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Meet the RCI Team

By Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

The Residential Communities Initiative partnership team is on the ground at West Point, led by Project Director Rich Wagner, a 1977 U.S. Military Academy graduate. For him, he said, this job was “a dream come true.

“I have two sons in the Corps, a firstie and a plebe,” he said. “Each time my wife and I come here for some event, like ring weekend or graduation week, I say to her ‘wouldn’t it be great if I got a job at West Point.’”

His wish came true when the Army named GMH Military Housing as the partner in West Point’s housing privatization initiative. When he went to interview for the project director position, he said, it was with one intent.

“What really drew me to this job was the chance to get back and take care of West Point Families,” Wagner said. “I understand what the mission is here. I understand this place and I will make sure that nothing changes the history, tradition and beauty that the academy offers.”



RCI Project Director Rich Wagner and his team are gathering information from focus groups. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

In fact, he explained, GMH is bringing eight historical architects in next week to survey the historical houses on post.

“We realize this is a unique situation and we’re taking every step to make sure the historical properties are not compromised,” Wagner said.

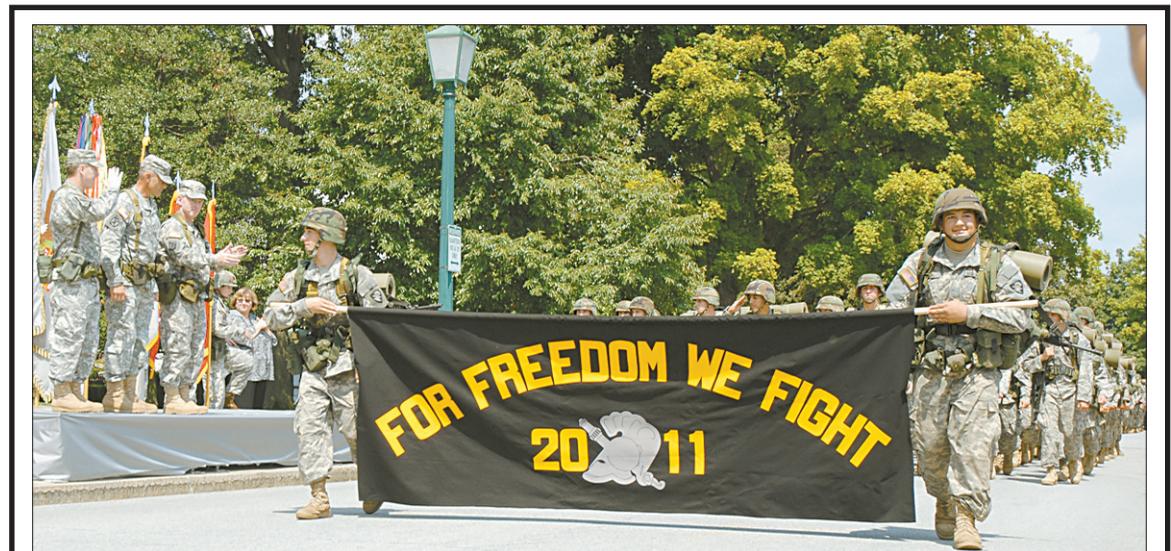
The GMH team will work closely with the West Point’s RCI Director, Mike Colacicco, and has currently set up a temporary office right next to RCI in Spellman Hall.

“This is a partnership with West Point,” Wagner explained. “That’s what RCI is all about, being partners in something that will improve the quality of life for the West Point community.”

Wagner also understands the military mind-set. He spent 21 years in the Army, including tours with several combat engineer units.

“I know from my time in the Army what’s important to Soldiers and their families and I want to be able to make a difference in their lives,” he said.

Wagner said he realizes how
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Class of 2011 tames the ‘Beast’

Members of Cadet Basic Training’s Golf Company carry their class motto banner as more than 1,300 new cadets marched past Quarters 100 Monday. This signified the end of ‘Beast Barracks.’ The new cadets will join the Corps of Cadets Saturday during the Acceptance Day parade. [See related story pages 10-11.]

PHOTO BY ANTHONY BATTISTA/DOIM MMB

Appeals court deals blow to unions in NSPS case

WASHINGTON [Govexec.com] -- An appeals court has rejected a request from federal employee unions for a full court review of a panel’s decision upholding rules that would scale back collective bargaining rights for civilian Defense Department employees.

The coalition of unions that had asked the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to review a May ruling in favor of the Defense Department will now take the case to the Supreme Court, said Joe Goldberg, lead attorney for the group. The unions represent more than half of the more than 700,000 civilian employees affected by personnel changes at the Pentagon.

The coalition also will ask that the appeals court delay issuing the mandate that will accompany [today’s] decision not to rehear the case, a maneuver that would essentially give the unions more time to work out their next move.

The National Federation of Federal Employees -- one of the unions involved in the case - expressed disappointment in the

appeals court’s move. “We feel this case meets all the criteria for a rehearing and choosing not to grant it is a disservice to the 750,000 Defense workers who deserve a fair shake on this all-important matter,” said Richard Brown, president of NFFE.

The full appeals court’s refusal to review the case lets stand the May ruling by a panel of judges that the Defense Department has the authority to limit employees’ collective bargaining rights until 2009, at which time the agency must revert to the labor practices outlined in the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act.

The Defense Department’s privilege has come into play as the agency works to implement the National Security Personnel System, which, in addition to the collective bargaining provisions, seeks to tie pay more closely to job performance. Unions have criticized the new system, saying it promotes hiring decisions based on ideology rather than performance.

“[NSPS] is costing taxpayers money needlessly to implement a personnel policy that has nothing

to do with performance,” said Matt Biggs, legislative director for the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, one of the unions in the coalition.

In addition to legal action, the unions have pushed Congress to block the personnel reforms. The House earlier this month approved a bipartisan spending bill amendment that would protect the collective bargaining and appeal rights of Defense employees.

Language to reform or repeal NSPS also has been included in House and Senate versions of the 2008 Defense authorization bills. In May, the House voted to repeal the existing authority of Defense to move forward on the labor relations portions. So far, the full Senate has failed to move on its version of the authorization bill, which would permit the Pentagon to go forward with personnel reforms, as long as the system is consistent with existing federal labor relations law.

“We’re very optimistic that NSPS as we know it right now is

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READY WEST POINT: Community emergency preparedness information

Commentary by
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Indian Point is a nuclear power energy generation facility located in Buchanan, N.Y. It is owned and operated by Entergy Nuclear Northeast. The plant is on the east bank of the Hudson River in Westchester County. The site is home to three nuclear power plants and, at full power, the plants generate enough electricity to supply power to approximately 1.3 million homes.

Following the accident in 1979 at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant, the role of emergency planning and public information for areas surrounding nuclear power plants was re-examined. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency developed additional regulatory requirements and guidelines for emergency planning. The NRC requires that

comprehensive on-site emergency response plans and procedures be in place at all nuclear power plants. FEMA regulates and evaluates radiological emergency response capabilities off-site at the state and county levels.

The NRC and FEMA define a 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone as the area surrounding Indian Point. People living within this area could be exposed to radiation from a radioactive plume if it is released from the site during an emergency. Additionally, the NRC and FEMA define a 50-mile "ingestion pathway" EPZ as the area where it would be possible for radiological contamination of crops and agricultural products, land and surface water.

The 10-mile EPZ of the Indian Point nuclear plant encompasses parts of four New York counties - Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange. The Orange County EPZ lies to the northwest of Indian Point, across the Hudson River. The West Point Military Reservation is

within the 10-mile EPZ. Installation emergency planners are working with state and county emergency management officials to develop emergency response plans to protect our residents and employees in the event of an emergency at Indian Point.

State and local officials use the Emergency Alert System to inform the public about what protective actions, if any, to take. The primary notification systems are the area siren system, maintained by Entergy, and the EAS. Sirens are located throughout the 10-mile EPZ and signal the public to turn on their radios and listen for an EAS message. The signal lasts from 3-5 minutes. The sirens **do not** mean leave the area. The EAS message will provide instructions on how to respond to the emergency.

The installation's Emergency Operations Center will also receive emergency warning messages directly from Indian Point by an emergency communications hook up that is regularly tested. The installation's Public Affairs Office will use the Command Information Channel and other methods to inform our residents and employees of emergency measures to take to protect themselves and their families from any radiological hazards.

