



Honoring the Buffalo Soldiers

Retired Sgt. Sanders Matthews Jr. (at the podium), one of the last living Buffalo Soldiers, presides over the 47th annual Buffalo Soldier Memorial Service at Buffalo Soldier Field here Sunday. The ceremony honored the Soldiers of the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiments, the first Congressionally-established African-American Army regiments. The Buffalo Soldiers, who served in the Spanish-American War, both World Wars and the Korean War, are credited with helping to break years of segregation in the Army's ranks. Matthews was honored at the ceremony with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition presented on the behalf of U.S. Rep. John Hall, D-N.Y.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO

EEO Federal Women's Program re-established

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood

In celebration of the 88th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, West Point's Equal Employment Opportunity office re-established the West Point Federal Women's Program during a luncheon Tuesday at the West Point Club. The WPFWP has not been active for more than a year because of personnel changes.

"When those running the program left, it left us with no manager," said Alexie Rogers, EEO director. "Now we have four separate managers for six special emphases programs."

The special emphases programs include Asian/Pacific American employment, black employment, Hispanic employment, Native American and Americans with disabilities program.

The program's mission is to ensure a civilian workforce in which women are employed at all levels in the Army regardless of race, creed, national origin or disability, according to the <http://eeoa.army.pentagon.mil> Web site.

The keynote speaker for the event was Cecilia Solomon, West Point's Director of Resource Management, who spoke about "How to Break the Glass Ceiling," which she describes as "that invisible but often impenetrable barrier that makes it more difficult for talented women to rise as high as men of equal talent."

Solomon was gritty enough to know her strengths and knew she could compete with men for highly competitive jobs.

"I started my journey not knowing where it would lead, but (I was) determined to go somewhere," she said.

Solomon said the sky is the limit for women, but it takes work



Cecilia Solomon speaks during EEO luncheon Tuesday.

and one should be prepared to deal with frustrations, especially as an Army wife.

"I was an Army wife, I followed my husband (everywhere)," she said. "I had to leave a position in Germany because my husband was assigned to Washington. Reaching the top requires a person to look for opportunities available, that person needs to have passion, enthusiasm and motivation but should also be flexible, mobile, be able to produce and have a sense of individual responsibility."

Solomon should know as she has had an Army career that spans 30 years. Before assuming her duties at West Point as Director of Resource Management in January 1999, she served in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate, HQDA.

She also served in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Resource Management, Eighth U.S. Army/U.S. Forces Korea in Seoul, South Korea.

"The Army is the best organization to promote opportunities for women," she said.

INSIDE Ring Weekend force protection message

By Joe Senger
DPTMS

In support of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2009 Ring Weekend Sept. 12-13, the following force protection measures are in effect:

Sept. 12 (Ring Ceremony) Traffic:

Beginning at 4:35 p.m., traffic will be blocked at the intersection of Washington and Stony Lonesome Roads, the intersection of Howard and Ruger Roads, the intersection

of Brewerton and Parke Roads (vicinity of Arvin CPDC) and by the entrance to Clinton Lot.

Traffic in the area will remain blocked until the completion of the Ring Ceremony.

Vehicles parked in Clinton, Doubleday and surrounding lots will be allowed to depart by exiting south onto Cullum Road past the cadet library.

Parking:

There will be no vehicles authorized on Jefferson Road
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Army to launch I AM Strong sexual assault prevention campaign

By Hank Minitrez
Army G-1 Public Affairs

LANSLOWNE, Va. -- The I AM Strong campaign will empower Soldiers to "Intervene, Act and Motivate" to prevent sexual assault, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston said.

Preston "soft-launched" the new peer-to-peer training effort with an announcement to young Soldiers attending the 2008 Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Conference in Lansdowne, Va., Aug. 6.

The I AM Strong campaign officially will be announced Tuesday when Secretary of the Army Pete Geren launches the Sexual Assault Prevention Campaign and Strategy, setting the tone for all Soldiers to shift from a response focus to prevention.

"I need your help with an issue that is affecting our Soldiers -- sexual assault," Preston told Soldiers attending the BOSS conference. "We've been on the defensive concerning this crime, and it is a criminal act.

"The Army was focused on

response. Now, we're going on the offensive," he added. "We're implementing a new prevention campaign."

Soldiers attending the BOSS conference came away understanding that preventing sexual assault is one of the highest priorities of the Army's most senior leadership. Hearing it straight from the Army's top non-commissioned officer served to underscore that point.

"As the Army moves out front in these efforts, I need you to ask yourself and each other, 'What can we do now to prevent sexual assault?'" Preston said. "It's about bringing the team together, being a leader. Looking out for our fellow Soldiers and taking them under your wing to keep them safe.

"Our Army values and the Warriors Ethos should make it a given," Preston added. "But to remind you and all our Army Soldiers, I want to reinforce that it's your duty as a Soldier to ..."

INTERVENE:

"When you recognize a threat to a fellow Soldier, I expect you to have the personal courage to

intervene and prevent sexual assault. As a warrior and a member of a team, you must intervene."

ACT:

"As a brother, a sister, a fellow Soldier, it is your duty to stand up for your battle buddies, no matter the time or place. Take action. Do what's right. Prevent sexual assault. Act."

MOTIVATE:

"We are Soldiers, motivated to engage and keep our fellow Soldiers safe. It is our mission to prevent sexual assault and to live the Army Values and take care of our fellow Soldiers. We are all motivated to take action, to promote SAPR programs and become advocates within our communities. We are strongest ... together."

This change moves the Army's efforts from risk reduction (potential victim focus) to prevention, which is focused on stopping potential offenders and their inappropriate behaviors and actions that may

foster sexual assault.

Just as Soldiers would not assist the enemy in harming one of our own, Preston said the Army expects that Soldiers will not tolerate the mistreatment or assault of a fellow Soldier.

The I AM Strong program features influential role models and a social network to encourage Soldiers to participate in prevention and accountability behaviors and offers community workshops, projects and awards.

In addition to an upcoming sexual assault prevention summit Tuesday through Sept. 12, Army G-1, in partnership with commands' I AM Strong programs, will launch a tour this fall featuring live, interactive training.

The training focuses on cultural expectations, gender role stereotypes and unrealistic expectations that contribute to unhealthy intimate and social

situations.

The training program addresses issues of dating, sex and non-stranger rape among young people. It fosters the dialogue to encourage thoughtful, accountable behavior.

The goal of the Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is to create a climate where Soldiers live the Army Values, thereby eliminating incidents of sexual assault.

"Sexual assault goes against our Army Values and Warrior Ethos," Preston explained. "I need you to intervene before an assault happens. Have the personal courage to take action and be motivated to make the program a success -- take ownership."

For more information on the SAPR program, go to www.sexualassault.army.mil.

(Editor's note: Hank Minitrez serves as deputy chief, Public Affairs for the Army G-1 Human Resource Policy Directorate.)

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), Capt. Vanara Nevels (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Sicoletti (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at 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.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/ECS

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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: Easy

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Muslims welcome in Ramadan

By Chaplain Carlos C. Huerta
Jewish Chaplain

Muslims at the U.S. Military Academy and from around the world embrace the Islamic Holy Month of Ramadan through the month of September.

