers do not care how much a Commander knows until they know how much the Commander cares about the Soldiers, the unit and the mission.
- The Soldier is the most important weapon system we have.
- Every mission requires leaders to conduct thorough PCCs and PCIs.
- Power down -- never power off.
- You can not exact loyalty and trust ... you must earn them through your actions.
- When your ego competes with your professionalism, all learning ceases and you become an ineffective leader.
- Good morale comes from accomplishing a tough mission well.
- An after-action review is required after every mission so the leaders and Soldiers get better.
- Constructive criticism, if done in a professional and positive manner, is the hallmark of a high-performing, professional unit.
- Disagreement is not disrespect -- being a good listener is a trait of a Commander who wants to learn something new every day.
- Always choose the harder right over the easier wrong.
- Commanders set the tone, tenor and standards of their units.
- The difference between a Class A and a Class C accident is luck ... create a command environment where your Soldiers want their teammates to 'learn' from their errors.
- The path of least resistance is a well traveled path to mediocrity.
- Every Soldier should be counseled, in a positive manner, every month on his or her performance and potential.
- There is a difference between 'aggressive' flying behavior and 'reckless' flying behavior ... the difference is discipline.
- Fly only as fast as you can see.
- Every pre-flight and post-flight is important.
- Always fight the enemy, not the plan, and always have at least two back up plans -- and all of them have to be briefed and rehearsed.
- When determining whether to impose UCMJ or Chapter actions, ask the following ... 'is this a failure to repair on the Soldier's part or is it a failure to lead on the leader's part?' The tie goes to the Soldier.

QUICK NEWS NOTES

Robert Goldstein, Ph.D., Department of Law, was selected to receive a U.S. EPA Environmental Quality Award April 25. The award is the highest recognition presented by the EPA.

The 2008 U.S. Army Birthday Ball celebrates America's Army, the Strength of The Nation and our 233 years of service and will be held at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center June 14 and includes an elegant evening of dining, dancing and entertainment. All Army members, Family members, DA Civilians, retirees and veterans are invited. Registration opened Monday. Visit the **AKO 2008 Army Birthday Ball Registration page** for more information and reservations.

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while serving in another country.”

Duda, who turns 22 today, of Manassas, Va., will pursue a master's degree in political science with a concentration in international relations. A major in Russian, for which he has received honors, he will also begin his studies Aug. 11 and is thrilled to represent USMA in Hawaii.

“(It) is a huge honor to represent USMA, my peers and the U.S. Army in this diverse, international learning environment,” Duda remarked. “As a Russian major, I look forward to exploring Russia's specific role in regards to the Pacific region.”

The future Aviation officer believes this degree will help him in his Army career and, “It will allow me to focus in on exploring new cultures and learning how to interact in diverse communities.

“This skill will always help me in my career,” he added. “Hopefully, I can impart this to my Soldiers whenever we go beyond the United States.”

Also, firsties Nick Hanauer, Jennifer Woods and Jake Blakeslee

were selected as alternates for the East-West fellowship. Last year, 2nd Lt. Marya Rosenberg was selected as an alternate at first, but then later was awarded a scholarship by the East-West Center.

According to the Center's Web site, the East-West Center, “is an education and research organization established by the U.S. Congress in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific and the United States. The Center contributes to a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia-Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia-Pacific region and the United States.”

Funding for the Center, the mission statement at www.eastwestcenter.org said, comes from the U.S. government with additional support provided by private agencies, individuals, foundations, corporations and the governments of the region.

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Okla.

In 1988, Wells was selected for recruiting duty and assigned to the Las Vegas Recruiting Company. His additional assignments within the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion included On-Production and Limited-Production Station Commander and Operations NCO.

He was then selected to become an instructor at the U.S. Army's Recruiting and Retention School at Fort Jackson, S.C., in 1995. By 1997, he became the first sergeant of New Haven (Conn.) Recruiting Company and then returned to Fort Jackson as a Division Chief for the Recruiting and Retention School in 2000 and 2001.

After graduating from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy in 2002, he was assigned as the Command Sergeant Major of the Des Moines (Iowa) Army Recruiting Battalion; a position he held until May 2004.

Before he became the USAREC Command Sergeant Major in September 2006, he served as the Commandant of the Soldier Support Institute NCO Academy at Fort Jackson.

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck welcomed Wells wholeheartedly to his team knowing how difficult his previous jobs have been due to the Global War on Terrorism.

“As all of you know what a difficult, but extraordinarily important job that (recruiting) is for our entire Army,” Hagenbeck explained. “Despite being an Army at war, 107,000 Americans raised their hands and agreed to serve in the active and reserve forces in the FY 2007 Accessions. This achievement in no small part belongs to the man (who is here with us today).

“We think he has an equally important job coming here to West Point as well,” he added. “My expectation is for him to provide guidance, direction, development and leadership to the Soldiers, NCOs and officers stationed here at West Point. I expect him to provide valuable counsel on key issues and events from Army traditions to community programs to large scale West Point operations across this community and to me as well.”

Wells holds a master's degree in business management from Webster University and a bachelor's degree from Auburn University. His accomplishments include being named the 1994 USAREC Soldier of the Year, the 1995 Recruiting and Retention School NCO of the Year and the 1999 Albany (N.Y.) Recruiting Battalion First Sergeant of the Year. He has also earned the Recruiter Ring and the Glenn E. Morrell Award.

He has graduated from all

NCOES courses and several USAREC courses to include the Sergeants Major Course, First Sergeant Course, Station Commander Course and Guidance Counselor Course.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Achievement Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters.

