

August changes [as of 8/8]	
C FUND	+ 3.01 percent
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Next wave of NSPS coming in November

By Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

The NSPS transition team held their first meeting Monday to discuss how to smoothly move approximately 120 civilians who work on the mission side of the house to the National Security Personnel System.

Although the Department of Defense has not officially released the timeline for Spiral 1.4, West Point's Civilian Personnel Director and transition team manager, Carol McQuinn, said she expects it will be sometime in November.

"Everything is pointing to a mid-November time frame," she said. "We're just waiting for the official announcement," she said.

Approximately 126 West Point garrison employees transitioned to the new system in April. This latest spiral, like all the others, will only affect non-bargaining unit employees, which means mainly professional and supervisory mission civilians. Although people are hesitant about moving to the new system, Col. Michael Colpo, West Point's chief of staff, said it's all part of a bigger picture.

"This is a part of the Army Transformation," Colpo said, "to establish a forward-looking and flexible personnel system that will enable us to recruit and motivate a high-performance workforce to meet the evolving requirements of the 21st century."

This new system is based on the best practices of the private sector and will change the way employees are rated and rewarded. McQuinn said the biggest change will be the pay-for-performance philosophy. Her team will work hard to make sure everyone understands how the system works well before the actual transition, she added.

"The most important thing about NSPS is education, making sure employees know they will now get paid for performance rather than longevity and how they can make that happen," McQuinn explained.

Colpo said he agreed that educating people about NSPS is the most important thing for a smooth transition.

"Everyone, even those not scheduled to go into the new system, should learn as much about it as possible," he explained. "The more educated everyone is on this system, the easier the transition."

Educating everyone will be done through various forms of NSPS training, and it has already begun, McQuinn said.

"We start our train-the-trainer classes Wednesday," she explained. "Our volunteers will get three days of intense training in the new system and they will be the ones who will help train everyone else."

"After training the trainers, we'll start scheduling classes for the rest of the affected work force members," McQuinn added.

Employees will get a basic introduction to NSPS at the initial work force briefing Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m. in Room 144, Thayer Hall. However, McQuinn said, she would

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Cooling off CFT run back

The Systems Engineering Department with assistance from the West Point Fire Department cool off members of the Class of 2010 Monday during the Run Back from Camp Buckner.

PHOTO BY LT. COL. DONNA KORYCINSKI/SE

CBT March Back, Acceptance Day may cause traffic issues

Submitted by DPTMS

March Back

On Monday, the Cadet Basic Training Regiment will conduct its March Back from Camp Buckner to West Point. West Point personnel using State Route 293 will experience delays from approximately 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. from the Round Pound vicinity to the Route 9W bridge and are encouraged to use alternate routes.

At 11:20 a.m., the Regiment will step off from the ski slope for the final leg of the march back. Personnel on State Route 218 will experience delays as traffic will be stopped from the ski slope entrance to just north of Washington Gate while the Regiment enters Washington Gate. Once the Regiment enters the installation, Washington Road traffic will be shut down by Military Police until the Regiment has turned onto Jefferson Road in front

of the Superintendent's quarters at approximately noon.

All West Point personnel should use alternate routes on the installation to keep Washington Road traffic-free during the movement on the installation.

Acceptance Day parade

The following parking, traffic and force protection measures will be in effect in support of the Acceptance Day cadet parade scheduled for 10 a.m., Aug. 18.

Parking will be allowed in the central post area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day. Cars parked in the vicinity of Clinton Lot or other lots around Trophy Point will be free to exit during the ceremony. Designated areas in Clinton and Doubleday Lots will be reserved for handicapped parking only. Traffic will be allowed to continue along Cullum Road during the ceremony. However, large and/or extremely loud vehicles that may detract from the reverence of the review will

be stopped or diverted by Military Police personnel at traffic control points before entering the Plain area and until the conclusion of the parade.

Traffic control points will be established on Cullum Road near the entrance to the Thayer Hall Roof Lot, at the Thayer and Mills Road intersection and at the intersection of Stony Lonesome and Washington Roads beginning at 9 a.m.

For more information contact DPTMS' Joe Senger at 938-8859.

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USMA uniform policy changes

The new USMA Policy Memorandum 16-07, Uniform and Dress Code Policy, goes into effect Monday.

New Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno sets priorities

Commentary by
Col. Dan Bruno
Garrison Commander,
USAG West Point



Col. Dan Bruno

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

As a way of a short introduction, I am Col. Dan Bruno. I proudly assumed command of the U.S. Army Garrison at West Point July 10.

My wife, Kitty, and I moved here from Northern Virginia where I served the last four years in the Pentagon as the Chief of General Officer Management. While I am not a USMA graduate, nor have I ever served here previously, I look forward to leading the superb Garrison workforce as we provide a safe, secure environment in support of the Corps of Cadets, the staff and faculty and all tenant organizations on West Point.

I would like to share a number of opportunities and challenges that I see over the next three years and look forward to your feedback and participation.

The three areas I see as most important at this time are the safety and security of our community, the Residential Communities Initiative and the commercial activities study within our Directorate of Public Works.

My highest priority is the safety and protection of the Corps of Cadets and our community. It is critical that

we balance this mission with the right post visitation policy in order to demonstrate the competence and character that define USMA and our Army as a whole. Our Emergency Services Directorate has fostered excellent relationships with law enforcement and emergency service organizations in our local communities that assure me we have adequate preventive measures as well as the ability to respond to situations when necessary.

To exercise this cooperation and our responsiveness, we will conduct a series of training events across the community during the latter part of August through the middle of September. You can assist our force protection posture by reporting any suspicious activity to our military police at 938-3333.

The Residential Communities Initiative is a Congressionally-approved program that will solve the chronic under-funding of military housing that has resulted in deteriorating housing conditions.

RCI will eliminate inadequate Family housing by privatizing military housing functions. West Point has recently partnered with GMH Military Housing to manage the project at West Point with a transition date next summer.

Members of the GMH team are already on the ground to include Rich Wagner, USMA Class of '77. Some of your co-workers and neighbors have volunteered time in focus groups over the past nine months and have provided key input to this process.

We will continue to engage them as we work on the Community Development and Management Plan that lays out the specifics in this 50-year plan and business agreement. We are also creating a Web site to provide you this feedback and also create a "Frequently Asked

Questions" link. In the mean time, please call Mike Colacicco at 938-5948 with questions.

Our largest Garrison work force the Directorate of Public Works [with more than 500 employees], is currently undergoing a commercial activities study. The Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 states that the general policy is to rely on competition to select the providers of commercial activities.

The emphasis is "sector neutral competition." We are essentially determining how the tax payers can obtain the best value and highest level of service for their tax dollars. Our Directorates of Logistics and Information Management underwent this process over the past few years. Our commitment to the customer is to ensure that this process is transparent to you and that you are satisfied with the end service.

My commitment to the employees is to fairly and thoroughly execute this process and

foster a positive work environment for the DPW employees.

As I close this column, I want to say a special thanks to Megan Calero and all those who participated in the Community Fair Aug. 1. The number of participants, their services and products, the food, the festive atmosphere and the genuine comments of satisfaction speak to the wonderful efforts and many long hours it took to accomplish such a well-received event. You made all of the newly assigned personnel and families - including Kitty and me - feel most welcome to this great community.

I look forward to serving with you. BEAT NAVY!

SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Maria Burger [USCC], Maj. Kim Kawamoto [ODIA] and Lt. Col. Robbie 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.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

Difficulty: Medium

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Local and National News

Officers get new joint credit qualification system

By Fred W. Baker III
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- A new system that updates rules written in 1986 governing how officers receive credit for serving in joint assignments was unveiled at the Pentagon July 30.

Sheila M. Earle, acting principal director to the deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, and Navy Rear Adm. Donna L. Crisp, director for manpower and personnel for the Joint Staff, hosted a media roundtable to announce the new Joint Qualification System for awarding joint credit to officers.