As a Soldier, I have experienced the special holiness that Muslims bring to this season. I also have experienced those who purport themselves as Muslims and then use this time to attack and kill those who do not believe in what they do.

For many non-Muslims, Ramadan may bring images of terrorist attacks or religious radicals, but those images deny the

true purpose and meaning of what Ramadan represents.

It was during Ramadan in Mosul, Iraq, in 2005 that I experienced both. It was during a terrorist attack that I met a 7-year-old Iraqi boy whose name I never learned. He came into the Combat Surgical Hospital with a severe head wound and needed blood. It turned out we had the same type, and I gave him my blood.

I stayed with him, holding his hand, reading the Holy Qur'an to him and watched his soul return to Allah.

It was then that I realized the holiness of Ramadan. It was then that I vowed that this child whose name I never knew would not be

some forgotten statistic in a war. It was then that I promised myself that when Ramadan came around I would remind all those who would listen what Ramadan was really about.

People who have had the advantage of living in Islamic countries or have Islamic friends know Muslims approach and enter this month with great expectation and joy.

While it is true that Muslims observe a daily fast for nearly 30 days from dawn to twilight, the fasting is only a small part of the hope of Ramadan.

Ramadan is about the journey. It is about the Muslim, as an individual and as part of the community, finding his or her way home to Allah.

The path of life can be very complicated with its twists, turns and dead ends. As humans, we often lose focus of what life is about and what our purpose on Earth is.

It is so easy to chase the wind, to consider wealth, fame or promotion as the point and sole purpose of our existence.

It is too easy to forget that our goal on this Earth should be to love justice, seek mercy and walk humbly with our God.

For some of us, it may be too inconvenient to remember that and what God requires of us is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and take the homeless into our residence. It makes us uncomfortable to be reminded that, as Jesus said, we should take care of the "least of these," our brethren.

This is what Ramadan means for Muslims. It is about bringing life back into focus with service to Allah and humans.

It is about losing the baggage that a year of living builds up on the soul, and Ramadan offers the soul its chance for an annual checkup and spring cleaning.

Many religious traditions

include fasting as a path to introspection, self reflection and a way to bond your soul to the Creator.

Judaism observes many fasts where the best known is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Christian fast days are equally numerous and are for the same purpose.

Ramadan, rather than something that separates, is truly a holy season that can bring Jews, Christians, Muslims and others together in dialogue concerning our mutual hopes and dreams.

Ramadan is about hope. Ramadan is about bringing a holy peace to the soul and the world. And for me, Ramadan is about remembering a little Muslim boy who showed me the way to God. To our Muslim brothers and sisters with whom we share our life at the academy -- Cadet, Soldier and Civilian -- I wish you all a Ramadan Mubarak, a blessed Ramadan.

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and the Thayer Road extension at Trophy Point after 4 p.m. Vehicles parked on these roads are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Transportation:

Bus transportation will be available from Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot to Trophy Point from 3-6:30 p.m.

Sept. 13 (Banquet and Formal)

Traffic:

The intersection of Washington and Ruger Roads in front of the Commandant's quarters is subject to brief closures after 7:45 p.m. to

support pedestrians crossing at that intersection.

Parking:

There is no parking on Jefferson Road.

Transportation:

Bus transportation will be available from Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot to the cadet barracks area from 4:30-7 p.m.

A shuttle bus will be available to take participants from Eisenhower Hall back to Buffalo Soldier Field once the dinner concludes, and the activities move to Eisenhower Hall.

For more information, contact Joe Senger at 938-8859.

Suicide Prevention Week: Look for the signs of suicide

By Chuck Roberts

LANDSTUHL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, Germany -- A canoe plummets over a waterfall and crashes into boulders below.

Moments earlier, as it nears the precipice, a bystander almost yells out a warning but assumes the canoeist is in control of the situation and remains quiet. Before that, several hikers watch the same person paddling obliviously past numerous signs indicating rough water ahead.

As in the scenario above, speaking up and intervening early can save the life of a friend, colleague or loved one contemplating suicide, said Maj. David Reynolds, chief of Clinical Health Psychology at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

"It belongs to everyone," the Air Force psychologist said of responsibility to intervene. "If you're concerned someone you know is contemplating suicide, don't keep silent."

Intervention is critical, Reynolds said, because it can help change the perception of a person contemplating suicide who thinks of taking his life as a long-term solution to what may be only a short-term problem.

The vast majority of people don't commit suicide because they want to kill themselves, he said, but as a way to end the torment of not being able to cope with their problem.

Common problems include separation, disabling physical conditions, alcohol abuse, feared legal repercussions, emotional rejection or any overwhelming situation people feel they can't escape from.

"It can rock your world," Reynolds said of the emotional impact some face as the gulf widens between reality and their belief in how things should be happening.

As an example, he cited the case of a young airman who was seriously distraught because he had not become the millionaire he'd envisioned himself by his mid-20s.

Signs or symptoms of someone contemplating suicide can include withdrawal from society, giving away personal belongings or

actions as obvious as saying final goodbyes.

In one blatant incident, an airman kept a book about how to conduct suicide in full view of her colleagues. No one came forward and the young airman committed suicide.

There was a time when people hesitated broaching the subject of suicide for fear of placing the thought in their mind. But if you have enough suspicion and concern to think about approaching the subject with someone, Reynolds said it's almost certain the idea already has been contemplated.

When confronting someone, Reynolds said consideration should be placed on "how" or "what" to ask. A direct question such as, "Are you thinking about committing suicide?" may draw a negative response. A more meaningful response might be elicited by phrasing the question in a different way, such as "Are you thinking of hurting yourself?" or "When was the last time you thought about committing suicide?"

If someone indicates they are contemplating suicide, you should help ensure they receive counseling. But at any level of care from friends or healthcare professionals, Reynolds said the key is attempting to find out what the problem is and helping them see there are alternatives other than suicide and help them see beyond the immediacy of their problem.

That was the case with one suicide victim who, upon receiving the news he had prostate cancer, acted on his immediate reaction to end his life.

If he had taken the time and opportunity to speak with a healthcare professional, Reynolds said his outlook might have changed given the knowledge that recent medical history points to the disease as treatable and curable in many cases.

But someone who is suicidal often sees problems with tunnel vision and visualizes their problems as worse than others.

The magic question Reynolds said you want to help them answer is: "What is the one thing that would make life better so you wouldn't feel the need to commit suicide?"

For example, if a relationship suddenly ends while someone is deployed, the servicemember may be convinced they've lost the only person they'll ever love. A friend can point out countless others have been through the same experience and have gone on to discover love again.

And once someone is identified and receiving treatment, Reynolds noted the importance in keeping track of how they're getting along and remaining aware of how their problem is being resolved.

The good news about suicide prevention is that it works, Reynolds said, noting that suicide rates among servicemembers are statistically less than their civilian counterparts.

National Suicide Prevention Week is Sunday through Sept. 13. West Point will have Suicide Prevention classes at Robinson Auditorium from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and 1-2 p.m. Sept. 17.

(Editor's note: Chuck Roberts serves with Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Public Affairs in Germany.)

