

## RCI demolition and relocation timeline

By Emily Tower

Coming up with a plan wasn't easy, but West Point Family Housing officials now know a timeline for construction that will demolish and rebuild some homes and renovate others into more modern houses, the housing project director said last week.

"It's exciting to get going after planning for a year," Rich Wagner, the Balfour Beatty Communities project director for West Point Family Housing, LLC, said Aug. 8.

Over the next eight years, various levels of construction will turn 961 on-post homes into 824 new or refurbished homes, according to information provided by Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno at a newcomers brief Aug. 6.

A major portion of the plan is demolishing the homes in the Stony Lonesome I neighborhood and rebuilding homes there, Wagner said.

Demolition of 80 units is expected to begin late next summer, Wagner said. Homes in the Duportail Place, Knox Place, Machin Place, McDougall Place, Sherburne Place and Von Steuben Place courts are scheduled to be knocked down first.

Demolition of about 110 homes in the remaining courts is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2010, Wagner said.

Those who live in the neighborhood and will have to move by next summer already have been notified, and all Families forced to move will have their moving expenses paid, Wagner said.

To minimize inconvenience, Families who live in Stony Lonesome I and have to move because their current home is set to be torn down will be given top

priority for on-post housing, Wagner said.

Most West Point personnel transfer in and out during the summer, and that provides enough predictability for Wagner to feel comfortable about moving each Stony Lonesome I Family into another on-post house, but he cannot guarantee that.

"I don't know how exactly the housing will work out," he said. "But (Stony Lonesome I Families) will get No. 1 priority to move on post. I believe we will have enough housing because of the summer move next year, but I can't promise a house."

West Point leadership and leaders from Balfour Beatty Communities -- who together form West Point Family Housing, LLC, which is handling all of the home construction -- are concerned about the number of homes on post and already have gone to the Department of Defense to ask for more houses.

The DOD does a housing market analysis for each post to determine what kind of housing is available in communities neighboring the post, Wagner said. The DOD determined the area around West Point supported enough Families to require only 628 homes on post.

That was not acceptable to post leadership, who presented a case to the DOD to raise that number.

"We felt (lowering the number of homes to 628) would be catastrophic," Wagner said, also referring to Bruno and Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck.

The DOD eventually agreed and raised the number of houses allowed to 824.

Though that figure is higher than the first number of new and refurbished homes allowed by the DOD, it still is 137 fewer than the amount standing right now. Plus, because there is no space

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## Jefferson Hall opens Wednesday

The new six-story Jefferson Hall Library and Learning Center opens Wednesday with a brief informal ceremony at 8:30 a.m. open to the West Point community with tours to follow. The formal dedication takes place Sept. 24. Along with the Cadet Library, the 148,000-square-foot Jefferson Hall also will be home to the Center for Enhanced Performance and Center for Teaching Excellence. The first new academic building in Central Area since 1972, the building has 10 group study areas and seating for up to 800 patrons at any given time. Wireless connectivity will give the cadets access to information services and reference librarians anywhere in the building.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## Force protection for Monday's Marchback

By Joe Senger  
Directorate of Plans,  
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Security

The CBT Regiment conducts its annual Marchback from Camp Buckner to West Point Monday. West Point personnel using Route 293 will experience delays from approximately 8:45-9:45 a.m. from the Round Pond entrance to the 9W intersection. Everyone is encouraged to take alternate routes.

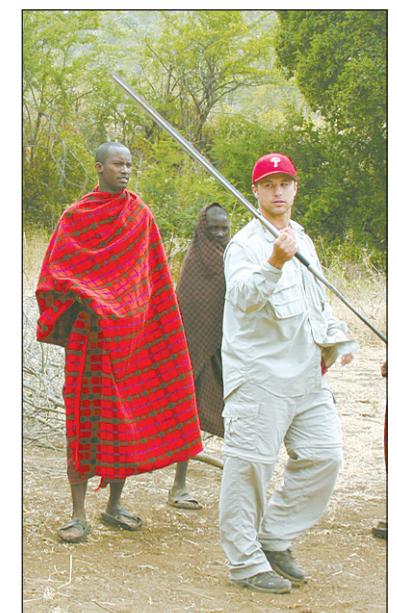
At 11:20 a.m., the New Cadets will step off from the West Point ski slope for the final leg of the marchback. Personnel on Route 218 will experience delays as

traffic will be stopped from the ski slope parking lot to Washington Gate while they enter Washington Gate. Once the Regiment enters the installation, Washington Road traffic will be shut down by Military Police until they have turned onto Jefferson Road in front of the Superintendent's quarters at approximately noon.

All West Point personnel should use alternate routes on the installation to keep Washington Road traffic free during the movement on the installation. Agencies expecting deliveries during this time frame should make other arrangements.

Direct any questions to Joe Senger at 938-8859.

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## Uniform and dress code policy change

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

The U.S. Military Academy Policy Memorandum on Uniform and Dress codes for Military Personnel has been updated and supersedes USMA PM 16-07.

Highlights of the policy, dated July 18, include:

The duty uniform for military personnel at West Point is Class B Monday-Thursday, Saturday and Sunday during the academic year.

The duty uniform on Friday during the academic year and for summer training is the Army Combat Uniform. During academy-declared severe weather (Code Red or White), military instructors and staff will be in ACUs and civilian instructors will wear appropriate attire as identified in the Faculty Manual.

Because of the lack of ACU issue equipment items, battle dress uniform and olive drab equipment as well as rain gear are authorized for wear with the ACU until further notice.

Class-As are required for wear in the Superintendent's Review Box on the Plain (unless otherwise directed by the Superintendent); in the Superintendent's Loge at Michie Stadium; when attending Alumni and Graduation Week Reviews and evening lectures with

cadets present.

ACUs also will be worn in support of Army athletics during Army-Navy Week and Army-Air Force Week. When the Superintendent approves the wear of ACUs by the Corps, Major Activity Directorates may, at their discretion, follow suit. Other exceptions must be approved at the general officer level, and this will not be delegated.

Spirit buttons appropriate to the event, the public image of Army officers and in good taste may be worn on the military uniform from Wednesday until return-to-quarters after a varsity football game, when supporting other Army teams and at other designated times such as Army-Navy Week. The button, when worn, will be placed on the front left side of the shirt, jacket or sweater.

The Class B Uniform is required for wear when attending reviews on the Plain in an official capacity and when attending varsity football games in Michie Stadium in an official capacity. The inclement weather attire will be coordinated and announced by 3:30 p.m. on the day prior to a home varsity football game.

The Improved Physical Fitness Uniform, otherwise known as PT uniforms, is authorized for wear

on and off duty on and off the installation by permanent party at West Point, but not cadets. The IPFU is not authorized for wear at the Post Exchange, Commissary, West Point Club or Hotel Thayer.

Wearing the IPFU with reflective belt worn at reverse port arms (right shoulder to left hip) is mandatory for all military personnel conducting physical training Monday through Friday from the hours of 5:30 a.m. to the end of the U.S. Corps of Cadets breakfast formation or 7 a.m., whichever is later on the level of the Plain between Thayer Gate and the Catholic Chapel. The reflective belt must also be worn during inclement weather and periods of limited visibility. The IPFU is required in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center at all times.

Shirts must be worn while outdoors including when working or exercising. Exceptions to this are swimming and sunbathing.

Undergarments must not be worn as outer garments on post. Clothing with inappropriate slogans or pictures or excessively dirty or torn garments will not be worn in public on post.

## New "Beat" of the week greetings

By Spc. Vincent Fusco PAO

In an announcement made by Col. Mark J. McKearn, U.S. Corps of Cadets Brigade Tactical Officer, a new changing "Beat of the Week" greeting has been established.

While the traditional "Beat Navy" greeting remains an option, greetings should be different each week based on the upcoming major sporting contest.

In preparation for the upcoming Aug. 29 Army football game against Temple University, the official greeting until then is, "Beat Temple!"

The Spirit Staff is developing a schedule of greetings based upon

the coming sports events for the year.

The new greeting cycle will start Monday and end Sunday and will be based on the biggest game or event of the week. Each "beat" will be posted on the USCC Web page, in the Army Excellence News Letter and potentially other publications/Web pages.

Options with the reply include "Beat Temple," "Beat 'em," "Go Army," "Hooah" and "Beat Navy," which is still optional. A cadet or subordinate should initiate each greeting with either the weekly greeting or "Beat Navy." The latter is always an accepted greeting as it cites the apex of West Point's inter/intra-military competition.

**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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### SAPR-P

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

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

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

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# Compensation panel recommends Tricare changes

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press  
Service

The Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation recommended fee changes to Tricare, the military's health care system.