"We think it's a great opportunity for our officer corps," Earle said.

The Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 set

the criteria for joint positions that the Defense Department has used ever since. The new system keeps in place the tenets of the act, but allows for the post-9/11 operating environment, Crisp said.

The previous system offered only a time-phased sequence of schools and assignments offering rigid standards for the time and type of service that could receive credit. Also, it allowed only for full credit, so if only nine months of a 10-month position were served, no partial credit was given.

The new system, which takes effect Oct. 1, offers an additional "experience-based" track with a point system for recognizing joint service. The original track remains in place, but the second track allows for awarding partial credit or for awarding credit for an expanded

list of joint positions. All original educational requirements remain in place, but some credit can be given for additional education, training and exercises.

The new system recognizes the skills that aid U.S. military efforts to respond to national security threats, as well as interagency, combat operations and humanitarian crises, officials said. It also accounts for the intensity, environment and duration or frequency of a joint activity.

A key change is the ability to award credit to reserve component officers, previously not allowed.

"What we couldn't predict in 1986 is how joint we would become. What this does is allows us to capture all of that extra talent that is working on joint task forces and give them the credit and bring them into being joint qualified officers," Crisp said. "We

are together as one joint force. The changes and the new system will allow us to capture those experiences so the officers can get credit for them, as well as it will allow the combatant commanders and leadership to know who those experts are so we can utilize them in the future."

The new system also encourages on career-long, joint development, Crisp said.

Active-duty officers will be

able to recover credit for positions served since Sept. 11, 2001, Crisp said. Reserve component officers who served in qualifying joint assignments from Oct. 1, 1986, until Sept. 30, 2007, may be awarded joint duty credit, she added.

As of Oct. 1, 2008, active component officers are required to complete a full joint duty assignment and be designated a joint qualified officer for appointment to the rank of general or flag officer.

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suggest they go to the official Web site and look at the information there before the briefing.

"There's lots of great information at that site and it would be helpful if people had a

working knowledge of the basics of the system," she said.

For more information on NSPS or Spiral 1.4, contact the West Point transition team at 938-3943 or go to www.cpol.army.mil/library/

Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline

To report suspected Fraud, Waste and Abuse, call the Internal Review & Audit Compliance [IRAC] Office Hotline. Reports are confidential and callers do not have to identify themselves, but if they provide names, they can remain anonymous. To report suspected abuse of equipment/supplies accountability, travel/pay and cash accountability, call extension **938-8082**. Please provide all pertinent information.

Community Features and Photos

CFT not just Buckner - Class of 2010 also spends time at Ft. Knox

Story and photo by
Melody Drushal
Turret Special Writer

FORT KNOX, KY. -- U.S. Military Academy cadets from West Point, N.Y., visited Fort Knox last week to take part in hands-on Armor School training.

Members of the class of 2010 were instructed on how to operate and care for armor weapons and vehicles such as the Stryker and HMMWV.

It was the first visit to Fort Knox for most of the cadets.

"I've really enjoyed being on base," said Cadet 3rd Class Stephen Skinner. "They give us straightforward answers that will help us make decisions in the future."

Some, such as Cadet 1st Class Joshua Taft, returned to Knox for the second or third time.

"As the executive officer, I'm in charge of moving them from place to place and making sure they're safe. It's a good experience and a good responsibility to have, because one day I will be a real EO of a real company doing real tasks," Taft said.

Their training was overseen by Capt. Pat Farrell and the Fort Knox Soldiers of Troop D, 1/16th Cavalry Regiment.

"The way we teach [cadets] is how they develop into leaders. The

better we teach them, the better leaders they will become," said Spc. John Rockafellow of Troop D.

The cadets are entering their second year at West Point, and their training at Knox is the first encounter many have had with the Armor Branch of Army Combat Arms.

"A lot of these Soldiers and NCOs have been to Iraq and really know this equipment," Taft said. "They bring the tactical knowledge that you can't really expect or prepare for."

The cadets will also experience training with infantry, artillery and Army aviation before determining which branch of combat arms they want to join.

"This opportunity helps them with the decision of what to do in the future -- whether they want to go armor or not. This is just about experiencing the Armor Branch," said Troop D's Spc. Steven Burg.

The cadets conclude their training at Knox with Operation Thunderbolt Strike, which is a simulated tank battle. It's something that all of the cadets look forward to, particularly those who've previously trained on post.

According to Taft, "It's just really interesting. And fun!"



Members of the Class of 2010 get a detailed explanation about the inner workings of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle from Cadet 2nd Class Richard Miles during training at Fort Knox.

DELIVERY PROBLEMS?

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BACK TO SCHOOL NOT JUST FOR KIDS

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

The importance of education to progress your career prospects is vital and the Army Education Center at West Point offers a myriad of opportunities for people to enhance themselves.

Soldiers, their Family members, DOD Civilians, cadets and contractors who work at West Point all can and do use the Army Education Center in some way, shape or form.

For Soldiers, there are four ways they can move forward with their education through the AEC. The first is through the traditional classroom by going to classes offered by St. Thomas Aquinas College, Long Island University, Mount St. Mary's College and John Jay College.

The classroom environment, with classes from each of these schools taking place in Thayer Hall, Mahan Hall and at the AEC, is small and offers individual attention that caters to those who work in a military environment.

"Most of our students are military and people [at civilian institutions not associated with the military] don't understand all the different things they've accomplished in the military and the kinds of leadership roles they had or self-starting activities that they've engaged in,"

said Nancy Judd, AEC guidance counselor. "We want to make sure that all their credits [from previous schooling and military service activities] count to make sure they set themselves up to be employable when they leave the Army. That's a great thing."

Soldiers are now required to go through www.goArmyEd.com to request Tuition Assistance, which is open 24-7 for the Soldier's use. Money can be a big issue for students and there are many ways to help lessen the costs of classes at the AEC.

Tuition Assistance is a great way for Soldiers to not have to tap into their GI Bill money, as they can get up to \$4,500 every year in TA money for classes.

"There's a substantial financial

advantage to people who work at West Point by getting a West Point tuition rate as opposed to it possibly being double [in cost] if they went to the school's main campus," said David Byrd, AEC chief. "As a matter of fact, with some of the schools, if [the prospective students] registered here and the class wasn't available [due to not enough interest] and they had to take it at the main campus, they can get the West Point rate and save a lot of money."

Byrd said he hasn't seen this kind of savings for college tuition at many other places. Students [both military and non-military] can save up to 50 percent from the main campus tuition.

"Even with graduate school at John Jay College, the master's in Public Administration [that we offer at the AEC], is probably one of the best prices for a master's degree just about anywhere," Byrd stated.

The second way Soldiers can improve their education is through distance education. A majority of TA is going toward aiding correspondence college course costs. The third way, according to Byrd, is college credit by examination, which is free for Soldiers, where they can take College Level Examination Program [CLEP] tests to gain college credit.

The last way is to use military training for college credit. For example BNCOC has traditionally been valued as a semester's worth of college credit.

"If they combine classroom, distance education, college credit by exam and military training," Byrd said, "they can really move forward with their education."

West Point's Army Education Center has grown now that it is a hub for other Army installations such as Fort Dix, Fort Monmouth, Fort Hamilton and Aberdeen Proving Ground. In April, the West Point AEC expanded its capabilities even more when it administered an official Army Language Test to 600 cadets because of the emphasis that is now being put on knowing more than one's own spoken language.

"It was unprecedented what we did with 600 of these language tests [over a three-week period] especially for the Army and not just West Point," Byrd said. "It was a proficiency level test and not an aptitude test. [USCC] is gaining a database, so they were also testing incoming cadets, even though some haven't had a [college level] language yet."

AFAST, known as the Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test, is another aspect of AEC testing given to the cadets. AFAST is given on a monthly basis to cadets, about 80 at a time, in a series of seven tests that checks their different skill sets and values that are unique to flying. The next AFAST test is Aug. 31.