Suicide Prevention Recognition Day

By Ron Figliola
ADCO

World Wide Recognition Day for Suicide Prevention will be observed Wednesday. Stop by the Recognition Tent in front of Bldg. 606, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pick up information concerning local and worldwide suicide concern. Leave your suggestions about how to enhance the West Point Community's response to suicide and suicide prevention.

The Recognition Day initiative was developed by the International Association for Suicide Prevention, and is co-sponsored by the World Health Organization. This year's theme is "Think Globally. Plan Nationally. Act Locally." This phrase, first used by the movement to save the environment, is applied equally well to suicide prevention. The goals are:

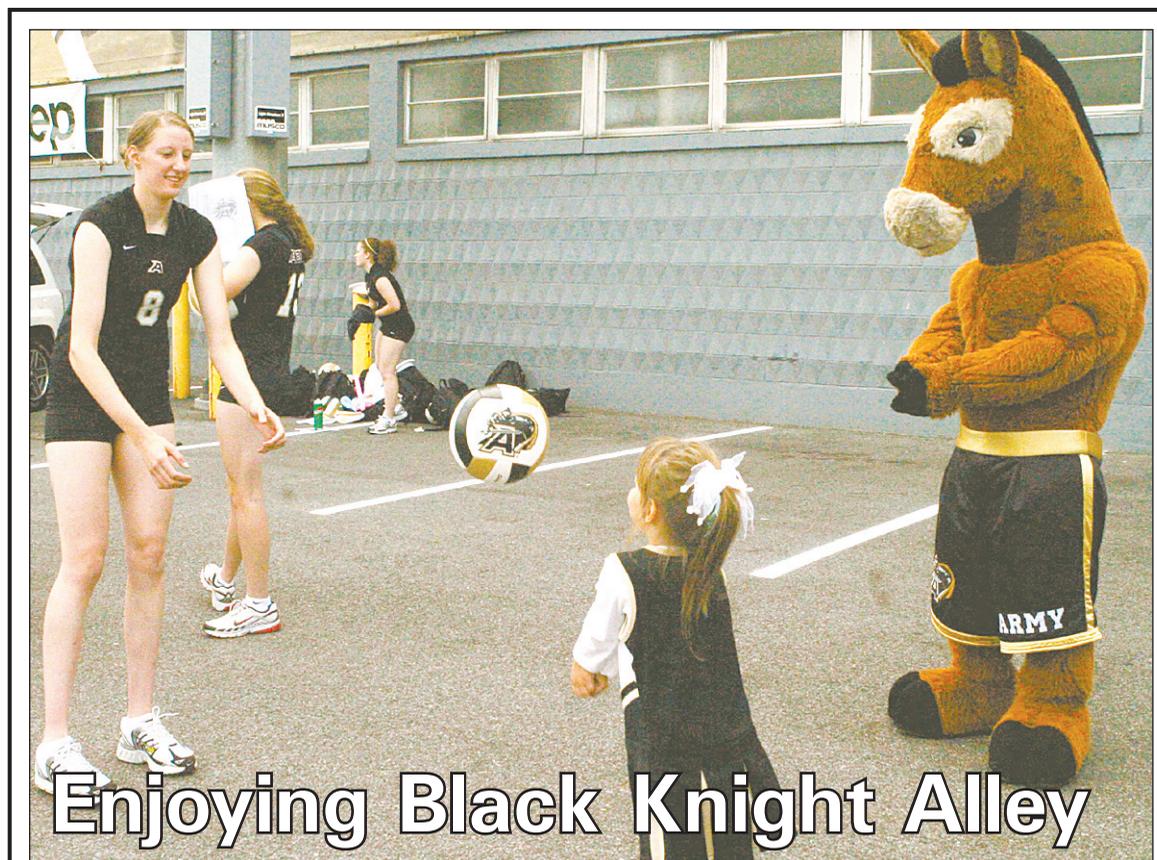
- to develop global awareness of suicide as a major preventable cause of premature death;
- to describe the political leadership and policy frameworks for suicide prevention;

• to highlight the many practical prevention programs that translate policy statements and research outcomes into activities at local, community and national-governmental levels.

The "Think Globally. Plan Nationally. Act Locally" theme is an opportunity for all sectors of the military community, the public, charitable organizations, communities, researchers, clinicians, practitioners, politicians and policy makers, volunteers and those bereaved by suicide to join with the sponsors of World Wide Recognition Day for Suicide Prevention.

It's to focus public attention on the unacceptable burden and costs of suicidal behaviors and to promote understanding about suicide and to highlight effective prevention activities.

Feeling overwhelmed, desperate and alone? Talk to someone. Call Mental Health/Social Work Services at 938-3441 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-Talk (8255) or the Chaplain at 401-8171.



Enjoying Black Knight Alley

A young fan enjoys a volleyball game with Yearling Mandi Rowell, who plays for Army, and Black Jack Aug. 29 in Black Knight Alley near Michie Stadium before the football season opener versus Temple.

EMILY TOWER/PV

Soldiers more flexible naming beneficiaries

By Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- Based on changes to laws over the past two years, Soldiers now have greater flexibility in determining whom they designate to receive their \$100,000 death gratuity.

On July 1, the law began allowing Soldiers to designate up to 10 beneficiaries, in \$10,000 increments, none of whom are required to be a spouse or Family member.

To accommodate the change, the Office of the Secretary of Defense has published an updated version of the Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data.

Since July 1, however, a number of Soldiers filled out the 1988 version of the DD Form 93. These Soldiers must now complete a new DD Form 93 using the January 2008 version.

Forms sent since July 1 need to be redone.

Before the new form was available, the Department of the Army issued guidance designed to allow for the new beneficiary options. Feedback from the field, though, indicates that the work-around does not adequately allow Defense Finance and Accounting Service to clearly determine Soldier

intent regarding their death gratuity choices, officials said.

Only Soldiers who completed the old DD Form 93 since July 1 are required to go back and complete the new version, officials said, but they added that all Soldiers are eligible to update their beneficiaries.

DD Forms 93 that were completed or updated before July 1 remain valid, officials said. They added, however, that Soldiers are encouraged to update their DD 93s on the new forms as soon as practicable.

"This is a command issue," said Gen. Pete Chiarelli, the vice chief of staff of the Army. "All commanders and leaders must ensure that Soldiers receive proper guidance and counseling related to their expanded death gratuity options. Talk to your Soldiers; tell them to talk to their Spouses and help them make appropriate decisions."

For more information or questions regarding the death gratuity and the DD Form 93, Soldiers and their Family members should contact their local servicing personnel administration center.

News and notes:

- Systems Engineering professor Greg Parnell was selected as a Fellow for The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. **INFORMS** is the largest professional society in the world for professionals in the field of operations research and boasts about 10,000 members.

Parnell was one of only 12 Fellows selected by INFORMS this year. He is the first faculty member from West Point to receive this honor.

- The Orange County Veterans Coalition and the Orange County Veterans Service Agency will host its annual POW/MIA Day of Remembrance at noon **Sept. 20** at the Land of Goshen Park, 118 Craigsville Road in Goshen.

Come to the event to honor those who sacrificed so much for our country.

For more information and directions, call 291-2470.

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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.

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C FUND	- 0.04 percent
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Community Features and Photos

Cadets tackle engineering skills on levees

By Emily Tower

Cow Christina Harjo's heart drops every time she goes home and sees the X's still marking homes where bodies were found after the "Big One" of 2005.

