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Lease signings have begun under RCI

Submitted by RCI

Housing at West Point will transfer to private operations under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative Aug. 1 and all residents of West Point, who currently live in Army Family Housing and who will be residing in their houses after then, are required to sign a lease with West Point Housing LLC (Balfour Beatty Communities).

The lease forms (military and civilian) are posted on the West Point Housing Web site, www.westpointfamilyhousing.com. Residents are encouraged to review the leases and appropriate addenda prior to their scheduled signing date.

Balfour Beatty is scheduling lease signings for current residents now through July 31. The current schedule is below. In addition, e-mail distribution will be made to all agencies and activities.

Newly assigned personnel who move into Army Family Housing before Aug. 1 will sign their leases when they sign for quarters.

Those arriving after Aug. 1 will process through the Balfour Beatty Community Management office located in Quarters 132, Bartlett Loop.

The military member or spouse with a Power of Attorney must sign the lease. Lease signers should bring their ID cards, a copy of the sponsor's latest Leave and Earnings Statement, the names of pets and serial numbers of any privately owned weapons.

All lease signings will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Groups not indicated below have already signed their leases with the exception of the Medical and Warrior Transition companies, which have not yet been scheduled.

Additional signings will be scheduled as required. All the signings scheduled below will be at the Thayer Hotel in the Highlands Room.

For additional information, contact Shari Roosa at 845-446-6407 or sroosa@bbcgrp.com.

• Monday -- Lee Area, Lusk,



Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck discusses the Quarters 100 lease with Shari Roosa, Community Manager for Balfour Beatty Communities prior to signing it. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Wilson Road, Old English North and South, Professors' Row and Special Category

• Tuesday -- Stony I, North and

South Apartments

• Wednesday -- Grey Ghost and Stony II

• July 7 -- New and Old Brick

• July 8 -- Enlisted personnel assigned to HHC, USAG and Military Police Company (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.)

Class of 2012 to enter West Point Monday

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Approximately 1,300 new cadets, including more than 280 minority candidates, 14 international cadets and 26 combat veterans, who served in Afghanistan, Iraq or both, are expected to report to West Point Monday, Reception Day for the Class of 2012.

The incoming class was selected from a pool of more than 10,000 applicants. There are 192 women, who comprise 15 percent of the class. Minority enrollment, roughly 22 percent of the incoming class, includes 82 African-Americans, 78 Asian-Americans, 119 Hispanic-Americans and nine Native Americans.

West Point Admissions Director Col. Deborah McDonald said the entering class represents the promise

of the future.

"Once again, our entering class is comprised of stellar young people," McDonald said. "Their overall performance in academics, leadership and athletics is outstanding and provides the foundation for successful completion of the challenging West Point experience.

"These young patriots are coming here to devote themselves to becoming guardians of Duty, Honor, Country and our United States Constitution," she added. "They represent our nation's promise of the future.

Members of the Class of 2012 include cadets from every state in the nation and 14 international cadets entering the class under the sponsorship of their respective

countries. The countries represented include Taiwan (two), Korea, Columbia, Jordan, Romania, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Singapore, Paraguay, Slovenia, Serbia, Lithuania and El Salvador. Upon graduation, those cadets will return to their respective countries as officers in their armed forces.

During R-Day, the new cadets begin the process of becoming West Point cadets and future U.S. Army officers.

They undergo administrative processing; are fitted with their initial issue of military clothing; receive haircuts, medical and physical evaluations; and begin their first lessons in marching, military courtesy and discipline.

As their first day ends, the Class of 2012 will stand before

many of their parents and friends at Trophy Point to take the Oath of Allegiance from the U.S. Military Academy Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Michael S. Linnington.

New cadets will complete six and one-half weeks of Cadet Basic Training, learning the basic skills of the Soldier.

They will participate in rigorous physical training, small-unit tactical training and rifle marksmanship. They will also learn to respond quickly and accurately to their commanders under conditions of mental and physical stress.

At the end of this initial training period, new cadets will be formally accepted into the Corps of Cadets.

The Acceptance Day Parade for the Class of 2012 is scheduled for Aug. 23.

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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 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.

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

Thank you to the West Point Community

Dear West Point Community:

I cannot thank you enough for allowing God to use you as vessels to show His love toward my family at this dark time in our lives. We are so blessed to be a part of the West Point community. Whether you prayed for us, sent flowers, prepared food, donated frequent flyer miles, transported people to and from the airport, shared a hug, your home, or called, we appreciate you. A very, very special thank you goes to my Department of Systems Engineering family for their heartfelt level of support. You are a jewel.

As we begin our journey that will lead to our healing, I would like for my children to return to some sense of normalcy to whatever extent possible. It will take the entire community to help us to attain this goal.

We plan to remain here until next summer so that our children can grieve as well as bring closure to this chapter of their lives. After all, we have been connected with West Point since Christy was six years old (now 12), Christina was eight (now 14) and Christopher was 10 (now 16). Our youngest, Christian, age seven, became a part of our family here. West Point is home for our children and the need for it to feel like home is imperative to their future development. Although it may be difficult for you, but please try and relate to my children in the way you related to them prior to the passing of Col. Powell.

Last, but certainly not least, Col. Powell was an awesome servant of God, husband, father, son, brother, military officer and friend. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. He left a godly legacy for us and I would like to share something that has been helpful for us and may be helpful for you as well.

The following are 'Rules to Live by' that Col. Robert Powell kept posted on an index card in his office:

- Don't compromise your values
- Guard your eyes, heart and thoughts
- Never go anywhere alone unless you absolutely have to
- Always plan for the 'just in case'
- Communicate openly with a trusted friend
- Always be joyful
- Be faithful to God in bad times as well as good
- Learn, change and grow
- Make prayer a passion
- Love the Word of God
- Hate sin. Don't allow it in your life
- Long for the return of Christ
- Obey Christ!

As Col. Powell often said: "Everything in the Spirit: For His Glory!"

Lita Powell

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

Difficulty: Medium

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

SOLUTION, see page 12

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Local and National News

R-Day force protection information for Monday

By Joe Senger
DPTMS

In support of Reception Day, Monday, the following measures are in effect:

Traffic:

Today from 4:30 - 6:15 p.m., traffic will be blocked at the entrance to Clinton Lot and at the intersection of Washington and Ruger Roads (in front of the Commandant's quarters) for periods of several minutes as the Cadet Basic Training Regiment conducts full-dress rehearsals for the oath ceremony at Trophy Point.

Members of the work force

departing Clinton Lot during this time should turn right and proceed south to either Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates.

On R-Day, Monday, parents of incoming cadet candidates have been instructed to enter the installation through Stony Lonesome Gate and park in C or E Lots near Michie Stadium.

Heavy traffic is expected at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates from 5:30 a.m. until approximately 10 a.m. Expect delays and plan accordingly.

Everyone is reminded that all pedestrians and passengers in vehicles over the age of 16 must show a valid photo ID in order to enter the installation.

Drivers with DOD stickers

and either the CAC or military ID card are encouraged to enter the installation through Washington Gate on R-Day.

Also on Monday, access to Clinton Lot will be blocked beginning at 5 p.m. until the completion of the oath ceremony.

Cars parked in Clinton Lot will be allowed to leave by exiting through Doubleday Field Lot and traveling south on Thayer Road to exit from Stony Lonesome or Thayer gates.

From 5:30 p.m. until the completion of the oath ceremony at approximately 6:15 p.m., there will be no through traffic allowed on Cullum and Washington roads in the Trophy Point area from the entrance to the Thayer Hall Roof Lot to the intersection of Stony Lonesome Road and Washington Road. Ruger Road will be blocked at the intersection of Howard Road

to prevent traffic from heading toward the Plain.

Vehicles parked in the Arvin Gym North parking area must exit via Park Road to Stony Lonesome Road.

Parking:

The upper three lots of Eisenhower Hall will be closed for R-Day rehearsal today.

