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Cadet named Truman scholar

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

Cadet 2nd Class Christopher M. Tarney was named a Truman scholar Tuesday by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. He is one of 65 students from 56 U.S. colleges and universities selected from 585 candidates. Tarney is the 27th cadet to be named a Truman scholar since the U.S. Military Academy began competing in 1992.

Tarney, a 21-year-old Life Sciences major from Union, N.J., looks forward to using his degree to help others.

"This scholarship will provide me with the opportunity to accomplish my goal of helping to improve health conditions in third world nations," the future Army medical officer said.

Tarney intends on using his Truman scholarship to pursue a Masters Degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Medicine.



Cadet 2nd Class
Christopher M. Tarver

He then plans to attend medical school at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. During one of the summers while he is at Hopkins he expects to attend his Medical Corps branch officer basic course in San Antonio.

"This scholarship will allow me to study at the nation's best university for medicine and it allows me to be a part of the Truman community."

Tarney currently spends his spare time with the American Medical Student Association, the American Chemical Society and taking part in numerous cadet intramural sports for cadet company C-4.

He participated in a medical mission to Belize last spring, where he conducted volunteer work performing local medical treatment. This summer Tarney plans on organizing clinics for HIV treatment as part of Operation Crossroads Africa, a cross-cultural exchange program that allows young North Americans to work at the grassroots level with young Africans.

Tarney said he plans on his residency being in internal medicine, after which, he will do a fellowship in preventative medicine. His ultimate goal is to become an Army doctor as a research physician working with the Army Medical Research Unit, a branch of the Walter Reed Army

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West Point Day

New York State Governor Eliot Spitzer [left] and State Senator William Larkin [center] discuss events with Cadet First Captain Jonathan Nielsen during West Point Day activities in Albany, N.Y., March 21. Nielsen and 11 New York state cadets, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bergman [back] and other USMA staff, met with New York State legislators and received a proclamation from the Governor.

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West Point RCI contract protested

WASHINGTON -- The Army awarded the West Point Residential Community Initiative family housing privatization contract to GMH/Centex Military Housing LLC March 8, 2007 based upon a best value selection under solicitation No. W912DR-06-R-

0006.

On March 26, 2007, Forest City Military Communities LLC, an unsuccessful offeror, filed a procurement bid protest at the Government Accountability Office challenging the evaluation of its proposal.

Under statutory requirement, the contracting officer has directed the awardee to cease work on this contract.

The Army expects this matter to be resolved, and work to resume, no later than July 6, 2007.

VA conducts special facilities review

By Department of
Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON [Army News Service] -- To ensure the 1,400 hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and other facilities where veterans receive health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs are in top-notch physical condition, the Department's senior physician said a special

review of all facilities concludes most deficiencies involve "normal wear and tear."

"The overwhelming majority of issues identified by this special review are the kinds of items you would expect to find -- and see being addressed -- in an organization with nearly 150 million square feet of space where 1 million patients come each week," said Dr. Michael Kussman, VA's Acting Under

Secretary for Health.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson ordered the review March 7 in the wake of reports about poor physical condition in some non-VA health care facilities housing wounded and injured servicemembers.

Kussman said the Department's \$519 million maintenance budget for this

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Points to consider to be a good supervisor

Commentary submitted by ADCO

People often agree that they're interested in having satisfying, successful work/life experiences among family members, significant others, colleagues and co-workers.

This desire for a sense of satisfaction is particularly applicable to the workplace; in that much of our time is spent preparing for work, commuting to work, working, engaging in business/social interactions during the work day and commuting home from work -- you know the routine -- with a miniscule amount of family time during meals and recreation. Then it's off to sleep in preparation for the next day's work, five days per week.

You may ask, "does all of the time and energy surrounding the workplace provide reciprocal

satisfaction?"

"Am I as effective as I'd like to be as a supervisor in my workplace?" or

"Are my employees satisfied with me? How would employees in my workplace rate me as a leader?"

Further, you may ask, "How well do I resolve employee conflicts, create an effective paper trail, observe employee behavior, inspire employees to improve performance, give constructive criticism, accurately evaluate employee performance, encourage team building, apply 'fitness for duty' where applicable, win support of top management, delegate and follow up effectively, handle employee complaints and workplace incidents, violence and discipline?"