These would mostly affect retirees and will not affect active-duty servicemembers or their dependents, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Jan D. "Denny" Eakle, the director of the study, said in a Pentagon briefing Aug. 5.

"Retiree fees ought to relate to how much the plan is worth," she

said. "The ... higher-value plans should have higher premiums associated with them."

The panel believes fees need to be fair to all retired military members, Eakle said. "They ought to reflect how much income an individual has, so that if they make more money and are therefore better able to pay for a system, they should do so," she said.

One problem is the fee structure for Tricare has not changed in 13 years. "When Tricare started out in 1995, military members, retirees were charged \$230 per individual, \$460 per Family," she said. "Today, they're charged \$230

per individual, \$460 per Family."

In 1995, servicemembers paid 27 percent of their health care cost. Today that share is less than 12 percent.

Over-65 military retirees -- those using the "Tricare for Life" program -- have been paying the Medicare Part B program fee of 25 percent, but this is due to the rise.

"Essentially what this says to you is that we are asking our older retirees, who are in fact the least likely to hold jobs and therefore have the lowest incomes, to pay the most for their system," Eakle said.

But Tricare for Life is a much more generous program than Tricare Prime. "We believe we need to get some parity between our older and our younger retirees," Eakle said.

The panel wants to redress some of this imbalance. "We believe that the under-65 retirees should begin paying 40 percent of the Medicare Part B premium using the same fee structure that is laid on by the

Medicare system," Eakle said, adding that this should bring the system into a semblance of parity.

"In addition, we believe that the under-65 retirees ... who elect to use Tricare Standard and Extra need to pay a small fee for that," she said. "And we would suggest to the department that that fee be set at 15 percent of the Medicare Part B. We think the Family rate should be set at double the individual rate and that the premium increase needs to be phased in over four years."

Other recommendations include using the Medicare deductible rate -- \$135 per person in 2008 -- for Tricare. The panel also recommended to the department that all co-pays and co-insurance for any preventative service be provided at no cost to all members and retirees who have access to Tricare.

The final panel recommendation to DOD is to establish an open enrollment period for Tricare, Eakle said.

## QUICK NEWS NOTE

The U.S. Army Garrison, Yongsan, South Korea, renamed the Army Hospital there in honor of Col. Brian D. Allgood in recognition of his outstanding service and significant contributions to the Army Medical Department and the U.S. Army. Allgood, USMA '82, was the commander of Keller Army Community Hospital and the USMA surgeon from 2002-04.

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to build new homes on post and then move Families into those as they are finished before tearing down old homes, there will be some inconvenience until the construction is complete.

Because of the housing priority given to Families already living on post, Wagner said incoming personnel will experience the most hardship.

"The inbounds will be the ones to suffer," he said.

But, the faster the construction takes place, the cheaper the end result will be, Wagner said. The

project is expected to cost \$207 million.

As of Aug. 1, Basic Allowance for Housing dollars go to West Point Family Housing, LLC to act basically as rent to pay for construction, maintenance and overhead.

Part of the BAH dollars pay off the debt, some pays for overhead and maintenance, some go into investments and some go to a "small fee agreed to by the Army,"

Wagner said. About \$25 million in BAH is collected for on-post housing on West Point each year.

## Voting Assistance

For 2008 voting assistance questions, call the West Point Voting Assistance NCOIC, Sgt. 1st Class Harold Lang at 938-8450.

For additional information about absentee voting, you can also go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

## TSP TICKER

### AUGUST changes (as of 08/13)

C FUND	+ 1.78 percent
I FUND	- 0.23 percent
S FUND	+ 0.82 percent

## MOU ensures troops get access to airports

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press  
Service

The Defense Department, the Transportation Security Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration have signed a memorandum of understanding that will give servicemembers access to commercial airports as they are transiting to and from combat zones.

The memo covers all members of the armed forces, DOD civilians and contractor personnel and is a response to an October incident at Oakland International Airport.

A chartered aircraft carrying about 200 Marines from Iraq back to their home station in Hawaii landed for fuel and food. Citing security concerns, airport officials shunted the plane to a remote

location at the airport. The Marines were allowed to deplane and stretch their legs, but were not allowed to enter terminal areas, where some had arranged to meet with Family members.

"The MOU is an agreement that standardizes policies (and) improves communication, and it standardizes procedures so that security requirements are met at airports," Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Holmes, assistant for transportation policy at the Pentagon, said.

The memo ensures that all parties understand their requirements as servicemembers redeploy from combat zones and that weapons are not introduced into commercial terminals.

"This makes sure the weapons on board the aircraft are secure while they are parked at a commercial gate," Holmes said. "The MOU

allows the troops to get off the airplane and use the facilities in the airport, if the stop is going to be for more than one hour. It's so they can be treated with respect."

The memo lists what troop commanders must do to ensure security needs are met. Included is posting weapons monitors at all aircraft exits at commercial gates. It also includes monitoring all ground support personnel performing catering, cleaning and maintenance services during the stops.

TSA officials will work with DOD personnel in training armed forces personnel to ensure they understand the security needs of various airports.

The FAA will inform all appropriate personnel in the air traffic and airport communities of the procedures.

## Knowlton, 49th Supe, passes

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

General William A. Knowlton, class of January 1943 and the 49th Superintendent of U.S. Military Academy, died Sunday of natural causes at the age of 88 in Arlington, Va.

Knowlton was commissioned in the cavalry and attached to the 7th Armored Division in World War II, earning a Silver Star after leading a gun assault platoon in France.

After the war, Knowlton was assigned to West Point in the Department of Social Sciences as an associate professor. He next commanded a battalion of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

After serving as a military attaché in Tunis, his next assignment was in the office of the United States Army Chief of Staff at the Pentagon.

He deployed to Vietnam twice and oversaw Civil Operation and Revolutionary Development Support for Gen. William

Westmoreland as well as serving as assistant division commander for the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

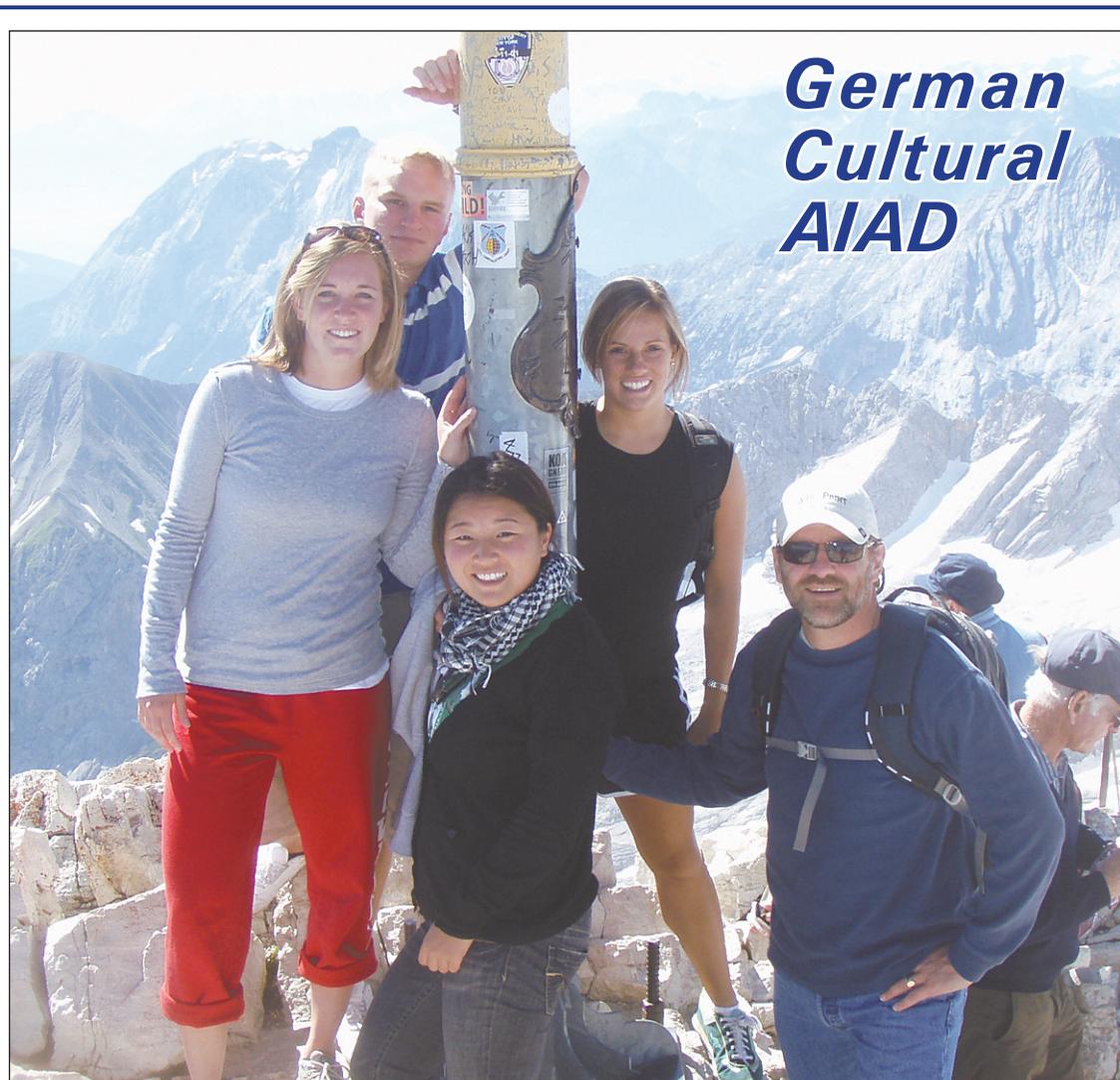
Knowlton became the 49th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy March 23, 1970, and served for four years.