The following parking areas will be closed Monday for R-Day activities:

- Eisenhower Hall Lots (other than for handicapped & R-Day staff)
- Jefferson Road and Scott Place (including those normally authorized to park there)
- Thayer Road Extension in the vicinity of Trophy Point
- Howard Road from the intersection of Howard and Ruger roads to the Eisenhower Hall

Tunnel

- Eisenhower Hall tunnel area
- Clinton Place.

All other lots are available for parking with the following restrictions:

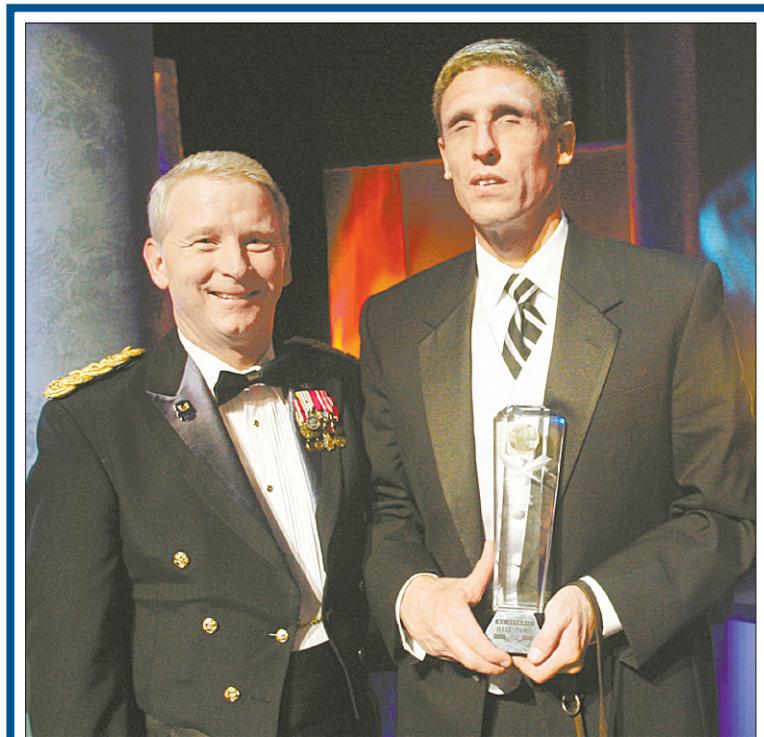
- Thayer Roof (25 spaces reserved for R-Day activities)
- Clinton Lot (the row closest to Daly Field is reserved for handicapped, tour buses and parent shuttle buses).

There will be limited handicapped parking at Ike Hall and Clinton Lots.

TSP TICKER

JUNE changes (as of 06/25)

C FUND	- 5.46 percent
I FUND	- 6.82 percent
S FUND	- 4.60 percent



Morgan inducted in U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame

John Morgan (right), a research associate in the Department of Foreign Languages, was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Chicago June 19. The U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame recognizes the stellar achievements of United States Olympic and Paralympic athletes, teams and coaches. Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, Dean of the Academic Board, served as Morgan's presenter during the event, where Morgan was joined in the 2008 class by boxer Oscar de la Hoya and basketball star David Robinson. Morgan, who was blinded in a training accident as a teenager, earned 15 medals (10 gold and five silver) in the 1984 and 1992 Paralympics in a variety of swimming events. The induction ceremony will air on NBC Aug. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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West Point leadership travels to National Military Academy of Afghanistan

By Capt. Michael Sapp
G-3

From June 6 through 15, many of the senior leaders of the U.S. Military Academy were at the National Military Academy of Afghanistan.

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, accompanied by four West Point staff members, took a whirlwind tour of Bagram Airfield and Kabul, and met with Gen. David McKiernan, the Commander of NATO Forces in Afghanistan; Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, Commander of Combined Joint Task Force 101; and Maj. Gen. Robert Cone, Commander of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan prior to their arrival at NMAA.

In Bagram and Kabul, Hagenbeck and Finnegan also gave USMA graduates, young and old, the unique opportunity to voice their opinions on USMA programs and curriculum to the two individuals who have the ability to make potential changes based on the comments received.

There were more than 40 graduates present at the two sensing sessions, from the Classes of 1971 through 2007. Several of the field grade officers present in Kabul had even been recalled (both voluntarily and from the IRR) -- officers with as much as 13 years out of active service.

Hagenbeck, Finnegan and their group then linked up with nine West Point department heads and Firstie Nargis Kabiri in Kabul on June 12 to meet with leaders of the CSTC-A, who play critical roles in mentoring the NMAA leadership and faculty and in assisting with NMAA development of its academic, physical and military programs.

NMAA, basing their program on the U.S. service academies' four-year commissioning programs, first began educating Afghani cadets in 2005. The first graduating class will receive their commissions in the Afghan National Army around Jan. 30, 2009.

Although Hagenbeck had visited NMAA in June 2007, during a tour of the academic and physical facilities he observed many new buildings and improved equipment



Brigadier Gen. Patrick Finnegan, Dean of the Academic Board, speaks with a group of junior officers in Bagram about what is happening at West Point. He and Lt. Gen. Hagenbeck held two sensing sessions during their visit to the area, allowing graduates from the USMA Classes of 1971 to 2007 the opportunity to voice their opinions about what is happening at West Point.

PHOTO BY CAPT. MICHAEL SAPP/G-3

for the classrooms.

Currently, NMAA only offers its cadets their choice among three majors, but with the help of USMA instructors such as Maj. Travis Adkins, Dept. of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, they will double their options in a short time. Adkins, one of several instructors deployed to NMAA

for the summer, is creating courses that will support a Leadership Management major.

The culmination of the day at NMAA and the overall trip was the signing of the Partnership Agreement between USMA and NMAA.

This document was signed by Hagenbeck and NMMA

Superintendent Maj. Gen. Mohammad Shariff in both English and Dari.

It is a formalized declaration of the existing relationship between the two schools and a statement of USMA's commitment to provide NMAA with mentorship and leadership support to help ensure success for the budding academy.



U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and National Military Academy Superintendent Maj. Gen. Mohammad Shariff signed the Partnership Agreement between USMA and NMAA in both English and Dari.

PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS ANDRE RUSH

Community Features and Photos

West Point Band and New York Philharmonic collaborate after 44 years

By Sgt. 1st Class Eric Miller
USMA Band

As the West Point Band prepares for its popular *Music Under the Stars* concert series, two particular summer performances resonate with its members.

On July 3 and 4, the Concert Band will perform with the New York Philharmonic at Avery Fisher Hall in New York City. The Philharmonic will perform the world premiere of Bramwell Tovey's *Urban Runway* and "Four Dance Episodes" from *Rodeo*.