These are typical questions entertained by employees who seek to soar to 'the top.'

Also, in concert with being a good supervisor who is tuned in to the employee climate, please take some time to give recognition to 'April 1 to 30 -- Alcohol Awareness Month' and encourage employees to participate in ADCO's Alcohol Screening Day, Thursday. 'Walk ins' will be seen from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the basement of Bldg. 606 in the ADCO office.

The Employee Assistance Program is available to provide tools for expanding and optimizing workplace harmony and

performance, including 'people management' skills.

Please contact us to request an Alcohol Awareness PowerPoint presentation and to discuss your goals. We can be reached Mon. through Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 938-2462 or 938-2912.

HISTORY OF ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH -- APRIL 1 to 30

Alcohol Awareness Month, sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and

Drug Dependence since 1987, encourages local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues.

Alcohol Awareness Month began as a way to reach the American public with information about the disease of alcoholism -- that it is a treatable disease, not a moral weakness and that alcoholics are capable of recovery.

Underage drinking and the devastating effects it can have on our youth has been a primary focus of Alcohol Awareness Month over the years.

An integral part of Alcohol Awareness Month will be the recognition of Alcohol-Free Weekend, April 6 to 8.

Please join ADCO in this national recognition.

SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Samantha Ross [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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Difficulty: Medium

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

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Local and National News

G&EnE's Kimball receives STEM role model award

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Major Mindy Kimball, instructor for the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering here, received the Science Technology Engineering and Math role model award at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, March 21.

The award ceremony was part of the Department of Defense observance of Women's History Month, recognizing women who made great strides in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and who were selected by their service branches for their outstanding achievements.

The Department of the Army Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices received a total of 10 nominations - four military and six civilian -- for the Women's History Month STEM

awards. DOD selected 11 women from the total submitted by the individual services.

The award is given to recognize those personnel who have demonstrated exceptional character, mentorship and creativity in the areas of science and math, or by promoting the development of women and minorities in technical career fields and is open to men, women, civilians and military personnel.

"I'm really thrilled with this award," Kimball said. "Many awards are military related, but



G&EnE instructor Maj. Mindy Kimball.

this one is for science, which is my passion. It's the first award I have received that wasn't military related."

Kimball was nominated by her department chain of command.

"She was a natural for this award," G&EnE Academy Professor Col. Jason Lynch said. "I took a look at the criteria for nomination and she fit perfectly."

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Medical Center.

"I plan on traveling to [different] countries to assess the health conditions of various locations and determine ways we can [improve] the deteriorating health conditions," he said. "This will help the Army in that it will help protect American Soldiers who may one day deploy to those countries. More importantly, it will help in improving global health."

After Tarver graduates in 2008, he will attend the Washington Summer Institute where he will intern for two months with either the American Red Cross or the

Department of Health and Human Services. The prior-to-graduate-school program is sponsored by the Truman Foundation which brings together the 2007 Truman scholars so that they can begin to build relationships and learn how policy-making actually works in our government, he explained.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, set up in 1975 and first awarded in 1977, provides merit-based scholarships to students who plan to continue careers in government or public service and who wish to attend graduate or professional school.

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year, coupled with \$573 million proposed for next year, should take care of maintenance shortcomings. If further funds are needed, VA pledged to work with congressional committees to identify how to best address those needs.

"VA facilities are inspected more frequently than any other health care facilities in the nation," Kussman said. "We will continue to monitor closely the progress of corrective action identified by this special report."

Most of the maintenance issues identified in the special report did not involve areas providing direct patient care, Kussman noted.

VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the

United States, with 155 hospitals, nearly 900 outpatient clinics and 135 nursing homes.

VA treated more than 5.4 million patients last year, accounting for about 55 million outpatient visits and 600,000 hospitalizations.

VA's health care system has been widely cited as the best in the country, with accolades ranging from Harvard University, which last year awarded VA the prestigious "Innovations in Government" award for its computerized patient records, to major news media outlets, such as *U.S. News & World Report*, which said in a headline last summer, "VA Hospitals Are Models of Top-Notch Care."

Although pleased with the award, Kimball said she was a little surprised.