Soldiers can also take the FAST [Functional Academic Skills Training] test, which will take place Sept. 4, that helps them raise their GT scores if they want to change jobs.

"Occasionally, we will have a couple of Family members working on their GED, but FAST is geared for Soldiers," Byrd explained. "If Soldiers want to go to OCS or Warrant Officer School, they need a 110 GT score. To advance in the ranks, if Soldiers want to make E-7, they usually need over a 100 GT score, even if they stay in their [MOS]."

A great benefit offered by the AEC is the Financial Aid Workshop, which is Aug. 21 for Family members, where financial

representatives from the schools serviced by West Point come to help students with their financial aid possibilities.

"They're going to help Family members fill out the Pell Grant application and if they have the GI Bill, they will take care of all that," Byrd said. "It's one-on-one because it involves bringing their tax information and other important [financial documents] when they come in. All those financial forms sometimes are intimidating, but we're going to help people here."



One of the best aspects of the AEC is the counseling offered by Byrd, Judd and Neil Sakumoto, who is an education specialist.

They will steer students in the right direction and give good advice on how to maximize your money.

"Take the GI Bill, you can make a profit because the GI Bill keeps going up even when you're out of the military," Byrd said. "So if you pick a school that doesn't cost much, that money is sent to you and not the school. You can get more than \$1,300 a month if you're a full-time student."

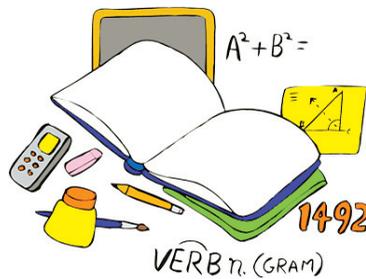
"If it's a six-week term and you only need two classes to go full-time, you can take one in a classroom and the other online," he added. "In six weeks, you get two payments of \$1,300 to total \$2,600 and school is only going

to be a fraction of that, so you can make a profit and it's all tax free. You don't have to report that money [at tax time]."

Class sizes are 15 on average at the AEC and, no matter if you are a Soldier, Family member, DOD civilian or a contractor working on post, once you get into the classes the tendency is for the students to take off with their studies.

"Most of our students, once they get their foot in the door and get to know the schools and the courses offered, most of them take off. That's exciting when people don't come in to see me because they know what they want and they're making progress," Judd said. "Once a student gets a feel of how to balance work, Family and school, it's not uncommon for our students to carry two courses in a six-week session and they can set themselves up for a potential of 18 credits in a semester. It's amazing."

For more information on AEC schools, programs and tests offered, call Judd at 938-3464. Fall schedule classes for MSMC, JJC, LIU and STTAC begin between Monday and Sept. 4, so if you're interested, get in touch with her as soon as possible.



Annual Bike Rodeo promotes both safety and fun

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point's annual bike rodeo was held Saturday at the PX parking lot here and emphasized safety.

Military Police and Highland Falls police officers inspected bikes and encouraged the wearing of helmets. They taught children the correct hand signals for left- and right-turns and stopping, plus the correct way to handle a bike by having them go through several bike courses.

"We want to make sure bikers are safe," said Lt. Col. Bob Brown, Director of Emergency Services and the Provost Marshal here. "We point out [potential] deficiencies in their bikes such as making sure the chains are not loose and tire pressure is up to par. We found one

child that had no break pad, which could interfere with stopping."

Brown said helmets are very important, especially for children.

"Children don't have the hard heads that adults generally have," he said. "Children's heads are still soft and a fall can be very damaging. If we can plant a safety idea in one child's mind, we have done our job."

Other safety measures were in place, such as the Ident-a-Kid kits.

"Parents receive a pack, such as their child's fingerprints and should keep them in a safe place," Brown said. "If anything happens, they can bring the identification, including the child's photo, to the provost marshal's office."

The Ident-a-Kid kit includes a child's fingerprints, which were taken on a volunteer basis at the

rodeo.

The bike rodeo is not just about safety - it's about having fun, too. Children got the chance to win bikes and bike gear and could bounce around in a rubber room made just for them.

"I really like this," said Capt. Ramit Ring, whose two-year-old son Jack tried his hand at jumping and bouncing.

"It's a safe environment and there is something for all the children to do here. We came here about this time last year and caught just the tail end of the rodeo."

The event is sponsored by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Other sponsors included the Daughters of the

United States Army, West Point Women's Club, Highland Falls Market, Vails Gate Cycle and Raleigh America, Inc.



Connor Sloan [center in orange] and his brother Aidan watch and wait while Highland Falls Police Officer Sgt. Kenneth Scott checks out their bikes at the bike inspection area during the annual West Point bike rodeo at the PX Saturday.

Community Fair provides info for newcomers

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

During the summer, about one-third of the West Point community turns over. Some leave due to deployments or moves to other postings, but that void is filled by the many newcomers who arrive from other parts of the Army to begin their tours here.

The annual community fair is a 'one-stop' opportunity to try to help make the stress of moving to a new post a bit easier. The community fair helps acquaint newcomers with the various services and activities available here -- be they recreational, medical or religious.

Heather Ross and husband Capt. Robert Ross said they have received information from some of their neighbors, but since the neighbors still come to the fair, they thought they would check it out. Robert is a new instructor in the department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

"There are so many things here that I didn't know about," Heather said.

Some newcomers are returning to West Point. Maj. Nathan Minami is a 1997 grad and just completed graduate school at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and will be teaching systems engineering here.

"I think this is very informative," said newcomer Capt. Steve Caruso, Department of Military Instruction instructor. "There are a lot of things we needed to know, especially for our three children."

The fair also included, among other things, food samples from local restaurants, such as Nicole's in Highland Falls, the West Point Club and Grant Hall. Children were entertained by the West Point Fire Department, who gave out fire hats and introduced their mascot Sparky who in turn, sparked a variety of reactions from the children. Some didn't know what to make of this talking, spotted dog and others thought he needed to be fed.



Daniella Caruso 'feeds' Sparky.

DODEA Community Strategic Plan 2006-2011: What's New?

Submitted by
West Point Schools

As we begin the new school year, the Department of Defense Education Activity implements a revised Community Strategic Plan [CSP] for the years 2006-2011, and updates the focus we began in 2000 with our first strategic plan. This plan provides the strategic direction for all DODEA components, yet provides the flexibility to address unique issues and challenges that each program and each community must address. The plan provides a road map for keeping DODEA in the forefront in advancing the Department of Defense's agenda for education, as a leader in the Nation for improving student performance and achievement.

The process used to develop this five-year plan included representation from DODEA constituents around the globe. This leadership team of parents, military leaders and educators met in February 2006. They reevaluated the existing plan and research.

The revised plan was reviewed in June by the Dependents Education Council [DEC], consisting of senior military members from

commands worldwide. The final document includes a vision, mission, guiding principles, four goals, outcomes, measures and milestones.

You'll notice the following changes in the 2006-11 plan:

■ The **vision, mission and guiding principles** have changed slightly in wording.

■ The four goals have remained constant but there have been changes to the outcomes, measures and milestones.

Goal 1, additional measures have been added:

■ PK-2- selected subjects

■ Reading at grade 9

■ Writing Assessment, grades 5,7,9

Goal 2, to ensure a more efficient management system of facilities, equipment and materials, a new milestone incorporating an automated Life Cycle Data System has been added.

Goal 3, the new plan will add an Outcome Milestone that requires DODEA to implement an integrated



system for financial, procurement, logistics and information technology to streamline the acquisition process and enhance productivity and accountability.

Goal 4, Outcome A will now include a focus on establishing partnerships with educational organizations and local education agencies to promote smooth transitions and high quality educational programs for school-age children of military families.

Outcome B had a milestone that

required a communication plan that meets specific criteria.