In 1974, Knowlton became the Chief of Staff of the United States European Command and was promoted to general in 1976, when he took command of Allied Land Forces Southeast Europe.

He completed his distinguished Army career as a representative on NATO's Military Committee in the U.S. and retired in 1980.

During his career, Knowlton received three Silver Stars, the Bronze Star, 10 Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was presented with the Distinguished Graduate Award by the West Point Association of Graduates at West Point in May 2004.

Burial will be at Arlington Cemetery in November.



Behavioral Sciences and Leadership majors Cows Marck Kratochovil and Leslie Willey (right) and Firsties Kelly McKeon (left) and Evelyn Zhang stand atop the Zugspitze (the highest mountain in Germany), and enjoy the spectacular view with BS&L instructor Morten Ender, Ph.D. (far right). The three-week German Cultural Advanced Individual Academic Development trip from June 30-July 20 included visits to Heidelberg, Munich, Dachau, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Berlin, Bremen and Bremerhaven.

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# Community Features and Photos

## Cadets train in Modern Army Combatives Program

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood

Members of the U.S. Corps of Cadets' staff organized a Military Individual Advanced Development course for firsties, cows and yearlings in Level 1 and 2 Combatives July 29 through today, using trainers from the Modern Army Combative Program.

The MACP is a mixture of wrestling, martial arts and boxing. The training was conducted by instructors from the Fort Campbell, Ky., area and the Clarksville Mixed Martial Arts Academy in Nashville, Tenn., at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

"The concept behind the training is to train Soldiers how to close the distance with the enemy and to subdue him until another Soldier arrives to help," said Master Sgt. Chris DuBois, USCC Drill and Ceremony NCOIC and combative instructor. "Level 1 trains Soldiers to 'achieve the clinch' by engaging the instructor, who is wearing boxing gloves and punching until the student achieves a clinch."

One such clinch is the bear-hug clinch where the student's arms are wrapped around the opponent's chest or mid-section. The hands are locked to pin the opponent's arms to his chest.

The MACP began in 1995 with the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga. Matt Larsen, a former squad leader in the 2nd battalion and now the director of the Modern Army Combative Program brought a Brazilian jiu-jitsu style of combative fighting to Army training, according to [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

Larsen rewrote the field manual in combative training when he transferred to the 11th Infantry Regiment and was charged to design a train-the-trainer course for Soldiers.

"In Level 1, the cadets spend one week training in about 18 maneuvers in clinches and take downs," said John Renken, master trainer in the Army Combatives program. "Level 2 is two weeks of training where the students reinforce what they have learned in Level 1 and train in advanced grappling techniques."

Although this training was a MIAD and a concentrated course, the Department of Physical Education teaches combatives classes, which are graduation requirements, John Shireman, DPE



**John Renken, a master trainer in the Army combatives program, talks to the combative cadet class about protecting themselves from head injuries.**

instructor, said.

These combative courses include fundamental combative skills, which focuses on instruction in grappling maneuvers; fundamentals of combatives, which is a 19-lesson course taken by female cadets during their plebe year, focusing on hand-to-hand combat; boxing for male plebes; advanced combatives skills, which focuses on fighting in the clinch, takedowns and grappling maneuvers; and combat application, a 19-lesson gender-integrated course taken by firsties, which focuses on grappling maneuvers and clinch fighting.

"I think combative training should be a basic skill for Soldiers, just like qualifying with their

weapons," DuBois said. "They should know the Level 1 skills like they know the four fundamentals of marksmanship. It breeds aggressiveness to close with the enemy and take them out of the fight."

DuBois said he and others in the Army have used these techniques in combat with great effectiveness.

"As future leaders, these cadets need this skill to stay up to speed with the training going on in the rest of the Army," he added.

The cadets, especially the female cadets, impressed all of the instructors in the classes with their willingness to fight.

"I have never seen females fight as hard as these cadets did,"

Renken said.

Barry Braden, a civilian instructor at the Clarksville Mixed Martial Arts Academy, also was impressed with the cadets in the program.

"This is the best group I have ever worked with, especially the girls," he said. "Normally we have to walk them through it, but the girls just smiled at us when they got hit."

Yearling Regina Woronowicz enjoyed the training and took it all in stride.

"I am glad I got to take this class as I really enjoyed it," she said. "You just go through it. If you get hit you get hit. You can't think about it."



**Cadets practice combative moves in the Modern Army Combative Program Aug 4.**

# AIAD cultural escape to Tanzania

Story and photos submitted by Dept. of Geography and Environmental Engineering

Cadets majoring in Human and Environmental Geography participated in a three-week Academic Individual Advanced Development July 5-25 to study the cultural and physical landscapes of Tanzania.

The cadets and officer-in-charge Maj. James Chastain traveled more than 2,000 miles through East Africa studying topics ranging from Swahili culture to the tectonic processes in the East African Rift Valley. Their journey started and ended in Dar es Salaam, the former capital of Tanzania.

Dar es Salaam was established in the 19th century. The city was named by Sultan Seyyid Majid of Zanzibar and means "Abode of Peace."

The cadets studied Dar's municipal governance structures and urban issues.

Central to their study was the rapid urbanization Dar es Salaam is experiencing and the self-help housing growing on the city's periphery.

"Africa has the highest rates of urbanization in the world. More and more African issues will be tied up in urban places," said Cow Matthew Carstensen. "It was a privilege to meet with Dar es Salaam's urban planning council and Tanzania's Minister for the Environment. These are the leaders who are planning and designing

policies to assuage the issues inherent with rapid urbanization. To get their perspective and to better understand their resource constraints ... is priceless."

The cadets visited Zanzibar's spice plantations, slave markets and coastal reefs.

Firstie Matthew Hickey was most interested in the history and geography of the East African slave and spice trades.

"I did not know the full extent of Arab-Persian influences on the slave trade," Hickey said. "Zanzibar served as a focal point for the trade of goods and services between Asia and Africa."

The cadets traveled from Zanzibar to Western Tanzania, where the trip focused on the human and physical geography, including living in a Maasi village.

"I have read about the pastoral lifestyles of the Maasi for years. To actually live in a Maasi village and participate in village life was an incredible opportunity," said Environmental Geography major Firstie William Leahy about his time in the village. "We learned Maasi hunting techniques and soccer skills in the same day. They were amazing people living in a tough environment."

The cadets also studied the flora, fauna and natural landscapes in Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti plain.

"We saw the 'Big Five' -- lions, elephants, rhinos, buffalos and leopards. We saw these animals in one of the most interesting of places -- the caldera known as Ngorongoro



Firstie Bill Leahy plays soccer with Maasi Villagers in Tanzania.

Crater and on the inhospitable Serengeti Plain," Carstensen said. "I would never completely understand the complexity of these ecosystems and the processes that created them, if I had not seen and experienced it."

Leahy's favorite experience was visiting an AIDS orphanage in a small village near Lake Victoria, the source of the Nile River, where he learned about the difficulties of growing up in a Sub-Saharan African orphanage.

"These children were abandoned due to their parents dying of HIV/AIDS and many of the kids have the

virus," Leahy said. "They have so little and live such a hardscrabble life. You can only understand the ramifications of the AIDS epidemic in Africa if you visit places like this orphanage."

Chastain said the opportunity to see different cultures in Africa was "eye opening" for those who went on the trip.

"I think it was eye opening for cadets to see the cultural diversity

of Africa," Chastain said. "They were able to meet members of 12 different tribes in Tanzania (there are more than 100 tribes) and experience their lifestyles up close.