"When I found out [about the award], I thought it was just for the U.S. Military Academy," she said. "Then I found out that it was for the entire DOD. I thought that was really great."

Criteria for the awards include those people who are involved in creating programs, jobs and career development for women and minorities, promoting the tenets of civil/human rights, race relations, developing programs and leading activities in educational curriculums that result in increasing the participation of minority youth in STEM.

CORRECTION

The Web site listed in the story title 'Army replaces FormFlow with Pure Edge program' in the March 23, 2007 *Pointer View*® was in error. The correct site is: https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil/scp/nocost/pure_edge.jsp.

C&ME's Lammie receives C of E's award for service



Colonel [Ret.] James L. Lammie received the Chiefs of Engineers Award for Outstanding Public Service Tuesday. Lammie, a 1953 USMA grad, was selected as the first Class of 1953 Distinguished Chair of Civil Engineering in C&ME in 2005. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

West Point staff help build Basrah Children's hospital

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

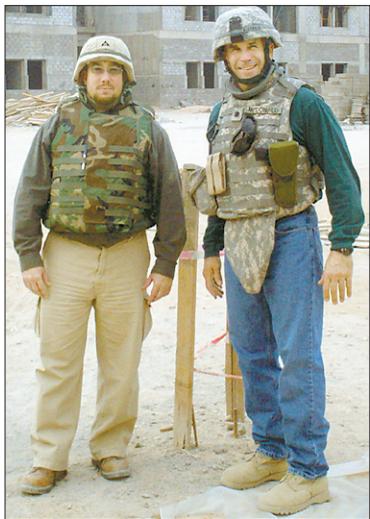
Iraq is a volatile environment with unpredictable dangers at every turn -- from improvised explosive devices and militia lurking in the alleyways to indirect fire attacks from mortars and 122-millimeter rockets. Yet, despite these ever-present dangers, the work environment to build a hospital has offered a unique blend of satisfaction and triumph over self-serving vendettas.

Lieutenant Col. Kenneth McDonald, the deputy commander of the Gulf Region South District, is responsible for approximately 120 projects in Basrah and Maysan within southern Iraq. His projects include electrical distribution and substations, roads, water treatment plants, train stations, Iraqi Military Barracks and Iraqi Police Stations, but none are as important to the welfare of the Iraqi people as the Basrah Children's Hospital.

McDonald [USMA '85], an engineer officer for more than 21 years, was an assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at West Point before he deployed to Iraq in July 2006. McDonald will return to C&ME next academic year. Once in Iraq, he became responsible for Camp Blackadder, located at the Basrah Air Station, and more than 100 personnel to include six military, 16 DOD civilians, 30 Iraqis and 80 security personnel.

Currently, his workload of 120 projects equates to nearly \$750 million across the Iraqi provinces and he has been heading the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' BCH project since August 2006, after they took over from the USAID and Bechtel-led [the former construction manager] project.

According to McDonald, the



DPW's Paul Farley and C&ME's Lt. Col. Kenneth McDonald.

memorandum of understanding for the project was signed in July 2004 between the Iraqi Ministry of Health and the Government of the United States [USAID]. The project began in January 2006 and continued until August when USACE took control of USAID and Bechtel because they were experiencing extreme challenges to complete the project due to poor construction management.

"The BCH project is going very well now and is ahead of schedule," McDonald said. "It is one of my better projects and I attribute this success to my team running the project."

The project was 30 percent complete when they took over and with the help of Navy Lt. Allen Willey, resident engineer; Valerie Schaffner, project manager; Brian Pitt, engineering lead; Al Rehman, mechanical engineer; Robert Jackson, document control; Paul Farley, construction representative; and eight Iraqi engineers, the project has progressed better than the previous construction management firm that had more than 50 engineers employed to do the same job.

McDonald said one of his biggest assets has been the lead of Farley, who worked in the DPW Mason Shop for Matt Talaber at West Point prior to coming to Iraq, and has been doing the quality assurance oversight to make sure the contractor is following the shop drawings since his arrival in September 2006.

"Paul has the lead at the construction site and guides our Iraqi engineers on the day-to-day activities of the project," McDonald explained. "I am blessed to have Paul as our construction lead. He gets results and the Iraqis love him."