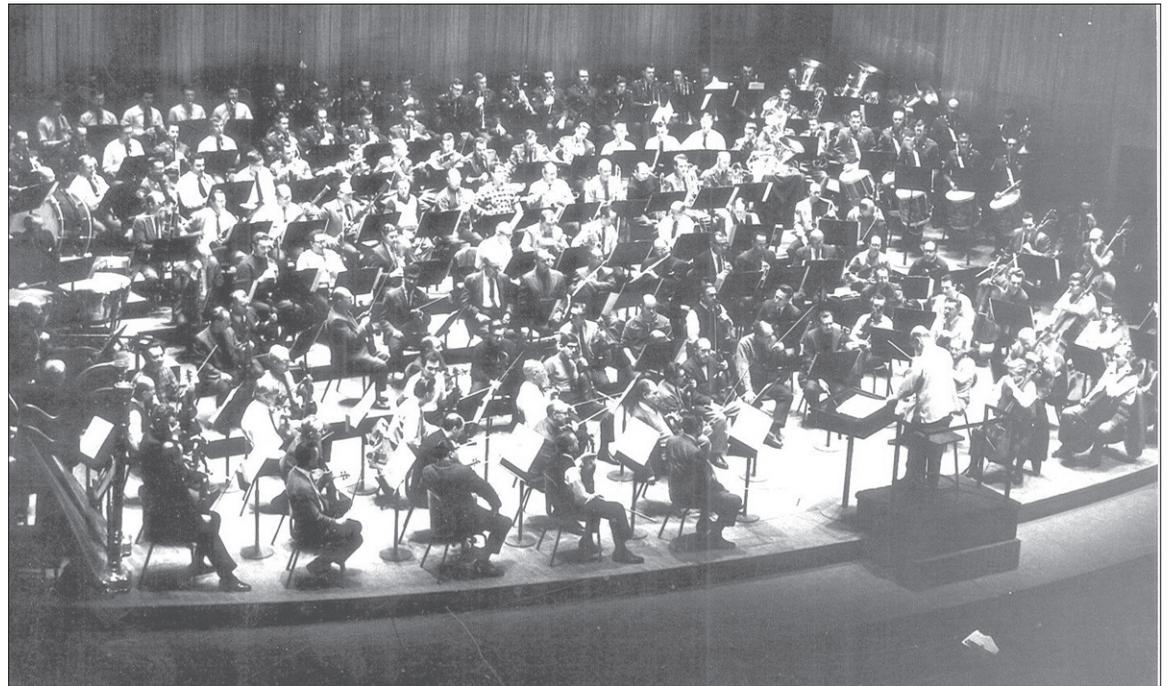
The Academy Band will feature its staff arranger, Master Sgt. Douglas Richard, performing his composition *Celebration for a New Era*. The concert will also showcase *The Official West Point March* and Donald Grantham's *Farewell to*

Gray, a piece commissioned by the West Point Band in honor of the U.S. Military Academy's bicentennial celebration.

The concert will conclude with both groups performing Sousa's *Liberty Bell* and *Stars and Stripes* as well as the service songs of the armed forces.

The joint performance underscores a unique association between the West Point Band and the New York Philharmonic. The band performed with the Philharmonic in 1964, and Philip Egner, composer of *On Brave Old Army Team* and *The Official West Point March*, was actually a cellist in the Philharmonic prior to his appointment as Teacher of Music and academy Bandmaster in 1909.

In February 2008, Staff Sgt. Denver Dill performed with other principal players of the Philharmonic as a part of its "Day of Berio" concert. Like Dill, many members of the band have garnered relationships with musicians in the Philharmonic during their musical studies.



Members of the of the U.S. Military Academy Concert Band rehearsed with the New York Philharmonic 44 years ago for a joint performance conducted by William Steinberg. The two groups will again play together July 3 and 4 at Avery Fisher Hall. The band's summer *Music Under the Stars* series will also feature the solo performance of Philip Smith, principal trumpet of the New York Philharmonic, at Trophy Point Aug. 3

PHOTO PROVIDED

The affiliation has also facilitated recent solo performances by Philharmonic musicians to be showcased at West Point.

For many summers, the principal trombonist of the Philharmonic, Joseph Alessi, has performed with

the band. This summer, Philip Smith, the Philharmonic's principal trumpet, will be featured Aug. 3 at Trophy Point.

See the West Point Band and the New York Philharmonic in "Musical Fireworks" July 3 at 7:30

p.m. or July 4 at 3 p.m. in Avery Fisher Hall.

For further concert information, or to purchase tickets, please visit the New York Philharmonic's Web site at www.nyphil.org or call (212) 875-5656.

The
West Point Band
presents

*Music Under
the Stars*

Jazz Knights: "The Maynard Ferguson Legacy," Sunday, June 29, 7:30 p.m.

Concert Band with Fireworks and Cannon Salute: "Happy Birthday America," Sunday, July 5, 8:00 p.m. Raindate: July 6.

Jazz Knights: "Commissions & Originals," Sunday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

Trophy Point
Amphitheatre

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



The clarinet section of the West Point band is gearing up for their upcoming joint performance with the New York Philharmonic July 3 and 4 at Avery Fisher Hall. They last played together in 1964.

PHOTO PROVIDED

R-DAY SCHEDULES

- 6 - 8 a.m. Parent Shuttle operational from parking lots to Eisenhower Hall
- 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Restaurant open
- Candidate Report Times:**
 - 6:30 a.m. SSN ending 0, 1, 2, 3
 - 7:30 a.m. SSN ending 4, 5, 6
 - 8:30 a.m. SSN ending 7, 8, 9
- 6:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Parent Information Center open in Eisenhower Hall
- 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Military equipment static display at Daly Field
- 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Herbert Hall Alumni Gift Shop open
- 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cadet Store, Bldg. 606, open
- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Self-tour of USMA Library
- 9 -11 a.m. Self-tour of Bartlett Hall Academic Building
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tours of West Point: Ike Hall, last pick-up at 1 p.m.
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Self-tour of Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Self-tour of West Point Cemetery/Old Cadet Chapel
- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cadet Chapel, Catholic Chapel and Jewish Chapel open
- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fort Putnam Historical Site open
- 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. West Point Museum open (Pershing Center, Highland Falls)
- 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Visitors Center & Gift Shop open (Pershing Center, Highland Falls)
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Constitution Island Tours (South Dock)
- 11-11:45 a.m. Catholic Mass at Most Holy Trinity Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch Shuttle runs
- Noon - dusk West Point driving range open (greens require reservations)
- 3 - 4:30 p.m. Superintendent's Welcome in Eisenhower Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Families move to the Oath Ceremony
- 5:40 p.m. Oath Ceremony at Trophy Point*

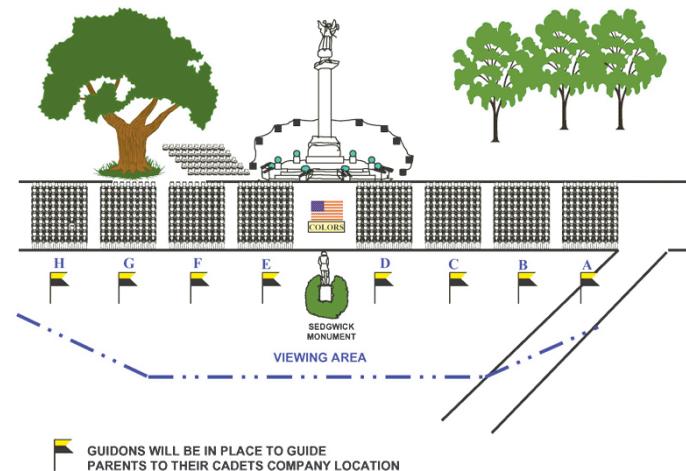
**Inclement Weather Plan, Eisenhower Hall Theater
Obtain tickets [2 per new cadet] at the Parents Reception Center in the morning.*

PLANNING DATES

2008		
Aug. 18	Noon	CBT Regiment returns (Marchback)
Aug. 21		First day of fall semester classes
Aug. 23	10 a.m.	Acceptance Day Parade -- Class of 2012
Aug. 29	7 p.m.	Home Football Game vs. Temple
Aug. 30 - Sept. 1	Labor Day	Cadet accountability formation at 7 p.m., Sept. 1
Sept. 6	TBA	Home Football Game vs. New Hampshire
Sept. 20	TBA	Home Football Game vs. Akron
Sept. 27	7 p.m.	Football Game vs. Texas A&M (at College Station, Texas)
Oct. 4	3 p.m.	Football Game vs. Tulane (at New Orleans)
Oct. 11	TBA	Home Football Game vs. Eastern Michigan
Oct. 13	Columbus Day	Classes in session
Oct. 18	TBA	Football Game vs. Buffalo (at Amherst, N.Y.)
Oct. 25	TBA	Home Football Game vs. Louisiana Tech
Nov. 1	TBA	Home Football Game vs. Air Force
Nov. 8	TBA	Football Game vs. Rice (at Houston, Texas)
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	Classes in session
Nov. 22	3 p.m.	Football Game vs. Rutgers (at Piscataway, N.J.)
Nov. 27-30	Thanksgiving	Cadet accountability formation at 7 p.m., Nov. 30

OATH CEREMONY

- 4:30 p.m. Families move to the Oath Ceremony
- 5:40 p.m. Oath Ceremony begins*
- Parent Shuttle from Daly Field to parking lots resumes after the ceremony, continues until 8 p.m.*



Medical Aid Stations: Located at Eisenhower Hall area and Doubleday Field.