"I do not think the cadets will ever forget this trip or the people they met. And, just as importantly, I do not think the Tanzanians will forget this special group of Americans," he said.



Firsties Bill Leahy and Matt Hickey (right) hold spears and learn hunting skills from Maasi Warriors in Tanzania.

# Protect yourself against unforeseen damages to your home

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

In May, a few community members at West Point lost much of their personal property because of a fire in their quarters, raising a question about rental/personal property insurance.

Housing at West Point was transferred under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative to Balfour Beatty Communities Aug. 1 and they provide rental insurance at no additional cost to the tenant.

"We give the tenant a policy that covers up to \$20,000 of the tenant's personal property with a \$250 deductible per event," said Shari Roosa, Community Manager for Balfour Beatty. "We suggest that tenants take out an additional

policy that covers anything over \$20,000."

Many people who rent tend not to think about obtaining renter's insurance because they may believe their property isn't worth that much or that the landlord's insurance will cover them.

When one buys a home, homeowner's insurance to protect the house against damages caused by weather, fire and a variety of other events is required by the mortgage company, so the issue does not arise.

What people should understand is that renters face the same risks that homeowners face and need to be prepared.

In most cases, the landlord's insurance will cover property damage to the building, but it

does not cover a tenant's personal property.

According to an article on [insurancejournal.com](http://insurancejournal.com), standard rental policy coverage includes damage from fire or lightning, explosions, vandalism, theft and windstorms.

Flood and earthquakes are not covered under most renters' insurance. If a tenant lives in an area at risk for this type of damage, a separate policy or rider to the renters insurance should be purchased.

Renters insurance also will cover the tenant if the apartment becomes uninhabitable because of damage, but this coverage may be limited to a percentage of the total value of the policy.

Renters insurance is an

inexpensive way to protect personal property in case of an emergency or disaster.

Rates are roughly \$10-\$20 per month depending on the deductible.

Some liability protection is generally standard in renter's insurance policies and will protect tenants in case someone is hurt in a tenant's home up to the maximum amount of insurance coverage that the tenant purchases.

Liability insurance also will cover the tenant in the event of a lawsuit from a guest's injury sustained in an accident in the tenant's home.

According to most insurers, tenants purchasing renters insurance should take inventory of personal belongings, make a list of any serial

numbers and take photographs or videos of every room and keep them in a safe fireproof box or safe deposit box at a bank.

Be sure to inform the agent of any valuable belongings, such as jewelry, furs, collectibles or electronics.

These may require additional coverage or a rider.

Tenants have options when purchasing insurance:

- Insurance that covers the actual cash value of the items lost, which covers the value of the property at the time of the damage

- Replacement cost insurance, which will cover what it will cost to replace the items.

Whichever option is chosen, insurance on property is a sound fiscal decision.

# Historical AIAD: Cadets bask in their once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel

Story and photos by  
Dept. of Geography and  
Environmental Engineering

As a perennial favorite among cadets, Maj. James Chastain led 15 cadets -- six firsties, one cow and eight yearlings -- from the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering on the 18-day Academic Individual Advanced Development to Israel, delving into the complex geopolitical environment of the country, from May 31-June 17.

More than 100 cadets requested this AIAD, but only 15 were accepted. Chastain worked with the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs to plan and resource cadet travel throughout Israel.

In the course of their journey, the cadets were able to learn and experience the cultural and political landscapes of Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights-Syrian border, the West Bank, Haifa, Eilat and the Red Sea, the Negev Desert and Tel Aviv.

They were exposed to Israel's significant human diversity from different Jewish identities (Sephardim/Mizrahim, Ashkenazi)

to Arab groups (Palestinian, Druze).

Through their interaction and immersion with these groups, the cadets were better able to understand the intricacies of Israel's domestic human geography and international situation.

"I did not understand the competing groups in Israeli society," said Geospatial Information Systems major Firstie Neal Trump on the cultural diversity of Israel. "I have a new appreciation for the diversity in what I thought was a mostly homogenous state."

The cadets arrived at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport and were taken by bus to Jerusalem, meeting with other service academy students from Navy and Air Force before receiving a briefing from an Israeli Defense Force spokesman. The students also reviewed force protection measures with their Officers-In-Charge in preparation for the next two weeks of travel.

In Jerusalem, the cadets toured the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, visiting Hurva Square, the Cardo, the Herodian Mansions and the Kotel (Western or Wailing Wall of the Temple Mount).

They also went to the Christian



Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering cadets pose in front of the old city of Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives.

Quarter of the Old City, visiting and discussing the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The

Muslim Quarter was off limits to Department of Defense personnel, but the golden dome of the Al-Aqsa Mosque was clearly visible over the Temple Mount.

Additionally, the cadets studied

the Israeli security fences installed near Bethlehem.

During the evenings, lectures from Dr. Paul Liptz of Tel Aviv University and Dr. Rueven Hazan

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Yearling Tyler Bambrick (below) learns to use an Israeli Missile.

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of Hebrew University about Israel's domestic security situation and the evolving peace process between Israel and Palestine led to rousing discussions, as did the lectures and seminars focusing on the Israeli military campaigns, the Zionist movement and the Holocaust.

Human Geography major Firstie Megan McIntosh was visibly moved by her experiences in the Old City.

"To walk by all of the history and significance of this place ... I feel very humbled by Jerusalem's importance to so many different peoples' faiths," McIntosh said.

After Jerusalem, the cadets visited the Sea of Galilee, viewed an ancient synagogue at Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes and spent several nights working on a kibbutz.

Their next stop included a few days near the Golan Heights, engaging in a military staff-ride highlighting the tank battles of the 1967 Six-Day War and learning the significant role the Golan Heights has in the Syrian-Israeli peace process.

Commenting on the 1967 Israeli military campaign, Human Geography major Firstie Derek Debruhl said, "Their use of the terrain in regards to their equipment and organization was impeccable. Reading about this war is interesting, to walk the terrain and experience the battlefield is incredible. I have a much better understanding of the Six-Day War."

The group then traveled to Haifa on the Mediterranean coast, visiting the Bahai Gardens and Temple, the holiest site of the Bahai religion on Mount Carmel.

They also visited the crusader city of Acre (Akko) - designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, the Ottoman ruins around the city and the nearby famous British mandate prison.

After the group left Haifa, it visited various Israeli Defense Forces military installations in the Negev Desert and the Red Sea Coast, the IDF Air Force cadet training center, the IDF Infantry training center and an Israeli Naval Base on the Red Sea.

During each of these visits the USMA cadets engaged in discussions with Israeli cadets and officers about military ethics, leadership and doctrine.

The trip ended in Tel Aviv, where a few days were spent learning the city's role in Israel's urban hierarchy before flying back to the United States.

"We had an opportunity of a lifetime. We just studied one of the most important places in the world, one that I read about almost every day," said Yearling Dustin Yates, describing his overall experience. "I will never forget my experiences in Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and with the Israeli military. I have a new understanding of the geopolitics of the Middle East and the cultural diversity within Israel."



**Firstie Stephanie Xie learns combatives from an Israeli commando.**



Firstie Nathan Larsen, Company A-3, meets with a role playing Iraqi village elder during a cordon and search mission Tuesday at the NBC training area in Cadet Leader Development Training. Larsen played the role of platoon leader for the mission and, along with the other first-class cadets, also played the roles of squad leader and company commander during CLDT.

Story and photos by  
Spc. Vincent Fusco  
PAO

As the first run of Cadet Leader Development Training draws to a close this week, the cadets and instructors will reflect on the goals accomplished and improvements that will shape next year's lessons in this fast-paced, high-stress leadership development course.

The pilot program worked to develop leadership abilities in the field for 300 first-class cadets. It was their first time back in the field since the beginning of their yearling year.

The difference is that as yearlings, the cadets learned basic Soldier skills. In CLDT, they learn how to function as leaders.

"We're now learning through the mission what leadership style we will use," said Firstie Joseph Dennis, Company B-3. "I've been a squad leader, a platoon leader, and now I'm a company commander."

Maj. Nathan Minami, an instructor in the Department of Systems Engineering and USMA Class of 1997 graduate, said CLDT "gives them a common capstone military experience and (prepares them) to lead warriors

into battle."

The new training was added to the cadet curriculum starting with this year's yearlings: their instruction at Camp Buckner was cut from seven weeks to four, and the three weeks taken out, in effect, will be added back in their last year as CLDT.

The three-week time period after Buckner can be filled now with other training such as Airborne or Air Assault School, or the Drill Cadet Leader Program.

"You have lots of cadets going (to other schools) this year," Minami said. "In the past, that wasn't possible."