There are two protective actions that state, county and installation emergency officials may implement.

Shelter -- stay inside, close all doors and windows and listen to the local radio or television emergency

alert station.

Evacuation -- leave a designated area that is within the 10-mile EPZ.

Installation emergency planners are working with State and County emergency management officials to develop sheltering and evacuation plans for our residents and employees. Installation personnel will be provided with this information in the very near future.

In the unlikely event that radioactivity is released from one of the Indian Point plants, some members of the general public may be exposed to ionizing radiation. The health effects of such exposure would be nearly impossible to detect since the levels of exposure would be relatively small even in a release of a significant amount of radioactive material.

Potassium Iodide, known by its chemical symbol KI, is an over-the-counter medication. In the event of a serious nuclear plant emergency, KI has a safety value as a supplement to sheltering and evacuation. It reduces the risk of thyroid cancer from exposure to radioactive iodine. Radioactive iodine could be among the materials released in a severe emergency.

The installation just had an extensive KI pre-distribution program for residents and employees to obtain KI tablets. You should obtain a supply of KI tablets for yourself and your family and keep it in a safe place as a precaution. County and MEDDAC authorities will advise you when and if you

should swallow KI tablets. Contact the Department of Preventive Medicine, USAMEDDAC at [845] 938-2676 for further information.

State and county emergency planners, supported by hundreds of highly trained safety experts [police, firefighters, medical personnel and other officials] have developed extensive procedures for an emergency that might occur at Indian Point.

For more information contact Henry Cervantes, Emergency Plans Specialist, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, US Army Garrison, West Point at [845] 938-4509 or henry.cervantes@usma.edu.

Academic Year Uniform policy

Remember -- the Academic Year uniform policy for staff and faculty starts Monday.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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.

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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.

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Local and National News

Army puts 'Temporary' back in TCS orders

WASHINGTON [Army News Service] -- The Army is putting the "temporary" back into temporary change of station orders that authorize and fund assignments for Soldiers in contingency support positions that are not in a combat zone.

Starting Wednesday, TCS orders could be issued only for assignments of 180 days or less, unless a waiver is granted. Additionally, Soldiers will not be approved for two sets of 180-day orders within the same 365-day period. The changes are intended to ensure Soldiers and Families have predictable, reasonable service requirements.

"The 16,000 Soldiers currently on TCS orders and their Families deserve a process that makes sense,

is predictable and honors their willingness and commitment to sacrifice and serve," said Ronald J. James, assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and Reserve affairs.

A presidential order dated Sept. 14, 2001, authorized the Army to call on individual ready reservists to fill jobs left vacant by Soldiers deploying into operational theaters. The positions included such missions as staffing operations centers, training Soldiers at mobilization centers and guarding sensitive areas. Though the assignments were expected to be short term, many Soldiers have served on assignments requiring them to extend in TCS status for years.

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personnel overhaul.

"NSPS is what's needed to reform the civilian workforce for the war on terror," Melnyk said. He said there are "protections under the system" for employees' bargaining rights.

Duty Station orders entitles Soldiers to lodging and per diem reimbursements, in addition to their normal housing allowance. Putting Soldiers on temporary duty of 180 days or less on TCS orders is normal Army procedure because they are essentially maintaining a home away from home and entitled to reimbursement.

The changes ensure the TCS program will remain an appropriate and important vehicle for emerging temporary requirements and the administrative changes will make the program more manageable and efficient, saving dollars for the war effort.

Colonel Richard Shrank, commander of U.S. Army Finance Command, said the Army will tap into the Installation Management Command's resources to enhance the TCS process.

"As Soldiers come into a TDY

status we're specifically going to be directing them to Installation Management Command to look for government housing solutions," Shrank said. "We're going to be pushing that as one of the cost-control savings."

IMCOM will provide oversight for the redefined TCS policy. IMCOM will use the Defense Travel System to process orders, manage travel funds and arrange lodging and meals. It will also maintain an inventory of installation and contract lodging solutions for Soldiers in TCS status and will be the approving authority for any use of economy per diem lodging.

With IMCOM providing oversight, the revised program will benefit the Army and Soldiers, said Laura Avery, chief of budget execution, IMCOM headquarters.

"In the end it's going to be a lot more cost effective for the government and a more efficient process for the Soldier," she said.

Supe's brief Aug. 24

The Superintendent's briefing to staff and faculty is scheduled for Aug. 24 from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in Thayer Hall's Robinson Auditorium.

The briefing is mandatory for all officers, non-commissioned officers [Sgt. 1st Class and above], civilian employees [GS-12 and above], Title X instructors and all head and assistant coaches.

All personnel must be seated by 12:40 p.m.

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going to be fixed," Biggs said. "We have bipartisan support."

Lt. Col. Les Melnyk, a Defense Department spokesman, said that while it is against agency policy to comment on open legal proceedings, Defense supports the

USFIT program to eliminate sizing shortfalls for clothing, equipment

NATICK, Mass. [Army News Service] -- Sizing shortfalls in clothing and equipment distributed at central issue facilities is soon to be a thing of the past with the new Uniform System for Improved Tariffs program.

The closest to a correct fit Soldiers can hope for usually involves a guessing game of small, medium, large or extra-large and the number of sizes available, which is currently determined by outdated predictions.

The USFIT program uses 3-D, whole-body scanners to record the shape of Soldiers' bodies. The data is archived in the Integrated Database for Engineering Anthropometry of Soldiers to provide a better overall description of the user population.

"Previously there was a large opportunity for a sizing error," said

Joseph Cooper, a USFIT project officer. "Using the scanner will give us data to provide the best fit."

The IDEAS database will also assist developers in the design of current and next-generation clothing and equipment, including future combat systems.

The information may eventually be loaded onto common access cards so Soldiers and supply sergeants can simply scan the card when ordering uniforms and equipment from around the world.

The first phase of USFIT included the development of size-prediction algorithms for selected uniforms and equipment at Fort Bliss, Texas, where more than 3,000 deploying Soldiers were scanned and fit-tested.

Phase two includes distributing scanners to 24 Army installations

and mobilization centers, and is awaiting funding. Phase three includes distribution of head and foot scanners for use in sizing protective masks and footwear.

Current size predictions are based on a 1988 study that used the same measurement methods for men and women.

"The 1988 survey, although

providing the best data to date then, is almost 20 years old," said Cooper. "What the Army looks like has changed with regard to ethnicity and gender. In addition, the survey only covered active-duty personnel and we have more reserve-component personnel than ever participating in OIF/OEF.

"The average age of an OIF

Reservist is approximately 33, while the age of an incoming active-duty Soldier is between 18 and 23 years old," Cooper explained. "Sizing for uniforms will vary greatly between the two."

[**Editor's Note:** This story was taken from an Army Soldier Systems Center, Natick, Mass. press release.]

A boost in enlistment bonuses for select MOSs

WASHINGTON [Military Report] -- Enlistment bonuses have been increased for several military occupational specialties, including Special Forces, truck drivers, signal support specialists, field artillery tactical data system operators and cooks.

The increases took effect Aug. 9 and bring to 75 the number of

specialties that qualify for bonuses of up to \$25,000.

The Army also is offering a "quick ship" bonus of \$20,000 for applicants who leave for basic training within 30 days of enlisting. The bonus only is available to recruits in MOSs with priority training seats during this fiscal year.

The total bonus available to applicants is capped at \$40,000.

Five MOSS now qualify for bonuses of up to \$25,000 for a six-year enlistment and seven for bonuses of up to \$16,000.

Five specialties, to include combat engineer and cavalry scout, have been dropped from the bonus program.

Acceptance Day, Ring Weekend events may cause traffic issues

Submitted by the
Force Protection Office
DPTMS

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., Saturday.

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 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.

Ring Weekend events

In support of the Class of 2008 Ring Weekend events, Aug. 24-25, the following measures are in

effect: Aug. 24 [Ring Ceremony]

Traffic in the Trophy Point area 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 beginning at 4:35 p.m.

Traffic in the area will remain blocked until the completion of the ceremony. Vehicles parked in the Clinton, Doubleday and surrounding lots will be allowed to depart by exiting south on Cullum Road past the cadet library.

There will be no authorized vehicle parking on Jefferson Road and the Thayer Road extension after 4 p.m. Vehicles parked on these roads are subject to being

towed.