****Parent Shuttle Buses:** 6 a.m. - 8 a.m. to Eisenhower Hall from lettered parking lots [A-F].

****Post Shuttle Bus:** 6:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. -- runs every 30 minutes along post route.

****Lunch Shuttles:** 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. -- loop from Eisenhower Hall tunnel to West Point Club, Thayer Gate/Visitors Center, Parents and guest parking Lots A-F, Post Exchange and K Lot.

Parent Bus Tours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. -- Eisenhower Hall to Trophy Point around The Plain, South Dock, Herbert Hall, Cadet Chapel and back to Ike Hall.

****Shuttles will have appropriate signs**

Dec. 6	Noon	Army-Navy Football Game @ Philadelphia
Dec. 15-20	TEEs	Term End Exam Week
Starts Dec. 21	Winter Leave Ends Jan. 4	Cadet accountability formation at 7 p.m., Jan. 4
2009		
Jan. 8		First day of spring semester classes
Jan. 19	MLK Day	Classes in session
Feb. 14-16	Presidents Day Weekend	Cadet accountability formation at 7 p.m., Feb. 16
Mar. 13-15	Plebe-Parent Weekend	4th Class cadets begin leave immediately following duty
Mar. 14-22	Spring Leave	Cadet accountability formation at 7 p.m., March 22
May 9-15	TEEs	Term End Exam Week
May 18-23	Grad Week	Graduation Week for Class of 2009
May 23	Graduation 10 a.m.	USMA Class of 2009

How do I get

to Constitution Island?

If you are at Ike Hall, take the Parent Bus Tour to South Dock and then the boat to Constitution Island. Upon your return from the Island, you can catch the next bus and take the rest of the tour.

back to my car?

If you are at Ike Hall, go back to where you left the Parent Shuttle Bus and catch the bus back to the parking lots **OR** from 11:30-2:30 p.m. take the Lunch Shuttle Bus **OR** after the Oath Ceremony, take the Parent Shuttle from Daly Field.

to the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center?

If you are at Ike Hall, walk to the top of the hill, cross Washington Road and you will see signs near the Dean's Quarters directing you to the ACPDC.

to the Museum and/or Visitors Center?

If you are at Ike Hall, you can catch one of the southbound Post Shuttle Buses at the bottom of the hill **OR** from 11:30-2:30 take the Lunch Shuttle Bus.

to the Association of Graduates (AOG)?

If you are at Ike Hall, take the Parent Bus Tour and it will drop you there. When you are done, you can catch the next bus and take the rest of the tour.

to the Static Display?

If you are at Ike Hall, walk to the top of the hill, go left on Washington Road past Trophy Point and cross the road just after Battle Monument. You will see the display on Daly Field.

to Fort Putnam?

If you are at Ike Hall, take the Parent Bus Tour and ask to be dropped at the corner of Mills and Stony Lonesome Roads (by Michie Stadium and Lusk Reservoir). Hike up Stony Lonesome Road to Delafield Road (on your right) and follow it to the entrance to the fort and follow the path up the hill **OR** catch the bus back to the parking lots, walk down the hill to Delafield Road and follow it to the fort **OR** from 11:30-2:30 take the Lunch Shuttle Bus and ask to be dropped off at Delafield Road and follow it to the fort.

Things to do and places to see at West Point

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

With approximately 1,300 cadet candidates arriving for Reception Day Monday accompanied by family and friends, those waiting for the final event of the day -- the oath ceremony at Trophy Point -- will have plenty of events to enjoy and attractions to see.

Visitors Center, Gift Shop and Museum

One of the best ways to learn about the history of West Point is to go to the Visitors Center, Gift Shop and West Point Museum located at Pershing Center in Highland Falls, N.Y.

The Visitors Center offers information on cadet life, videos and replicas of cadet rooms.

While there, mosey on over to the Gift Shop for Army and West Point apparel, gifts and mementos.

The Visitors Center and Gift Shop are open from 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. except for this Sunday when the Visitors Center will be open until 6 p.m.

The West Point Museum is considered to be the oldest and largest public collection of military history in the Western Hemisphere.

Its collection includes nearly all aspects of military history of the U.S. Military Academy, the evolution of warfare (including an atom bomb) and the development of the American armed forces. It also has one of the finest military small arms collections for public viewing. The Museum is open Monday from 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Regular hours the rest of the year are 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

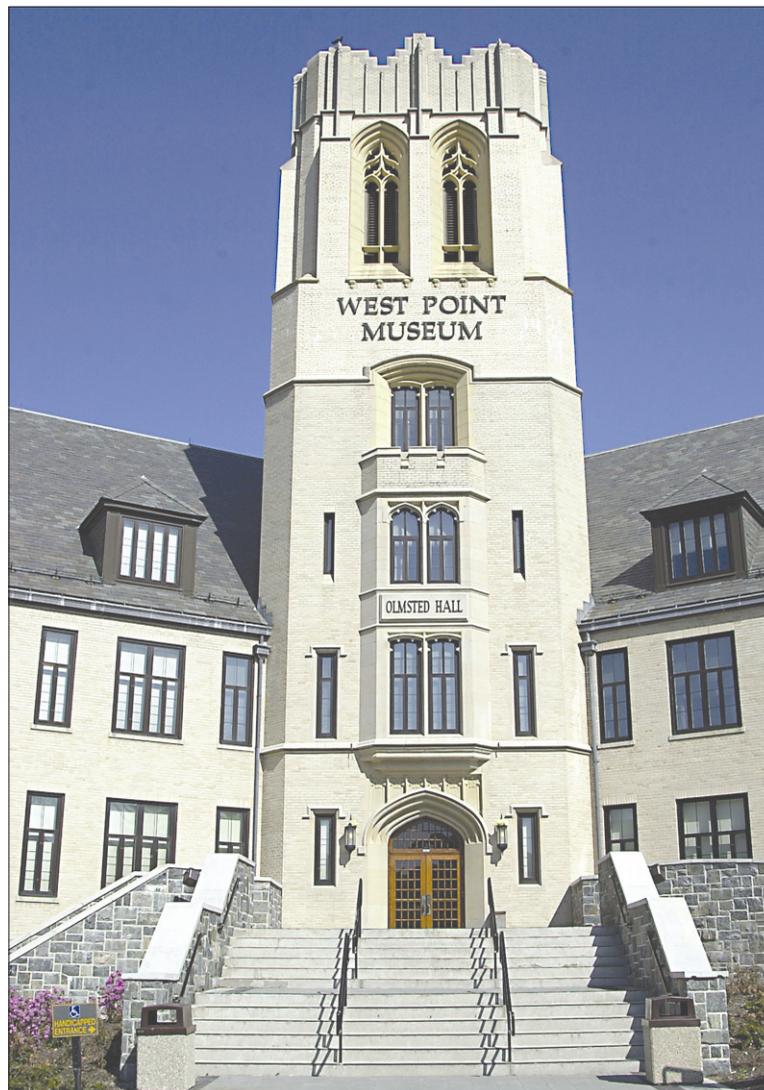
Fort Putnam

Fort Putnam was one of many forts at West Point during the American Revolution.

It rises about 500 feet above sea level and protected the Plain and approaches to the Great Chain.

Built in 1778 by Col. Rufus Putnam's 5th Massachusetts Regiment, it was considered the key fortification in the interlocking network of forts and redoubts that made up West Point's defense.