During CLDT, the cadets assume the roles of squad, platoon and company leadership over the course of six missions: combat outpost, mounted patrol, military operations on urban terrain (MOUT) attack, search and attack, platoon attack, and cordon and search. To add to the realism of working with local civilians and nation-building in the Global War on Terrorism, actual Arabic translators and role players were also on-site working with the cadets.

"The (Department of Military Instruction) did an awesome job," Minami said. "They planned it

very well."

The training seeks to develop four core competencies: clarity, communication, grace under pressure and teamwork. This is done while the cadets experience the kind of stress they can anticipate in the operational Army. In the safety of the CLDT environment, they learn how to work with it.

"I think that this puts us in stressful situations as emerging leaders," Dennis said.

In their yearling year of field training, the cadets only had to assume everyone was prepared with the right equipment. During CLDT, they learned the importance of having their subordinate leaders check to make sure everything and everyone is ready for what can happen.

As cadets move through the ranks, they learned how to adapt their leadership skills to the mission.

"Whatever you do as a squad leader, you adapt it to use as a platoon leader," Dennis said. "It's still the same basic idea."

The pilot program gives instructors a base to work from and plan how to improve the training after each after-action review. Minami anticipates that, based on

information from the AARs, next year's training will focus more on platoon-level operations, as nearly all cadets will be assigned platoons after they are commissioned.

"There's definitely been a gradual improvement throughout the training," Minami said. "Every mission keeps getting better."

Dennis and Minami see the training as an invaluable, practical teaching tool that prepares the cadets to think, plan and act as if they were already platoon leaders in a combat zone.

"The quality of the training now is better than what (my class) received before deploying," Minami said. "These cadets are better prepared to lead Soldiers than we were."

Those attending CLDT this year will receive credit for Cadet Troop Leadership Training. The training is not expected to replace CTLT.

Next year, CLDT will include 600 firsties. In 2010, CLDT will be taught to all the first class cadets in two different iterations to accommodate cadet cadre on Beast detail.

The training will end on Saturday and the runback from Camp Buckner takes place Sunday.



(Inset photo) A squad of first class cadets prepare to enter a tent in a simulated Iraqi village during a cordon and search mission Tuesday at the NBC training area in Cadet Leader Development Training.

Firstie Mike Marano, Company B-1, treats a wounded Iraqi role player Tuesday during a cordon and search mission at the NBC training area in Cadet Leader Development Training.

## School lunch program policies

Submitted by West Point Schools

West Point Schools announces a free and reduced price meal policy for all area school children. Local school officials have adopted the Family eligibility criteria in the table below to assist them in determining eligibility.

**Food Stamp/TANF/FDPIR Households:** Households that currently include children who receive Food Stamps or Aid to Dependent Children, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations must complete an application listing the child's name, a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number, and the signature of an adult household member, or provide a Direct Certification letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Children in the household with the same case number may be included on the same application. Separate applications are required for children in the same household with different case numbers.

If the Family does not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number for all children for whom they are applying, then the application must contain all the information as required for "other households" as described below.

**Other Households:** Households with incomes the same or below the amount of money listed in the chart for their Family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals.

They may do so by filling in the application forms sent home with a letter to parents.

Additional copies are available

at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to the Child Nutrition Director.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used for determining eligibility.

The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress, state health or state education programs, provided the state agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, state or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP.

Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch or the Child Nutrition Act.

The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian. The school district does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the application.

If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits. An application for a foster child must contain the child's name, the child's personal use income and an adult signature.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will

review applications and determine eligibility.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. The Superintendent, Dr. Bruce Jeter, whose address is 705 A Barry Road, West Point, NY 10996, has been designated as the Hearing Official.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, before initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered.

The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding the Food Stamp, TANF or FDPIR number; the names of all household members; the social security number of the person who signs the form or an indication that the adult does not have one; and the amount and source of income received by each household member. In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

The Nondiscrimination Statement below explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-A, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

A complete copy of this policy is on file in the office of the School Food Authority District Administrator where it may be reviewed by any interested people.

### School Bus Stop Corrections

**Stony II – Bus Stops at Bus Shelters**  
Students will ONLY be picked up at bus shelters.

**Elementary School Route 4**  
(8:15 a.m.) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter (Front)  
(8:16 a.m.) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)  
(8:18 a.m.) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)  
(8:19 a.m.) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Front)

**Elementary School Route 5**  
(8:10 a.m.) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)  
(8:11 a.m.) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter (Front)

**Middle School Route 2**  
(7:24 a.m.) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter Entrance  
(7:25 a.m.) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter Entrance

**Middle School Route 4**  
(7:29 a.m.) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)  
(7:30 a.m.) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Front)



**Black & Gold awardees**  
The Black and Gold Awardees for the month of August were honored Aug. 7. They are -- front row (left to right): Wendy Demas, Kellie Biehl, Linda Davis, Melody Nuckowski, Andrew Manous, Olivia Manous, Stephanie Manous and Edward Sutherland. Back row: Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno, John Blanc, Kristen Manous, Abby Manous and Col. Daniel Ragsdale. Nuckowski was named the Volunteer of the Month.

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#### INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

(Effective from July 1 through June 30)

#### FREE ELIGIBILITY SCALE      REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY SCALE

Free Lunch

Reduced Price Lunch

Household Size	Year	Month	Week	Household Size	Year	Month	Week
1	\$13,520	\$1,127	\$260	1	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$370
2	\$18,200	\$1,517	\$350	2	\$25,900	\$2,159	\$499
3	\$22,880	\$1,907	\$440	3	\$32,560	\$2,714	\$627
4	\$27,560	\$2,297	\$530	4	\$39,220	\$3,269	\$755
5	\$32,240	\$2,687	\$620	5	\$45,880	\$3,824	\$883
6	\$36,920	\$3,077	\$710	6	\$52,540	\$4,379	\$1,011
7	\$41,600	\$3,467	\$800	7	\$59,200	\$4,934	\$1,139
8	\$46,280	\$3,857	\$890	8	\$65,860	\$5,489	\$1,267
For each additional family member ADD	+ 4,680	+ 390	+ 90	For each additional family member ADD	+ 6,660	+ 555	+ 129

# FMWR Blurbs

## Hog Wild Party

The Hog Wild Party at Round Pond 1-8 p.m. Saturday at the Round Pond Rec Area.

There will be fun for the whole family to include a pig roast, mechanical bull rides, pony rides, free swimming and rentals and live entertainment featuring "Plain Jane." For info, call 938-2503.

## Create your own Haunted Hayride scene

Create your own scene for the 2008 FMWR Haunted Hayride that will be held 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Round Pond Rec Area.

This is open to departments, Families and Town of Highlands residents.

E-mail scene concepts to *peter.spinning@usma.edu* no later than Sept. 1.

For info about other ways to get involved, call 938-2503.

## Beginner's Running Group

FMWR Fitness Center announces a Beginner's Running Group from 9-9:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 24. Meet at South Dock. Strollers welcome. Beginning runners will work toward a two-

mile goal.

Runs will be led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

Contact *everywomanfitness@hotmail.com* or FMWR Fitness at 938-6490 to sign up or for info.

## Soldier and Family Assistance Center Open House

Soldier and Family Assistance Center Open House is 1-3:30 p.m. Aug. 29, in Bldg. 626, 2nd floor.

See the SFAC in its new location and meet the staff.

Tours will be conducted every half hour and are open to the entire West Point community. For more

info, call 938-0630.

## Right Arm Night

Right Arm Night, starting at 4:30 p.m., is Aug. 28 at the West Point Club's Benny Haven's Lounge and features complimentary snacks and a carving station.

A cash bar will be available, and it is open to all departments and directorates. Bring your "right arms."

For info, call 938-5120.

## Employment Readiness Fair

Army Community Service Employment Readiness is hosting its first Career Fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 17, at ACS, Bldg. 622.

The Career Fair is designed to maximize the connection between military family members and the excellent career opportunities that West Point and local businesses provide.

For more info, call 938-5658.

## 2008 Soldier Show

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

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

Contact Sheryle Miller at 938-6497 for more information.

## CYS Coaches Needed

CYS Sports is currently looking for volunteer coaches in the following sports for the fall/winter seasons: soccer -- all levels and ages, PeeWee hockey and wrestling.

If interested, call 938- 8896.

## Quarterback Luncheon Tickets

Tickets for West Point Club Quarterback Luncheons go on sale Monday, and the first luncheon is Aug. 27 in preparation for the

Temple game.

The food line opens at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon begins at noon.

For more info, call 938-5120.

## Army Family Team Building

Volunteers are needed for the Army Family Team Building program.

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

## Fitness instructors needed

Les Mills Body Combat instructors are needed.