In conjunction with the Class of 2008 Banquet and Formal Aug. 25, the Cullum Road area in front of the Commandant's quarters is subject to brief closures after 7:45 p.m. to support pedestrians crossing at that intersection.

There is no parking on Jefferson Road.

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

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different the academy is from other Army posts, having spent three years here as a professor in the Department of Physics.

"I know that people are concerned about preserving the history and beauty of West Point while at the same time getting some of the amenities that make our lives so much easier. We are ready to take on that mission," Wagner said.

Work on the Community Development Management Plan has already begun, he explained. The CDMP is a blueprint that spells out what exactly GMH will do for the community. Wagner said he and Colacicco are already setting up focus groups to start getting community input for the plan.

"We began working on the CDMP in April and once the focus groups are in place, we can start finding out just what the community wants and needs," he added.

GMH has already set up a Web site that the West Point community can go to for more information. It offers a resident survey and a

question and answer section on RCI.

"When we were at the community fair, we got a lot of questions from the community members, so I had my people set up a Web site where they could get some answers," Wagner explained. To visit the site, go to www.westpointfamilyhousing.com.

Also on the GMH team is community manager, Shari Roosa, who has plenty of local experience in property management.

"I have 17 years of property management experience. My last employment was with Actus Lend Lease managing the military housing at Stewart ANG Base in New Windsor," she explained.

Wagner said both he and Roosa are ready to begin what they hope will be a beautiful partnership.

"Our goal is to provide the best quality of life for the people living and working at West Point while continuing the history of excellence that is the hallmark of the academy," he said.

NSPS briefing

There will be a initial workforce briefing Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in Thayer Hall, Room 144 for those employees who will be transferring into NSPS this fall.

CRABTREE NAMED FIRST CAPTAIN

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

A strong work ethic is a quintessential trait to those born with vibrant leadership qualities, so it should be no surprise that when Cadet 1st Class Jason Crabtree learned that he was going to lead the Corps of Cadets he was working vigorously on his family's farm.

"I was at home running an excavator for my dad and I was digging some drainage ditches when I got a call from Col. [Mark] McKearn [Aug. 7] to inform me that I was chosen as first captain," said Crabtree, about being notified by the Brigade Tactical Officer. "I came back here and the Corps leaders and I started planning [Aug. 10]."

The Kingston, Wash., native grew up on a small farm raising Angus cattle and is now looking to corral 4,400 cadets for the 2007-08 academic year.

Crabtree is humbled and honored to be chosen as the brigade commander and sees it as a unique opportunity to reinforce effective changes within a Corps that's undergoing many changes itself.

"We hope to capitalize on the changes we make and encourage the first class cadets to leave a positive mark on the Corps this year and leave a lasting legacy," Crabtree explained. "We want to transition to an intent-based environment and instill into people the expectation that they will act, at all times, with excellence and represent something larger than themselves."

Another intent, according to Crabtree, is to create a winning spirit among the Corps of Cadets that will reflect on the culture, which is a big goal of Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck.

"We're trying to create a team

mentality with everything we do, whether it's military training, academics or other things. We want to offer incentives to people to perform and compete well in a supportive environment," Crabtree stated. "You're going to see improved support for our athletic teams. We're going to try some things to get the athletic teams to get both better support from their company counterparts and training."

Along with improved support and the team mentality, Crabtree said he wants to see more cadets in decision-making, leadership roles with more responsibilities.

"We are formalizing a training management oversight process and the battalion leadership is going to be much more involved in how we maintain standards and force changes that come from the top," Crabtree said. "There's going to be more active leadership. We're working on pushing authority to lower-level decision-makers and making lower-level commanders more responsible for their units."

"Those commanders are going to be held accountable for their unit's performance in ways that they have not seen before," he added. "So it's an exciting thing for them not only to be held accountable, but they can come up with innovative solutions within the commander's intent and spread the workload around to more cadets ... doing it this way maximizes our command resources, maximizes effectiveness at all levels and allows them to create a team."

With the talk of a more team-oriented environment, it's no wonder that some of the top brigade staff members are involved with Corps Squad sports or high-level Club sports.

Brigade deputy commander Dan Newell and Brigade Command

Sgt. Maj. Jarod Taylor, who are involved with Men's Soccer and Boxing, respectively, are two classmates working hard to manage the issues of the Corps and trying to improve it here.

"We want to capitalize on the positive things we do and the winning spirit of our Army," Crabtree said. "We want to foster the feeling that this is a premier academy."

Crabtree wants to build on what he saw as a younger cadet by seeing cadet leaders who had a vision of trying to improve their units. He's been influenced along the way by key leaders in his life to include his Cadet Basic Training I first sergeant Chris Blackburn.

"The next summer after my CBT, Blackburn was a CBT executive officer and would eventually become a regimental sergeant major," Crabtree said. "He was one of those guys in my company that really inspired me as a cow and later as a firstie during my yuck year. He is somebody I certainly looked up to and that was part of the reason that I served as the CBT I first sergeant last summer and CBT I commander this summer."

"I still remember him more than most of my chain of command," he added. "He set the tone for our company and did a phenomenal job."

The two-time Sandhurst participant wants the cadets to set the tone for their individual lives because West Point, Crabtree believes, is a place for self-fulfillment.

"I really don't believe there's a better place for personal



First Captain Jason Crabtree.

development. That's why I came here. The support we have here from all over the institution is unparalleled," Crabtree stated. "It's important for the cadets to seek out opportunities and use the resources that are available to them."

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink and with leadership development and the preparation to become officers, it's on us to find mentors and make those challenging opportunities rewarding ones," he added. "Whether it's academics, physical or military, we must maximize our ability to prepare to lead Soldiers. That's what everything should be about ... the more we do that, the more successful we're going to be."

As for Crabtree, he's focused on the immediate goal of taking over the Corps' top leadership position, but he also has other goals much later in life with his

love for space.

"I have a second cousin who was an Apollo 12 astronaut [Richard F. Gordon], so I grew up hearing stories from him. He was a naval test pilot, as well," said Crabtree, a civil engineering major. "I heard stories about the military from him. I always knew I wanted to do something to serve my country and maybe one day I can also work at NASA following my military career."

Army ship arrives to retrieve transport vehicles

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Gen. Frank S. Besson Jr., a Logistics Support Vessel from Fort Eustis, Va., arrived Aug. 6 at South Dock for the second time this summer. This trip was to retrieve 27 military tactical vehicles and fork lifts that were used during Cadet Summer Training. The Skipper opened the vessel to the public for tours Aug. 9 to 12, with approximately 530 visitors taking advantage of the opportunity to see an Army ship.

Major Justin Perusek, who was the Cadet Basic Training Operations officer and is also

the Transportation Corps Branch representative in DMI, said he really appreciated that the Skipper, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Alan Earley, opened the ship for tours, "because when people think Army, they don't think ships. This gave them a chance to learn that the Army has not only the LSVs, but more than 100 other vessels, including Theater Sustainment Vessels -- which can travel over 40 knots per hour; Landing Craft Units -- which are smaller crafts and have been used since World War II; ferries; tugboats and other vessels."

Perusek had hoped that cadets would also be able to tour the vessel, to give them a look at another facet of the Army, but their busy Reorganization Week schedules and the ship's departure on Wednesday morning just did not mesh.

The Besson is one of eight Army LSVs with an overall length of 273 feet and a weight of 4,199 LTONS [light tons], according

to Warrant Officer Christopher Jones, second mate and navigation officer.

"The ship can sustain a crew of eight and 24 enlisted men for a month," Jones said. "There are three levels to the ship. The top level is the Bridge where we chart our course and sail using automatic rudders and computer generated plots." Additionally, the officer's quarters are on the same level, with level two encompassing the enlisted quarters, the galley and recreation areas. The engine room and cargo area are below level three, Jones explained further.

Jones said the ship has the capability to use the automatic navigation, including auto pilot, as well as manual back-up.

It may seem unusual that the Army would have their own ships, as most people see Army personnel as infantry, combat arms or the like, and not necessarily sailors.

"The Army has had vessels since the Civil War," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Innanen, Chief Engineer. "There were also the LCMs, or Landing Craft mechanized, that landed in Normandy."