The BCH project is a state-of-the-art acute and referral care hospital with a focus on pediatric oncology. The complex will be 19,800 square meters of space that will include a 94-bed main hospital. It is looked at as the single most important development within the Iraqi Health Care System.

The hospital's focus will be on cancer patients, since cancer rates in Iraq are eight-to-10 times more common than in the west. Cancer rates in southern Iraq were even higher than the national average, according to a Gulf Region South District official.

For McDonald, it is important to see this estimated \$157.1 million facility become fully operational by the target date of 2009, with the



A panoramic view of the 19,800-square-meter Basrah Children's Hospital in Iraq March 1.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY LT. COL. KENNETH McDONALD

completion of the building in 2008.

"Hospitals are extremely complex projects due to the specialized equipment," McDonald said. "BCH is even more complicated because it is a cancer treatment hospital. One of the major milestones for the project is the completion of the linear accelerator room.

"Because of the radiation produced by the linear accelerator, the floor, walls and roof of this room required extensive steel reinforcement and concrete walls and roof that were three meters thick," McDonald added. "We just finished pouring the last portion, which was the roof and it looks great. The rest of the structural work is gravy compared to the LINAC pour."

Farley said when they first got there, that the 30 percent completion covered only the foundation and part of the superstructure, which is the concrete skeleton, but the rest of the project is headed in the right direction.

"It is never smooth sailing here, but I believe we can keep it within the schedule," Farley said. "We finished our first milestone, which was the concrete superstructure, in the beginning of March. We are on track to hit our next two milestones -- the interior and exterior block work."

Still, even though things are seemingly moving smoothly, they still deal with the challenge of security risks every day.

McDonald expressed the dangers of working in the environment that limits their ability to get to project destinations at various times. He feels that the safest mode of movement is traveling in Toyota

Land Cruisers or Suburbans which blend easier into the environment compared to an HMMWV.

He also feels the most effective method of security is the outreach to the local communities.

"A lot of people don't realize or understand the power in Iraq, or at least in southern Iraq, is in the tribes," McDonald said. "By working with the tribal sheiks, we have been successful in achieving a level of security for our projects."

The BCH project is located in the worst part of Basrah, and, according to McDonald, access to the site can be "testy" at times.

That was one of the major failures of the last BCH contractor -- security.

"We hired a local security company to provide security for the site and hired only local Iraqis from the surrounding neighborhoods," McDonald said. "Several of these security personnel

are members of the Josh al-Mahdi Militia, who are not friendly to the coalition forces."

Although the militia sets up rocket and mortar positions outside the BCH site with the intention of firing upon coalition forces, they do not attack BCH itself because of what it means to the community.

"We approached local tribal sheiks and provided them with community projects such as soccer fields, which was a big hit with the local children," McDonald said. "We held a large community event at the BCH project site, which included local government leadership, religious leaders, tribal sheiks, women and children. These approaches combined [with the hiring of the militia] provide us with a level of security that allows us to

visit and manage the construction site."

McDonald will be leaving Iraq in July, and it has meant the world to him to be a part of the Iraqi reconstruction effort.

"The most gratifying part of being involved in this project is the Iraqi people," McDonald stated. "They are a wonderful and beautiful people and they're trying desperately to provide for their future.

"I am bolstered by the examples of personal courage that I see on a daily basis with Iraqi engineers and workers who risk their lives every day to try to make their country better," he added. "The naysayers will look at only the negative aspects of what has happened here ... when a car bomb goes off in a city of six million it becomes the highlight of the network news. When a primary health clinic is completed that will serve 20,000 Iraqis, [our group] and the Iraqis are the only ones aware of what happened.

"I believe our impact may not be felt here for some time," he continued. "But, Paul and I are deeply humbled by this experience and look at life a little differently."

Farley is expected to leave in September, although he would like to see the project all the way through to the end. The former Army combat engineer volunteered for the job and, despite the obvious risks, has been moved by what he has seen and what Iraq can someday be in the future.

"We drive by the [children] in our armored vehicles and they are usually playing soccer and they will stop to wave at us," Farley said. "It gives me hope that in 10 years they will be the grown ups and will understand we are here to help because some of the older people just don't get it.

"I want people back home to know it is not as bad as it looks on the news," Farley added. "The average Iraqi person is happy that Americans are here."