Originally made of wood, it stands today as a stone fortification after restoration was done during the American Revolution bicentennial



The West Point Museum is located at Pershing Center (also known as South Post).
BEV COOPER/DOIM MMB

during the 1970's.

Fort Putnam is open Monday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and during home football games from 9 a.m. -4:15 p.m.

Regular hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center

A self-tour of the newly renovated ACPDC is available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

See the wave pool and other interesting and state-of-the-art physical training rooms, including a new weight room, six racquetball courts and a 48-foot high rock climbing wall donated by the USMA Class of 1979.

Concerts at Trophy Point

The U.S. Military Academy Band continues their long summer tradition of 'Music under the Stars'

concert series.

The concerts began June 15 and will continue until Aug. 31.

The Sunday concert features the 'Jazz Knights with 'The Maynard Ferguson Legacy,' starting at 7:30 p.m. The concert series is free and open to the public at the Trophy Point Amphitheater starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Cadet Chapel

The architecture of the Cadet Chapel combines the techniques and shapes of Gothic with the massiveness of medieval fortresses and was constructed of native granite in 1910.

The Cadet Chapel organ began being built in 1911 and was continually enlarged by memorial gifts making it the largest church organ in the world.

Stained glass windows populate the chapel created by the Willet Studios of Philadelphia. All of

the side windows are memorial windows given throughout time by various classes.

Services in the Cadet Chapel are conducted for Protestant members of the Corps of Cadets, faculty and the public.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday and the chapel is open daily from 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Sadly; the organ was damaged by a lightning strike June 14, which will cancel the usual Reception Day Carillion and Organ Concerts.

Constitution Island Tour

A tour of Constitution Island runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. leaving from South Dock Monday.

Remnants of an old unfinished fort can be seen on the island as well as the fully intact Warner House.

Sisters Susan and Anna Warner were well-known 19th century characters who taught Bible classes to cadets for 40 years.

Susan wrote the *Wide, Wide World* that became a best seller in its day. Anna wrote the well-known hymn *Jesus Loves Me*.

The oldest part of the house includes a thick, stone wall dating back to the Revolutionary War.

Tours to the island will leave from South Dock Monday at 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

West Point Cemetery and Old Cadet Chapel (self-tour)

More than 6,000 men and women are buried at the West Point Cemetery, including the Warner sisters and recent graduates who fell during the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. Here you will also find graves of former superintendents, generals and astronauts.

The Old Cadet Chapel sits on the grounds of the West Point Cemetery. The chapel was dismantled stone by stone from its original location in the Central Area in 1911.

The chapel, with a seating capacity of 450, still holds Lutheran services on a regular basis and is a repository for many plaques and memorabilia including the painting *Peace and War* by Robert Walter Weir, professor of drawing at West Point from 1876 to 1883.

The cemetery and Old Cadet Chapel are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. throughout the year.



West Point firefighters are the first responders to the multi-bus accident that caused several injuries, including a woman who injured her neck and back and needed to be removed from the bus through a window during the MASCAL exercise June 19.

Story and photos by Eric S. Bartelt

Two buses crashed with multiple victims to include elderly and young children near Gillis Field House June 19 at West Point. This is a real world possibility.

However, on this day it was the scenario of a yearly mass casualty exercise performed by Keller Army Community Hospital personnel, the West Point Fire Department, the Military Police and several outside-post medical first responders.

The multi-bus accident, according to Col. Norvell Coots, KACH commander, was complicated not only by the basic trauma injuries of the victims, but also the potential burns from the fuel spill and a chemical, biological agent (a white powder) identified on one of the buses.

While the WPFDF got to perform their skills as first responders and the MPs exercised their skills during the situation by investigating the accident area, the main purpose of the exercise was for the WPFDF, the MPs, KACH personnel and outside medical agencies to work hand-in-hand and communicate as best as they could under daunting

circumstances.

"The biggest things (that the exercise helps us with) are communication and interoperability," Coots said. "When 9/11 happened, the big complaint was that the fire department, the police and the first responders couldn't talk to each other -- just a basic communications breakdown.

"So what we do with this exercise is work on our communication between us here at West Point and Orange and Rockland counties, and in particular our relationship with Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery, Ramapo, New Windsor and Newburgh (outside responders)," he added.

"It exercises the interoperability piece where all these different ambulance companies work in concert with our fire department first responders and our ambulances, so they are able to hear each other and understand how each other operates ... so when we all get called in to respond to a situation, it's all memory because we've practiced it and drilled it so well that we have a comfort zone and we don't waste any time in diagnosing or transporting patients because of

that," he continued.

Six different ambulance companies were a part of the exercise and Coots sees that as a fabulous dynamic in creating a workable environment with several entities.

"The good thing about this is we're so interlinked with the local communities that we have a very good working relationship," Coots explained. "One of the things about this area is West Point is known as a potential terrorist threat, a risk because of the Corps of Cadets, so any threat to us is a threat to our surrounding community neighbors, and we work extremely well with them."

The exercise allowed KACH personnel to operate its hasty decontamination site at the area outside the emergency room and the permanent decontamination tent set up in front of the hospital.

It allowed the personnel to reinforce their critical skills needed during a real world medical emergency.

"We want to practice it enough so that in the middle of the night at four o'clock in the morning, people can just wake up, half asleep and come here and fall in on

their equipment and know exactly what to do," Coots remarked. "We drill constantly and we actually do our own MASCAL and CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) exercises several times a year and the CBRNE team trains at least once a month on their equipment."

The hasty decontamination area can be set up within five minutes within the entrance area of the emergency room and can take the initial patients sent to the hospital.

The permanent decontamination tent can take less than 30 minutes to build to take on the rest of the patients, so in the end they don't chemically contaminate the hospital and make it, essentially, unusable.

"These exercises are vital for us to be prepared for a real world incident, if it ever does happen, because we've got to get the patients decontaminated before they can get into the hospital," said Sgt. 1st Class Jess Walsh, Nutrition Care Specialist and NCOIC of the decontamination tent. "If a contaminated patient gets into the hospital, it shuts that area of the hospital down and maybe even the whole hospital ... so it is vital



Once the Mass Casualty Exercise got underway, Spc. Ajita Warren, who works in the emergency room at Keller Army Community Hospital, wrapped a victim's leg wound (above) that was sustained during a multi-bus crash during the MASCAL exercise June 19 at West Point.

for these guys to do the training, do it quickly and do it safely, get the victims decontaminated and get them to the places (in the hospital) they need to go."

Walsh was in charge of 29 people (18 in decontamination suits and another 11 who worked the equipment) who worked on nearly 30 patients who went through the decontamination site.

Although the group didn't do a morning round-robin as in past MASCALS, they did practice in the weeks leading up to the MASCAL.

"We've been training once a month and the two Saturdays prior to this week and we did the training because I have a lot of turnover on the team and I've just incorporated DENTAC as my equipment team," Walsh explained. "I have two



Keller Army Community Hospital personnel spray a multi-bus accident victim with water in the decontamination tent that was built in front of the hospital during the mass casualty exercise June 19. This is part of the yearly requirement that KACH personnel must perform for mass casualty scenarios.

different teams, the decon team that gets suited up and the DENTAC team that brings in all the big equipment to the decontamination shelter and by the time they get it set up, the decon team is all suited up."

Walsh gave all of his personnel high marks for their work during a tough MASCAL scenario.

"They did excellent today, far above what I thought they were going to do," Walsh said. "The difficult part for us is integrating the different decon teams and how they do things, but they follow directions well and we rotate them to keep them out of the elements to keep them cooled down and hydrated ... they thoroughly enjoyed the training."

Sergeant Edwin Calderon, who wore a suit and worked on the decontamination of the patients who went through the tent, felt the exercise went smoothly and talked about the importance of the exercise.