This goal has been met and will be deleted from the new plan. Additionally, four new milestones have been added to enhance DODEA's communication systems to ensure a comprehensive and consistent communication system is used throughout DODEA.

■ DODEA will develop system wide standards for effective communication.

■ DODEA will establish a system for evaluating effective communication.

■ All levels will develop internal and external communication plans.

■ All levels will be in compliance with the established communication standards.

For more details, visit <http://www.dodea.edu/csp/>.

VISION: Communities investing in success for all students.

MISSION: The Department of Defense Education Activity provides, in military communities

worldwide, exemplary educational programs that inspire and prepare all students for success in a global environment.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Student achievement...a shared responsibility

Trust and respect for other's rights

Unlimited opportunities to reach high expectations

Dedication to lifelong learning

Equal access to quality education

New and motivating challenges to inspire excellence

Total accountability with teamwork

Success for all...students first

Staff at all levels will implement goals, outcomes, measures and milestones. A key component is flexibility to allow districts, communities and schools to address local issues/concerns. Annually they will track and report progress. This data will be used to continue improvements.

Both schools have "individually" developed School Improvement Plans through which they will strive for improvements.

Welcome to the West Point Schools and School Year 2007-2008

By Dr. Bruce W. Jeter
District Superintendent

Welcome to the West Point Schools and School Year 2007-2008. It is an exciting time to be a student in school and we are honored to have the opportunity to serve the school age dependents of the military living aboard this installation.

The West Point Schools are part of the Department of Defense Education Activity which serves the children of the military around the world. More specifically, the West Point Schools are part of the DODEA sub-group called the Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools.

The DDESS leadership is located in Peachtree City, Ga., and provides direct support to all of the DODEA schools located in the United States, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

Our efforts are guided by the DODEA Community Strategic Plan 2006-2011. The plan can be found at www.dodea.edu in its fullest context.

Our main focus is Goal 1:

Highest Student Achievement and there are three additional goals that provide the support and resources to obtain the goals we have set for student achievement. You will hear much more about our school improvement efforts from your individual schools.

The CSP is also aligned with our accrediting agency of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that is going through a name change to become AdvancEd.

My district includes the schools located in West Point, Virginia [Dahlgren and Quantico], Puerto Rico and Cuba. Michael Gould, Assistant Superintendent for the New York and Virginia schools, along with Dr. Gregg Mowen, Assistant Superintendent for Puerto Rico, are my right arm in many ways as they provide the on-site and day-to-day support of our schools. While my travel schedule requires that I am often away from the district office, I want you to know that Gould and Mowen have my full support in working topics in my absence and they always know how to reach me if needed.

Your diligence in following the

chain of communication is requested and will be most appreciated, in the event that you find it necessary to discuss an issue or concern.

You are urged to bring your issue or concern to the attention of the appropriate individual at the school level before referring it to the Superintendent's office, DDESS area office or DODEA headquarters.

This will maximize the opportunity for prompt resolution of your issue or concern. It is my hope that we will continue to work together to assure that an exemplary educational program is provided for all our students and their families.

I truly feel that we have an awesome opportunity to work with the students and families aboard this installation. The partnership that is solidly in place with the installation command along with the partnership we develop with the families each year is what makes us an exceptional school system.

We are committed to sharing in the responsibility of educating your child[ren] and we look forward to working with you to make this year a successful educational

experience.

I look forward to meeting you

when I am visiting West Point Schools.

Information for West Point parents

Submitted by
West Point Schools

The West Point Elementary and Middle schools would like to extend a hearty welcome to new and returning students and families who will be with us for SY 2007-2008.

This article contains important information regarding the opening of school and various activities that take place before that opening. Please read all information carefully.

NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS

Middle School [Grades 5-8]
7:45 a.m. to 2:09 p.m.
Elementary [Grades K-4]
8:35 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Preschool

AM -- 8:45 to 11:05 a.m.
PM -- Noon to 2:20 p.m.

EARLY RELEASE HOURS

Middle School -- 10:30 a.m.
Elementary -- 11:15 a.m.
AM Preschool -- 11 a.m.
NO PM Preschool

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

There will be a brief orientation meeting for parents of new students, Tues. at 4:30 p.m. for the Middle School and Wed. at 1 p.m. for the Elementary School. Both briefings will be in the Middle School auditorium, Bldg. 705.

HOMEROOMS

Elementary: Homeroom assignments for elementary school students will be posted Wed., at 3:30 p.m.

REGISTERING

New families who have not yet registered their children should

do so immediately. The following information is needed at the time of registration:

- shot records
- social security number
- birth certificate
- report card
- complete address of former school
- copy of orders
- assigned quarters or a letter from housing.

PRESCHOOL INFO

Screening for all preschoolers will take place at WPES, Aug. 22 to 28, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A letter containing the name of your child's Pre-Kindergarten teacher and which session they are assigned to, plus information about how you are to schedule your child's screening, was sent home this week.

Please read the letter about Pre-K carefully, as it contains very important information.

There will be a one-hour preschool session Aug. 28, 8:45 AM Preschool -- 11 a.m. NO PM Preschool

Regular morning and afternoon sessions begin Aug. 29.

KINDERGARTEN INFO

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend an orientation with their children Thurs. the first day of school, from 9 to 10 a.m. Students will leave with their parents at the conclusion of the orientation.

This meeting will give parents an opportunity to become acquainted with the kindergarten program and give the children a chance to meet their teachers and settle into the classroom.

WPES will hold kindergarten

screening sessions starting Thurs. in the afternoon and continuing all day through Aug. 17 and Aug. 20 in the afternoon only.

Kindergarten classes will meet for two half-day morning sessions Aug. 20 and 21. Beginning Aug. 22, kindergarten students will begin regular full day sessions.

Normal hours are 8:35 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL INFO

For detailed information on homeschooling, contact the West Point principals at 938-2923 for grades 5 through 8 or 938-2313 for grades K through 4.

BUSES

■ Separate buses run for the West Point Elementary and Middle schools. Route signs are posted in the bus window.

■ The times noted on the schedules are estimates; students should be at their bus stop five minutes before the time posted. Bus routes are shown to the right and will also be posted in the USMA E-Mail Public Folders [USMA, Info Svcs, WPS].

■ There will be no after-school late bus.

■ Anyone needing special bus arrangements for child care purposes should submit requests in writing to Eileen Ellingsen.

■ Anyone needing transportation to the SAS before and after-school program must have a permission slip on file at the school. This form is available in the public folders, the SAS office and the WPS registrar's office.

■ O'Neill High School buses will be coordinated directly through the high school, 446-4738, ext. 225.

Bus schedules for OHS will be

published in the Aug. 31 issue of the *Pointer View*®.

CONTACT, GENERAL INFO

School information can be found on the West Point e-mail system, under PUBLIC FOLDERS. Various pieces of information pertaining to the schools will be posted at these locations. School administrators, teachers and staff at the West Point schools can be contacted by e-mail using the following format: *FirstName.LastName@am.dodea.edu*.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Galatea Badger – 446-2181
Duane Fairfax – [845] 859-4185
David Fiaschetti – 446-2601
MARC FRANCISZKOWICZ – [845] 859-4375
Russ Lachance – 446-2707
The first school board meeting will take place in September, date to be announced. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the school board agenda via e-mail, contact Eileen Ellingsen.

PTO BOARD MEMBERS

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**SCHOOL
OPENS
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for
Grades 1-8**

Special Back-to-School Information Section



MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

Buses will follow routes as indicated below and the times listed are estimated. Please be sure to have your children at the bus stop at the time specified until a more firm time develops. Once a firm time has been set, students must be at bus stops five minutes prior. Buses will stop only at the points indicated. Buses will arrive at school between 7:35 and 7:45 a.m.