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Community Features and Photos

TROUT FISHING SEASON OPENS SUNDAY

Submitted by DPW
Natural Resources Branch

Trout fishing season opens Sunday and West Point anglers get the opportunity to wet a line after a long winter. Some anglers may even catch some trout. The DPW Natural Resources Branch stocked thousands of trout prior to opening day.

"The February cold spell has left ice on the lakes we normally stock at West Point," said Jim Beemer, Chief of West Point's Natural Resources Branch, Directorate of Public Works -- the activity responsible for fish and wildlife management. "We were able to have most of the fish stocked before opening day. We have one more shipment that will arrive in mid-April. Of course, being that opening day happens to fall on April Fool's Day, anglers may find out that the fish and Mother Nature have the last laugh for the day."

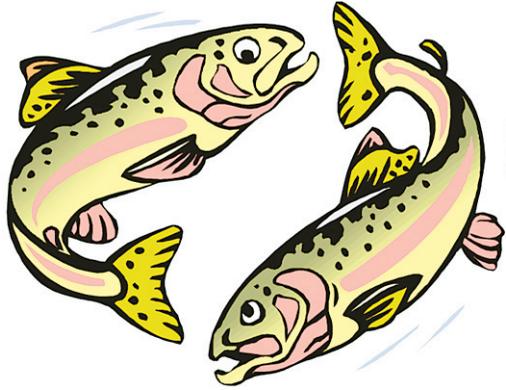
West Point will stock approximately 6,000 trout in 2007 to Bull Pond, Round Pond, Lusk Reservoir, Popolopen Brook, Queensboro Brook and Highland Brook. Fish stocked will be brook and brown trout [9-inch average size] and trophy-sized [14-16 inches long, 1.5 lb. each], brook [400] and rainbow trout [600]. The trophy-size brook trout were stocked in Bull Pond [300], Round Pond [50] and Lusk Reservoir [50]. Additionally, wild trout are available strictly for catch-and-release fishing in Mineral Springs Brook and Trout Brook, which are both located in Training Area L on the western edge of the reservation.

Holdover trout [those stocked in past years] can be found in Bull Pond, Round Pond, Lusk Reservoir, Queensboro Brook and Highland Brook. Holdover trout can be quite large. The West Point record for a brown trout was in 1994 from Bull Pond that weighed in at 10 pounds and was 28 inches long. The second-largest rainbow trout was caught in 1992 in Bull Pond and weighed 4 lbs.-12 oz. Large trout can be found in Round Pond and Lusk Reservoir, but there are not as many present. The volume of cold, well-oxygenated water in these two bodies of water is less than what is present in Bull Pond.

All West Point anglers ages 16 and older must have both a N.Y.

fishing license and a West Point fishing permit [available from MWR] to fish West Point waters.

West Point personnel wanting to bring a guest fishing need a daily guest pass, also available



from either ITR or at the Round Pond Recreation Area office. The guest must also have a N.Y. fishing license, which is available from any town clerk's office, from ITR or the Round Pond Recreation Area Office.

Anglers are reminded that all fish that are kept must be reported in accordance with USMA Regulation 215-5.

To report, use the reporting slips located in boxes found at all West Point waters; call the catch in to the West Point Natural Resources office 24/7 [938-3857]; e-mail it to the West Point Fish & Wildlife Biologist [james.beemer@usma.army.mil]; go through the USMA fishing Web site on the USMA Home Page [www.usma.edu/mwr/activity/outdoor/angler.htm] or