"We need to (reinforce our critical skills in decontamination)," Calderon said. "The more we practice the better we get and we have to (get better) because it saves lives."

Coots reiterated how well the exercise went and gave a big thank you to the community for its support and for the volunteers who participated as victims of the

multi-bus crash.

He also believes that West Point is on top of its game when it comes to being prepared for emergencies and, since this is his last MASCAL as the hospital's commander, he is happy with the way he's leaving the hospital to the next commander.

"Every commander wants to make improvements in any organization that he leaves and any facility that he is personally responsible for," Coots said. "I'm very proud of the organization and what we've done over the last two years with everything going on with the war and the Warrior Transition

unit ... so many things have been pulling at us and to be able to focus on this and to prove that everyone has the confidence and competence about doing (the MASCAL) gives me a great feeling.

"I know the community is in good hands when the next commander comes in because he's already starting off at a high point," he added. "Hopefully, the West Point community at large recognizes that as well and has a level of comfort with us -- knowing that if anything really does happen, that Keller Army Community Hospital can handle it."



A first responder from the Town of Ramapo and an EMT from West Point prep a victim for transport to the hospital.

What's Happening

PWOC Summer Bible Study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are hosting a Bible study group titled 'Becoming a Vessel God Can Use' by Donna Partow Thursday evenings through Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Post Chapel Basement.

For more information, contact Vicki McPeak at 446-8982 or Darlene Johnson at 859-4230.

Summer Playground Fun

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

Everyone is welcome.

Please bring water and sun block for your child.

We'll be at the following playgrounds on the stated dates:

Wednesday Grey Ghost
July 9 West Point Elementary
July 16 New Brick
July 23 Lee Road
July 30 Stony I

Aug. 6 West Point Elementary
In case of inclement weather, playgroup is cancelled.

West Point Women's Club Play Days

The WPWC Moms & Tots Summer Play Day will meet from 9:30-11 a.m. on the dates and locations listed below:

July 10 Bear Mountain
Playground on Hessian Lake
July 24 WPES Playground
Aug 14 Stony II Playground

Come join us for some summer fun.

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

Summer Bazaar

The Friends of the Library will hold a summer bazaar at the Highland Falls Library Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be raffles, bargain books, a variety of vendors and more.

R-Day Reception

Vision, a local civic group Highland Falls, is sponsoring an R-Day Reception for incoming cadets and their Families Sunday from 2-5 p.m. on the Most Holy Innocents Church lawn on Main Street, across from West Point Visitors Center.

Effective Military Writing Class

The Army Education Center is planning a free class for NCOs Corporal and above July 14 through from 5-8:30 p.m.

Students who complete the class will earn one semester hour of college credit with Central Texas College.

The class, MTBC-1171, Effective Military Writing, will meet at the Army Education Center, 683 Buckner Loop.

Registration information is available at 938-3464/5389.

July 4 Week Activities in Highland Falls

The Highland Falls 40th annual Independence Day celebration begins Sunday with the Friends of the Library craft show at the Highland Falls Library from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and ends July 4.

Monday

A pitch and run contest will be at Roe Park at 6 p.m.

Tuesday

All-Star Game at Roe Park at 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Canoe Races will begin at Roe Park at 6 p.m.

Thursday

Tricycle races will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Main Street.

Bed Races will start on Main Street at 6 p.m.

Other events include a watermelon eating contest, duck races, family activities and a block party, which will follow the Bed Races on Main Street.

July 4

Pee Wee race at Main Street at Memorial Park at 9:30 a.m.

Bike decorating contest Main Street at Memorial Park at 10 a.m.

Four division parade on Main Street at 3:30 p.m.

Family activities will begin at Roe Park from 5 - 9 p.m.

Spectacular fireworks show will be at Roe Park at 9:15 p.m.

Everyone in the region is invited to participate in all of the activities.

Highland Falls Farmers Market

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

KACH Closure

All Outpatient Clinics, Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology will be closed July 4. The Emergency Room will remain open.

Change of Command Ceremony

On July 10 at 10 a.m. at Trophy Point (Amphitheater) Keller Army Community Hospital will be saying farewell to Hospital Commander Col. Norvell V. Coots and his wife Claudia as he relinquishes his command.

Col. Coots will be assuming command at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. July 11.

The incoming Keller Army Community Hospital Commander, Col. Michael A. Deaton, will be accompanied by his wife Sandy. They are coming from Great Plains Regional Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ACOS Clin Ops.

Have you heard of ECHO?

Active Duty Family Members

who are homebound or have serious medical or mental disabilities are entitled to supplemental TRICARE coverage under the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO).

Special education, assistive services and training on assistive technology devices are just a few of the benefits offered through ECHO. Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is required.

For more information, visit the TRICARE ECHO Web site page at www.tricare.mil/echo/default.cfm, or contact Health Net Federal Services at 888-874-2273.

Childbirth Preparation Classes

A four-week series to prepare expectant parents for labor & delivery and newborn care is available starting July 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Classroom, Keller Army Community Hospital.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register. If you are expecting a baby before mid-October, sign up now.

Your local AFAP at work - West Point success stories

By Jen Pagio
Army Volunteer Corps
Coordinator
Army Community Service

The Army Family Action Plan is an Army program designed to improve the quality of life for the total Army Family.

Every installation holds a local conference annually to focus on areas of concern to the local community members.

While AFAP issues can be brought up at any time during the year online at www.westpointmwr.com, the issues that are selected to be reviewed and discussed at the conference are reviewed by groups in various areas.

The issues the various groups determine to be key issues are then referred to the appropriate agency(ies) for action.

Some issues are also forwarded to the Department of the Army or the Department of Defense, as they are things that cannot be completed at the installation level.

The 2008 West Point AFAP Conference is scheduled for Nov. 18-19 at the West Point Club and the Teen AFAP, held at Youth Services, will be Nov. 15.

To be part of the solution and help make life better for everyone at West Point, contact Jen Pagio, Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator at (845) 938-3655 for additional information on the AFAP or to volunteer as a participant for the 2008 AFAP Conference.

Below are "success stories" and results that were reported by West Point agencies at the Commander's 2008 AFAP Steering Committees. Fourteen of the 34 active issues were completed in 2007-2008, indicating that the AFAP process at West Point works.

An additional 13 "bin" issues, issues brought up by the West Point community but not selected as part of the AFAP process, were addressed and agency responses to these can be viewed on the www.westpointmwr.com.

Issue #0703 -- Army Family Stability for Short-Term Permanent Change of Station:

The Army addressed the issue and initiated a waiver program allowing Soldiers to receive the higher Basic Housing Allowance if their Family is separated due to a short term PCS, medical

condition, unit deployment or spouse's employment.

Servicemembers can request the waiver through the Adjutant General office with an exception to policy for short term requests to remain in West Point housing. They will be reviewed by the Garrison Commander and decisions made after reviewing the housing needs for Soldiers currently assigned to West Point.

Issue #0708 -- Lack of Advertisement and Opportunity for Teen Employment: The Teens reported the lack of advertisement reduces the opportunity for teens to find employment and obtain job experience.

Teen workshops designed to inform youths about resumes, interviewing skills and job searches are now being held at the Youth Center. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center increased the promotion of the summer hire opportunities and developed a pamphlet on student employment programs.

Additionally, a link for the CPAC Web site has now been included on the Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Web site under the CYS School Liaison. CPAC has also created a Student Employment Program Informational Pamphlet.

A Teen Employment Board has been established at the Youth Center. Both ACS and CYS are working closely with local schools to provide information on job opportunities for teens.