Wells is married to the former Gertrude Cabrera of the Bronx, N.Y. They have three children: Rosalie, Jeremiah, and Noah.

Before the end of his assumption speech, Wells offered an appreciative statement to the crowd in attendance on the behalf of himself and his wife.

“Gert and I are truly honored to be a part of the West Point team,” Wells remarked. “I look forward to working with (the superintendent) in support of this academy and the West Point community.”

Community Features and Photos

Michael Durant provides leadership insight during visit

Story and photo by
Spc. Vincent Fusco
PAO

Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Durant visited West Point April 3 and 4 to offer cadets his personal and unique perspective on leadership development.

"To say this is an honor is an understatement," Durant said. "If every person to come through is treated this way, you probably have visitors standing out there on the interstate."

During his visit, Durant gave a lecture on leadership to future aviation officers in the class of 2008, signed copies of his books -- *In the Company of Heroes* and *The Night Stalkers* -- and made a presentation to the members of the classes of 2009 through 2011.

Durant, a seasoned Black Hawk pilot, is best known for surviving an 11-day ordeal while being held prisoner by Somali militants in October 1993 following the Battle of Mogadishu, the subject of the 2001 Ridley Scott film "Black Hawk Down."

He was introduced to the forum

by Chief Warrant Officer 5 Dan Jollota, 2nd Aviation Detachment commander at Stewart Army Airfield in Newburgh, N.Y.

Jollota was the pilot of Super 68 in Somalia and flew missions alongside Durant.

Durant prefaced his speech to the underclassmen with a simple, yet poignant statement that established the theme of his talk: "war is a terrible thing."

"Our mission, when we go off and do the nation's business as leaders," Durant said, "is going to be to minimize combat losses and accomplish the mission."

Using the events from before and during Operation Gothic Serpent, Durant discussed the fundamentals of mission planning and execution, as well as teamwork.

"Everything we do, we do as an organization," Durant said. "Whether it's a unit, it's a combined arms team or it's a joint mission ... it takes the whole team."

He emphasized that one of the primary responsibilities of a leader is to recognize a window of opportunity and make the right decision at the right time.

"If you make the right decision too late, it's probably no longer the right decision," Durant said. "You've got to know when you've got enough information that you feel comfortable in your gut that what you're about to do is the right thing."

In addition, he said inaccurate intelligence and reliance on older and predictable strategies will often hinder successful mission planning. To keep that from happening, he encouraged his audience to use tactics the enemy would not expect in order to succeed.

"Change the way you do business," Durant said. "Constantly seek a way to improve it. To me, that is the power that the U.S. military brings to the battlefield."

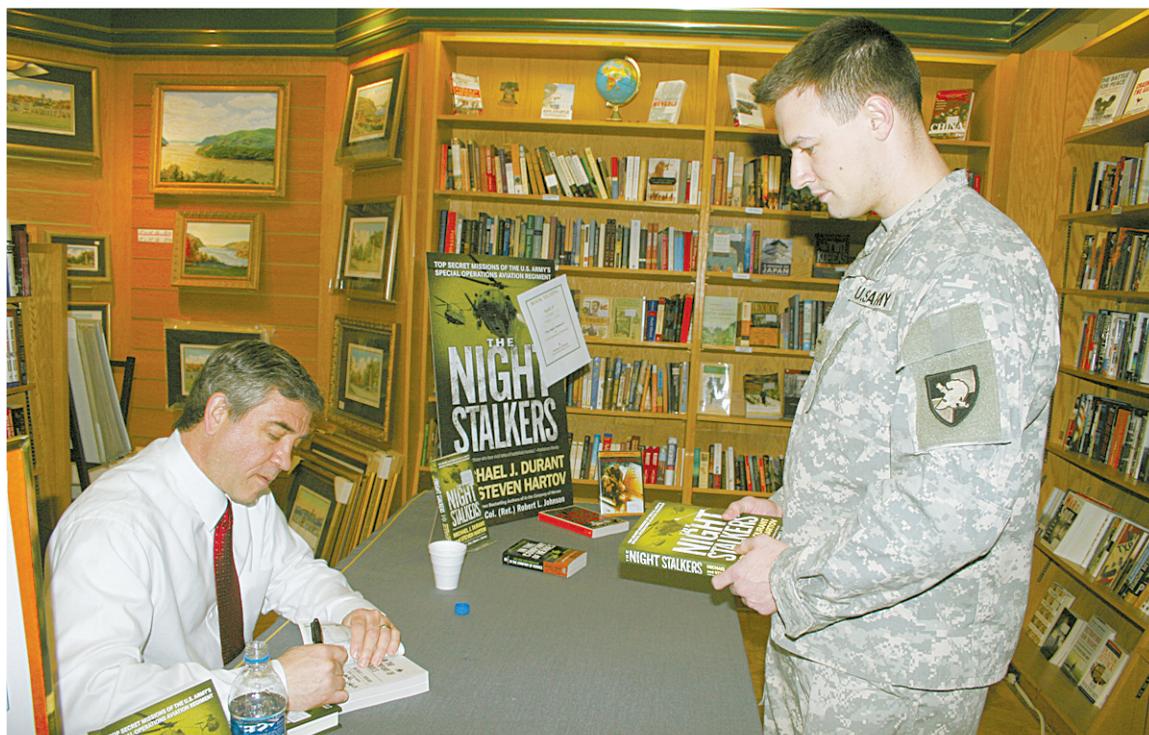
Having Durant share his experience with the cadets allowed them to learn more about a situation they may have only learned about from the movie or his books, according to yearling Alexander Shelby, from Company C-2.