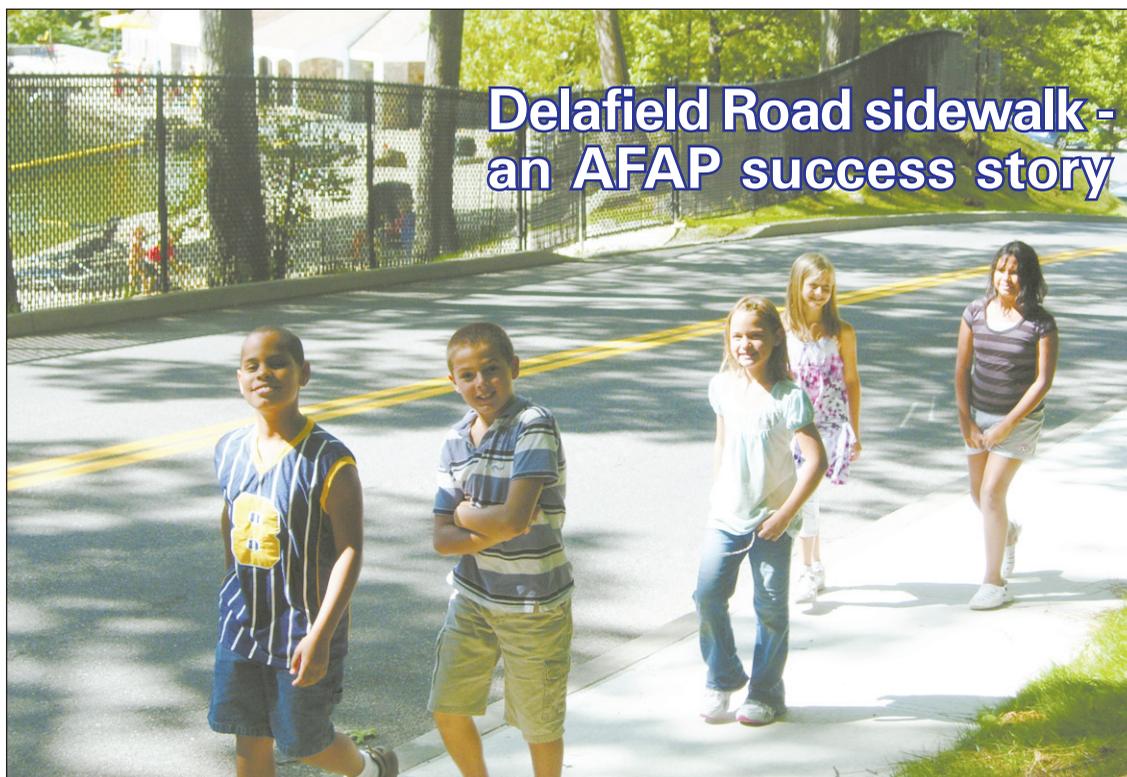
Contact the FMWR Fitness Center for more info and certification dates at 938-6490.

## Childcare Co-op

The childcare co-op at the FMWR Fitness Center is open from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Monday-Friday in accordance with the West Point Elementary School calendar to parents with FMWR Fitness Center and CDC/YS privileges.

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

For more info, call 446-5140.



## Delafield Road sidewalk - an AFAP success story

School Age Services Summer Fun Camp youths (front to back) J.C. Berrios, Erich Keutmann, Courtney Griffith, Lindsay Cochran and Nirmaliz Torres safely walked up the new Delafield Road sidewalk Tuesday during their time at Delafield Pond. The new sidewalk is a result of an issue presented at the October 2008 Army Family Action Plan Conference that concerned pedestrian safety on Delafield Road. The Directorate of Public Works developed a solution to this issue, completing the sidewalk this summer from Delafield Pond to the Lichtenberg Tennis Center. To submit an AFAP issue for consideration at this year's conference, go to [www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm](http://www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm).

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The  
*West Point Band*  
presents

## Music Under the Stars

Concert Band with Broadway star Caissie Levy: "The Magical Baton,"  
August 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Inclement site: Ike Hall

Jazz Knights: "Music of Buddy Rich & Maynard Ferguson," August 24,  
7:30 p.m.

Jazz Knights & Concert Band with vocalists Matt & Christina Ashford:  
"1812 Overture" with cannon salute & fireworks,  
August 30, 6:30 p.m.  
Raindate: August 31

## Trophy Point Amphitheatre

Free and Open to the Public  
845-938-2617  
[www.westpoint.edu/band](http://www.westpoint.edu/band)

# What's Happening

## Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Call 938-4100 for more information or to volunteer.

## Big Brothers/Big Sisters Fundraiser

Palaia Vineyards is hosting "Dancing in the Vineyards," a Family-friendly, public event to help raise money and awareness for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Orange County from 3-5 p.m. Sunday.

For directions or more info, visit [www.PalaiaVineyards.com](http://www.PalaiaVineyards.com) or call (845) 928-5384.

## Grant Hall Cafe

Grant Hall Cafe goes back to full operation Monday. Hours are

Mon.-Fri.	7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday	Noon-10 p.m.

## Sacred Heart Preschool

Sacred Heart Preschool has openings for students who are ages 3 and 4 by Dec. 1 for full- and half-days.

Call 446-2674 for more info.

## Puppies Behind Bars

If you are interested in being a puppy-sitter to help socialize future service dogs, Puppies Behind Bars is having socialization training 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Eisenhower Hall Crest Room. The primary puppy-sitter must be at least 18 years old.

Attendance at both nights is required to puppy-sit.

## Cub Scout Sign Up

West Point Cub Scout Pack 23 will have their August Pack meeting and annual sign up at 7 p.m. Aug. 22 at the West Point Elementary School Multi-purpose Room.

For more info, call 446-3851.

## Protestant Women of the Chapel

The PWOC Kick-Off Meeting is 8:45-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Post Chapel.

Hear the life-changing message from Sheri Rose Shepherd at the "His Princess" Conference at 7 p.m. Aug. 22 and 9 a.m. Aug. 23 in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall.

For more info about any PWOC

activities, call 446-8798.

## West Point Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shoppe will be open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 23.

For more info, call 446-2950.

Normal hours, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays, resume Sept. 3.

## Women's Equality Day Event

The West Point/USCC EO Office and AAFES are sponsoring a free matinee showing of *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl* at 2 p.m. Aug. 24, at the Mahan Hall movie theater in Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752, as part of Women's Equality Day celebration.

The entire West Point community is invited to come.

## WPCF River Court Service and Picnic

The West Point Christian Fellowship is holding its annual River Court Service and Picnic starting at 10 a.m. Aug. 24 at the South Docks River Court area.

For more info, call 938-6726/3412.

## Free College Course

The Army Education Center is offering a free class for NCOs, corporal and above, from 5-8:30 p.m. Aug. 25-29.

The class, MTBC-1176, Stress Management, meets at the Army Education Center.

Registration info is available at 938-3464/5389.

## Catholic Religious Education Catechists Orientation

There will be a catechist orientation at 7 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Cloister Room of Most Holy Trinity Chapel.

If you are interested in teaching religious education, contact Cindy Ragsdale, 938-8761, [Cynthia.Ragsdale@usma.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Ragsdale@usma.edu).

## West Point Federal Women's Program

The West Point Federal Women's Program is celebrating Women's Equality Day with a buffet luncheon from noon-1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the West Point Club.

The guest speaker is Cecilia Solomon, Director of Resource Management here.

Her topic is how she shattered the "glass ceiling."

Make reservations by Monday by contacting Kim Ambar via

e-mail at [Kim.Ambar@usma.edu](mailto:Kim.Ambar@usma.edu) or at 938-2023.

## West Point Hunting Club

The West Point Hunting Club monthly meeting is noon-1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion across from the Crafts/Auto Shop.

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

## Wyldlife Sign-Up

Parents may stop by the Post Chapel Annex between 5-7 p.m. Aug. 27 to register children for Wyldlife and to volunteer to help with an event this fall.

Students in grades 6-8 are welcome.

For more info, visit [www.oneill.younglife.com](http://www.oneill.younglife.com).

## La Leche League Meeting

The Highland Falls La Leche League will meet at 10 a.m. Aug. 27 at 534 B Winans Rd.

The discussion topic is "Nutrition and Weaning."

All women interested in breastfeeding and their babies are welcome.

Call Katrina at 446-1398 for more info.

## Go Army/Beat Temple Tailgate

The West Point Association of Graduates and the West Point Society of the Mid-Hudson Region are hosting a GoArmy/Beat Temple tailgate 4-7 p.m. Aug. 29 at Herbert Alumni Center.

Members of the West Point community are invited, but advanced registration is required.