She had moved from New Orleans eight months before Hurricane Katrina destroyed the city where much of her family still lives.

As she watched her hometown flood after levees broke, she admits she got depressed. She also was inspired.

Harjo, now a civil engineering major, hopes to be a hydrology expert some day so she can build strong levees and hopefully prevent the horror in New Orleans from happening again.

She and Cow Alex Lawrence, also a civil engineering major, got their first hands-on experience with levee construction over the summer with an Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to the Seattle area to work with the Army's Corps of Engineers.

They were responsible for repairing a 250-foot stretch of

a 14-foot-high levee along the Snoqualmie River.

Heavy rain a couple of years ago damaged the levee, and little protected housing in the area from flooding, Lawrence said.

To repair the levee, a roughly \$1 million project, Harjo and Lawrence supervised a team that brought in large rocks, dirt and some special sticks. They had to maintain a delicate balance between protecting people from the environment and protecting the environment from people.

If the levee extended too far into the river, too much habitat would be disturbed, Lawrence said. Not extending it far enough could cause the levee to be ineffective.

Plus, the levee had to provide some kind of shade so water temperatures and fragile habitat could be maintained. Enter the special sticks that hopefully will grow into willow bushes.

This type of levee design -- a lasagna effect with layers of rock, dirt and willows -- has not been used before, Harjo said.

"I'm excited to see if the dirt stays," Harjo said.

Both cadets plan to keep in touch with their sponsor to see how their work fares.

They began with a levee that was "kind of a trapezoid shape, and the water scoured it out," Lawrence said.

Harjo, Lawrence and their team hauled out the old rock, placed the new rock and had to be careful not to stir up too much sediment all the while because that could damage the habitat for fish living in the river.

Continuous water quality tests were done to make sure sediment levels were kept in a range healthy enough for fish, and the water had its lowest level of sediment after the levee was repaired, Lawrence said.

Environmentalists and experts from the surrounding county worked with Harjo and Lawrence to ensure safety for animal species and compliance with treaties between the area's government and Native American tribes.

During their AIAD trip, which lasted from July 27-Aug. 16, Harjo and Lawrence toured the Corps of Engineers' Seattle district. They



Cows Christina Harjo (left) and Alex Lawrence work on the repairs of a 14-foot-high levee along the Snoqualmie River near Seattle during their AIAD trip.

PHOTO BY LISA SCOTT/CoE

saw barracks and dining facility construction at Fort Lewis, Wash., and toured a dam in Montana with the colonel in charge of the area.

"I liked seeing his leadership style," Lawrence said of shadowing Col. Anthony Wright. "He liked to have a town hall meeting (with contractors) and give them an update on everything and got their wish list to see everything they wanted."

That was a particularly valuable leadership lesson for Lawrence

because he said he learned not to "try to make changes right away (when arriving at a new unit). See what works and what doesn't before trying to make changes."

Harjo enjoyed practicing skills she hopes will help her with future classes and in designing safe levees that hopefully can help prevent what happened in her hometown.

"This time (this careful work) was for salmon," she said. "Next time, it will be to protect humans."

Summer interning, fun at “The Daily Show”

By Eric S. Bartelt

It's an enormously momentous time in American history as the 2008 presidential election steamrolls around the corner. This all means that politics is on the front burner of everyone's mind as the course of the country may stay status quo or drastically change by the candidate who is chosen.

Politics aren't widely discussed or deemed critical at West Point because of the Hatch Act and the apolitical environment that military installations are meant to have. However, as an American Politics major at the U.S. Military Academy, it is important to have an opinion, but more importantly, to do something a little bit different from the norm.

Firstie Garrison Haning got his chance to have a break from the military establishment when he took part in his summer Advanced Individual Academic Development.

With the help from members of the Department of Social Sciences, Haning spent three weeks, after finishing up as a company executive officer at Cadet Basic Training I, working as an intern at “The Daily Show” with Jon Stewart.

From July 27 through the beginning of organization week, Haning worked behind the scenes at one of the most hip alternative point-of-view shows on television, which features many things about pop culture but has a keen focus on politics.

Haning came up with the idea last summer to do this and felt “The Daily Show” was a great news show where people like to get their fill of politics nowadays.

“When I thought about it, it made a lot of sense for an American Politics major to do it,” Haning said. “There are people who get their news from the show or watch it for its satire, so I figured I could make a pretty strong case for it to the department head (Col. Michael Meese) ... (the department) said that if I could get (an intern position) they would fund it. So I started talking to the show and faxed my internship application resume and

interviewed for the position.”

After six months of going back and forth, Haning became one of 15 interns to work at “The Daily Show” during the summer.

Haning worked in several departments at the show and had varied experiences from going on runs to pick up props for the show to making announcements to the studio audience.

“What was cool was they would send me out on a prop run, I would buy the prop and bring it back and then three hours later, I would see Jon Stewart holding it on the television show,” Haning said. “I would be, ‘I bought that,’ and that felt pretty cool.”

Haning was pretty impressed at how the show pulled all its resources together to make a solid product.

“The best part (of working for the show) was seeing the behind the scenes aspect of the show, such as planning out the segments that they were going to do, what interviews they do and seeing the raw footage of the interviews beforehand and just seeing how much work goes into it,” Haning explained. “It was really impressive. It was great to learn everything that goes into putting on a show like that and seeing how all those different departments are managed and how they all work with each other for a common goal.”

Haning also worked in the

control room combing the media outlets looking for different clips and trends needed for the production. It was also in the control room with its hundred-something television and computer screens where he saw the management of the show at its highest form.

“The best thing for me as a future lieutenant was seeing what kind of management it took and what kind of skill was required to get all those different departments working in unison,” Haning said. “To see the finished product, from start to finish, it was incredible ... it blew my mind.”

Seeing the creative side of the show also helps Haning in his current job as Brigade Spirit Captain, where creativity is needed.

“It wasn't like I was writing Jon's jokes or anything, but it was still cool that I got to sit in the writer's meetings and stuff like that,” Haning said. “As a spirit captain, we have to be creative in what we do and come up with ideas to help get our classmates excited at an event.

“To see how they managed their creativity because when you got all those creative minds working, creativity leads to a lot of different things,” he added, “and to see all that creativity come up with a product that is coherent and tangible was really beneficial, and it is beneficial for me as spirit

captain.”

Haning was involved with the production during the Olympics and worked many tireless hours setting up laptops for the show's venture to the presidential conventions in Denver and St. Paul, Minn., within the last two weeks.

“It was cool to see the buildup for that and to see all the resources that come to bear when getting ready for something big like moving a whole TV show all the way to Denver and then St. Paul,” Haning said. “It's more than a 9-to-5 job. It's more than just a job for those folks. There is so much work that they must do that you can tell that they have to be really passionate about what they do to put in the work they do.”

Haning was glad that the Social Sciences department went “outside the box” to let him go on this AIAD trip to New York City. He felt it showed how open they are to new ideas and the insight on their part because they could see, “how much I could gain academically and as a future officer from the experience such as working at the show,” Haning said.