"He described a lot of the events leading up to and the conflict in Somalia, which was interesting because I've seen 'Black Hawk Down' many times," said Shelby,

who intends to branch into aviation in the future. "I've heard of being on top of your game, but I liked the way he described being 'always ready and always changing.'"

For many of the cadets, having a speaker like Durant come and give a first-person account of how a real-world situation could be improved was a unique experience in leadership development.

"We do have distinguished leaders come, and they talk about leadership and how it's important to them, but Mike Durant brings something completely different to the table," Shelby said.



Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Durant signs copies of his books for Yearling Chris Murphy, a Queens, N.Y., native, prior to his lecture at Eisenhower Hall April 4. Durant signed copies for Murphy's brother Mike, class of 2008, and their father.

46th Annual Camporee invitations sent -- planning underway

Compiled by
Firstie Caroline Odell,
Scoutmasters Council

The invitations for the 46th West Point Camporee to be held May 9-11 at Lake Frederick were sent to 143 Boy, Girl and Venture Scout troops -- approximately 2,900 individual scouts who will now prepare, gather funding and begin training to put on their best faces for this event. Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia are represented on this year's list.

According to Lt. Col. John Graham, officer-in-charge, "These scouting organizations and the U.S. Military Academy share many

of the same ideals of leader and character development". This is evident in each incoming USMA class -- approximately 40 percent of the new cadets are Boy and Girl Scout participants.

"The camporee also serves as a leadership laboratory for the cadets. You can imagine the coordination required to organize a three-day event on the open fields around Lake Frederick," Graham continued.

Two-hundred and eighty troops applied to the 2008 Camporee from as far away as Texas, Mich. and Fla. Firstie Joe Krick, S-1, manages the selection process using an algorithm that accounts for various

camporee application categories, including troop size and whether they intend to drive or backpack over Bull Pond Hill to the campsite. "The Scoutmaster's Council strives to keep variety in the camporee by inviting different types of troops and by picking troops from across the country. It is as much about



coming to West Point as it is about meeting other junior leaders from across the nation," Krick said.

There are some exciting additions this year. The New York Army National Guard's 101st Signal Battalion is bringing in 80 Soldiers to control traffic, provide emergency communications and demonstrate Army equipment. The America's Army video game is setting up a huge tent complex that will allow the scouts to compete in a simulated squad exercise. Further, the director of Sea Base, a scout camp in the Florida Keys, is coming to meet the cadets heading there for summer training.

Since inception, the camporee

has been a celebration of the ties between USMA cadets and their scout troops. Cadet sponsorship is the most heavily weighted selection criteria and almost 100 of this year's troops have a direct relationship a cadet.

Sponsors spend the entire weekend with their troops, answering questions and telling stories that help the troop members process and understand the military, the Army and West Point.

For the visitors, the camporee can be a test of their own leadership. The events include a rigorous hike, a round-robin style competition, a cook-off, campsite/gate-way judging, displays and demonstrations -- and, of course, a campfire.

The most impressive of the troops are called 'Lightfighters.' This year, more than 30 of the Boy and Girl Scout troops are taking the challenge, including West Point's own Troop 23. While other troops back their vehicles up to their campsite and deposit their gear, the Lightfighters take the hard way, leaving their vehicles behind at Camp Natural Bridge and hiking the backwoods to Lake Frederick, including the infamous Bull Pond Hill. Their reward -- a special tab to be worn above the camporee patch on their uniforms.

The camporee depends upon a huge amount of support from across West Point. The Garrison provides the use of the campsite, expertise and supporting materials. "This is the first year that the camporee was entirely coordinated by my staff. The Garrison leaders worked directly with my team of fellow cadets instead of going through the club OIC. We learned a lot that will pay off when we are Platoon Leaders," Firstie Ted Halinski, club cadet-o-in-charge said.

In fact, the Scoutmaster's Club is actually too small to run the entire event. According to Cow Adam Larson, Camporee operations officer, "We depend on other cadet clubs to provide demonstrations including sky diving, weapons displays, rope bridges, radio operations, music and first aid".

Without the whole West Point team, the camporee would just be a bonfire by a lake.

With the total team involvement, the 2008 Camporee remains the most coveted scout event in the nation.

Bridging cultural gaps to prepare for Iraq ... in Jersey City

By Firstie Cole E. Moses

Why does Jersey City, N.J. have a cricket field, a sport largely unknown and strange in the U.S.? The answer is the same reason the city holds Greek, Italian, African-American and Irish festivals, among others, every year. It is the same reason 30 cadets visited the city April 3-5.

The answer is diversity.

Jersey City is one of the most diverse communities in the United States, and it prides itself on this fact. With significant communities of Irish, Polish, Indian, Arab, Dominican, Asian, Cuban, Italian, Filipino and Puerto Rican descent, Jersey City is an excellent location to experience many different cultures.

On April 3, Maj. Rebecca Patterson took 30 cadets from her "Winning the Peace" course to experience those distinct cultures within Jersey City.

The trip is part of an ongoing relationship, now in its fourth year, between West Point and the Cultural Coalition of Jersey City for Winning the Peace.

"The purpose of the trip is for cadets to interact with and learn from local religious and business leaders, government officials and police forces from this multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-religious community," Maj. Patterson said. Jersey City

became a laboratory -- a real-world classroom -- for cadets to study how such a diverse community lives and works peacefully together. West Point believes that such skills will be crucial for these future Army officers, especially as the Army finds itself taking on the role of nation-builder and carries out post-conflict stability and reconstruction operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The interdisciplinary approach of the Winning the Peace course is integral in developing future combat leaders for the type of challenges the Army faces today," Firstie John Trimble said.