The military tactical vehicles rolled onto the lower deck of the ship at North Dock Tuesday. Then the Besson returned to South Dock to allow the members of



Warrant Officer Christopher Jones explains the automated rudder system on the bridge of the LSV1, the Gen. Frank S. Besson Jr. The ship has the capability to run on auto pilot and can be run manually as well. The bridge includes a Global Maritime Distress and Safety System or GMDSS. Any vessel that has a GMDSS world-wide will receive an alert.

the transportation platoon and the Besson crew to tie the vehicles down. The transportation platoon is made up of a joint force to include 42 Soldiers from Fort Story Va., two Soldiers from Fort Eustis Va., all falling under the 7th Sustainment Brigade and 48 Soldiers from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Due to the Hudson River currents, it was safer to tie the vehicles down at South Dock, according to 2nd Lt. Stephen Coley, transportation platoon leader. Two heavy chains in front of each vehicle and two in the back are needed to stabilize the vehicles for the two-day trip back to Fort

Eustis. The ship got underway Wednesday.

"Being able to ship vehicles from one Army installation to another via water is very unique since usually one of the two installations is landlocked," Perusek added. "Watching the loading operations on Monday was very impressive and I enjoyed it. It's too bad more people did not get a chance to watch it," he added.

The ship brought the vehicles here June 5 to support Cadet Basic Training and Cadet Field Training.

[Editor's Note: Perusek contributed to this story.]



The LSV1 docks at North Dock to retrieve 27 Army vehicles after CST. The LSV1 then sailed back to South Dock to tie down the vehicles for the trip home.



The Gen. Frank S. Besson Jr., a logistics Support Vessel from Fort Eustis, Va., is shown while docked at South Dock earlier this week. The ship is 273 feet long and 60 feet wide and can support eight crew members and 24 enlisted personnel for a month at sea.

Transportation Soldiers keep Army rolling

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Roughly 60 transportation personnel arrived June 5 to be ready for the initial arrival of the Gen. Frank S. Besson Jr., a Logistics Support Vessel from Fort Eustis, Va., with its load of 27 military tactical vehicles and forklifts to be used during Cadet Summer Training here. Their initial mission was to off-load the various vehicles from the Besson and drive them to their staging point for use as part of the summer training task force.

Their mission for the rest of their time here was to transport cadets to and from Camp Buckner, Lake Frederick and the various ranges during Cadet Basic Training and Cadet Field Training.

Platoon leader 2nd Lt. Stephen Coley explained that the Transportation Platoon fell under the 590th Field Service Company from Fort Drum, N.Y., and was one of the units that made up Task Force Mountain Guardian. The transportation element included 42 Soldiers from Fort Story, Va., and two Soldiers from Fort Eustis Va., who fell under the 7th Sustainment Brigade, along with 48 Soldiers from Fort Bragg, N.C.

The transportation element also included a Support Platoon, which had 11 Soldiers from the 159th Transportation Company at Fort Story and five Soldiers from the 590th FSC from Fort Drum. The support platoon was responsible for the dispatching and signing



Pfc. Elbert Ferrer assists Spc. Elisa Roth in securing a chain to tie one of the vehicles to the Besson's deck.

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out of transportation motor pool vehicles to cadets and cadre from both CBT and CFT, for hauling ammunition to the various ranges and training areas, as well as water buffalo distribution and re-supply to all the assigned training areas and ranges.

Coley said the transportation element's primary mission was to move the cadets to the various training areas, ranges and camps throughout CST.

Their supplementary mission was to provide transportation assets to the cadet command for various missions such as weapons transport and other supply material transportation needs.

The platoon also assisted in the Convoy Reaction Lanes training for CFT, which gave the cadets a chance to serve as convoy commanders and run through real world scenarios such as ambush, checkpoints and reaction to improvised explosive devices.

"We did assist in training 12 cadets for 16 days during the live-fire exercises," said Staff Sgt. Andre Wills, a truck master from Fort Story, Va. "We advised them on what to do when an IED is spotted [during convoy operations]. We also showed them what they should do when confronting sniper fire [to help ensure the safety of all in a convoy]."

"The Soldiers of the platoon were responsible for driving the cadets and received commands from them. This allowed our Soldiers to interact with the cadets and sometimes provide advice without hindering the military decision-making process," Coley stated. "Most of the Soldiers in the platoon have run convoys in Iraq and have encountered most of the scenarios first hand. This provided real world insight to the cadets and helped further their experience."

"The transportation platoon completed 92 cadet transportation

missions, 30 area recons logging more than 47,000 miles and transported what amounted to more than 41,000 cadets, [assuming several cadet trips per day for six weeks] throughout the West Point proper area of operation."

Coley said the platoon accomplished the mission with 100 percent safety, including zero personnel injuries and zero vehicle accidents.

Major Justin Perusek, who was the Cadet Basic Training Operations officer and is also the Transportation Corps Branch representative in DMI, said the unit taught the cadets how to react to contact during the lanes training.

"Without the support of the transportation assets this summer, only about half of the training would have been able to be conducted because the cadets would have had to walk to their respective sites," Perusek said. "The fact that there were no significant accidents and a plethora of miles driven clearly speaks to the professionalism of the 11th Transportation Battalion and the 7th Sustainment Brigade out of Fort Story and Fort Eustis, respectively," he added. "The group probably transported 3,000 cadets and Soldiers daily during the summer."

Most cadets would like to go into infantry and the more glamorous type branches, according to Wills.

He hopes his Soldier's interaction with the cadets this summer encourages more of them to consider the Transportation Corps when selecting a branch.

"The transportation branch is not as glamorous as the combat arms branches," Wills said. "But the transportation branch support mission has provided both transportation and combat platoons here the chance to perform training and obtain invaluable experience in all branch fields."



Sgt. Matthew Passerelli walks the line of vehicles in his convoy prior to moving out from Thayer Road extension to Camp Buckner. Passerelli is part of the transportation element that supported CST. PHOTO BY SGT. COREY AUSTIN/159TH TRANSPORTATION Co.

"The West Point Cadet Summer Support mission has provided both platoons a chance to perform a plethora of training and obtain invaluable experience in all branch-specific fields," Coley added.

"The Transportation Corps

considers themselves the Infantry of Logistics because we are out on the roads providing support to all the combat units," according to Perusek.

[Editor's Note: Coley contributed to this story.]

Cadets explore Qatari culture during pilot AIAD

Story and photo by
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Recently six cadets from the Class of 2010 participated in a pilot Advanced Individual Academic Development trip by taking American Politics in a foreign country, along with numerous students of differing nationalities. The class took place on the Texas A&M-Qatar campus in Doha, Qatar, which is a member of Education City -- an initiative by the Qatar Foundation to expand the educational opportunities of Qatari residents.

The AIAD consisted of three pillars: American Government classroom instruction, formal Arabic instruction and cultural exposure of the Arab region. Each pillar required a significant amount of work from the cadets, but not without a few moments of levity.

The American Government class took place Sunday through Thursday for four weeks, two hours a day, where the students took a condensed version of the exact class taught at West Point. This classroom composition included students of varied backgrounds and nationalities, including Qatari, Egyptian, Palestinian, Indian and Moroccan. This diversity allowed a unique exchange of perspectives and opinions concerning the creation and evolution of the U.S. system of government. Needless to

say, there were several key events which provided ample discussion -- the War in Iraq, NSA wiretaps, secret CIA prisons and Al Jazeera editorial policies, for example.

The second pillar provided the cadets with a more intense language experience by requiring them to take a formal Arabic class for one hour during the academic week. The instructor, Cheryl McIntyre, a lecturer from Texas A&M in College Station, taught the cadets varied vocabulary and grammar applicable to traveling and health in an Arab country. This requirement forced the cadets to focus on their speaking ability, which provided them the skills necessary for one of the highlights of the trip -- the language "Amazing Race."

This competition required the cadets to use their Arabic to navigate around the city of Doha, seeking certain items and accomplishing tasks such as purchasing an item in an Arabic book store, learning how pearls are formed and harvested from a local pearl salesman in the "souqs" and hailing and directing taxis. This event was fun and challenging for the cadets.

The final pillar was the exposure to Arab culture. Although Qatar is a very Western country by Arab standards, it has a large population of people from other Arab nationalities. The exposure the cadets received from their classmates outside of the classroom facilitated the youthful exchange of



Cadets 3rd Class Iain Cruickshank [left], and Alexander Vanhout tried their hand at camel riding as part of their cultural experience in Qatar.

ideas concerning problems like the Israeli-Palestinian question.