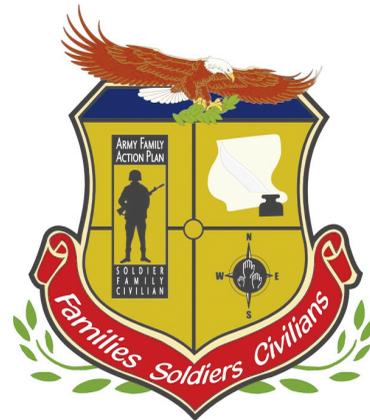
Issue #0709 -- Appointment Availability at Keller Army Community Hospital: KACH is currently fully staffed. Unbooked appointments automatically turn into routine appointments and then roll down to same day appointments.

Additionally, KACH has added appointments to accommodate the current demand for school physicals. When appointments were not available last summer due to staff shortages, which is not currently a problem, authorizations were permitted for patients to go to the outside network.

Issue #0710 -- Mental Health Issues and Support for Family Members of Active Duty Soldiers: The Mental Health facility, located in Bldg. 606, recently hired additional staff.

KACH has two psychologists and one military psychiatrist and have hired another civilian psychiatrist and a social worker to work specifically with the WTU Soldiers and Families.

Health Benefit Advisors are available to advise people on the TRICARE network and a toll free number providing information 24/7 is available through the Military OneSource Hotline: 800-342-9647.



Issue #0711 -- Waiting Family Stress: Information on Waiting Family Stress is currently available through Army Community Service and the MEDDAC Family Readiness Group.

Further, MEDDAC has created and provided briefing materials on their Web site. ACS has conducted staff sensitivity training at the West Point Schools and the CDC.

Issue #0712 -- Women, Infant & Children Items at the Commissary: All staff including cashiers receives ongoing training at the Commissary and are informed of WIC items carried at the Commissary.

Issue #0714 -- Unsupervised Minors on West Point: This topic was addressed at the Community Advisory Council meeting. The West Point Child Supervision Policy was sent by e-mail to the West Point Community in the spring. Additionally, the supervision policy is provided at Newcomer's briefings and in Newcomer's welcome packets.

The Garrison Commander has approved the implementation of MPs checking IDs after hours in random areas of housing to see if there are any trends, neighborhoods or activities of concern. Balfour Beatty, the new RCI housing

contractor, will work to place signage on playgrounds posting the West Point child supervision guidelines.

Issue #0716 -- Employment Information Services: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center completed and distributed the Family Member Employment Handbook and developed a Student Education Employment Program Informational Pamphlet.

ACS continues to provide numerous workshops and services to assist Family members with employment opportunities in the local community. These services are published in the local media and organization newsletters.

CPAC and ACS are working closely together to make this information available online through the CPAC and ACS Web sites.

Issue #0604 -- Keller Army Community Hospital Emergency Room Lack of Efficiency and Responsiveness from Providers:

KACH reported the ER scores increased from 79 to 94.2 percent on their recent satisfaction surveys.

KACH was ranked #1 in patient satisfaction by the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command for the fourth month in a row and received the highest score for patient satisfaction at a medium sized facility, receiving an award from the Department of Defense.

Customer service has increased and patient satisfaction is among the highest in the DOD.

Issue #0611 -- Priority of In/Out PCS Reservations for the Five Star Inn: The standard operating procedure was changed from 30 days to 15 days for the period of April 1 to Dec. 1.

In addition, three rooms are reserved daily for PCS needs.

Metrics provided by the Five Star Inn show that this policy has lowered the number of Statements of Non-availability for PCSers during this time frame.

Issue #0615 -- Coffee, Internet & International Calling Café:

FMWR has created a Youth Center Technology Lab with full Internet access and offers a cyber café to the West Point youth.

Additionally, the Ski Lodge, the Bowling Center and Round

Pond are now fully equipped with WIFI access.

AAFES will offer wireless Internet connection at the Main Exchange and at the Subway Shop on lower post. Testing on this project began in May.

Issue #0507 -- Single Soldier Living Conditions in Barracks:

The Directorate of Public Works has performed a great deal of work to improve troop barracks (Bldgs. 620 and 624) since this issue was submitted in 2005.

With these renovations, the space is now considered adequate. DPW reported completing 60 service orders for Bldg. 620 and 45 orders for Bldg. 624 resulting in a total expenditure of \$93,893.

Issue #0517 -- Insufficient Support for the Soldiers and Families of West Point: AAFES solicited for concession food vendors. The bid went out to five concessions which will offer a variety for customers.

The Directorate of Cadet Activities has increased its product line in an effort to satisfy customer needs by adding Mexican food at Grant Hall.

The Commissary reported the new produce company allows rejection of substandard products.

Issue #403 -- Child Care Options for Dual and Single Military: This issue involves single and dual military Soldiers whose children are enrolled in full-time care at the CDC.

Due to mission-related requirements outside of the CDC's normal operating hours, additional child care needs are supplemented to retain space at the CDC; thus, relieving the financial burden of additional child care costs.

The issue recommended that Soldiers be reimbursed for these additional childcare costs instead of paying out of pocket.

An SOP is now in place. On April 15, a letter informing Soldiers of the policy change and reimbursement procedures was sent out to 34 Dual Military/Single Soldiers with children who are enrolled in the full-time day care program.

Additional FCC homes have been opened that can support weekend and evening child care requirements.

FMWR Blurbs

AER Closing Ceremony

The 2008 Army Emergency Relief Closing Ceremony will be held July 1 at 3:30 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 622. The West Point community raised over \$87,000 in aid. Refreshments will be served.

Hog Wild Vendors Needed

Vendors are needed for the Round Pond Hog Wild Party, Aug. 16 from 1 to 8 p.m..

Call 938-8185 for more info or to register by Tuesday.

Rhythm & Blues at WP Club

Rhythm & Blues Night will be held at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight.

There will be an Open Bar from 7-8 p.m. and a 'heavy' hors d'oeuvres reception will follow.

For more info, call 938-5120.

ITR Trip

Join ITR for a visit to Coney Island, the New York Aquarium and Astroland in Brooklyn July 7.

The trip will leave West Point at 9 a.m. and return 4 p.m.

Call ITR at 938-3601 for more

info.

BOSS Poker Tournament

BOSS is hosting a Poker Tournament at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion July 11. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

This event is open to the entire West Point community. For info, call 938-6497.

Fishing restrictions

There will be fishing restrictions due to cadet summer training.

Check for details online at westpointmwr.com.

Ballroom Dancing

There will be ballroom dancing at the West Point Club July 20 from noon to 4 p.m.

Come dance the afternoon away in the Grand Ballroom.

A summer luncheon buffet and cash bar will be available.

Entertainment is by Carmelo Liardi.

For more info, call 938-5120.

West Point Post Library

The West Point Post Library is hosting its "Read 'Round the World'" summer reading program through July 31.

It is free and open to all West Point community children ages 3-12.

Register at the Post Library by today or call 938-2974.

Army Arts and Crafts Contest

Submit original artwork to the FMWR Craft Shop through Monday to enter the 2008 contest.

For full contest details, go to westpointmwr.com or call 938-4812.

Morgan Farm

Registration is now open for Kids Summer Riding Camps at Morgan Farm including English and Western style riding, grooming, tacking, mucking and proper TLC.

Beginner and intermediate levels are available at affordable rates.

It is also offering horseback riding lessons and is open to the general public. Call 938-3926 for more info.

Fitness Center

The FMWR Fitness Center will be open Sundays from noon to 6 p.m.



Good Citizens Recognized

Alex Oberwager-Spencer (second from left), son of Sgt. 1st Class Carol Oberwager, Stony I Mayor, and Jonathan Spencer, and Maj. Jeff Gribshaw received certificates of appreciation from Col. Dan Bruno (left), Garrison Commander, and a Garrison coin from Command Sgt. Major Violet McNeirney (right) in recognition of their many acts that assisted neighbors and the West Point community. They were recognized at the Community Advisory Council Meeting Monday.