Jersey City's diversity highlights unique challenges for the Jersey City Police Department and other government officials. Detective Al Lopez spoke of these challenges, explaining that some communities are hesitant to work with the police.

He believes the problem stems from a cultural aspect of these communities in which there is a lack of trust between the people and the authorities. "There is a cultural gap," Lopez explained. "Sometimes we aren't able to communicate effectively," he continued.

The ability to bridge those cultural gaps and find solutions to these types of problems are precisely the types of skills cadets hoped to learn while there -- skills they can take with them to Iraq or



The 30 cadets posed on the steps of the Al-Ghazaly School, their home for the three days, with many of their community hosts.

PHOTO BY COW SAMANTHA NICOLL

Afghanistan in order to help them win the peace there.

So the cadets woke to the sound of Islamic prayer within the Al-Ghazaly Mosque, part of the Islamic Center of Jersey City, who hosted them for the trip.

They discussed many aspects of Islam with some of the most respected Islamic scholars in the community, and some even participated in prayer with their hosts.

They ate a Pakistani lunch one afternoon, followed by dinner with the Indian community the same

day. Children from the Egyptian Christ

ian church, St. George and St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church, smiled with admiration as the cadets pulled awards and decorations from their uniforms to give them. Rabbi Kenneth Brickman of the Temple Beth-El Jewish Synagogue discussed symbols within Judaism and laid out a handwritten Torah scroll for the cadets to view.

"It was an opportunity to interact with so many different cultures and ethnicities in one weekend," Firstie Alex Smith said of the trip.

The cadets were not the only ones to benefit from the experience. The different communities within Jersey City had an agenda as well.

"If we convert one person from our community to see the American military in a different light, we have achieved our goal," said teacher and former state-elected official Suzanne Loutfy, who now sits on the advisory council of the Islamic Center of Jersey City.

Loutfy spoke of the need to view those in the military as individuals who are performing a job, and the need to separate them from the current conflict, with which many in the community disagree.

Fekri Fahmi, a much-respected religious scholar in the community, spoke of a lack of communication between different cultures. "A gathering like this is extremely important because we get to know one another," Fahmi said. "We have to reach out; we (the United States) can no longer make decisions based on a lack of information."

The cadets left Jersey City Sat. having gained a wealth of knowledge and experience. They were also very thankful for their new friends in the community.

"We couldn't have asked for better hosts," Firstie Pedro Diaz said.

"If there is one thing that the cadets gain from this trip," Patterson said, "it is a greater understanding of other cultures despite different belief systems and different cultural practices, we are surprisingly similar."

Two community members winners in All-Army photo contest

By Kathy Eastwood

Two West Point community members -- Maj. Mindy Kimball, instructor in the Department of Environmental Engineering, and Sgt. 1st Class Glenn West, a bassoonist and assistant Drum Major in the U.S. Military Academy Band -- received second place and honorable mention, respectively, in the All-Army Photo Contest sponsored by Army Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the U.S. Army Community and Family



Maj. Mindy Kimball

Support Center.

Kimball submitted a photo entitled 'After the Veterans Day Parade' taken in New York City and submitted to the "color, military life" category of the contest.

"I actually took the photo with a small digital camera (not my 'good' digital camera) when we were on the train back from New York City," she said. "We went to the Veterans Day Parade in November 2006, where my husband marched with other members of the group 'Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.'

My son, Daniel, and my husband, Ray, were really tuckered out and looked so precious asleep in each others arms."

Kimball said she and her son were very proud of Ray's



Second place winner 'After the Veterans Day Parade' MAJ. MINDY KIMBALL

involvement with IAVA and his son was proud to see his dad march in the parade that day.

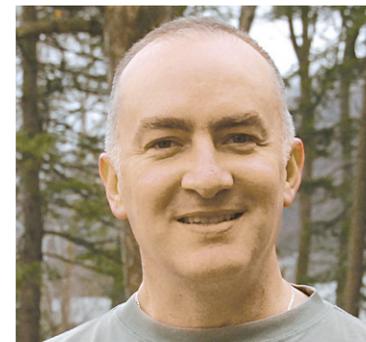
"I've been entering the FMWR photo contests on and off for about 10 years now and took a night school class in photography when I was at Fort Drum, N.Y.," she explained. "Most of my better work is of nature and landscapes, so it came as a surprise

to me that this particular photo did well in the

contest."

West submitted his photo 'Night Vision' in the "color, places" category of the contest.

"When I took the night vision picture, I was actually by Lusk Reservoir taking pictures of the stadium," West said. "It had been a rainy day and the mist had settled around West Point. The lights were on at Michie Stadium that night and it was interesting how the mist was sitting in the lights and over the stadium. I never captured what I wanted of the stadium, but while I was up there, I noticed how the



Sgt. 1st Class Glenn West

lights were shining on the trees on the opposite side of Lusk and how nice the reflection was off the still water."

West said he showed the photo to his family and his daughter asked where he had gotten the photo. When told that he had taken it, his daughter said she thought it came from a professional photo site.

"That's when I knew I had something special and decided to enter it in the Army contest," he added.

West said this is the first contest he has entered and is quite happy with receiving the award.

"I just purchased a digital SLR camera last September and at the time, that was the only photo I had that I thought was worthy of entering in a contest," he said.

"I have taken many more since then and will definitely enter more than one photo this fall," West concluded.