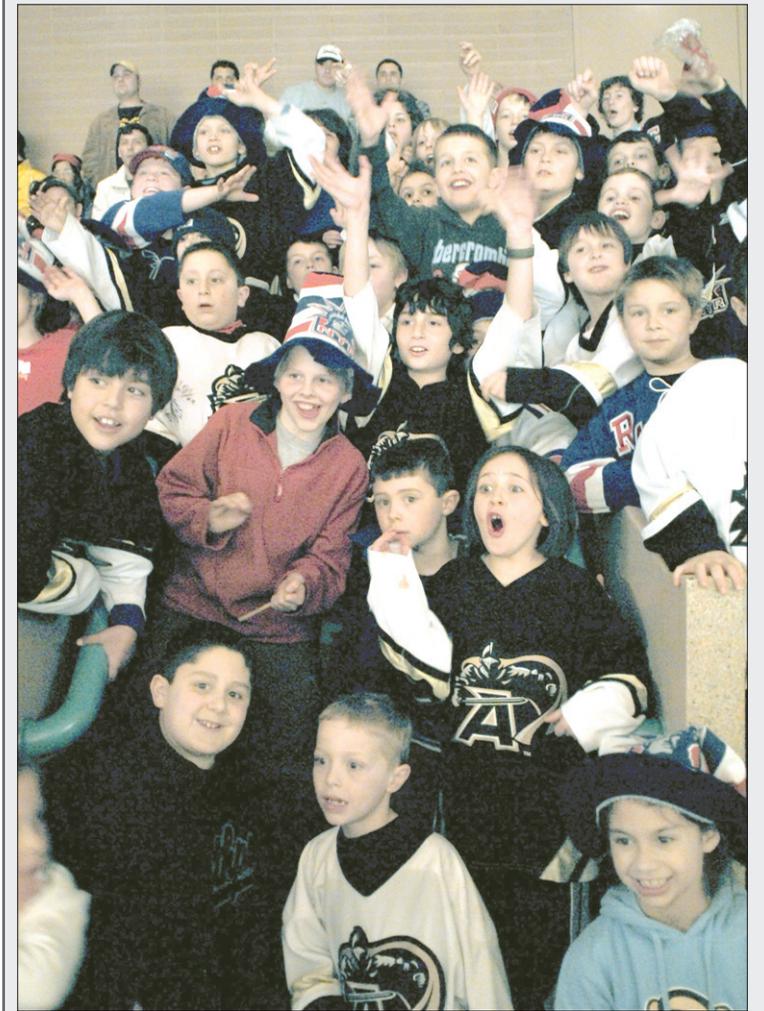
participate in the West Point Angler Diary Program.

Beemer stressed how important it is for West Point anglers to report the fish they keep.

"Every year funds are disbursed to provide West Point anglers with the opportunity to catch some quality trout," Beemer said. "However, many anglers do not report catching any fish. Are the trout all being caught and kept? Are West Point waters unable to support the trout for any length of time? What is the health of the fish populations in West Point waters? These are all questions that need accurate harvest data in order to answer them so that West Point anglers can continue to have a quality fishing experience," he added.

All West Point anglers should consult the USMA fishing information sheet [available from the Round Pond Recreation Area Office or ITR] for information on season dates, size restrictions, bag limits and what fish are present in what waters. It is also available at the above Web site.

Direct questions regarding the Angler Diary Program, stocking or fish management to the Natural Resources Branch at 938-3857. Questions regarding West Point fishing permits and regulations should be directed to either Round Pond at 938-2503 or CRD at 938-2401.



Jr. Black Knights Mites at MSG

The West Point Junior Black Knights Mites hockey team cheer as they see themselves on the overhead scoreboard at Madison Square Garden. The Mites played an intra-squad match as part of the Little Rangers Program during the first period intermission of the New York Rangers-Pittsburgh Penguins game March 19.

MIKE TRITCHONIS/APPLEBOX STUDIO

Spring Break in New Orleans working -- not partying

Submitted by BS&L

The Lakeview Civic Improvement Association of New Orleans hosted 11 cadets and two faculty members from the U.S. Military Academy from March 9 to 17 to lead a major cleanup and replanting project. Focused on repairing green spaces in the Lakeview community devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, the project was called "Operation Sudden Impact."

The cadets -- David Mudek and Eric Young ['07]; Jenna Burneskis, Mary Ford, and Danielle Hellman ['08]; Gilbert Coyle, Austin Cross, Bo Kim, and Logan Vaughan ['09]; and Jeremy Singletary and Joy Turner ['10] and Behavior Sciences and Leadership dept. sociology professors Lt. Col. Irving Smith and Morten Ender, [Ph.D.], volunteered to go to New Orleans during their 2007 spring break to provide nine consecutive days of help to the community in its rebuilding efforts.