There were other excursions which added to the cadets' understanding of Qatar. They visited the Qatar Military Academy - the equivalent of West Point, the Qatar Leadership Academy - a preparatory/boarding school based on a U.S. model, which includes

the International Baccalaureate program. One of the highlights of the cultural exposure was the visit to Al Jazeera television, both the Arabic and English channels. This tour provided the cadets an opportunity to witness "freedom of the press" that tends to be antagonistic to the U.S. and its policies [toward] the U.S.

Overall, the four weeks the cadets stayed in Qatar were educational in many areas, including a more in depth understanding of the American system of government, increasing their Arabic language capabilities and increased their understanding of the Middle Eastern culture -- not just in Qatar, but in numerous other countries and nationalities.



MP Change-of-Command

Colonel Dan Bruno, Garrison Commander, hands the company guidon for the USAG West Point Military Police Company to new commander Capt. Claudius S. Felix, who replaced Capt. Mathew J. Billings at a ceremony held Aug. 3 in Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall.

PHOTO BY BEV COOPER/DOIM MMB

OPERATION RISING STORM IS FINAL CBT TRAINING

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Operation Rising Storm, which was once called Operation Highland Warrior, is the zenith of the Cadet Basic Training experience and now has added many new wrinkles to the new cadets 'Beast' experience.

Five daily events make up ORS that include Urban Operations, Mounted Operations, Force-on-Force, Operation Warrior Forge and Land Navigation, which took place from Aug. 7-11. Three of the events are new to this year's training with Urban Operations, Mounted Operations and Force-on-Force taking on new roles in the CBT training.

Demands on the cadets are getting more noticeable as training that once didn't start until Cadet Field Training and, even as little as three years ago, didn't exist at all, such as Urban Operations, which is now an important piece of the basic training model.

"[Urban Operations] is one of the most important things the new cadets can learn because if they get deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, they're going to be working in an urban environment," said Maj. Matthew Dunlop, an instructor in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences department and committee chief of the Urban Operations site during CBT. "That's the way the fight is going now. It's been taken into the cities. We're not going to be fighting on battlegrounds like we used to in Germany or the first Gulf War, [the new cadets] are going to see this kind of warfare."

Just like in Somalia and Bosnia in recent years and, more specifically, Iraq and Afghanistan today, Dunlop said it's important to give these new cadets as much exposure to urban operations as possible.

"Fighting in an urban environment is a totally different thing than fighting toe-to-toe on the battlefield because of the danger areas," Dunlop explained. "It's a three-dimensional fight where you have to look up and in all different directions and be aware of friendlies, non-combatants and any other obstacles that they will encounter."

As the committee chief of the Urban Operations site, Dunlop planned the whole exercise and

facilitated the training to make the most of the cadets' time at his site. The training operations were provided by members of Task Force Mountain Guardian, more specifically 2nd Platoon, 511th Military Police Company from Fort Drum, N.Y., who gave demonstrations on urban operations to the more than 1,300 new cadets who ventured out to the site during Operation Rising Storm.

"By the end of the day, [the new cadets] were doing the same things that the MP Platoon did during the demonstration," Dunlop said.

Even in their relative infancy as cadets, Dunlop recognizes that these new cadets will gain their skills down the line, but it's still important to get them to know what they'll face down the line.

"It's about protecting their Soldiers in an urban environment. What it comes down to is saving Soldiers' lives when they enter any combat situation," Dunlop stated, "and the one thing that is most prevalent in the future in an urban environment."



The TALON System pulls a new cadet during an Operation Rising Storm demonstration.



CBT cadets watch as the TALON system diffuses a bomb during the urban operations portion of ORS, which gave them new insight into how battles are fought in today's Army.

The future was a big focus during urban operations because cadets got to see current robotics that are being deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan today and will one day take up one-third of the Army's ground vehicles.

These unmanned ground vehicles such as the Talon, Vanguard [MK II], Matilda and the Lynch Bot are all in use by Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams and Special Forces units in those two countries at this time. The bigger systems like the Talon and Vanguard can go for \$30,000 to \$35,000, but the cost is nothing compared to what the vehicle does in place of a Soldier.

"It can save lives, so we don't have to needlessly expose our Soldiers to any type of dire situation," said Maj. Paul Patterson, EE&CS instructor and demonstrator of the unmanned systems at the Camp Shea Urban Operations site. "With a possible IED, we don't have to send an individual to inspect it. We can deploy one of our

unmanned ground vehicles."

The two bigger systems, the Talon and the Vanguard, are very impressive for what they both can do. The Talon, according to Patterson, weighs approximately 78 pounds and is capable of pulling more than 250 pounds.

"One of its capabilities is its ability to bear quite a load," Patterson explained. "I can place a weapons system on the talon and once you place a weapons system on the Talon, it becomes known as a Sword, which is a Special Weapon Observation Reconnaissance Detection system.

He explained that the Talon can use the M249, M240, .50-caliber or an Mk 19.

The Talon, with the Sword, is fielded by the 5th Special Forces Group. Patterson said, "They originally received 18 of them, liked them a lot and I believe they have more of them in country now."

The Vanguard, also called the Mk II, is extensively used by

EOD teams and has a gripper on it that is capable of grabbing and moving more than 40 pounds. The Vanguard also has a laser sight on it that can provide information such as the distance from a target and is a very lethal system because it, too, can support multiple weapons systems like the Talon.

Today, these systems are operated wirelessly by Operator Controlled Units which are so small that they fit over a fragmentation vest.

"It's like a PlayStation 2 screen on your sleeve with a pop up joystick to control it," Patterson said.

Patterson feels it is critical for the new cadets to see this technology because by 2015 one-third of Army's vehicles will be unmanned, which will be a time period where these cadets will be captains in the Army.

"It's important to get them motivated now about their future and being leaders in the Army," Patterson said.

“For Freedom We Fight”

New cadets complete initial six weeks at academy

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Cheers and praise accompanied the Class of 2011 as they marched their final steps of Cadet Basic Training past the quarters of the superintendent. Eyes gazed right while chests expanded as their class motto banner, “For Freedom We Fight,” leads the class toward a bright future.

Six weeks of very intense training, dubbed Beast Barracks by the new cadets, came to a close Monday as the Class of 2011 put an exclamation point on their summer by doing a 12-mile road march from Lake Frederick to Cadet Central Area.

More than 1,300 cadets took their first steps toward graduation and a career as Army officers with the six-week crash course of Army training and knowledge. Through it

all, the new cadets found something around every corner.

“I was excited about the field portion of our training,” said a CBT male from Slate Hill, N.Y. “I was excited to feel like a Soldier, to get down and dirty and count on the persons to my left and right to help keep me moving.”

The Hotel Company male was pumped up by the all encompassing activities in the field, even though some of the time was spent getting yelled at by his squad or platoon leaders.

“[Your squad and platoon leaders] want to know how you’ll react when you’re in a stressful situation,” he said. “Beast is very stressful and what they’re trying to teach you here is how you should react under that stress ... [it’s a matter of] knowing how to react under those circumstances and being mentally ready for it.”

Despite the ups and downs

that their first summer at the U.S. Military Academy offered, it can be a special time for a cadet company that is chosen as the best of the best.

Golf Company was chosen best company for this year’s CBT as they produced the top numbers among the eight cadet basic training companies. They graded well in training events such as hand grenades and did extremely well in their motivation, proficiency and timeliness as well as having stellar physical fitness tests and weapons qualification scores.

“Being named best cadet company during CBT not only reflected the new cadets’ performance, but [also that] my chain of command did an outstanding job,” said Cadet 1st Class Kevin Ramirez, Golf Co. commander during CBT II detail. “It really was a combined effort because of the initiative my squad

leaders took to train their squads. If it wasn’t for all their contributions, I don’t think we would have been able to do it.”

The company commanders and squad and platoon leaders spent five weeks working their CBT detail while spending three weeks actually working in-depth with the new cadets. Those short three weeks can have a lasting affect on them.

“I learned more in the last three weeks being in charge of these 150 CBT cadets than I ever have or will at West Point,” Ramirez said.

The cadet cadre, much like the new cadets, had a lot on their plates, as they were involved with teaching the new cadets things they had never experienced as new cadets. This year’s Operation Rising Storm, the field training portion of CBT, involved Urban Operations, Mounted Operations and Force-on-Force, which are three important training aspects that have never been taught to previous new cadets.