D-4 cadets place third in Bataan Memorial Death March



Yearling Joseph Baca meets a Bataan Death March survivor and his wife during the Bataan Memorial Death March March 29 in White Sands, N.M. A team of cadets from Company D-4 participated in the event -- a 26.2 mile march through the desert in and around White Sands Missile Range, NM. The Dukes team competed in the Cadet Heavy (35-plus pound ruck) category and placed third with a time of 8 hours and 19 minutes.

There were more 4,400 participants this year and roughly 40 cadet teams entered from around the country. The annual march commemorates American and Philippine POWs in Bataan who surrendered to Japanese Soldiers, and then were force-marched under terrible conditions which led to the death of thousands.

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Honorable mention 'Night Vision' taken at Lusk Reservoir.

SGT. 1ST CLASS GLENN WEST

Post-Wide Cleanup is ongoing the entire month of April

FMWR Blurbs

Month of Military Child

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

Tickets are now on sale at the CDC, Bldg. 1207.

Call 938-3921 for more information.

Couples Retreat

ACS is now accepting names for a waitlist for the free Army Strong Bonds Couples/Family Retreat. The retreat is open to all active duty Families who have a Soldier who was deployed during any GWOT missions in the past five years.

Strong Bonds unites fun programs with user-friendly, "battle-tested" methods that really work and prevent the disintegration of personal relationships.

To sign up or for more information, e-mail Galatea.Badger@usma.edu or call 938-5654.

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 at affordable rates.

Call 938-3926 for more information.

Morgan Farm

Morgan Farm is offering horse riding lessons. It is open to the general public.

Call 938-3926 for more information.

WTU Combat Vet's Forum

Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom WTU Combat Veteran's Discussion Forum will be held at the Army Community Service Training Room (Bldg. 622) Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m.

The WTU Combat Veteran's Support Group is for service members who are veterans of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The group will focus on deployments experiences, redeployment issues and coping skills.

Everything shared in group will remain confidential. For more info,

call 938-0271/0232.

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 more information, call 938-6490.

"Name the Money Program" Contest

FMWR is now accepting name and/or logo suggestions for the CYS program that teaches 6-12th graders about saving and investing money.

Submit entries to the Youth Center, Bldg. 500 by Monday.

Join us April 25 at 3 p.m. at the Youth Center to recognize the winner at the opening of this program. For more information, call 938-8899.

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.

AFTB Leadership Classes

ACS will hold AFTB Leadership Classes on the following dates:

•April 24 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., "Leadership Assisted Problem

Solving."

Sign-up deadline is Thursday.

•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.

School Board Elections

School Board elections take place May 14. All interested community members are encouraged to submit petitions to run for a position on the West Point School Board.

There are two vacancies on the Board (comprised of five elected members) for the May election. Candidates must be residents of the West Point community to be eligible.

The petitions are available by calling 938-3506 starting Monday or by e-mail at Eileen.Ellingsen@am.dodea.edu. The petitions are due back by April 28.

CYS Summer Technology Camps

The following CYS summer technology camps will be held Mon.-Fri., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in 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 through 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 through 5th grades).

July 28-Aug 1: Middle School (must have completed 6th grade).

Call 938-3727 for more information.

CYS Parenting Program

Child and Youth Services presents the parenting program "Stepping Stones for School Success: Getting Ready for Kindergarten" May 8, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the ACS Common Area (Bldg. 622). To register, call 938-3921.

CYS SKIES programs

Open registration for various Child and Youth Services SKIES programs is currently available.

Register now for spring tennis and by May 5 for summer classes. For more info, go to www.westpointmwr.com.

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 information, call Jen Pagio at 938-3655.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Army observes April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this year's theme is "Keeping Children and Families Safe."

Prevention of child abuse and child neglect begins with each one of us.

For more information on what you can do, call the Family Advocacy Program at 938-3369.

To make a report of suspected child abuse or child neglect, call the reporting point of contact, the MP Desk, at 938-3333.

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

What's Happening

West Point Yard Sale

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

The rain date is April 19.

Indian Point Siren Testing

The Indian Point Energy Center is planning to perform acoustic testing on the new siren system Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. One test will be conducted each day between 10:30 and 11 a.m., for a duration of four minutes.

IPEC will be advertising the tests widely throughout the four counties on radio, in print and on public service television.

WPWC Book Club

The West Point Women's Club Book Club invites you to a reading by Frances Richey from her new poetry collection, *The Warrior: A Mother's Story of a Son at War*, Tuesday at 7 p.m., in Room 158 of Thayer Hall.

R.S.V.P. to kellyannclark@hotmail.com no later than Saturday.

Book Signings

Frances Richey will sign her book *The Warrior: A Mother's Story of a Son at War* Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

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

West Point Hunting Club

The West Point Hunting Club will hold its third meeting Tuesday from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion to elect club officer.

All interested hunters are invited to attend.

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

PCC Junior Choir Concert

The Post Community Chapel Junior Choir Concert is Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Chapel.

Contact Eun Ha Chung, Post Chapel Music Director, at 938-3504 for more information.

Willy Wonka Jr. Play

Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Highland Falls presents *Willy Wonka Jr.*, April 18 and 19.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are available by calling the school at 446-2674.

ASCE Student Conference

The American Society of Civil Engineers will host a student conference at West Point April 18-19.

Come see some of these interesting competitions.

April 18 at Gillis Field House from 8:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. you can see Steel and Spaghetti Bridges being built and at Eisenhowers Hall from 3-5:30 p.m. you can watch the West Point Birdge Design Contest.