To register, go to [www.westpointaog.org](http://www.westpointaog.org) and click on Army Football Tailgates in the "Events" box.

## West Point Women's Club Super Sign-Up

Join us 7-9 p.m. Sept. 9 in the West Point Club Ballroom for the WPWC's Super Sign-Up.

You can join the WPWC, greet old friends and make new ones, do some shopping, sign up for various

WPWC activities and receive information about local organizations.

Tables are still available for home-based businesses and community organizations for a

nominal charge.

There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Reservations are not necessary so bring your friends and neighbors.

Contact Stephanie Schanen-Skimmyhorn for more info at 859-4222 or [stephrocks5@hotmail.com](mailto:stephrocks5@hotmail.com).

## WP Protestant Sunday School

Cadets lead the West Point Protestant Sunday School classes ranging from Pre-K through high school.

There also are three adult/cadet classes taught by members of the chapel congregations.

All classes are 9-10 a.m. beginning Sept. 7 on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

Families may register at any chapel or by e-mail to [eric.bryan@usma.edu](mailto:eric.bryan@usma.edu) or by calling 938-3412.

## Worker's Compensation Training

Denise Singer (Compensation Specialist) is conducting training for Worker's Compensation for employees:

- Sept. 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Thayer 144
- Sept. 17, 2-4 p.m. in Thayer 144.

## Religious Education program

Come to the Religious Education Office in the Cloister Room of the Chapel to register your

children for religious education. Opening day is Sept. 7.

Classes (K-Adult) are held from 9:15-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings on the 3rd floor of Thayer Hall.

The Pre-K classes meet from 9-10 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Cloister room.

Catechists for all grade levels are still needed. For more info, contact Cindy Ragsdale at 938-8761 or [Cynthia.Ragsdale@usma.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Ragsdale@usma.edu).

## Mandatory Training

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

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

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

•Suicide Prevention - Robinson Auditorium, Sept. 9 from 6-7 p.m. and Sept. 17 from 1-2 p.m.

•Equal Employment Opportunity/Training on Prevention of Sexual Harassment - Robinson Auditorium, Sept. 18 from 10-11:30

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

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

# Keller Corner

## Refractive Surgery Seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service will be conducting a refractive surgery seminar Sept. 2 in Robinson Auditorium from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The seminar is open to Firsties, Cows and active duty Army personnel interested in obtaining laser vision correction.

Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated at West Point.

For more information, call 938-2207.

## Free Developmental/Hearing Screenings

Not all children develop the same way. Some need extra help.

If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills,

learning, behavior and/or social interactions, please join us at our Free Developmental/Hearing Screenings.

The screenings will be conducted at the CDC in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point School for children ages birth to five years.

They will be held 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Sept. 30 by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-6868/2698.

## Updating your address

Remember, it is important that all Family members be updated in DEERS when there is any change of address.

Just updating the servicemember's files does not ensure the change for other Family members.

## FOURTH CLASS SPONSORSHIP

The Fourth Class Sponsorship sign-up page is active on the USCC internal Web page at <http://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu> to begin the sign up process. There are two added links on the sign up page -- the 4th Class Sponsorship Handbook and the Commandant's Message. Cadet sign-up is Aug. 19-27 and Sponsor sign-up closes Aug. 27.

As with the Ice Cream Social, sponsors must meet the following criteria:

- Rank -- Sergeant First Class to Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer 2 and above, Captain and above; Civilian Title 10 Instructors, GS-9 and above or competitive sport head coaches.

- Living on West Point or within the following (Walking Privileges) geographic boundaries of North -- Main post limits; South -- Bear Mountain traffic circle (intersection of Routes 6 and 9W); East -- West bank of the Hudson River and West -- Route 9W.

- Exceptions to Policy may be requested through, and approved by, the USCC Chief of Staff.

Contact Melissa Holstead at 938-8804 for answers to questions and sign-up support.

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday** -- **Wall-E, G, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday** -- **Hancock, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 22** -- **Journey to the Center of the Earth, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 23** -- **Hellboy II: The Golden Army, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 24** -- **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl, G, 2 p.m.**

*(This free matinee showing is sponsored by AAFES and the West Point/USCC EO Offices as part of the celebration for Women's Equality Day.)*

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

## Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Services is having a Blood Drive at Eisenhower Hall, Fourth Floor Ballroom from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 25-27 and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 28.

Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments to donate whole blood can be made by calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or in the main lobby of Keller Army Community Hospital Aug. 18 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Apheresis services will be available for those who wish to donate platelets. Apheresis donors will be seen by appointment only and may call (914)760-3177 or sign up online at [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

Those wishing to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program will be able to do so at the times of the drives.

Photo identification is mandatory for all donations.

# DPW NOTES

## Buffalo Soldier Field construction

The curbs, drainage and parking lights along the north end and west side of Buffalo Soldier Field are being replaced.

Construction is scheduled to begin Wednesday, and the estimated completion date is Sept. 30. All work is weather permitting.

Parking areas along the west side will be closed off to all vehicles until curbs and drainage work are completed. Handicap-designated parking spaces will be relocated during construction in front of Bldg. 626.

Flaggers will be used during the placement of drainage pipe on the west side.

All parking will be open for football games. For information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

## Shuttle Bus Shelters

Five shuttle bus stop shelters are being installed at the following locations:

- In front of the laundry plant, Bldg. 845

- In front of Qtrs. 334, Washington Road

- Across from Bldg. 681

- In front of Qtrs. 5, Thayer Road

- At the entrance to the PX and Commissary on the left after turning

off Stony Lonesome Road.

The installation of the shelters is the result of a recommendation from the West Point Army Family Action Plan Symposium.

Work has begun at the laundry plant, and the contractor will continue the installation in the order listed above, taking about two work days for each site, weather permitting.

Drivers and pedestrians should expect delays and minor pedestrian detours in these areas. For more information, contact Martha Hinote at 938-4407.

## REMINDER

New Central Area Parking stickers go into effect Aug. 23. Make sure you go to the the Old Library or PMO and get your sticker. See the July 25 *Pointer View* for details at [www.pointerinterview.com](http://www.pointerinterview.com).

## Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 15-22

Friday & Monday - Aug. 22  
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## Delivery problems?

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

# Army and Community Sports

## Hofstra, Jarbeau lead DPW victory march

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt

Directorate of Public Works pitcher Joe Hofstra held Math (24-2) to two runs in game one, and third baseman Jim Jarbeau hit a home run and knocked in four runs in game two to lead DPW (21-2) to a two-game sweep of Math in the Intramural Softball Post Championship best-of-three game series Tuesday at the FMWR H Lot Athletic Complex here.

The first game was a dominating performance by DPW as they took an 8-2 lead by the end of the third inning.

They headed into the third inning up 3-1 before belting out four singles to begin the inning and then a one-out double by catcher

Aras Bartys that scored two runs.

Left-centerfielder Bobby Cooney and rightfielder Kenny Miller added a single and sacrifice fly, respectively, to up the score to 8-1.

Math shortstop Mike Scioletti, who ripped an RBI double in the first inning, hit a sacrifice fly to drive home rightfielder Josh Helms to make it 8-2.

Both teams traded two scoreless innings before DPW put the game out of reach with a four-run sixth inning, resulting in the 10-run rule and winning game one 12-2.

The inning was highlighted by a double from Miller and a game-winning RBI single by second baseman Tony Davis who scored shortstop Dale Manupelli with the deciding run.

Down one game to none, Math came out strong in game two, scoring three runs in the first inning highlighted by four consecutive singles by leftfielder Mike McCrae, Scioletti, left-centerfielder John Roginski and first baseman Steven Horton.

Jarbeau drew DPW closer with a deep shot to right field for a home run, making it 3-1 in the second inning.

Math upped its lead to 5-1 before DPW struck back in the bottom of the third inning with five runs.

DPW belted out eight singles in the inning, including Jarbeau's two-run single, giving his team a 6-5 advantage.

Again, both teams traded scoreless ventures, highlighted by several spectacular defensive gems from Math's Scioletti and DPW's Cooney. Cooney's diving grab of Roginski's line drive saved two runs and kept DPW in the lead in the fifth inning.

Miller doubled to start off the bottom of the fifth and later scored on Jarbeau's sacrifice fly, giving DPW a two-run cushion at 7-5.

Math bounced back to close the gap to 7-6 when catcher Donald Outing singled home right-centerfielder Pete Charbonneau. Math held their ground with a solid defensive sixth inning, but was stonewalled by a stellar double play that finished with a great throw from Manupelli in the top of the seventh.

Hofstra forced Math second baseman Tom Kastner to fly out to Cooney to end the game with a 7-6



Directorate of Public Works third baseman Jim Jarbeau knocks a ball in the gap for a home run to draw DPW closer in the second inning of game two. Jarbeau would add a two-run single later in the third inning to cap a five-run inning that gave his team a 6-5 lead.