“It’s beneficial to keep the training current to what we’re doing in Iraq and Afghanistan and not to stick to the old Vietnam-era style of tactics,” said Cadet 1st Class Clint Hail, Hotel Co., 3rd Platoon leader. “It’s good that they’re getting this training now ... in fact, I think Buckner has become something incredible because we were the last class to not have it like it is now. It is very intense now.”

Just like Cadet Field Training can be intense from both the training and teaching facets, the same can be said during CBT for not only the new cadets, but also for the cadet cadre who, for many of them, are getting their first chances at leading platoon-size elements.

“This was a great learning experience for me,” said Cadet 1st Class Mike Yuengert, Hotel Co., 2nd Platoon leader. “I had never been put in a position with that much authority or responsibility before and to be in such an intensive environment as Beast is, there were great challenges. Things were moving real fast.



Barbara Strader [left] and Rebecka Lamp'l, mother and girlfriend, respectively, cheer on their new cadet and the rest of the Class of 2011.

“When you lead new cadets who don’t know what they’re doing and are sort of figuring this all out, it can be frustrating at times to see them struggle and fail at tasks we give them,” Yuengert added. “But, at the same time, when they succeed it’s very gratifying.”

A new female cadet from Oklahoma City was gratified to slay the ‘Beast’ and was comforted

by the fact that the cadet cadre had all been through it before.

Because of the positive experiences she had with her cadet cadre, she is eager to get a chance to work with them during the academic year.

“I’m looking forward to meeting the [upper class] cadets,” she said. “I respect them, look up to them and I’m motivated by them. I’m excited to be a part of [the Corps of Cadets].”



A new cadet takes a respite at the Victor Constant Ski Slope after nearly completing a 12-mile road march from Lake Frederick. Once all the cadet companies gathered at the ski slope, they marched the last half mile to Cadet Central Area.



A female new cadet takes care of her feet when her company sat down to rest before the end of their 12-mile ruck march.



A group of new cadets travel up the hill at the ski slope after spending approximately four hours get to this point.



A new cadet enjoys a drink during some down time before he and the more than 1,300 new cadets complete their six weeks of Beast Barracks. The Class of 2011 will be officially accepted into the Corps of Cadets Saturday during Acceptance Day ceremonies that take place on the Plain after they completed their six-week Cadet Basic Training Monday at the U.S. Military Academy.

What's Happening

Upcoming Triathlons

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

Plebe Club opens

The Directorate of Cadet Activities will begin this academic year's social activities by opening the Plebe Club for the Class of 2011 Saturday with a performance at 8 p.m. by mentalist Alain Nu.

The Plebe Club is located in the Riverside Cafe at Eisenhower Hall and is open on selected Saturday nights.

All shows are free and for plebes and their guests.

WPES Open House change

The West Point Elementary School Open House has been moved to Wed. from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The change is due to USMA commitments.

Army Appreciation Day

The 3rd Army Appreciation Day will be held at the Hannibal Mule Statue in Highland Falls Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to introduce members of the Junior Black Knights, the O'Neill High School Football team and members of the Army football team.

The Cadet Spirit Band and Rabble Rousers will also be in attendance. The public is welcome.

PFCU Taylor Hall branch open

The Pentagon Federal Credit Union branch located in Taylor Hall

has resumed its normal academic year hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Flying Circus of Physics

The West Point community is invited to attend The Flying Circus of Physics Aug. 29 in Thayer Hall's Robinson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The lecture is mandatory for all cadets enrolled in PH201/PH251.

Be seated by 7:25 p.m.

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.

First WPS Board Meeting

The first West Point Schools School Board Meeting will be Sept. 4 at 4:30 p.m. in the WP Middle School Conference Room.

The meeting is open to the public.

Running School

Former Olympic marathoner Jeff Galloway will visit West Point Sept. 4-6.

The public is invited to attend an evening lecture on running and lifelong fitness Sept. 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Thayer Hall, Room 144.

Galloway will also hold an outdoor running school Sept. 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Shea

Stadium.

2007 Engineering Expo

The USMA Engineering Departments are hosting the 2007 Engineering Expo Sept. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m., in Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall and Promenade levels.

The event is a forum that allows cadets and local high school students the opportunity to interact with professors, cadets and industry professionals on a wide variety of engineering topics.

The event is free, open to the public and will feature an informal pizza dinner.

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 at 8:45 to 11 a.m. and Aug. 23 from 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 four-years old through adult. Classes K-Adult are held Sunday mornings on the 3rd floor of Thayer Hall and the four-year-old class is held in the Cloister room of the Chapel.

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

Retirement seminars

Seats are still available for the CSRS and FERS retirement seminars scheduled for Sept. 19 in the Bldg. 626 training room on the second floor.

The CSRS seminar is from 8 to 11 a.m.

The FERS seminar is from 1 to 4 p.m.

The seminars are free.

Employees who wish to attend should submit a USMA 24-30 to CPAC.

The form can be faxed to [845] 938-2363.

For more information, call CPAC's Kathleen Ridgeway at [845] 938-3704.

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.

The e-mail block is a required block. You can not move to the next page without providing it.

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 Monday until Aug. 24.

Sponsor sign-up will close on Aug. 24.

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

DPW Notes

Household hazardous waste collection

Orange County will be sponsoring their Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday 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 the 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.

Lee Road paving

A DPW contractor began work early this week to pave Lee Road. The construction is expected to continue until approximately Oct. 30.

Work includes the replacement of curbs and selected sections of the sidewalk, replacement of asphalt driveway aprons, catch basins and the road.

During the construction, parking on Lee Road will be limited during duty hours. Travel along Lee Road will be slow and controlled by flagman as required. Drivers should proceed at a slow rate of speed while in the

construction zone.

Due to uneven pavement in the area, walkers and joggers should use special care along Lee Road or avoid the area entirely. Use particular care during hours when lighting is limited.

All personnel should expect construction activity and delays

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

Music Under the Stars

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).

Hellcats and Concert Band, *1812 Overture Concert* with Fireworks, Cannon and special guest *George Dvorsky*, September 1 (Rain date September 2), 7:30 p.m.

Trophy Point Amphitheatre

Free and Open to the Public

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

in the area. For more information, contact Richard Lark, 938-6787.

Housing maintenance backlog

During USMA's prime personnel turnover season, DPWers are working overtime to ensure that incoming residents receive quality quarters. During the period mid-May through mid-September, approximately one-third of the housing inventory [about 350 quarters] gets new residents.

Each of those quarters needs standard preventive maintenance, plus repairs to correct any defects. Because of this workload requirement, we must change the average turnaround time on service orders.

Emergencies will continue to be responded to within 24 hours. Those service orders that are not emergencies, but are considered urgent in nature, will be handled as soon as possible.

All other service orders will be handled only on a time-available basis. This will likely increase the time between reporting a routine repair or service and someone responding to it. The backlog could be as much as 90 days.

DPW is committed to speedy, quality customer service and will

get to your service order as soon as possible in keeping with summer maintenance requirements and

resources. Remember to get a service order number when calling the service desk.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

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

Saturday -- 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.

Aug. 25 -- Ratatouille, G, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 25 -- Transformers, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Aug. 31 -- Transformers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

KACH closures

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

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 OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Exceptional Family Member Program

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 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? Call 938-5373 for referral help.

Appointments

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

DEERS registration

It's important to register newborns and adoptees in DEERS to establish TRICARE eligibility for essential well-baby and pediatric health care.

By registering your newborn or adopted child in DEERS, you may avoid potential claims problems.

When Does TRICARE Cover Newborns and Adoptees and Pre-Adoptees?

As long as another family member is enrolled in Prime, TRICARE Prime covers -- newborns for 60 days beginning from the date of birth; adopted children for 60 days beginning from the effective date of the actual adoption; and pre-adoptive children for 60 days beginning on the date of placement of the court or approved adoption agency.

To continue Prime coverage past the first 60 days, you must enroll your newborn or adoptee in either TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members [TPRADFM] within the 60-day window.

On the 61st day and after, if your child isn't enrolled in Prime or TPRADFM, TRICARE processes all future claims under Standard [higher costs] until you enroll them in Prime or TPRADFM.

Your child loses all TRICARE eligibility 365 days after birth or adoption unless they are registered in DEERS.