- ROUTE 2:**
[7:24 a.m.] Patterson Loop Entrance
[7:25] Radiere Loop Entrance
[7:26] Wayne Entrance for the following courts:
Wayne [Qtrs. 3071 -3076]
Wyllys [Qtrs. 3083-3088]
VonSteuben [Qtrs. 3057-3062]
[7:27] Parsons entrance for the following courts:
Parsons [Qtrs. 3043-3048]
Sherburne [Qtrs. 3052-3056]
McDougall [Qtrs. 3032-3037]

- [7:28] Machin [Qtrs. 3023-3031]
[7:29] Knox [Qtrs. 3011-3014]
[7:30] Duportail [Qtrs. 3001-3003]

- ROUTE 3:**
[7:25] Partridge and Schofield [Lusk Area]
[7:26] Partridge and Stewart [Lusk Area]
[7:28] Qtrs. 378 Mills Road
[7:29] Wilson Rd [Service Rd Qtrs. 48]
[7:30] Rear of Qtrs. 25A [Svc Rd]
[7:31] Qtrs. 5 Thayer Road
[7:33] Qtrs. 109 D Washington Rd
[7:34] Qtrs. 118 A&B Washington Rd

- ROUTE 4:**
[7:24] Lamb Entrance for the following courts:
Green [Qtrs. 3004-3010]
Kosciuszko [Qtrs. 3015-3018]
Lamb Place [Qtrs. 3019-3022]
Meigs [Qtrs. 3038-3042]
[7:25] Putnam Entrance [Qtrs. 3049-3051]
[7:26] Lord Stirling [Qtrs. 3063-3070]
[7:27] Webb Entrance [Qtrs. 3077-3082]
[7:29] Heath Loop Bus Shelter [Rear]
[7:30] Heath Loop Entrance [Lamp Post @ Qtrs. 3140F]

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOLS

On days when weather is inclement, parents are urged to check if school is in session before dropping their children off.

Check the following sources to see if the school is closed: Post Command Channel 23, Weather Hotline 938-2399/7000 or listen to WGNV [1220 AM], WHUD [100.7 FM], WSPK [104.7 FM].

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

Buses will follow routes as indicated below and the times listed are estimated. Please be sure to have your children at the bus stop at the time specified until a more firm time develops. Once a firm time has been set, students must be at bus stops five minutes prior. Buses will stop only at the points indicated. Students will arrive at school between 8:25 and 8:35 a.m.

- ROUTE 1:**
SPECIAL PICK UPS - Parents will be contacted by WPS transportation officer with pick-up times.

- ROUTE 2:**
[8:10 a.m.] Bldg. 1207/CDC [Before School Program -Kindergarten only]
[8:15] Kosciuszko for the following courts:
Kosciuszko [Qtrs. 3015-3018]
Green [Qtrs. 3004-3010]
[8:16] Meigs for the following courts:
Meigs Court [Qtrs. 3038-3042]
Lamb Place [Qtrs. 3019-3022]

- [8:17] Bus Stop at Putnam [Qtrs. 3049-3051]
[8:18] Bus Stop at Lord Stirling [Qtrs. 3063-3070]
[8:19] Bus Stop at Webb [Qtrs. 3077-3082]

- ROUTE 3:**
[8:15] Wyllys for the following courts:
Wyllys [Qtrs. 3083-3088]
Wayne [Qtrs. 3071-3076]

- [8:16] Bus Stop at Parsons [Qtrs. 3043-3048]
[8:17] Bus Stop at McDougall [Qtrs. 3032-3037]
[8:18] Bus Stop at Machin [Qtrs. 3023-3031]
[8:19] Bus Stop at Knox Place [Qtrs. 3011-3014]
[8:20] Bus Stop at Duportail [Qtrs. 3001-3003]

- ROUTE 4:**
[8:15] Radiere Loop Entrance
[8:16] Radiere Loop Rear Stop [Qtrs. 3130A]
[8:18] Heath Loop Bus Shelter [Rear]
[8:19] Heath Loop Entrance [Lamp Post @ Qtrs. 3140F]

- ROUTE 5:**
[8:05] Partridge and Schofield [Lusk Area]
[8:06] Partridge and Stewart [Lusk Area]
[8:10] Patterson Loop Entrance
[8:11] Patterson Loop Rear Stop [Lamp Post @ Qtrs. 3110A]
[8:14] VonSteuben for the following courts:
Von Steuben [Qtrs. 3057-3062]
Sherburne [Qtrs. 3052-3056]

- [8:20] Qtrs. 378 Mills Road
[8:21] Wilson Rd [Service Rd @ Qtrs 48]
[8:22] Wilson Road/Kingsley Hill Road Corner
[8:22] Rear of Qtrs. 25A [Svc Rd.]
[8:24] Qtrs. 5 Thayer Road
[8:28] Qtrs. 109 Washington Rd.
[8:29] Qtrs. 118 A&B Washington Rd

Today West Point Schools announced a free and reduced price meal policy for all area school children. Local school officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them



Illustration of a child and an adult standing by a yellow school bus.

in determining eligibility:

Food Stamp/TANF/FDPIR Households: Households which currently include children who receive Food Stamps or Aid to Dependent Children /Temporary Assistance to Needy Families or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations must complete an application listing the child's name, a food stamp,TANF or FDPIR number and the signature of an adult household member, or provide a Direct Certification letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Children in the household with the same case number may be included on the same application. Separate applications are required for children in the same household with different case numbers. If the family does not list a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number for all children for whom they are applying, then the application must contain all the information as required for "other households" as described below.

Other Households: Households with incomes the same or below the amount of money listed above for

their family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/ or reduced price meals. They may do so by filling in the application forms sent home with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to the Child Nutrition Director.

The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress, State health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch or the Child Nutrition Act. The release of information to any program or

INCOME CHART [Effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008]

FREE ELIGIBILITY SCALE				REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY SCALE			
SIZE	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK	SIZE	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK
1	\$13,273	\$ 1,107	\$256	1	\$18,889	\$1,575	\$ 364
2	\$17,797	\$ 1,484	\$343	2	\$25,327	\$2,111	\$ 488
3	\$22,321	\$ 1,861	\$430	3	\$31,765	\$2,648	\$ 611
4	\$26,845	\$ 2,238	\$517	4	\$38,203	\$3,184	\$ 735
5	\$31,369	\$ 2,615	\$604	5	\$44,641	\$3,721	\$ 859
6	\$35,893	\$ 2,992	\$691	6	\$51,079	\$4,257	\$ 983
7	\$40,417	\$ 3,369	\$778	7	\$57,517	\$4,794	\$1,107
8	\$44,941	\$ 3,746	\$865	8	\$63,955	\$5,330	\$1,230
For each addl	+4,524	+377	+87	For each addl	+6,438	+537	+124

School cafeteria information

The West Point Schools are participants in the National School Lunch Program. The lunch program is regulated and subsidized by both the state and federal governments and meets the standards for nutrition set by the State Department of Education and the U.S.D.A.

The cafeteria offers three different entrees every day. The entrée choice is made each morning in the classroom and sent to the cafeteria.

A hot lunch includes entree, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Please call Georgi Nappo, Child Nutrition Director, 938-3737 with questions or concerns.

Payment

All of our lunches, milk and snacks may be purchased on a daily basis with **cash**.

We offer a pre-paid meal tracking system for the **lunch** and the **à la carte milk**.

You may purchase hot lunches or lunch milk in advance by sending in a check/cash for any dollar amount for any number of children you have in the school. Make the check payable to:

West Point Lunch Fund.

Please send in your check or cash in an **envelope marked with specific instructions as to how your money should be allocated:**

School lunch program policies

entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The school district does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals.

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

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The Superintendent, Dr. Bruce Jeter, whose address is 705 A Barry Road, West Point, New York 10996, has been designated as the Hearing Official.