The trip, which began as an idea between Smith and Ender, gained legs after Smith contacted the New Orleans Corps of Engineers District Office to say he and a number of as yet undetermined cadets would like to come to the "Big Easy" and help with the clean-up effort as a service learning project. The Corps contacted the LCIA and they brought the cadets to New Orleans and provided them with an empty, but refurbished house for shelter. Also, many locals provided meals for the group as well as joined the clean-up effort.

"When we were informed by the local Army Corps of Engineers office that a group of West Point cadets planned to come to our City during their spring break for a week of community service instead of heading to the beach for a week of relaxation, we immediately



Cadet 3rd Class Bosung Kim, an international cadet from South Korea, tills soil as part of the Lakeview project.

welcomed them with open arms and developed an action plan that would have a tangible 'sudden impact' on our neighborhood," said Bari Landry, President of LCIA.

"We marshaled the efforts of a significant number of local volunteers to assist the cadets in their project to maximize the positive results we expected from their labors. We also solicited contributions from local businesses for the trees, shrubs and materials needed for the project," he added.

"Local residents provided lodging, transportation and meals for the cadets while they [were] here as none of them are from the New Orleans area. We hoped to show in some small part our sincere gratitude to these generous young men and women while they were volunteering to help New Orleans for this short period of time," Landry said.

This project was a collaborative effort of LCIA, the City of New Orleans Department of Parks and Parkways, Parkway Partners and the Lake Area Beacons of Hope. Cadets and faculty working with local residents and volunteers from around the country planted 1,280 trees, plants and bushes and removed stumps from fallen live oaks.

The cadets were also joined on different days by employees from some major corporations in NOLA whose companies gave them the time off to help with this project.

"Seeing the brown spots on buildings where the water settled was a real sight," Singletary said. "I also met many interesting people and in talking with them I was amazed that they came back to rebuild... I admire them for it."

Highlights of the trip included receiving Proclamations from the City of New Orleans City Council in City Hall, being featured in the local newspaper -- *The Times Picayune*, visiting the World War II Museum in New Orleans, meeting a New Orleans relative of Col. Sylvanus Thayer and being treated to a concert by legendary and world famous jazz musician Ellis Marsalis.

The USMA contingent was also given a tour of the most devastated areas of New Orleans, visited the homes of families rebuilding after the floods, conducted sightseeing excursions to cultural sites in and around New Orleans and explored the local social centers of the city.

Ender, a Sociology professor at USMA, noted a high point of the trip stating, "Over traditional red



Cadets and West Point faculty traveled to New Orleans over spring break to help repair green spaces in the Lakeview community that had been devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. They were from left to right: Cadet 1st Class Eric Young, Cadet 4th Class Joy Turner, Cadet 2nd Class Danielle Hellman, Cadet 1st Class Dave Mudek, Cadet 2nd Class Mary Ford, BS&L sociology professors Lt. Col. Irving Smith and Dr. Morten Ender [last row], Cadets 3rd Class Logan Vaughan, Bosung Kim and Gilbert Coyle.

beans and rice, I got to meet the great, great, great, great nephew of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, Dr. Ralph E. Thayer. [It] turns out he's Professor Emeritus of Urban Planning and Public Administration and the former Dean of the School of Urban and Regional Studies of the University of New Orleans.

"He has been actively involved in the long community recovery in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. As a teacher of West Point's marriage and family course, I find it especially interesting and pleasantly novel that the 'Father of the Military Academy' had no children of his own, but that the family legacy through his nephew has remained in the domain of engineering -- changed however, from structural engineering to social engineering."

Four cadets on the trip will receive three credits in PL399 -- Behavioral Sciences & Leadership Practicum -- a Spring Advanced Individual Academy Development credit option offered through BS&L's Sociology Program for work related to service-learning. These cadets have also done focused reading about the sociology of disasters, kept reflective journals during their experience and will write a research paper to complete the project.

"I truly admire the cadets and faculty that participated in *Operation Sudden Impact*," Smith said, summarizing his overall experience. "They gave their hearts and souls to making others' lives better.

"We learned about the resiliency of the human spirit, how important one man or woman's contribution can be and the importance of



Cadet 3rd Class Gilbert Coyle [front left with wheelbarrow] was one of 11 cadets that worked with local residents and volunteers to help refurbish the hurricane ravaged landscape.

giving back. Ironically, in working to improve others' conditions, we made our own better.