Submitted by the USAG West Point Safety Office

It seems like only yesterday that we were getting the message out on summer safety. However, as I write this, West Point schools are back in session.

This means that our community's children will once again be making the trek to and from school, in the morning and the afternoon.

Some will walk on the sidewalks, using the crosswalks as required, and others will walk in the street, crossing the street from between parked cars and not paying attention to their situation, etc., etc.

It is our responsibility to slow down as required in school zones and housing areas and watch out

for these kids.

If you are a student walking or biking to school, here are some tips for safe travel:

- Mind all traffic signals/or the crossing guard.

- Walk your bike through intersections.

- Walk with a buddy.

- Wear reflective material ... it makes you more visible to street traffic.

If you ride a school bus:

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.

- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk 10 giant steps

away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Remember, the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.

- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.

- Be aware of street traffic around you. Drivers don't always follow the rules and stop when the red lights flash, so protect yourself and your friends and watch out.

As our community begins another academic year, we need to unite to ensure that all of our students, young or old, make it to class and back safely. Assist them in managing the risk.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the USAG West Point Safety Office at 938-3717.

MWR Blurbs

BOSS Poker tournament

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is holding a Poker tournament tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

There will be a first place trophy. Refreshments will be provided by BOSS.

Call 938-6127 to register.

Football child care

The Child Development Center will be providing child care for all home football games.

For more information, 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

Reintegration and Reunion Workshop

There will be a Reintegration and Reunion Workshop Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Jewish Chapel for Soldiers and Families of Soldiers who will return from deployment soon or have recently returned.

Lunch and child care will be provided.

Call ACS' Galatea Badger at 938-5654 to sign up.

Volunteers needed

Twenty to 25 volunteers

are needed to help Keller Army Community Hospital conduct a mass casualty exercise Aug. 30. Volunteers are needed to role play as victims from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. with a pre-exercise walk through on Aug. 28 from 5 to 5:30 p.m.

If interested contact Joe Pfanzelter at [845] 938-8429 by Wednesday.

USMA 5k/10k, Kids Fun Run

Registration is open for the 2007 USMA 5k/10k and Kids Fun Run Aug. 25.

ACSD

The Annual Army Family Action Plan Conference is scheduled for Oct. 23-24 at the West Point Club.

The Teen AFAP Conference will be held Oct. 20 at the Youth Center.

AFAP offers an opportunity to speak out and provide ideas on how to improve the well-being of the Total Army Family.

AFAP Planning Committee seeks individuals interested in serving as delegates, facilitators, recorders and issue support staff.

Call 938-4621 or stop by the ACS Center, Bldg. 622 to become involved.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Services is now offering a variety of financial readiness classes. Call Joyce Harris at 938-5653 for more information.



Black and Gold volunteers

The Black and Gold Volunteers were honored Aug. 9 by Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno. They are [from left to right]: Lt. Col. Shelley Econom, the volunteer of the month; Michelle Strom, Erika Jones, Erika Keutmann and Maj. Thaddeus Underwood.

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Blood Drive begins Monday at Eisenhower Hall

Submitted by
the New York Blood Center

Four weeks after declaring an emergency blood shortage throughout the entire Hudson Valley, the New York Blood Center is still seeking donations. Beginning Monday, West Point will welcome NYBC to its campus for a four-day

long blood drive which is expected to yield close to 2,000 donations.

“Our annual partnership with West Point is the highlight of the year for our staff,” said  **New York Blood Center** Manager of Business Development for New York Blood Center’s Hudson Valley region. “West Point donors play a crucial role in maintaining an adequate and healthy blood supply for thousands of patients throughout the New York area.”

Blood collected at West Point and other New York Blood Center blood drives throughout the year

is used in more than 200 area hospitals throughout the New York/New Jersey metro-area. Additionally, NYBC supplies blood to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The daily statistics are staggering -- 2,000 units of blood and blood products [platelets and plasma] are needed to meet local patients’ needs every day. On July 23, when NYBC declared a blood emergency, the center had only a two-day supply of blood in its inventory.

“That means that if we were to stop collecting blood today, we’d

have no more left within 48 hours,” Kleinman said. “The need for blood is constant and the donations are perishable.”

Blood donations are most commonly used by cancer patients [undergoing chemotherapy] and newborn babies [who require type O-negative blood that is less than 48-hours old]. A single trauma or burn victim will often use hundreds of pints of blood in the recovery process. When the blood supply begins to diminish -- typically around the winter holidays and summer months -- people’s lives are jeopardized. Blood drives, like the one being held at West Point, are critical to the community’s

health.

Donate blood at Eisenhower Hall, Monday through Wednesday from noon to 7 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Whole blood donation and bone marrow testing will take place on the 4th floor. Apheresis donations will be taking place on the 2nd floor.

Questions about medical eligibility should be directed to 800-688-0900.

To make an appointment for a whole blood donation, contact Mary Mandia at 938-BLUD.

To make an appointment to donate platelets, call Louisa Duffy at [914] 760-3177 or e-mail lduffy@nybloodcenter.org.

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 17 - 24

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

MONDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
9 A.M. 4TH OF JULY CONCERT
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

TUESDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

WEDNESDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
2 P.M. 4TH OF JULY CONCERT
6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

THURSDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

AUGUST 24

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Army and Community Sports

Former Athletic Director among HoF Inductees

By Ryan Yanoshak
Athletic Communications

The tradition of the Army Athletic Association was for a Colonel to serve as athletic director on a three-year rotation.

Carl Ullrich arrived on the banks of the Hudson in 1980 and broke that mold, among many others.

Ullrich, the first civilian to ever oversee the Army athletic department, brought in good people and fostered a "team-first" attitude, helped restore the football team to national prominence and dramatically improved the facilities during his 10-year stay.

This fall he, along with six others, will be inducted into the Army Sports Hall of Fame, permanently establishing their place in history.

Ullrich, Thomas Cafaro, Alma Hulse, Barry DeBolt, Arnold Galiffa, Col. Charles Oliver and "Lighthorse" Harry Wilson will be enshrined into the Kenna Hall of Army Sports during a "black tie" ceremony Sept. 28 at West Point.

The group will also be honored during the football game against Temple the next day.

The Army Sports Hall of Fame

is a subset of the Kenna Hall of Army Sports, a comprehensive museum display of Army's proud intercollegiate athletic program. It is located on the third floor of Kimsey Athletic Center, Army's mammoth football training facility that opened during the spring of 2003.

Ullrich made many hires during his tenure at West Point but the most notable was Jim Young as head football coach. Young guided the Black Knights to five winning seasons in six years, including the first three bowl games in school history.

The Black Knights won three Commander-in-Chief's Trophy titles under Ullrich [1984, '86 and '88] and went 2-1 in bowl games. Army beat Michigan State 10-6 in the 1984 Cherry Bowl and Illinois in the Peach Bowl a season later.

"Winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy was very special as well as the trip to Washington, D.C. to meet the President," Ullrich said recently. "Those were great experiences to see the players' reactions to standing in the Oval Office and taking pictures with the President. President [George H.W.] Bush was unbelievable and made us all feel like old friends."

Football wasn't the only sport to prosper under Ullrich, who was the driving force behind the construction of the Holleder Center, the facility at West Point that houses Christl Arena and Tate Rink, and instituted the Graduate Assistant Program in the athletic department.

Ullrich was also responsible for the construction beneath the East stands of Michie Stadium as well as the expansion of the Army "A" Room, the addition of the Blaik Gallery and the creation of the Truxtun Lacrosse Center. Additionally, he upgraded the football strength and conditioning area, as well as the Halftime Room, while stabilizing the Army Athletic Association fiscally.

He shepherded the Black Knights' move from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference to the Patriot League, created international opportunities with a basketball game in Japan in 1985 and a football contest in Ireland in 1988 and negotiated a deal with the Liberty Bowl to ensure the winner of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy was invited to a postseason bowl game.

Ullrich served a term as president of the Metro Atlantic

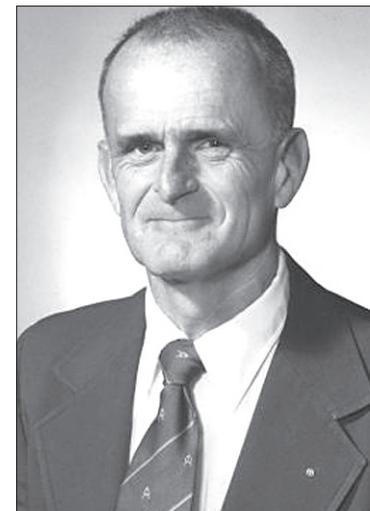
Athletic Conference, left West Point to take a position as the initial Executive Director of the Patriot League and came out of retirement as the Athletic Director at St. Andrew's College.