April 19 at Long Pond from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be Concrete Canoe events, a T-shirt competition, Concrete Bocce and a Mystery event.

Since parking at Long Pond is restricted to the teams only, spectators should take the shuttle vans that will run between Long Pond and the Holiday Inn Express parking lot.

For more information, contact Maj. Jason Evers, Dept. of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, at 938-6517.

Night of Worship

The Gospel Congregation of the West Point Chapel is hosting a night of worship April 19 from 6-9 p.m.

DPW Notes

The USMA Recycling Center, across Route 293 from the Round Pond entrance, is hosting a "kid's special" Earth Day Open House April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As a part of Earth Day and in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child Event at the Ski Slope at 11:30 a.m., a check for \$10,000 which the West Point community saved by recycling, will be presented to FMWR.

Please join us as local choirs come together to praise the Lord in song, music and dance.

You don't want to miss this.

Light refreshments will also be available.

WPWC Gift Shoppe

The West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe will be open April 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Author Angela Rehak will be in the Shoppe signing copies of her two children's books '*When Duty Calls*' and '*Moving Again Mom.*'

The Shoppe is located just down from Subway. For more information, call Julie at 446-2950.

Road Knights of West Point

On April 24 and April 26, ride to Orange County Choppers Open House. Meet at the PX Gas Station, time TBD.

Contact Paul Angresano at (845) 242-0290 or e-mail him at pangresano@vnus.com for more info.

Boys Summer Basketball Day/Overnight Camp Signups

Boys Summer Basketball Day/Overnight Camp signups for boys ages 9-18 are open now.

Camp runs from July 6-10. Sign up online at www.goARMYsports.com (click on CAMPS) or contact Chris Hollender at 938-2419.

Girls Summer Basketball Day Camp at West Point

Signups for the Army Girl's Basketball Day Camp are open now. First session is July 14-17 and second session is July 22-25.

Register online at www.goARMYsports.com (click on CAMPS). Call Nora Jabbour at 938-2796 for more information.

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 446-6530 or Chaplain Mallard at 938-3412 for more information.

DIMHRS Awareness Briefings

Beginning Oct. 1, all servicemembers will be required to use the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources Systems.

The following individuals will need to attend one of the three briefings 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. in Robinson Aud., or 5 to 7 p.m. in Arnold Aud.

To get more information on the program, go to 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 calendar: June 23-27 and 'Come Have a Blast' at Vacation Bible School this

Summer. Volunteer signups have begun.

Contact Melody Nuckowski at 859-4573 or melodyann@earthlink.net for more information.

Vacation Bible School Registration

Signups for VBS and 'Have A Blast' at Powerlab, June 23-27.

Children four years old through rising 5th grade can register through June 16 at any chapel on post or contact Melody Nuckowski at 859-4573 or melodyann@earthlink.net.

Classes and care for children three and younger will be held for volunteers only.

DUSA Community Grants Reception

Community members are invited to attend the DUSA Community Grants Reception April 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lucas Military Heritage Center, which is next to the West Point Museum -- home to our DUSA Gift Shop.

The ceremony will be about one hour.

DUSA is giving \$54,887.96 in community grants to USMA organizations, USMA FMWR, units and activities and also to James I. O'Neill High School, local groups in Highland Falls and other national organizations with military affiliations.

Earth Day at the Commissary

John Dopler, Recycling Program Manager, will be at the Commissary Earth Day, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., giving away reusable shopping bags and promoting Earth Day and the Recycle Center "Open House" being held April 26.

Earth Day -- Recycle Center "Open House"

At 12:30 p.m., prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Earth Day Poster Contest from the West Point Schools at the Recycle Center.

Free give-aways, hot dogs, displays and recycled crafts will be available for all who stop by the Center.

Come and join us to celebrate our Earth. For information contact John Dopler at 938-4281.

Keller Corner

Make the most of your appointments

Arrange your priorities: Make the most of your time. If you have several things to talk about, let the provider know that at the beginning of your visit. Concentrate on those questions which are most important to you.

If it's an embarrassing issue to you: Sometimes it's hard to talk about certain subjects. But don't wait until the end of the visit to

finally get up the nerve to discuss them. No matter how embarrassing your problem, you're not the first person in the world to have it.

Give the provider relevant information: Be prepared. You will probably be asked about your symptoms, medical history or things that may have caused your problem. This could include things you ate, strenuous or unusual exercise, places you have traveled or medications you've been taking.

TIP: Write down your problem, your symptoms, where it hurts, how it hurts, when it hurts and other information at home when it's fresh on your mind. Also write out your questions and uncertainties from your last visit.

Need to Cancel an Appointment?

If you are unable to make a scheduled appointment, please inform the clinic immediately so that the appointment can be offered to another beneficiary.

Referral Assistance

Need help or have questions about a referral? Please call 938-5373 and a referral specialist will be happy to assist you.

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

Friday -- College Road Trip, G, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Jumper, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Semi-Pro, R, 9:30 p.m.

April 18 -- Definitely, Maybe, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 19 -- 10,000 B.C., PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

8/23

April 11-18

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

Community Mayors needed

Looking for Community Mayors in the areas of Biddle Loop, Lee Area, Old Brick and Stony II (Enlisted). Call 938-7731.

Army and Community Sports

Lacrosse faces Navy challenge Saturday

By Eric S. Bartelt

Army lacrosse (7-3) will face its fiercest test Saturday as they challenge academy-rival Navy (9-2) at noon at Michie Stadium on ESPN. Plus, it is Senior Day.