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

**LUNCH
AUG. 16**

CHICKEN NUGGETS
w/DIPPING SAUCE OR
HOT DOG ON BUN
BAKED MACARONI
AND CHEESE,
CORN,
CHILLED FRUIT CUP

Visiting children in school

Parents are encouraged to participate in activities, observe assemblies, eat lunch with their children, participate in conferences with school personnel and volunteer in any capacity indicated by the teacher.

All visitors must sign in at the school office and obtain a visitor's badge. Parental visits to classrooms are limited to the classes in which their children are enrolled.

When parents are observing

in the classroom, siblings may not accompany them.

Anyone wishing to visit a particular segment of a child's day is asked to send a note to the teacher involved.

Parents are welcome to observe at any time when testing is not in progress. Those visiting classrooms are asked not to engage the teacher in conversation. For a parent-teacher conference, please call the school to schedule an appointment.

School parking rules

Parking for staff, parents and visitors is permitted only in the the lower parking lot to the right as you enter on Barry Road.

Signs clearly indicate this area. In the interest of safety, please abide by these parking regulations.

A "Kiss & Drop" zone is also located in the parking lot and, again, is clearly marked. When using this area, please make sure you stop and drop your children off only in the designated area.

Doing otherwise may put your child in a dangerous situation.

The "15-minute" parking spaces are to be used to deliver/pick up something at school.

Handicap parking is clearly marked and is located in the bus loop area; only those vehicles with clearly marked handicap parking permits are allowed in this area.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and ensures the safety of our students as they arrive and depart school.

Keller Corner

KACH closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Aug. 30 and Sept. 3. This is a change. The hospital is open Aug. 31. The emergency room will remain open.

Blood Drive Aug. 20-23

Hudson Valley Blood Services will conduct a Blood Drive Aug. 20 to 23 at Eisenhower Hall, 4th Floor Ballroom from noon to 7 p.m. Aug. 20 to 22 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 23.

For an appointment to donate whole blood, please call Mary Mandia at 938-2583 [BLUD].

Apheresis services will be available for those individuals who wish to donate platelets.

Apheresis donors will be seen by appointment only and may call [914] 760-3177, or e-mail LDUFFY@NYBLOODCENTER.ORG to book an appointment.

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program will be able to do so at the times of the drive.

Picture ID is mandatory

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

for whole blood and apheresis donations.

Childbirth preparation classes

[Four-week series] Tuesdays 6 to 8 p.m. starting Sept. 4 and Oct. 30 in KACH's second floor classroom. Call OOB at 938-3210 to register.

Exceptional Family Member Program

What is it?

EFMP is a Department of the Army Program assisting military dependents. It is designed to identify any special educational and medical need and to facilitate consideration of these needs in the personnel assignment process. Enrollment of eligible families is mandatory.

Who should be enrolled?

Any family member with a medical problem that needs more care than which a family practitioner can provide; any family member who receives occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy or is in an assisted learning program. Anyone who is seeing a mental health specialist or anyone with asthma regardless of severity.

How do I enroll? Who can answer my questions?

Contact: Nola Francois, EFMP Coordinator, Keller Army Community Hospital, Primary Care Clinic at [845] 938-6881.

Referral Assistance

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

FDA recalls contact lens solutions

Submitted by West Point Optometry Services

If you are a contact lens wearer who uses AMO Complete MoisturePlus solutions and have any of the following symptoms, you should consult with your eye doctor: eye pain, eye redness, blurred vision, sensitivity to light, sensation of something in the eye and excessive tearing.

The symptoms of Acanthamoeba Keratitis, which can last several weeks to months, are not the same for everybody. Early in the infection, the symptoms can be very similar to the symptoms of other more common eye infections, but may eventually cause severe pain and possible vision loss, with some patients requiring a corneal transplant if untreated.

For questions or if you have any of these symptoms, contact:

West Point Optometry Clinic: [845] 938-2021 or Sick Call/Acute Red Eye Clinic: 7 - 8 a.m., Monday - Friday.

Recalled Solutions:

Moistureplus, 12 oz; Moistureplus, 2 x 12 oz; Complete moistureplus lens

comfort pack; Complete moistureplus 2 oz starter kit + lens case; Complete moistureplus, 2 x 16 oz, tray; Complete moistureplus, 4 oz + lens case; Active pack, complete moistureplus 2 oz & b-n-c 5ml + lens case; Complete moistureplus, 12 oz, beautiful eyes promo; Complete moistureplus, 2 x 12 oz, beautiful eye promo; Complete moistureplus, 2 x 16 oz, beautiful eyes promo; Rejuvenate kit - contains complete moistureplus; Complete moistureplus, 12 oz + blink sample; Complete starter kit - 2 oz complete moistureplus + lens case; Complete moistureplus, 4 oz

What should someone do with the MoisturePlus multipurpose solution?

Immediately discontinue use of all products listed above. Unused solutions should be discarded.

What is Acanthamoeba?

Acanthamoeba is a small organism that can be found almost anywhere where there is water: bath water, swimming pools, oceans, lakes, soil, sewage systems, cooling towers and heating/ventilation/air conditioning systems. Acanthamoeba

Keratitis is a rare, but serious, infection of the cornea that typically affects contact lens wearers.

How do people get Acanthamoeba Keratitis?

About 85 percent of Acanthamoeba Keratitis cases occur among contact lens wearers, according to the CDC. People who improperly store, handle or disinfect their lenses [e.g., by using tap water or homemade solutions for cleaning] or were swimming, using hot tubs or showering while wearing lenses are at increased risk for infection.

Should people go to the doctor if they've used MoisturePlus multipurpose solution?

Contact lens wearers should consult with their eye doctor if they experience any of the following symptoms: eye pain, eye redness, blurred vision, sensitivity to light, sensation of something in the eye and excessive tearing.

Contact AMO AT **888-899-9183** or **714-247-8290/8465** or visit their Web site at www.amo-inc.com

DPW Notes

DPW official closure

All offices and shops of the Directorate of Public Works will be closed at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday for an official function.

This closure includes the Self Help Center, Housing Division, routine Service Desk operations, pest control and appliance repair reporting.

Maintenance emergency issues **only** should be reported to the Emergency Service Desk at 938-2316.

Community members should use this number for emergencies only and report routine issues on the next business day [Wed.], when all offices will resume normal operations.

For information, contact DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

Partial Merritt Road closure

In order to complete required utility work for the renovations of NCO Army Family Housing units on Merritt Road, between quarters 409 - 413, the road will be blocked for a period of approximately

five work days, weather pending, beginning Monday and ending Friday.

There will be no through vehicle traffic during that period.

Access to the quarters in the area will be maintained for the residents and emergency vehicles.

Local traffic requiring access to either side of the closure will be maintained, but through traffic on Merritt Road in the vicinity of quarters 409-413 will not be permitted.

For information, contact DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

Household hazardous waste collection

Orange County will be sponsoring their Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is the time for Orange County residents to get rid of normal household hazardous waste in an environmentally friendly manner. Items should be brought to Delano Hitch Recreation Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, N.Y.

Proof of residency [cable or phone bill with home address] must be provided at the time of

participation.

For more information call [845] 291-2643 or [800] 328-4804

or go to the Orange County web site at www.orangecountygov.com/efs.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Live Free or Die Hard, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- 1408, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 17 -- License to Wed, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 18 -- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 24 -- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

The theater schedule can also be found at www.aafes.com.

AFAP GOSC meeting results

Submitted by ACS

The Army Family Action Plan provides a mechanism to influence quality of life changes by alerting Army leadership to well-being concerns. AFAP Conferences are held annually at Army installations world-wide. USMA's 18th Annual AFAP Conference is scheduled for Oct. 23-24. The Commander's AFAP Steering Committee will convene Sept. 21 to review the status of issues previously entered into the local AFAP.