The Germantown, Md., native, was appreciative to his department academic counselor Maj. Mike Bagully and “The Daily Show” with Jon Stewart's supervising

producer Jennifer Flanz for their hard work to get him an internship at the show.

While it wasn't always easy to fit in when he arrived two months after the initial intern orientation in late May, the show was very accommodating to his summer training schedule at West Point.

“They already had a routine when I came in, there was a rhythm to it, and it was tough to catch on because I had just finished Beast and then the next day, I was in the city starting the job,” Haning said. “But, in that short period, they went out of their way to make sure I got to experience as much of the show as I could.”

One of the biggest things Haning experienced and wanted to reiterate back to his classmates was the relationship between the media and the military, and it is as strong as you want to make it to be.

“I told (the show's bosses) what I wanted to do is walk away from the internship being able to tell my friends how the media works because that's one of the biggest problems with young lieutenants and that is they don't deal well with the media,” Haning said. “The fact that they were so willing to get me in there to see how the show works, it showed they cared about (me as a military person).”

Delivery problems?

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POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM.

SFAC moves to new office

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center, which is within the Army Community Service Division of the Directorate of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, has moved their offices from Bldg. 622 to Bldg. 626, second floor, next to the Warrior Transition Unit.

The move is because of the SFAC outgrowing their old offices.

“We have six full-time employees here and one half-time employee for on-site services,” said Lisa Blackmon, Social Service Coordinator. “We have a living room area with a faux fireplace to help give it a warm Family-like feeling, a kitchen to provide snacks to Warriors in Transition and their Families, a computer center where they can e-mail friends, Family members or work on paperwork and a play area.”

The SFAC includes human resources, intake and referral where Soldier issues are settled or referred to another service, survivor outreach services, educational services and social services.

The center aids Soldiers in housing issues, child and youth services, military pay and education. The center also has Wii gaming, which came in very handy for Spc. Tony Labelle, who transferred from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and is one of 96 Soldiers assigned to the WTU.

“When I was wounded, my legs and arms were paralyzed,” Labelle said. “I had a lot of nerve damage. When I started playing the Wii games, I regained movement in my arms, and even though doctors told me I would never walk again, I am able to walk as well. I’ve had an amazing recovery, and I think this game helped a lot, especially with regaining movement in my arms.”

For more information on the SFAC, call 938-0630.



Specialist Tony Labelle plays tennis on Wii, which helped him regain movement in his arms and hands, at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center. Labelle has been with the Warrior Transition Unit since October and is expected to go home to Worcester, Mass., in five weeks.

Ever-changing, ever-improving "America's Army"

By Carrie McLeroy
Soldiers Magazine

At the turn of the millennium, the Army and the gaming industry forged what so far has been an eight-year partnership, combining Soldiers' knowledge of all things Army with industry professionals' understanding of how technology can be leveraged to relate the Army experience.

Colonel Casey Wardynski, director of the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis at the U.S. Military Academy and head of the "America's Army" program, developed a concept study in 1999 that "envisioned using computer game technology to provide the public a virtual Soldier experience that was engaging, informative and entertaining," said "America's Army" officials.

The Army set up the Army Game Project at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., in January 2000. The team was granted unprecedented access to units, training and equipment, and gained information and insights that were eventually modeled into game to contribute to its authentic Army "feel."

In its most widely used form, America's Army is an online, downloadable, PC-based game that allows players a portal into the Army, from basic training to Special Forces missions.

Unique to "America's Army," however, was the incorporation of values and consequences in a first-person action environment, which set it apart from its commercial counterparts.

"We entered into a marriage of game-industry technical expertise and Army core values, and applied that to something really meaningful," said Phillip Bossant, executive producer of the America's Army Public Applications team.

From its earliest version, "America's Army: Recon" (v1.0.0), players were bound by the rules of engagement, teamwork and adherence to the seven Army core values. Two dozen releases later, success in the game is still built upon team play and still guided by the Army's values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

America's Army was the first to use the Unreal Engine 2.0 to support its game.

"Unreal hadn't been released, yet our game came first," Bossant said. "America's Army looked nothing like the other games. It had high-quality graphics, animation and sound, even though the game was free to players. I think everyone expected it to be junk. They were all surprised."

The game was first introduced in 2002 and was an instant favorite at the annual industry trade show in Los Angeles.

Eight years later, America's Army continues to be one of the Top 10 online action games. To keep up with industry technical standards and an ever-increasing consumer appetite for dynamic game play, the public "America's Army" team has consistently used new technologies, platforms and themes to enhance game play.

The current version of the game, "America's Army: Special Forces (Overmatch)," combines high-fidelity graphics supported by the Unreal Engine 2.5 with dynamic game-play options to give players a "soup-to-nuts virtual experience within which to explore entry-level and advanced training, as well as Soldiering in small units," Bossant said.

"We have virtually taken our players through boot camp and airborne training, and even introduced them to the Special Forces," Bossant added. "Through America's Army, players have learned about rules of engagement, lifesaving, laws of war and Army values."

While the AA team currently is working on a new version of the game using the Unreal Engine 3.0, the current game still is widely popular. There are more than 9 million registered users, Bossant explained, and more than 900 fan Web sites have been established around the world.

The new game, scheduled for release in the coming year, will be faster to download, have better graphics and will expand on Army roles and missions.

"This game will continue to build upon the marriage between thoroughbred game technologies and the Army," Bossant said. "We reviewed lessons from our first 8 years, and we are making decisions based on those lessons to make the game a more compelling and comprehensive test drive of the Army. We'll keep the aspects that

are great about the current game, and use the new engine to create an even better version."

Most of the developers and artists on the America's Army team have participated in a condensed version of basic combat training at various installations, to get a better feel for what the Army is all about.

Through the training and other installation visits, the team has built relationships with Soldiers who understand what they are trying to accomplish through the game.

"America's Army 3.0" also will expand realism within game play.

"In everything a player does, from the training phases to mission play, there are consequences for their actions," Bossant said.

For example, a player may choose to take on a mission without additional training, but his game play will not be as effective as that of a player who perfected the training phases. Or a player will be able to choose which gear to don, but if he chooses the maximum amount of gear, he will move slower than a player who doesn't.

Players who don't follow the rules of engagement or conduct themselves according to the Army values are penalized.

"We're figuring out how to make these elements important to virtual players, and through that instill pride in their achievements in the game," Bossant said. "They have a persistent character in the game. If they invest the time,



"America's Army" public applications concept artists create the game's initial visual statement. The artists' images, such as the encampment seen here, are often developed before elements such as characters and terrain.

PHOTO BY AMERICA'S ARMY PROGRAM
they're likely to maximize their pursuit of opportunities and options. Advancement as a Soldier in the game means something to them. Other games don't offer that."

A Spouse's Point of View

The West Point (Elementary) Experience

By Janine Boldrin
Army Spouse

A few weeks ago, I joined the legion of colorful jogging strollers rolling down the housing area hills to cross Washington Road en route to West Point Elementary School for the start of a new school year.

The half-mile trip was a hard one. I was trying to counterbalance the weight of my youngest in the stroller with my pregnant body without tumbling down the hill. All the while, I was sending my oldest child off to a new school with unfamiliar teachers and situations.

We had just moved from a school where I felt connected to his teacher and everything going on in the school.