DPW victory.

Hofstra, who retires at the end of this month and has played West Point IM Softball for 25 years, kept the strong-hitting Math squad in

check for most of the day.

"I just kept my arc up and threw a couple of high ones in there once in awhile and then a couple of flat

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Math pitcher Michael Jaye ducks as DPW shortstop Dale Manupelli turns a double play in the final inning of DPW's sweep of Math in the Post Intramural Softball Championships.

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ones to keep them off balance," Hofstra said. "A lot of guys popped up and the ones who did get hits got good base hits."

Hofstra believes the key to DPW's success this year was the defense of Manupelli and the timely hitting of Jarbeau and, without either, they may not have celebrated their first championship in four years.

Jarbeau had the big day at the plate and made the adjustments needed to make the difference in game two.

"The pitches were where I wanted them, but with the wind blowing in it kind of changed where the ball was going and it hung up there," Jarbeau said. "I adjusted and moved up on the plate and just started spreading the ball around the field ... I felt pretty good today."

Despite the 10-run victory in game one, Jarbeau said that game two wasn't easy and that Math made them work for everything they got.

"They had a lot of heart," Jarbeau explained. "They played solid and their shortstop made some great plays. They had some timely hits and put the pressure on us -- it definitely wasn't easy.

"They put the pressure on us right away in the first inning of the second game and made it more challenging," he added. "We had to step up to the plate because they were a great opponent and they played well. Their record shows it."

Jarbeau and his teammates, although extremely tired, were satisfied with their win Tuesday after a long, grinding season.

However, for Hofstra it was the ultimate euphoric feeling to go out on top with a post championship after 25 years of playing ball at West Point.

"Having played in this league for 25 years, this is the best way to go out -- as a champion," Hofstra said. "However, I could never have done it without the guys behind me playing as well as they did."



## Racing to victory

**Kent A. Laudeman (right), Ph.D., Vice Dean for Administration, earned six medals at the New York Empire State Games July 23-27 in Binghamton, N.Y. Laudeman won two gold, two silver and two bronze medals in the Masters category (for competitors older than 60 60) with three individual race victories and three relay race wins.**

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## SPORTS NOTES

\* 2008 Staff and Faculty Flag Football sign ups are currently ongoing. The deadline for sign ups is Aug. 29. The league is open to all USMA departments and units. Flag football season begins Sept. 8. For those interested in forming a team or requiring more information, contact James McGuinness at 938-3066 or [Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu](mailto:Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu).

\* The inaugural "Bull Hill Stampede" 8-miler is 8 a.m., Sept. 1 at Lake Frederick. The event is hosted by the U.S. Military Academy Marathon Team. If you want to register for the race, go online to [www.armymarathonteam.com](http://www.armymarathonteam.com). If you have any additional questions about the race, contact Maj. Khanh Diep at 938-2340.

# Football Preview: *Will the new option-based offense take Army to the next level*

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt

It is now official. The "Stan Brock era" has begun at West Point with the addition of a few wrinkles for a downtrodden offense. Yes, Brock has been here a year; however, he now steers the team in a direction he set instead of following his predecessors Bobby Ross and Todd Berry.

The offense, once a source of pride in Army football history, floundered toward the end of last season. Outside of their 39 points scored against Tulsa Nov. 17, Army put up a total of 29 points in their other four late season games.

Taking into account the loss of Army's all-time wide receiver record holder Jeremy Trimble to graduation, Army had to go in a different direction from the pro-style offense they've adapted over the last eight years.

Enter Brock's decision to spice up the offense and get away from what hasn't been working for years here, and now he is placing his stamp on the squad by installing an option-based offense. Basically, he went out and found an offense that was suitable for his players.

"We tried to go out and find an offense that suited who we are, who we play and the kids

we can recruit," Brock said. "We studied (the option-based offense) and came back to put together a package that we think will give us a chance to compete in any game that we're playing in."

The deficiencies the pro-style offense emphasized in Army's system -- from the lack of the linemen's size to the lack of positional players' top-end speed -- can now be a positive with the added deception of the option attack. This offense taps into their decision-making skills and the quickness of their small players.

"It'll allow the offensive linemen to come off the ball a little bit, and I think it's a positive thing," Brock said. "I think what it does is allows us to put players into a situation where they can be more successful."

"It'll let the guys get their hands in the dirt and come off the ball," added Brock, about his linemen who have struggled to pass protect against much bigger opponents.

Brock sees the change as a good thing because the players have been picking up the offense easily and the coaches have been outstanding in teaching the option fundamentals. The big question at this point is -- Does Army have the right people to execute the offense on the field?

The key to this offense is having a quarterback who can make snap decisions with the ball -- hold on to it, pitch it or drop back and hit an open receiver. Cow quarterback Carson Williams has the unenviable task of making the transition from pro-style quarterback to option quarterback.

While Williams doesn't have a history of leading an option-style offense, Brock has been pleased with how he has settled in as an option-style signal caller.

"(Williams) at one point said that if we went to an option he didn't know if he could do it," Brock explained. "He got repetitions during the spring and did a great

job with it, and he has really been our most consistent read guy. He is making good decisions with the ball, and I think that's what you need from the quarterback position in this offense."

Yearling Chip Bowden and Plebe Paul McIntosh may be considered quarterbacks who are better suited for this offensive style because of their body type and they've played it in the past.

However, Brock thinks any quarterback can make it work as long as he "doesn't make mistakes or turn the ball over, you'll be just fine."

Williams, who feels he's in the

same situation as Ronnie McAda was a dozen years ago going through a similar offensive transition, has picked up the offense and feels that it may suit him best. "Personally, I believe it is a lot easier," Williams remarked. "There are times I get up to the ball and I only have to look at the left side of the defense if it's going to the right. Before I was looking at the entire defense and had so much responsibility to point out where the free safety was or call out protection."

"This offense is a lot more instincts then it is necessarily getting up there and pinpointing what's in the defense," he added.

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Cow quarterback Carson Williams is settling into his new role as an option quarterback, which is something he never experienced previously as he solely worked in a pro style offense.

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Williams believed the pro-style offense, while good for his skills, was not necessarily a good thing for Army as a whole.

“To run the type of football we did, you have to have very strong linemen to overpower your opponent, you have to pass protect and be able to get positive yards on the run and we struggled with that last year,” Williams said. “I don’t know if (the option offense) necessarily suits the team, but I know the offense we did run didn’t suit the team.”

The offense is filled with a lot of smallish running backs, led by Yearling Patrick Mealy and Firstie Tony Dace. It is important to get those backs into a situation where open space is created, and the deceptive nature of the option offense can take advantage of the quick legs of Army’s pint-sized runners.

Fullback will have a new look since team spark plug Mike Viti graduated, and his vacancy will be occupied by Firstie Collin Mooney.

Mooney will get his shot to run the ball more than he has in the past, although blocking still will be his bread and butter.

“It’s a big transition that I’m not used to because I played linebacker in high school, so it’s a bit different for me,” Mooney said. “I had a couple of touches last year, but it’s nothing compared to now -- it’s definitely a big change.”

When Williams isn’t trying to find one of his backfield mates, he’ll be looking downfield to wideouts Cow Damion Hunter and Firstie Mike Wright.

Wright is the leading returning receiver from a year ago. Although he had only 12 receptions last season, he did catch the season’s most dramatic pass against Tulane to tie the score with zero seconds remaining in regulation.

One of the most important aspects of the new offense will be the offensive line, and the Black Knights will return three starters from a year ago.

Firstie guards Brandon Cox and Mike Lemming return as does Firstie center Trey Miranne. Miranne’s return for a fifth year is important to how the option works.

“Having Miranne back is a huge upgrade,” Mooney said. “The more

veterans on the offensive line we can get, the better we are, and it makes my life easier.”

The guy who really is helped by the return of Miranne is Williams, and having him back brings a big smile to his face.

“That definitely makes me a lot more comfortable,” Williams said. “Having those (experienced) guys back is a good feeling because the first thing you look at when you walk into the huddle are your center and two guards.

“They are leaders and take care of the offensive line, and if they (the line) mess up, those three will get it straightened out,” he added. “I feel much more comfortable going into a game scenario with those three as our starting linemen.”

In the end, was the change to a new offense a tough decision for Brock? He said, without hesitation, “no.”

“The criteria I had at the end of last season was that whatever we did (on offense), we knew that we had to win more games than we lose and win the Commander in Chief’s Trophy,” Brock said. “My offensive coaches found what they think will be the best opportunity to meet this criteria.”