The sixth-ranked Midshipmen have dominated the series since 1997 by winning the last 13 meetings, including six over the past three seasons. However, the Black Knights are not backing down from a good fight especially on Senior Day.

"I'm pumped, I can't wait because everyone wants to play that big game in front of 10,000 fans with your parents (in attendance) and to make them proud," said Firstie captain attackman Justin Bokmeyer. "Senior Day magnifies the Navy game that much more. We still have big games ahead of us, but this is such a big game on every scale and to win would be an incredible confidence booster for us."

Bokmeyer, much like his teammates, crave hearing the alma

mater played last, which signifies victory at academy sporting events, and knows now is the time to upset Navy.

Army is coming off a 7-4 loss to 11th-ranked, Patriot League rival Bucknell April 4, which halted a season-high five-game winning streak. The team finished last year by losing eight straight games and doesn't want to go down that road again.

"It's a challenge, because coming off any loss we need to rebound, and now it's Navy. That's a huge game and in the back of our minds we've lost 13 straight to them," Bokmeyer said. "We want to get it in everybody's mind that we're the better team because I believe we're more athletic and focused than last year."

"Our senior class -- it falls on all of our shoulders to get the team ready and to come out prepared," he added. "The big thing is using the senior class as the foundation of getting mentally ready for these games."

This year's team is strong



Firstie co-captain attackman Justin Bokmeyer is tied for the team lead in goals (17) and points (24).

PHOTO BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



Army lacrosse Cow midfielder Jason Peyer (#28) has provided a spark to the offense this year as he's tied for the team lead in goals with 17, including three games in a row where he had the game-winner.

PHOTO BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

defensively again, led by the goaltending of Firstie Adam Fullerton, but the real gain of this squad is found on the offense. Last year, Army never scored in double digits in any of their 15 games. This year they've hit double digits five times in their first 10 games.

Bokmeyer, who made the change from midfield to attack before the season, is tied for the team lead in goals (17) with Cow midfielder Jason Peyer and points (24) with Plebe midfielder Rob McCallion. Plebes like McCallion and attackman Jeremy Boltus (9 goals, 21 points) have made a difference in the spark on offense, but Peyer has truly brought his game up a notch this season.

"(Peyer) is one of our quickest players and possesses a great ability to score goals," said Army head lacrosse coach Joe Alberici. "He was thrust into a starter's role last year and now he has a better understanding of how to use his quickness than he did before."

"Jason has a strong belief in himself and that has benefited him at the end of games where he's come through for us," he added. "He has confidence in his own abilities as we do in his abilities. He's had a very good year to this point and we're going to need him to continue to elevate his game."

Peyer went a stretch where

he scored three consecutive game winning goals for Army, including the winner with two seconds remaining in a 8-7 victory at 20th-ranked Hofstra March 25. Although Peyer talked about the team's philosophy of forgetting the past, even the victories, there is something of great significance to take from the Hofstra win, another team like Navy that Army has had trouble with and has only beaten twice in its last nine meetings.

"It was satisfying because anytime you can help the team win a game, it's a big deal," Peyer explained. "I think (winning that game) is definitely a sign that we

have the talent and the ability to win the game against Navy."

Alberici saw the game against Hofstra and the following 13-9 win over Colgate as a watershed moment for the team in one big area -- confidence.

"We've always challenged ourselves with a tough schedule and Hofstra's a big part of that. That win was a really good one during the mid-week and then following it up by beating a very good Colgate team," Alberici said. "I think the wins gave our guys a lot of confidence -- a lot of belief that we can play with anybody. We

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Army head lacrosse coach Joe Alberici talks strategy with his players before the Colgate game March 29. His career record is 21-19 in three years at Army.

PHOTO BY SPC. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO

Sports calendar

April 11 - April 20
Corps

FRIDAY -- TRACK & FIELD VS. NAVY, SHEA STADIUM, WOMEN (11:30 A.M.) & MEN (2:30 P.M.)

SATURDAY -- WTEN VS. BUCKNELL, LITCHTENBERG (POSSIBLY MALEK WITH WEATHER PERMITTING), 9 A.M.

SATURDAY -- WTEN VS. ALBANY, LITCHTENBERG (POSSIBLY MALEK WITH WEATHER PERMITTING), 4 P.M.

SATURDAY -- MTEN VS. BUCKNELL, LITCHTENBERG (POSSIBLY MALEK WITH WEATHER PERMITTING), NOON

SATURDAY -- LACROSSE VS. NAVY, MICHIE STADIUM (ESPNU COVERAGE), NOON

SATURDAY & SUNDAY -- BASEBALL, NAVY @ ANNAPOLIS, MD. (CBS CSTV COVERAGE FOR SUNDAY'S NOON START), NOON EACH DAY

SUNDAY -- MTEN VS. COLGATE, LITCHTENBERG (POSSIBLY MALEK WITH WEATHER PERMITTING), NOON

APRIL 16 -- BASEBALL VS. MARIST, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 3:30 P.M.

APRIL 16 -- MTEN VS. BINGHAMTON, LITCHTENBERG (POSSIBLY MALEK WITH WEATHER PERMITTING), 3:30 P.M.

APRIL 18-20 -- WTEN, PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT, MALEK, ALL DAY

APRIL 19 -- FOOTBALL, BLACK & GOLD SCRIMMAGE, 11 A.M.

APRIL 19 & 20 -- BASEBALL VS. LEHIGH, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON (19TH) & 1 P.M. (20TH)

Club

FRIDAY -- PAINTBALL, SPRING COMBAT CLASSIC, RANGE AREAS V AND W, 4 P.M.