Similarly, the General Officer Steering Committee meets regularly to review the progress of HQDA AFAP issues. The GOSC, chaired by General Richard A. Cody, Vice Chief of Staff, Army, met May 9 to review the progress of 22 current HQDA AFAP issues. Attendees included senior

officials from the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, select Army commanders or their representatives and select Command Sergeants Major.

The GOSC declared three issues completed: "Reserve Component Dental Readiness", "Family Sponsorship During Unaccompanied Tours" and "Wounded Soldier Updates."

The GOSC also declared two issues unattainable: "Medical Malpractice Compensation for Service Members" and "Relocation of Pets from OCONUS."

Additional information, including detailed dispositions for all 22 issues will soon be available on the AFAP website linked to www.myarmylifetoo.com.

The GOSC will meet again Dec. 4 during the week of the DA AFAP Conference.

MWR Blurbs

Quarterback luncheon tickets

Tickets are now on sale at the West Point Club. Luncheons begin Aug. 30. Call 938-5120 or 446-5504 to order.

Football child care

The Child Development Center will be providing child care for all home football games. For more info., call 938-4798.

Child care deadlines are:

Game	Deadline
Sept. 8	Aug. 29
Sept. 29	Sept. 19
Oct. 6	Sept. 26
Nov. 9	Oct. 31
Nov. 17	Nov. 7

MWR info

Go to westpointmwr.com to find information for all your West Point MWR activities and events here on post.

Fourth Class sponsorship sign ups

The 4th Class Sponsorship sign up page is active on the USCC internal Web page.

If you signed up for the Ice Cream Social, your information is saved, just follow the additional required steps.

There are two added links on the sign up page. The first is the 4th Class Sponsorship Handbook. Take the time to read it. There have been some changes to cadet privileges this year. Second is the Commandant's Message.

Another important change to the sign up process is informing potential sponsors if cadets have been requested by other possible sponsors. This does not eliminate the second sponsor from a match with cadets. In order for a match to work, both sponsor and cadet must request each other.

Cadet sign-up is from Aug. 20-24.

The e-mail block is a required block. You can not move to the next

page without providing it.

Sponsors must meet the following criteria:

Rank: Military -- Sergeant First Class [E-7] to Sgt. Maj. [E-9] and Capt. [O-3] and above; Civilian -- Title X instructors, civilians GS-9 and above or competitive sport Head Coaches.

Live on West Point Military Reservation or within the following [Walking Privileges] geographic boundaries:

North: Main post limits.

South: Bear Mountain traffic circle [intersection of Routes 6 and 9W].

East: West bank of the Hudson River.

West: Route 9W.

Exceptions may be requested through and approved by the USCC Chief of Staff.

Contact Steve Stokilo at 938-8804 for questions and to sign-up.

Sponsor sign-up will close on Aug. 24.

At Your Leisure

What's Happening

Army boats here

The LSV Gen. Franklin S. Besson is here at South Dock and available for tours today through Sunday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Upcoming Triathlons

The 3rd annual Kid's Triathlon is Aug. 18 and the 18th Annual West Point Triathlon is Aug. 19 at Camp Buckner. Register for both at active.com.

Girl Scout registration

West Point Girl Scout registration and re-registration is currently on going. For more info., call Deanna at 446-5140.

Crandall Pool closed

Crandall Pool in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center is closed until Sept. 5. Delafield and Round Ponds are open. Call 938-5158 for more info.

WP Protestant Sunday School

The West Point Protestant Sunday School is a community-wide chapel program and is a well established ministry to our community.

The cadets lead the Sunday School classes ranging from Pre-K to Senior High.

We also offer three adult/cadet classes taught by members or chaplains from our chapel congregations. All classes take place on the third floor of Thayer Hall [Hudson River side] from 9 to 10 a.m. beginning Sept. 9.

Register your families at your chapel or for more info contact Chaplain Paige K. Heard, 938-3412, or paige.heard@usma.edu.

PWOC

PWOC is a local chapter of Protestant Women of The Chapel-USA. Our purpose is to support the work of the West Point Chapels by uniting all women in the community through Bible Study, fellowship, prayer and outreach opportunities.

OPEN HOUSE: Wed. from 8:45 to 11 a.m. and Thurs. from 7 to 9 p.m.

KICK OFF: Aug. 22 8:45-11 a.m. and Aug. 23 7 to 9 p.m.

Attend one of the open houses at the Post chapel to register.

Catholic religious education

If you are new to West Point or an old-timer who has not yet registered or re-registered your children for Catholic religious

education, please do so today.

Registration forms can be found in the Rectory of Most Holy Trinity, in the rear of the Chapel and in the Religious Education Office located in the Cloister room of the Chapel.

Opening day is Sept. 9. MHT offers religious education classes for children 4 years old through adult. Classes K-Adult are held Sunday mornings on the 3rd floor of Thayer Hall and the 4-year-old class is held in the Cloister room of the Chapel.

For more info., contact Cindy Ragsdale, 938-8761, Cynthia.ragsdale@usma.edu.

Anthony Severo 5K Run/Walk

The 2nd Annual Cadet Anthony Severo 5K Run/Walk will be held Sept. 30 at the Parkland High School Cross Country Course in Allentown, Pa. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the race

begins at 11 a.m. All proceeds will benefit Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Parkland Wrestling Scholar Athlete scholarship fund.

For more info., contact Larry Severo [610] 398-3296 or e-mail severoe@aol.com.

U. S. Military Academy Band West Point, New York

Music Under the Stars

Concert Band and **The American Belles**, *Down Memory Lane with the Andrews Sisters*, August 12, 7:30 p.m.

Concert Band, *Dancing Under the Stars*, August 19, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Knights with guest trombonist **Steve Wiest**, August 26, 7:30 p.m. (Inclement site Eisenhower Hall).

Trophy Point Amphitheatre

Free and Open to the Public

See schedule at www.usma.edu/band or call 845-938-2617

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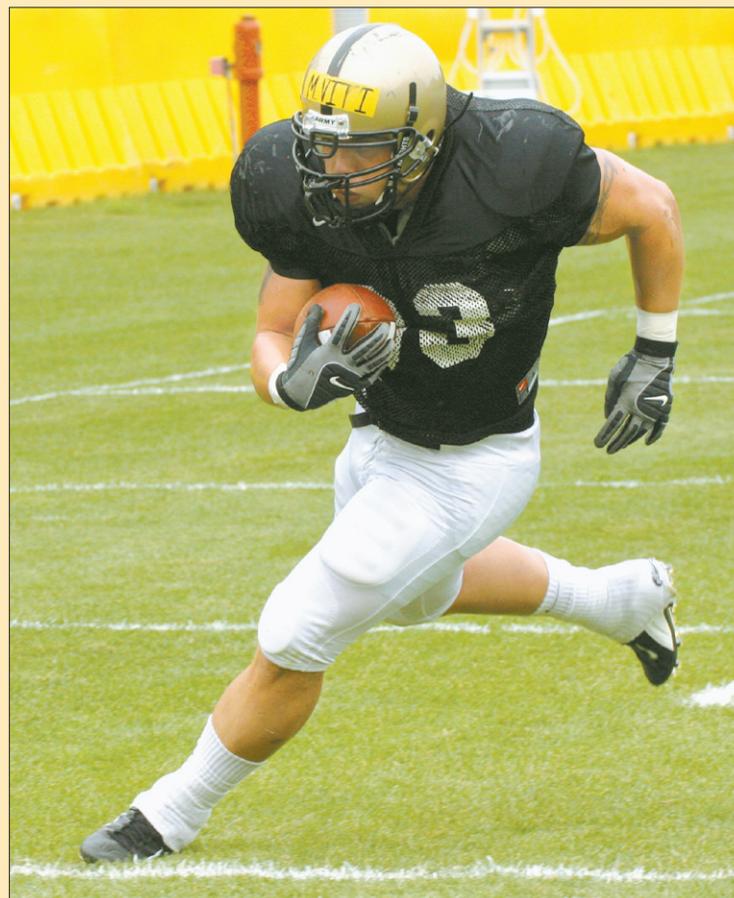
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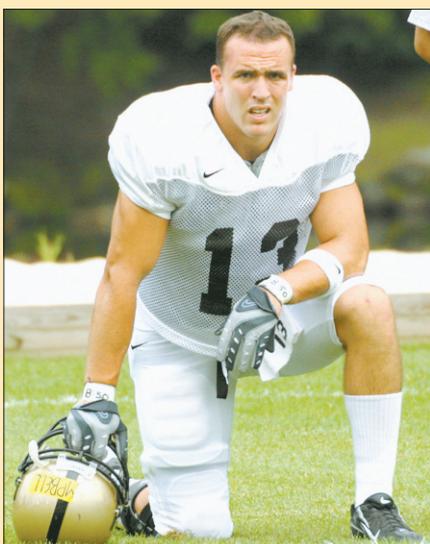
Army and Community Sports