But now, with the recent move and a baby on the way, I just didn't

feel as prepared as when my oldest child went to kindergarten.

But I put on a brave face and marched him down the hill to the unknowns of first grade without saying anything about my own feelings.

I didn't want to add to his own unanswered questions: How much time he would have for lunch (in his last school it was less than 20 minutes) and how cool would the playground be (the verdict is still out)?

With the first days of elementary school still fresh in my mind, I sat amidst a sea of white over gray in the Cadet Chapel the Sunday after Acceptance Day and saw a familiar look on the faces of the mothers that sat around my Family.

These parents were about to leave their young men and women

at a school with unfamiliar teachers and situations.

For most of those parents, their journey to this point was much longer than the half mile I had to walk with my own son.

But I assumed they had similar feelings on Reception Day as I did when I delivered my son to school. They worried about leaving their child at West Point not because they didn't believe in their child or the institution but because of the unknown.

I wondered if the parents did as I had done a week before, which was to put aside their feelings to give their child a hug and say how proud they were of them. Then turned and walked away.

As a mother said to me the other day while we waited for our children during pick-up from school, "The first day of kindergarten was harder on me than it was for her. She just went right in (to school). Me, I went home and cried."

The cadets have bigger concerns

than lunch time and playgrounds. But not unlike me, their parents will have to rely on the fact they taught them the best they could and now their children would have to use those lessons to guide them through their days away from their parents.

As I walked away from my son on that first day of school, I tried not to pull a Mrs. MacArthur (Douglas

MacArthur's mom) by lingering too long.

Instead, I took one last look to see my son as he stood in line with the rest of his class.

They soon filed into the school, and he focused on what was ahead. There wasn't even a glance back to see where I stood.

And I was glad to know he was ready even if I was not.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

- Today -- **The Dark Knight, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Saturday -- **Space Chimps, G, 7:30 p.m.**
- Saturday -- **Mamma Mia, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 12 -- **Closed**
- Sept. 13 -- **Wall-E, G, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 13 -- **The Dark Knight, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 19 -- **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 20 -- **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 20 -- **The X-Files: I Want to Believe, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 11 years old and younger.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Sept. 5 - Sept. 12

Friday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. Army Newswatch
7:30 p.m. Jazz Knights

Monday-Sept. 12
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. Army Newswatch

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Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

What's Happening

2008 West Point Engineering Expo

The West Point Engineering Expo will be held from 6-8 p.m. today at Eisenhower Hall.

All cadets, staff and faculty and their Families are invited. A free pizza dinner will be provided for the cadets.

The event offers a chance to learn about engineering opportunities from regional engineers, West Point engineering faculty and cadet engineering majors.

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 Sunday on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

Families may register at any chapel, by e-mail to eric.bryan@usma.edu or by calling 938-3412.

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 Sunday.

Classes (K-Adult) are held from 9:15-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings on the third 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 information, contact Cindy Ragsdale at 938-8761 or Cynthia.Ragsdale@usma.edu.

West Point Women's Club Super Sign-Up

Join us 7-9 p.m. Tuesday 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 information at 859-4222 or stephrocks5@hotmail.com.

West Point Community Emergency Preparedness Fair

The West Point Community Emergency Preparedness Fair will take place from noon-5 p.m. Thursday at the Post Exchange.

Regional emergency management, first responder organizations and businesses will be handing out emergency preparedness information. They also will answer any emergency planning questions.

For more information, contact Henry Cervantes, DPTMS Emergency Plans Specialist, at 938-4509 or henry.cervantes@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.

- Suicide Prevention - Robinson Auditorium, Tuesday 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, Sept. 18 from 6-7:15 p.m.

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Robinson Auditorium, Sept. 15 from 6-7 p.m.

Project Compassion

Kaziah Hancock, an artist who has painted more than 1,000 paintings of servicemembers who died in Iraq, will address the Class of 2010 at 1:40 p.m. Thursday at Robinson Auditorium.

During the address, Hancock will present one of her "hero portraits" to the Family of 1st Lt. Dennis Zilinski (USMA 2004), who was killed in Bayji, Iraq, Nov. 19, 2005.

There are 250 open seats for staff and faculty, cadets and other USMA community members.

To view more of Hancock's

paintings, go to www.heropaintings.com.

Arvin Locker Renewal

The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will be conducting its annual renewal of the staff and faculty lockers from Monday through Sept. 30.

A blue locker renewal slip will be placed inside assigned lockers. Please fill out the blue slip and return it to the Arvin front desk no later than Sept. 30.

Failure to comply by this date will result in the loss of assigned lockers.

DUSA Education Grants

Daughters of the United States Army (DUSA) will be accepting applications for their fall continuing education grants starting Monday through Oct. 3.

Applicants must be DUSA members by Sept. 30 to qualify.

A grant application may be obtained by e-mailing Karen Schlicht at rkaschlicht@yahoo.com or at the DUSA gift shop in the museum. Call Karen Schlicht at 446-1006 for more information.

Worker's Compensation Training

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

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 ongoing and is estimated to be completed by 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.

Shuttle Bus Shelters

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

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

Tuition Assistance Guidance for FY08

In preparation for year-end close-out, Army Tuition Assistance registration will close Sept. 25 for classes starting on or before Sept. 30.

Enroll in classes through the Virtual Education Center in GoArmyEd before Sept. 25.

If enrollment is attempted after Sept. 25 for courses that start before Sept. 30, no TA will be awarded.

Contact the Education Center at 938-5389/3464 for more information.

Book signing

The USMA Bookstore in Thayer Hall is hosting a book signing by author Nate Self of his book *"Two Wars: One Hero's Fight on Two Fronts - Abroad and Within."*

Self was an Army Ranger captain and a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

He led a team of Rangers in the battle of Takur Ghar, known as the Rescue on Roberts Ridge.

He was featured on NBC's *Dateline* for the battle in which he led his unit into Afghanistan to rescue a Navy Seal.

Come meet the author in person

- 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.

from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tuesday at the USMA Bookstore Thayer Hall, fourth floor.

Book signing

The USMA Bookstore in Thayer Hall is hosting a book signing by local author Ronnie C. Coffey of her new release, *"Images of America Constitution Island,"* from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Author Maureen DuRant also will be signing her book, *"Postcard History Series - West Point,"* at the same time period.

The USMA Bookstore is located in Thayer Hall on the fourth floor.

Highland Falls Farmers Market

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

Garrison Award Ceremony

Everyone is invited to attend the Garrison Award Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

The
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"Music of Raymond Scott,"
September 14, 3:00 p.m.,
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Diversity," September 25,
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3:00 p.m., Jewish Chapel

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FMWR Blurbs

CDC Football Child Care

The West Point Child Development Center is offering child care for Army home football games for a fee.

Reservations are required nine days before gameday. For more information, call 938-3921.

Quarterback Luncheon Tickets

Tickets for West Point Club Quarterback Luncheons are currently on sale.

The food line opens at 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, and the luncheon begins at noon. For more information, call 938-5120.

Boot Camp Returns

Boot Camp returns to the FMWR Fitness Center at 9 a.m. Monday.

Class will be held every Monday.

This one-hour class is ideal for anyone who wants a more challenging workout.