PHOTO BY SHEILA HALL/AAFES

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL OFFICER

Maj. Matt Dabkowski, Dept. of Systems Engineering, has been appointed Summary Court Martial Officer to collect, inventory and process the personal effects of Col. Robert Powell, a member of the United States Military Academy's Staff and Faculty who died June 9, 2008, at West Point, NY. Accordingly, if you are aware of any debts owed to or by Col. Powell, please contact Maj. Dabkowski as soon as possible at 845-938-5539 or matthew.dabkowski@usma.edu.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Iron Man, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday -- The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian, PG, 7:30 p.m.

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

Delivery problems?

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Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Command Channel 8/23

June 27 - July 4

Friday

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

Monday

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - West Point Programming for R-Day

Tuesday through July 4

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

Army and Community Sports

Swimming duo set for Olympic Trials

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt

Attending the U.S. Military Academy and competing in swimming for Army brought many pressures over the years for Jake Mentele and Zach Disbrow. Now the former Army swimmers will be faced with their biggest athletic challenge as they participate at the USA Swimming Olympic Team Trials Sunday through July 6 at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Neb.

Both swimmers finished their Army careers in style by being named Patriot League Championship Male Swimmer of the Meet in their respective Firstie years.

Mentele, a 2008 USMA graduate, finished the championships by winning three individual events to include the 100-meter breaststroke, 200-meter individual medley and the 200-meter breaststroke, which he defended as the previous year's champion in the 200 breaststroke.

"I would consider (receiving PL Swimmer of the Meet) one of the highlights of my career, but I would say qualifying for the Olympic Trials was the best," Mentele said. "However, the Patriot League Championships last spring was the highlight of my collegiate career and one that I'll always look back on and enjoy."

The Sioux Falls, S.D., native will compete in the 100- and 200-meter breaststrokes at the Olympic Team Trials. He will compete in the 100 prelims on the first day of the meet and then swim in the 200 prelims Wednesday.

Mentele is not only hyped to swim in front of many of his closest friends and family members since Omaha is in close proximity to his hometown, but he's thrilled at the chance to find out how well he can compete against America's best swimmers.

"We've all been training hard with the long hours in the pool and it finally culminates our whole season or, even, years to this point," Mentele explained. "Everyone is at their top notch performance level and I'm pretty anxious to get into it because I'm going against our nation's best swimmers at their peak performance."

Disbrow, a 2007 USMA

graduate, earned six titles at the Patriot League Championships his Firstie year and currently ranks second all-time in academy history in the 200-meter butterfly and third all-time in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly.

The only two-time captain in the swimming program's history, Disbrow is excited to get his shot at the Olympics.

"It's absolutely great," Disbrow remarked. "It's something you think about when you're younger and I'm really proud to get this opportunity to represent the academy and the Army."

Army's dynamic duo have benefited from the coaching style of Mickey Wender, who has coached Army the last two years, and Disbrow saw it first hand as the swim team athletic intern in the spring.

"One of Coach Wender's strengths is that he really listens and is not afraid to take the advice of the swimmer or the swimmer's impression of what (he or she) is doing

and make a change to the training plan," Disbrow said. "He's in tune with what's going on and that really helps create a program and create a system that benefits every swimmer."

Coach Wender has had the duo working hard the past three weeks preparing for the Olympic Trials and as they prepare for the biggest meets of their lives.

"I've been maintaining my intensity, but now I'm starting to bring back the meters," Mentele said. "It helps rebuild my strength at the end, so I'm prepared for swimming the best race of my life."

Disbrow will compete July 4 in the 100-meter butterfly and continues to work himself hard for that meet.

"I'm doing a lot more short distance, high intensity workouts," Disbrow said. "But, I'm starting to

decrease my reps as I get closer and closer to the Trials."

No matter what happens at the Olympic Trials, Wender is pleased with these guys knowing they've represented the program in an extraordinary manner and have an opportunity to do great things at the Trials.

"It's a tremendous opportunity and responsibility that they have by representing West Point on the biggest stage that our sport has to offer at the Olympic Trials," Wender said. "Like every athlete here, they have a sense of being part of something bigger than themselves and representing not only West Point, but the whole Army, and these guys in particular take a lot of pride in that."

Wender will accompany Mentele and Disbrow to Omaha, and his mission is to try to keep them focused on the prize at hand.



United States Military Academy graduates Jake Mentele (left, 2008) and Zach Disbrow (2007) are set to compete in the USA Swimming Olympic Team Trials Sunday through July 6 in Omaha, Neb.

"The preparation has all been done and the work is there, and now so much of it is mental with harnessing those emotions," Wender said. "Swimmers tend to rely on feeling ... so the emotion of getting over that and just putting it all together and being as good as you can be at that moment -- that's what separates the great from the good."

This will be Wender's last opportunity to lead these guys and he's embracing the moment with them.

"I'm proud of them no matter what they do," he said. "I know they are capable of doing their best times and I know they are capable of moving up in the standings. Overall, they just need to go into this and see it as a celebration and a chance to enjoy swimming on a big stage one more time and have fun with it."

Mentele, who can't wait to experience the adrenaline rush of swimming in front of 15,000 people, will replace Disbrow as Army swimming's athletic intern in the fall, after which he will go into the Quartermaster branch.

Disbrow, on the other hand, will compete in his last competition as he decided to forego the Army's World Class Athlete Program and will go to Fort Hood, Texas, July 15. While thrilled to be at the Olympic Trials, he's also eager to get a chance to lead Soldiers in the 1st Calvary Division.

"I've enjoyed all the swimming I've done in my collegiate career and I've made great friends and learned great life lessons," the Armor officer said. "But there are things that are more important than athletics and I'm excited to move on to something as significant as leading American Soldiers."



Department of Military Instruction catcher Rick Strong (left) rips an RBI double in the second inning of his team's game against Chemistry and Life Sciences Tuesday at the FMWR H Lot Athletic Complex. He would later knock in an RBI single in game one of their doubleheader sweep of CLS. DMI defeated CLS 14-5 and 14-2 as DMI upped its record to 6-1 and second place in the Post Intramural Softball South Division. CLS dropped to 1-9 for the season.

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Directorate of Public Works pitcher Joe Hofstra (above) kept DOIM and the USMA Band's bats silent June 19 and Monday, respectively, as Hofstra and DPW held DOIM and the Band to two runs in its 17-2 and 12-2 victories. DPW is now 8-1 and in second place in the Post IM Softball North Division behind the Marines, who are currently 6-0.

Post Intramural Softball

*As of Tuesday's games

NORTH DIVISION		W - L
1. Stewart Marines		6 - 0
2. DPW		8 - 1
3. MEDDAC		4 - 1
4. ODIA		6 - 2
5. MPs		4 - 3
6. USMA Band		5 - 7
7. DOIM		4 - 6
8. WTU		2 - 6
9. 411th ENG CMD		0 - 13
SOUTH DIVISION		W - L
1. Math		7 - 0
2. DMI		6 - 1
3. History		6 - 2
4. DAD		5 - 2
5. Dean/DOL		3 - 3
6. DPE/EECS		5 - 5
7. BTD		3 - 6
8. Engineers		2 - 4
9. Social Science		1 - 7
10. CLS		1 - 9

Mansueto named wrestling assistant

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army head wrestling coach Chuck Barbee announced Monday the hiring of Rocco Mansueto as an assistant coach with the Black Knights for the upcoming season.

A two-time high school state champion from nearby Middletown, N.Y., Mansueto went on to make three NCAA Championship appearances and win an Eastern Wrestling League Championship at 125 pounds during a standout career at Cleveland State.

"I'm very excited to have Rocco join the Army Wrestling Staff," Barbee said. "Coach Mansueto was an outstanding collegiate wrestler and he is an even better technician and motivator. I anticipate his impact will be immediately felt by our entire team."

A four-time conference place-winner, including a pair of finals appearances, Mansueto was selected a team captain three times under Cleveland State head coach and former Army head coach Jack Effner. He was also named an All-American after a sixth-place showing at the U.S. Open Championships and qualified for the World Team Trials in 2002.