Football's back



The first week of summer practice kicked off for Army Football Aug. 2. Junior running back Wesley McMahan [above #23] pounds out the yards in practice after leading the team in rushing last year with 654 yards. Senior safety Caleb Campbell [right] takes a breather during defensive reps. He is fully healed after a season-ending knee injury took him out of the lineup the last three games of 2006.



Senior fullback Mike Viti [above] is looking to build off a strong junior campaign that included a career-high 57 yards rushing against Navy last Dec. 2. PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



More tread on those wheels

Doctor Kent A. Laudeman [left on medal stand # 200], Vice Dean for Administration here, competed at the Empire State Games in the Masters Division at the age of 64. The retired Civil Affairs Lieutenant Colonel medaled in five events during the ESG. He finished with the Gold in the 4X800 Relay, a Silver in the 4X400 Relay, 4X100 Relay and the 800M. He also received a Bronze medal in the 1,500M. PHOTO PROVIDED

2007 Staff and Faculty Bowling Signups

The renovated D/MWR Bowling Center will conduct the 2007 Staff and Faculty Bowling League.

Department or unit teams wishing to do so can enter by e-mailing Graig Arms, Bowling Center manager, at Graig.Arms@usma.edu or calling him at 938-2140.

The League will play every Tuesday, games starting at 6:30 p.m., from Sept. 11 through Dec. 11 and then Jan. 15 through Feb. 26. It'll be a duration of 21 weeks.

There is a small fee of \$6 per person to cover lane fee costs. Shoe rentals, if needed, are for free.

Teams will be made up of three people per team. The same people can bowl every week or you can have different people from the same department or unit each week. You can participate on another team [unit or department].

Each department or unit may have multiple teams if need be. There is a limit of 20 teams and registration is on a first come, first served basis.

The League will be handicapped.

Deadlines for team entries will be Sept. 4.

Marines dominate Post Softball Championship

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

The Stewart Marines were crowned West Point Staff and Faculty Intramural Softball champions Monday after they swept Math 11-1 and 13-1.

After winning the North Division Championship in three games -- taking the clincher by one run -- the Stewart Marines came out and dominated in all phases of the two post championship games.

In game one, Math sprung out 1-0 in the top of the 1st inning as shortstop Tom Kastner led off the game with a single and then scored on a sacrifice fly by rightfielder James Dzwonchyk. Math would hold the Marines scoreless for an inning before the fireworks began in the second inning.

The Stewart Marines kept Math off the board in the top of the second and then came out swinging in the bottom half of the inning with lead off singles by extra hitter Benny Huffman and catcher Joseph Calomino.

Marines' leftfielder Herbert Griffin then took hold of the game when he crushed a three-run homer over Math left-centerfielder Michael McCrea's head to give his team a 3-1 lead.

"[Hitting the ball] felt good," Griffin said. "When I get up to bat I look to where the outfielders are playing me, so if I see them slacking that's where I try to place the ball. It just so happened [McCrea] was

sleeping, but it was a good hit."

Following Griffin's home run, the Stewart Marines added two more runs in the inning highlighted by right-centerfielder Wade Winniford's RBI triple as the Marines went up 5-1.

In the bottom of the 3rd inning, Huffman hit a sacrifice fly to knock home shortstop Nate Blaede to put the Marines up 6-1. Then in the fourth inning, the Marines continued its stellar defense as Blaede started a double play for the second consecutive inning to hold the score at 6-1.

The Marines completed their victory in game one by scoring five runs to reach the 10-run rule as they got the first six batters on base from four singles, a double by pitcher Russ Carpenter and a walk.

Carpenter was the Marines' regular second baseman all season long. He was replacing their regular pitcher Mike Weber who was unavailable. Carpenter held Math to seven hits and one walk in the first game and then would shut down Math once again in game two.

"Throwing first pitch strikes is huge. If you can do that it's a good thing," Carpenter said. "[I threw] quick pitches and if the other team isn't ready for it or hasn't seen it all year that absolutely helps.

"I got them on their heels and got them popping up a lot. With my outfield I'm not afraid to let them hit it out there," he added, "because nothing gets by the four or five guys we put out there because they



Stewart Marines right-centerfielder Wade Winniford ripped a triple in each game of the Marines two-game sweep of Math in the West Point Staff & Faculty Intramural Softball Championships Monday at West Point. The Marines won the games 11-1 and 13-1.

are so fast."

The Stewart Marines put game two away early as they thumped out seven runs in the top half of the first inning.

Third baseman Steve Debruyn smashed a home run to lead off the game and after a line out by left-centerfielder Dave Dewitt, Blaede followed with a solo home run of his own to put the Marines up 2-0.

"It was a beautiful start," Griffin explained. "When [Debruyn and Blaede] hit those balls it was over. We knew it was over. We just had to finish and put the icing on the cake."

Icing the cake they did as Carpenter, who wasn't just a menace on the mound, also hurt Math with his bat lining a triple to keep the onslaught going in the opening inning. After a couple of RBI singles by Huffman and Griffin, Winniford put the exclamation point on his team's great start with a two-run triple that scored Griffin and first baseman Matt Lipp.

After holding Math scoreless in the first inning, the Marines added three more runs to take a 10-0 lead in the second inning highlighted by a two-run single by Calomino and

an RBI double by Griffin.

Math scored its only run of the game in the second inning as extra hitter Pat Sullivan drove home leftfielder Alex Heidenberg with a single to make it 10-1.

Subsequently, the Marines would add another three runs in the third with back-to-back singles from rightfielder Brandon Zimmer and Debruyn, and then an RBI double by Dewitt followed by a two-run single by Blaede to give

the Marines a 13-1 lead.

Solid fielding and pitching on both sides kept the score the same for the final 2 1/2 innings as the Marines walked away with the championship.

Despite entering the North Division tournament as the third seed, the Marines took care of business by beating West Point Security in a two-game sweep and then had to claw their way

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Math extra hitter Pat Sullivan knocked an RBI single to plate Math's only run in game two of their 13-1 Post Championship loss.



Stewart Marines third baseman Steve Debruyn guns out a Math runner at first base. Debruyn also was hot with the bat as he led off game two with a home run.

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to two hard fought three-game series against MEDDAC and ODIA.

“The last time we won [in 2001], we were the number one seed and we had it a little easier in the playoffs because of our seeding,” Carpenter said. “This team had to play tougher teams to advance and during the season we lost a couple of extra-inning games.

“Our guys came together and when we needed to put runs together we did it,” he added. “When we played [ODIA for the North title], we won the first game, lost the second game by a run and then the last game we won in the bottom of the seventh inning by one run because we were playing a great team. But, everybody [on our team] stepped up and did their part to win.”

Griffin, who finished the two games with three singles, a double, a home run, 5 RBIs and two runs scored, was proud of his team’s tournament accomplishment.

“[Winning the championship] is awesome,” Griffin said. “We came together, we played together and we worked all year for it.”