Suicide Prevention Week

In support of Army Suicide Prevention Week, the West Point chaplains are presenting a Suicide Prevention Brief for Family and community members from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the ACS classroom, Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-2912.

Bow Hunter Course

The Bow Hunter Course at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond

is 6-10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Participants must attend both nights.

To register, call 938-2503.

Beginner's Running Group

FMWR Fitness Center announces a beginner's running group from 9-9:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays 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 the FMWR Fitness at 938-6490 to sign up or to get more information.

Combined Arms Tailgate

A Combined Arms Tailgate takes place at Howze Field Sept. 20 following Army's home football game versus Akron.

It is open to the entire West Point community.

For more information, call 938-4307.

Delafield Pond

Delafield Pond is still open for swimming. Cadets can get in for just \$1.

For information on hours and more, call 938-5158.

Fine Wine Dinner

A fine wine dinner at the West Point Club is set for 7-11 p.m. Sept. 12.

Experience exceptional cuisine paired with a variety of fine wines.

Open to the general public.

To make reservations, call 938-5120.

Defensive Driving Class

There is a Defensive Driving Class from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 13, in Bldg. 622. Register at ITR.

Call 938-2401 for more information.

Junior Golf Clinic

The West Point Golf Course will host a Junior Golf Clinic Sept. 15-19.

The clinic is open to children ages 7 and up and will cover all aspects of the game including fundamentals, etiquette, course management and more.

Space is limited. Register today by calling the Pro Shop at 938-2435.

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.

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 career opportunities that West Point and local businesses provide.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Employment Readiness Workshop

Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program is hosting a workshop about careers in real estate from noon-1:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Reservations are required. Call 938-5658 for more information.

Grand Opening

The grand opening of the West Point Club's Hudson Room patio is 5-8 p.m. Sept. 26.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, free barbecue for all who attend, live entertainment and a cash bar. For more information, call 938-5120.

Cross Training Challenge

A new cross training challenge will be offered at the FMWR Fitness Center.

"The Brick," is a 30-minute indoor spin/30-minute outdoor run class that will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 5:40-6:40 a.m.

Classes will be held rain or shine. All ability levels are welcome.

Reflective belt and running watch are recommended.

For more information, call 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 information, call 446-5140.

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.

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 more information.

Fitness Instructors Needed

Les Mills Body Combat instructors are needed.

Contact the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490 for more information.

Keller Corner

Free Developmental/Hearing Screenings

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

If you have concerns about 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 up to 5 years old.

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.

Childbirth Education

There will be four sessions of childbirth classes Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 6, or Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

The four-week childbirth sessions are designed to educate expectant parents about the labor and delivery experience at Keller that includes postpartum and newborn care and a unit tour.

Please call 938-3210 to sign up.

Classes fill up fast. Plan to start by your 30th week of pregnancy.

Temporary Relocation of Preventive Medicine & Wellness Services

With the ongoing renovation of Bldg. 606, Preventive Medicine

and Wellness will be temporarily relocated.

PM&W includes Occupational Health, Public Health Nursing, Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Science.

The temporary location will be trailers located in the parking lot at the end of DeRussy Road, former site of Bldg. 720.

The department will be closed Sept. 17-19 during the move. It will reopen Sept. 22.

For more information, please call 938-3055 for Occupational Health or 938-2676 for any of the other services.

National Cholesterol Education Month

September is National

Cholesterol Education Month, which makes it a perfect time to get your blood cholesterol checked and take steps to lower it if it is too high.

National Cholesterol Education Month is also a good time to learn about lipid profiles and about food and lifestyle choices that help you reach personal cholesterol goals.

High blood cholesterol affects more than 65 million Americans.

It is a serious condition that increases the risk for heart disease.

Lowering cholesterol levels that are too high lessens the risk for developing heart disease and reduces the chance of having a heart attack or developing heart disease.

Appointment and Referral Center Hours

The Appointment and Referral Center is open Monday through Friday.

The hours for appointments are 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and to make an appointment call 938-7992 or 800-522-2907.

The hours for referrals are 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and to get a referral call 938-5373.

REMINDER

New Central Area Parking stickers went into effect Aug. 23. Make sure you go to the the Old Library or PMO and get your sticker.

Army and Community Sports

Army's stout netminder has political aspirations

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt

A leader rises when the situation calls for someone to take charge during a time of need. When a collegiate team graduates 10 seniors, it is imperative that someone from the incoming senior class take the bull by the horns and corral the team into a cohesive unit.

Army men's soccer finished with its best record in 11 years last year at 9-7-2, but the team felt the sting of losing a majority of its contributors to graduation.

So through the darkness of losing an enormous amount of veteran leadership came the guiding light of Firstie goaltender A.J. Glubzinski.

Glubzinski is a beacon for the team; he is an Academic All-American, one of two in team history, and a team co-captain who has led the way on the field.

His stellar play last season led to a 0.93 goals against average and six shutouts in 14 starts, and he will be needed this year as the group in front of him will have less experience. Despite that lack of experience, Glubzinski feels strongly that the Black Knights will surprise some teams this year with their youthful talent.

"We're in the process of growing up really fast and I think it's been a successful pre-season for the most part," Glubzinski said. "I think we learned some things about ourselves with mixed results, both pluses and minuses, but I definitely think we have an opportunity to surprise people this year.

"I'm excited about the capabilities of this young group and where we can go," he added.

Glubzinski raved about several teammates including Yearling defenseman Mike Chere and Cow midfielders Andrew Kydes, Peter Campbell and Bryan Connolly, who is coming back from knee surgery last year.

Head coach Kurt Swanbeck has some reservations about a team returning only three firsties, all of whom are goaltenders, but he does believe they have a strong talent base heading into the season.

"The concern you have with only three seniors is the team is young, inexperienced and immature

in the game itself, but with some of the background these kids have with the clubs they've played for should prepare them to step up and be ready to go," Swanbeck said. "We have three players back who had full-blown knee surgeries last year with one of them being a forward in Bryan Connolly, who looks pretty strong. Mike Leach, who had a big goal last year against Navy, is only a (yearling).

"We'll certainly spread the wealth," he added. "I don't know if we'll have one person who will do the majority of the scoring, but if we get a handful of guys chipping in, that will be a good thing."

While the team's offense will need to produce more than the 22 goals it scored last season, the backend will take care of itself with the return of Glubzinski.

There will be more challenges this year with a younger squad, but Swanbeck is certain that Glubzinski will have a calming affect for the team.

"He started taking over a leadership role last year as a (cow)," Swanbeck explained. "He's very vocal, more than most goalkeepers, which I've always felt was a critical element of the position. He's constantly talking during training sessions and in games, and that's hugely important giving direction to those in front of him."

Being the team leader this year has been the goal, first and foremost, for Glubzinski, who sees it as a chance for a stepping stone toward a future as an Army officer.

"I've made it my goal for the season to be the best mentor that I can be," Glubzinski said. "I want to be someone who gives the team confidence that every time we step on the field that there's an aura of confidence that comes from the backstop all the way up to the forwards."

The native of Novi, Mich., a suburb outside Detroit, always has challenged himself to be the best he can be. Memorable games against Air Force (0-0 double overtime tie) and Navy (2-1 overtime victory) were just a couple of situations where he faced the adversity of a tough circumstance and came out on top of the situation.