Ullrich, who is now retired, credited Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster for allowing a civilian the opportunity to run the athletics department as well as Gen. Joe Franklin, the former academy Commandant of Cadets, who allowed Ullrich to make changes.

Three Questions With Carl Ullrich:

Reaction When Informed You Were Chosen: "The letter from Athletic Director Kevin Anderson telling me was an even bigger shock than getting the phone call offering me the job as athletic director. It was really a great shock and very humbling feeling. At the same time, I am very appreciative of the honor and of the things we accomplished during my 10 years."

Favorite Athletic Memory: "It's probably the two games in Knoxville where we beat and tied Tennessee [24-24 in 1984 and 25-21 in 1986] in football. And almost every Army-Navy competition was a highlight. Certainly the hiring of Jim Young and for that matter, Jack



Carl Ullrich PHOTO PROVIDED

Emmer as lacrosse coach, were good memories."

Who Had The Biggest Influence On Your Athletic Career: "Gen. [Andrew J.] Goodpaster ended the rotation of Colonels as athletic director and gave me an opportunity. It didn't start well, but Jim Young eventually turned around the program and we went to a bowl so the development of our program certainly gave me a lot of satisfaction."

[Editor's Note: The full story can be read on www.goArmySports.com.]

Staff and Faculty Bowling Signups

The renovated 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 is Sept. 4.

Intramural Flag Football Signups

The MWR sports office will conduct the 2007 Staff and Faculty Flag Football league beginning Sept. 5 with a slate of exhibition scrimmages at Buffalo Soldier Field at 6 p.m.

Regular season games will begin Sept. 10.

The league is open to all USMA departments and units, as well as, the Stewart Marines and Air Guard Unit.

Contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail him at Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu by COB Aug. 30 to sign-up.

Supe's Trophy Points

[After three events]

UNIT	PTS
1. MPs	170
2. MEDDAC	160
3. BAND	120

Softball Results

MEDDAC 14, BAND 4.
Final
MPs 15, MEDDAC 14.

Ultimate Frisbee Results

MEDDAC 15, BAND 6.
Final
MPs 23, MEDDAC 21.

Upcoming events for Supe's Points are:

- * Staff & Faculty Noontime Ultimate Frisbee
- * Flag Football
- * Staff & Faculty Bowling
- * Unit Racquetball

Viti leads on and off the football field

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Football is a game that can beat up a person physically, drain a person mentally and from a cadet's standpoint, it can also take away every bit of free time a cadet has to relax.

Senior fullback Mike Viti is physical by nature with a muscular, chiseled 5'10", 242-pound frame, but it's his mental game and his leadership abilities that really stand out the most.

With the Army football season underway with summer practices, Viti is immersed in learning a new offensive strategy under first-year offensive coordinator Tim Walsh, but now he also has a greater responsibility to his teammates and the Corps of Cadets as the cadet Third Regiment Commander.

Under the guidance of the regimental tactical officer and brigade commander, Viti will direct the Wolfpack. He will supervise the regimental executive officer and command sergeant major and will be in control of approximately 1,000 cadets during the academic year.

"It's a great honor," said Viti, who served as a cadet sergeant major during cadet training this summer. "When my name came up for it, it just seemed right because it was something I wanted to go after. Not everybody gets selected for it and I figured it's such a rare opportunity that I couldn't pass on it.

"I sat down with my family in May and told them I wanted to take on this challenge," he added. "I said I didn't want to sit there after graduation thinking about

something I didn't do, so I do want the position."

However, with this great opportunity may also come the burden of stretching himself too thin considering the fact that he is also a team captain for the Army football team.

"[Balancing my schedule] was my number one concern, so I sat down with Coach [Stan] Brock and I thought of 20 reasons why it's a great thing and then 20 reasons why I shouldn't take the job," Viti explained. "It's going to take time. It's going to be even more challenging during the season being team captain, but I met my regimental staff [Saturday] and I'm pretty confident with the guys I'll be working with in the Corps. I'm confident it'll be successful."

Brock is very proud of his starting fullback and is happy that the Corps of Cadets recognized his leadership abilities.

"In January, when I took over, I told our kids I wanted them to do the best that they can at everything they do and that includes being a cadet," Brock said. "I think it shows that Mike has great leadership qualities and people see it, recognize it and realize it more than just on the football field."

One of Viti's goals is trying to link the Corps of Cadets with the athletic teams to show there shouldn't be a gap between Corps Squad athletes and the rest of the Corps.

"I want to show the entire Corps that I still want to be a leader within the Corps as much as I want to be one on the football team," Viti stated, "and that my priorities lie equally with both organizations."

Brigadier Gen. Robert Caslen Jr., commandant of the Corps of



Senior fullback Mike Viti has taken on great leadership responsibilities by not only serving as a team captain for the football team, but he's serving as the Third Regiment Commander within the Corps of Cadets.

Cadets here and a former Army football player, is excited to have Viti on board as a leader of cadets.

"Mike Viti epitomizes the warrior ethos both on and off the football field," Caslen said. "He is mentally and physically tough, a totally selfless team player, who always leads from the front. He is a tremendous leader and role model for every member of the Army

football team and for every member of the Corps of Cadets.

"Mike Viti is the exact type of inspirational leader America needs leading her sons and daughters, both at West Point and in today's Army," Caslen added.

The Berwick, Pa., native will be a shining example on the gridiron as he will again be a physical presence on the field as a devastating blocker in both the running and passing games. Viti finished last season third on the team in rushing with 239 yards and fourth in receptions with 13. He also added one touchdown on the ground and started all 12 games that Army played during 2006.

With Walsh, who was head coach of Division I-AA Portland State for the last 14 years, the team will have new guidance in their offensive system. Adapting to the new system is a challenging

prospect for everyone on the team, especially Viti, given all the responsibilities that he has at the moment, but he is not shying away from it.

"In the spring, it was basically a crash course where we had 15 practices to get a new offense in," Viti said. "The coaches threw as much at us as they thought we could handle to see how we would perform on the field. I think coming into the fall, you see guys understanding what is expected of them and what offense they're getting into ... guys were prepared throughout the summer to fit what Coach Walsh wants to do.

"I thought we were much more successful in this first week and half of practice," he added, "and it paid off [Saturday] in our scrimmage."

Viti said he is pleased with his progress within the system and

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Army head football coach Stan Brock [left] and offensive coordinator Tim Walsh are the new leaders of the team. Viti and his teammates are immersing themselves in learning Walsh's style that will hopefully pay dividends on the gridiron.

2007 Army football schedule

SEPT. 1	VS. AKRON IN CLEVELAND
SEPT. 8	RHODE ISLAND
SEPT. 15	@ WAKE FOREST
SEPT. 22	@ BOSTON COLLEGE
SEPT. 29	TEMPLE
OCT. 6	TULANE
OCT. 13	@ CENTRAL MICHIGAN
OCT. 20	@ GEORGIA TECH.
NOV. 3	@ USAFA
NOV. 9	RUTGERS
NOV. 16	TULSA
DEC. 1	VS. NAVY IN BALTIMORE
	HOME GAMES IN BOLD

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has improved his route running and his understanding of the terminology used on offense, which wasn't always easy in the old system.

"I thought it was a strain for me to be able to know the offense inside and out before - that was the one thing in the spring with the new offense because I was behind the power curve just like everyone else," Viti explained. "I wanted to get ahead to where I could be a leader and be confident in my position, so I could still reach out to other guys and square them away when they need help."

The players, especially Viti, are excited about the changes in the coaching staff and feel that their leadership will help the team escape its recent culture of losing.

"We have a few new, fresh coaches in here and a guy like Coach Walsh wouldn't have left his position as a head coach of 14 years if he didn't believe in this place or believe in what he's bringing to the table to help Coach Brock out," Viti said. "When you see commitment like that with Coach Brock wanting to stay here and most of the staff staying on board, I think they see something that benefits them as much as it will benefit us."