CLUB RESULTS



Firstie captain Jonathan Harmeling led the Army Black Men's Team Handball to its second consecutive national championship April 4-5.

JON MALINOWSKI/G&E

HANDBALL -- Army Black Men's Team Handball cruised to its second consecutive win at the College Nationals April 4-5. The team went 5-0 over the weekend and undoubtedly played its best team handball of the year. In the process, Army Black beat Air Force, who had beaten them two weeks prior, by the score of 30-19 April 4.

In the gold medal game, Army Black was victorious against North Carolina by a score of 24-21. Two Army Black players -- Firsties Adam Kenyon and Keith Fine -- were voted the tournament MVP and Most Valuable Goalie, respectively. Cow Justin Key scored 23 goals throughout the tournament to lead all Army Black scorers.

The Army Gold Men's Team Handball squad played for the bronze medal after losing several close games. However, ultimately, they ended the tournament in fourth place. They almost beat Air Force and North Carolina, but lost leads late in both games.

They were led in scoring by Yearling T.J. Giordano, who had 16 goals over the weekend.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- The Army Men's Club Volleyball team played in the EIVA Championships Saturday in College Park, Md. The team started the day with a win over fellow North Division member University of Buffalo (25-22, 15-25, 15-12). Yearling outside hitter Scott Howe led the team with eight kills, and middles Cow Scott Browne and Firstie Bill Corson combined for nine more for a strong display of Army's offensive power throughout the contest.

Up next was Penn State, the #1 seed from the Central Division. Right Yearling side hitter Paul Roeder came through with an ace and smart hitting, as did Firstie middle Ben Murray with some great serving and defense early in the second game. Although the whole team brought great intensity to the match, Army fell in two games (11-25, 18-25).

Everyone came out fired up for the final match of pool play against University of Virginia. Cow setter Kevin Habick did an excellent job leading the charge, racking up at least 31 assists over the course of the match and keeping the Virginia defense on their toes. The Army team really demonstrated heart and teamwork, but in the end fell in three sets (25-17, 21-25, 15-17), finishing in a three-way tie for second in the pool.



Women's Army Rugby wins the ball from the ruck and Yearling scrum half Marissa Readinger then passes the ball to the back line. WAR dominated the 42nd annual Cherry Blossom Tournament held at Rosecroft Raceway in Fort Washington, Md., by a combined score of 157-17.

MAJ. STEPHEN CARUSO/DMI

WAR sweeps weekend, A-side beats Navy 27-7

By Capt. Kafi Joseph
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Women's Army Rugby took the fields at the Rosecroft Raceway in Fort Washington, Md., Saturday and Sunday for the 42nd annual Cherry Blossom Tournament.

The team took home the championship by earning four straight wins, including a championship game 27-7 win versus their academy rival, Navy.

With precarious weather on Saturday, the women of WAR took to the field to play Pittsburgh Women's Rugby Football Club.

In the spirit of growth and development, a mixture of the WAR B-side's relatively inexperienced players and one or two more experienced players dominated on the field.

Plebes center Chloe Flores and hooker Yvette Huston played stellar games and grabbed the attention of all onlookers. Excited and eager to play more, the Army Bs came off the victory, defeating Pittsburgh Women's RFC 53-5.

The weather turned for the better, and as the sun started to shine and the temperature rose, yet another mixed Army side stepped on the pitch to face the Catholic University RFC.

With the talent and aggressive play of the B-side from the first match, WAR fielded the players that really shone in the Pitt match along with some A-side players, in

order to maximize playing time for all 34 "WARriors" that came to the tournament.

Plebe scrum half Megan Liesenfelt and classmate flanker Sara Lee contributed positively to the win. Another great match ensued, and WAR trounced Catholic Univ., 32-0.

Sunday morning came, as did the rain and the cold. The first match of the day, versus American University, was, to say the least, dirty; not in terms of the rugby itself, but certainly the pitch was anything but ideal.

There was standing water over at least half of the field that was about ankle deep. Despite such conditions, Yearlings flyhalf Marie Timm and lock Casey Hinkson played outstanding rugby. Army, black with mud from head to toe, won 45-5 over American.

In the championship match, Army faced Navy. Having lost to Navy earlier in the year, Army came out with a passion, drive, and intensity unmatched by their sisters in arms. Sure enough, mud and all, great teamwork and drive saw amazing performances from all in a 27-7 win.

Tries scored by Plebe Ashley Miller, Firstie Lauryn Riley, Cows Roberta Usher, Nicole Myers and Katie Pulliam, who also completed a conversion kick, lead the way. Army dominated the tournament by a combined score of 157-17 in their four games.

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proved that earlier (in the season) with one-goal losses to the number one (Syracuse) and five (Cornell) teams in the country.

“What a win against Hofstra did is it went beyond just playing and keeping up with someone,” he continued. “It gave us (the knowledge) that we can win these games and win them on the road.”

Alberici has high praise and respect for the Midshipmen and knows they are a terrific team that just came off a big win against seventh-ranked Maryland. Navy leads the nation in goals against and has a great defense, but the key for Army, as Bokmeyer sees it, is limiting Navy’s strength, which is controlling the ball and the game.

“We’re going to have to be a smart team Saturday,” Bokmeyer remarked. “We’re going to have to limit turnovers. We’re going to have to challenge them in the middle of the field (to keep them from long possessions). It’s a matter of playing solid defense and winning those battles in the middle of the field by clearing and riding, and, if we do those things, which I think we can, we’re going to win this game.”