Performing well in the classroom



Firstie goaltender A.J. Glubzinski is one of only three firsties on the Army men's soccer team, all of whom are goalies. He finished last year with 14 starts and a 0.93 goals against average.

and on the soccer field are just two things that make Glubzinski an impressive young man. But, most of all, it's his community interests that make him a special person to not only his team and the U.S. Military Academy, but the United States as a whole.

He's been involved in working in the inner city at soup kitchens and has worked in Washington and Boston for Habitat for Humanity. The American politics major has a lofty goal for the future -- to be the mayor of Detroit -- and he feels that's where America's cities need leaders for critical change.

"Politics is an area where leaders of character can have an impact," Glubzinski said. "I think that the most tangible or obvious connection in being in a place like (the academy) is the need for character in our public leaders.

"Moreover, in an urban-sized environment, that's an environment where you can have a fresh impact on people whether you are a mayor or part of the city council where you are collectively responsible for 3.4 million people in Detroit," he added. "It's a good leadership opportunity and a chance to be close with people and serve and

provide for them."

Glubzinski looks at public service and the experiences of working as a volunteer in some of America's biggest cities in a positive light.

"I take it from the perspective of, '(from) he who has given much, much is expected,' and that's the way I feel, and the service mentality has always been in me," he remarked. "Ultimately, it gives me a fresh sense of humility, and I know I was fortunate enough to be raised in a nice suburban town with a great family and there's a lot that I've (been) given that should be given back."

In the interim, Glubzinski will patrol Army's goal and look to

take his team to the next level this season. How far the team goes this season depends on many factors especially with the team's youth, but Glubzinski, without a doubt, will be a big factor in where they go.

"I had a chance to step in as a (yearling) to lead the team, so I've shared that with the guys, and it doesn't matter how old you are, it's about the way you carry yourself," Glubzinski said. "The example you set is the most important part of what you're trying to achieve. So when we walk off the field in November, and hopefully a couple of games in the NCAA Tournament, we'll be happy with where we reached."

Team effort kills Marist hopes, start season 3-0

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

Army made a short trip north to Marist Tuesday and were met with a much-improved Red Fox opponent.

The Black Knights worked hard in a humid McCann Center, but it paid off in the team's third straight 3-0 win.

The 25-15, 26-24, 25-17 win allowed the Black Knights (3-0) to beat Marist (1-4) for the fourth straight year.

Army totaled 44 kills and hit for a .368 percentage (nine errors, 95 attempts). Firstie middle Rachael Breinling led the Army attack with 10 kills and a team-high .643 hitting percentage.

Firstie Elizabeth Lazzari hit .500 (seven kills, zero errors, 14 attempts), while classmate Briana Stremick hit for a .421 (nine kills, one error, 19 attempts) mark on the

night. Cow setter Maureen Bannon posted a season-high 32 assists running the Army offense.

"We hit the ball well tonight and limited our errors, but we still need work on our blocking," said Army head coach Alma Kovaci. "Marist was a great test for us heading into this weekend's tournament at Temple where we will see some very solid competition."

Anchored by Cow libero Shara Hoffman's team-high 10 digs, Army's defense held Marist to a .208 attack percentage on the night. The Black Knights totaled five blocks as a team.

Army returns to the court at the Temple Tournament, which runs all day today and Saturday in Philadelphia.

The Black Knights are scheduled to take on the host Owls today at 5 p.m. before facing Fairfield (10 a.m.) and Bowling Green (3 p.m.) Saturday.



Firstie right side hitter Briana Stremick JOHN PELLINO/DOIM MMB



Washington earns first "AAA"

Plebe forward Dymon Washington was selected as the first Army Athletic Association "Athlete of the Week" for the 2008-09 academic year Monday. The Las Vegas native closed out the week with a goal and a pair of assists in leading the women's soccer team to a 2-1 mark in its first week of competition.

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Sports calendar

Sept. 5 - Sept. 14

Corps

FRIDAY -- VOLLEYBALL @ TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, 5 P.M.

FRIDAY -- MEN'S SOCCER @ MARIST, POUGHKEEPSIE, 7 P.M.

SATURDAY -- FOOTBALL VS. NEW HAMPSHIRE, MICHIE STADIUM, 1 P.M. (ESPN CLASSIC)

SATURDAY -- VOLLEYBALL VS. FAIRFIELD @ TEMPLE TOURNAMENT, PHILADELPHIA, 10 A.M.

SATURDAY -- VOLLEYBALL VS. BOWLING GREEN @ TEMPLE TOURNAMENT, PHILADELPHIA, 3 P.M.

WEDNESDAY -- MEN'S SOCCER VS. MANHATTAN, CLINTON FIELD, 7 P.M.

SEPT. 12 -- CROSS COUNTRY VS. CORNELL, W.P. GOLF COURSE, 3:30 P.M. (WOMEN), 4 P.M. (MEN)

SEPT. 12-14 -- WOMEN'S TENNIS @ NORTH TEXAS INVITATIONAL, ALL DAY EVENT

SEPT. 12 & SEPT. 14 -- WOMEN'S SOCCER @ AIR FORCE TOURNAMENT, (SEPT. 12, 10 P.M. VS. AIR FORCE) & (SEPT. 14, 1 P.M. VS. COLORADO COLLEGE)

SEPT. 13-14 -- VOLLEYBALL @ SYRACUSE TOURNAMENT VS. NORTHEASTERN (SEPT. 13, 9:30 A.M.), SIENA (SEPT. 13, 5 P.M.) AND SYRACUSE (SEPT. 14, 11 A.M.)

SEPT. 14 -- SPRINT FOOTBALL @ FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON, MADISON, N.J., 2 P.M.

Club

SATURDAY -- SAILING @ LONG BEACH, N.Y., 9 A.M.

SUNDAY -- TRIATHLON @ NAVY, ANNAPOLIS, MD., 6 A.M.



Looking to rebound

Firstie fullback Collin Mooney (#30 with ball) was Army's workhorse versus Temple with 81 yards on 26 carries. The Black Knights lost the Aug. 29 season opener 35-7 to the Owls and will return to action at 1 p.m. Saturday at Michie Stadium against New Hampshire. It will be New York Giants Appreciation Day with the first 10,000 fans ages 15 and older receiving a free Giants mini-helmet.

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Ultimate Frisbee Standings

* As of Aug. 27's games

	W - L
1. DMI	3 - 0
2. DPE/EECS	2 - 0
3. DFL/GENE	2 - 0
4. ENGLISH	2 - 0
5. PHYSICS	2 - 0
6. SYS ENG	3 - 1
7. SOC. SCI.	2 - 2
8. BTD	1 - 1
9. CME	1 - 1
10. HISTORY	1 - 1
11. BS&L	0 - 1
12. C&LS	0 - 4
13. MATH	0 - 4

ATTENTION CADETS AND MEMBERS OF THE WEST POINT COMMUNITY

Cadets and community members are encouraged to support the Army women's volleyball team as they face national powerhouse USC at 5 p.m. Sept. 19 at Christl Arena. The game will be televised on ESPN and immediately following the event will be a "Battle of the Bands."