"Martin Luther King once said, 'An individual has not started living

until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.' This trip allowed us to experience this first hand."



Cadet 2nd Class Mary Ford [left] and Cadet 4th Class Joy Turner work with an auger to prepare planting holes for live oak trees.



A peek inside corporate America

Lieutenant Colonels Shaun Wurzbach [left] and Casey Neff were two of the nine transitioning Soldiers who participated in the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program arranged tour of the Deloitte headquarters in New York City, March 15. The tour, led by Jennifer Sullivan [right], Deloitte Campus Recruiter, included an overview of the company, as well as a presentation on career management. Interview skills and expectations were also discussed. The concept behind the tour is to give Soldiers transitioning out of the Army the opportunity to take a peek into corporate America and gain some insight into corporate culture and environment.

PHOTO BY JAN MEERT/ACS



FAEP visit to Jordan

[Left to right] Cadet 1st Class John Childs and Cadets 3rd Class Mike Robinson [kneeling], Brandon Ritchey and Matthew Kalin on a Jordanian Patrol Boat [manufactured in Arkansas] in the Gulf of Aqaba with Israel in the background, stand with a Jordanian Naval Lieutenant who graduated from the Turkish Naval Academy. The cadets were in Jordan as part of their Foreign Academy Exchange Program trip over cadet Spring Break.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CADET 3RD CLASS MATTHEW KALIN



Girls Scouts visit W2KGY

Cadet 1st Class Matt Sherburne, the Cadet in Charge of the Amateur Radio Club shows West Point Junior Girl Scout Troop 118 Junior Scout Autumn Walther how the high frequency station works March 21 during the troop's visit as part of their work toward the Ham Radio patch.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 118



Women's History Month Luncheon

Brigadier Gen. Anne F. Macdonald, USMA Class of 1980, was the guest speaker at the Women's History Month luncheon at the West Point Club Wednesday. Macdonald spoke about her experiences as a cadet and 'treading uncharted territory' as a member of the first class of graduating women to the crowded room of enlisted personnel, officers and cadets.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Community Leisure



MARCH/APRIL MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at www.westpointmwr.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>ACSD, bldg. 622, 938-4621 (Registration required for classes.) AEC, bldg. 683, 938-3762 Arts & Crafts, bldg. 648, 938-4812 Auto Crafts, bldg. 648, 938-2074 Bowling Center, bldg. 622, 938-2140 BOSS, BSP, bldg. 628, 938-6497 CDC, bldg. 1207, 938-4798/4523 Recreation Division, 938-2401 Delafield Pond, 938-5139/5158 Fitness Center, bldg. 683, 938-6490 (Class schedules subject to change without notice.)</p>		<p>Golf Course, 938-2435/2327 ITR, bldg. 695, 938-3601 AVC, bldg. 2104, 938-3655 Morgan Farm, bldg. 2026, 938-3926 Outdoor Recreation, 938-2503 Post Library, bldg. 622, 938-2974 Round Pond, 938-2503/3860 School Age Services, bldg. 1207, 938-3921 Ski Sales, 938-3726 Tate Rink, 938-2991 West Point Club, bldg. 603, 938-5120, 446-5506 Youth Center, bldg. 500, 938-3727</p>				<p>30</p> <p>Annual Wine & Beer Tasting, 6-9pm, WP Club</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pure Energy Step, 8am, Spinning, 10am, Every Saturday at the MWR Fitness Center</p>
<p>APRIL 1</p> <p>Round Pond Opens for the Season, 8am-4:30pm Bull Pond Lottery Begins, 8am thru April 7 Opening Day of Trout Season, Dawn</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mixed Leagues, 6-10pm, WP Bowl Registration for Army 10 Miler Begins, 938-6497 Spring Sports Registration Begins, YC, 5pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Spring Story Hour, 10am & 1:30pm, Post Library Create Your Own Banner, 2:15pm, YC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Golf Course Opens for the Season, 6:30am to Dusk (weather permitting) Bronx Zoo/NY Botanical Garden, 9am-3:30pm, ITR Newcomers Welcome Brief, 9:30am, Re-Entry Workshop, 10:30am, AFTB Level II, 5:30pm, ACS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Create a Newsletter, 2:15pm, YC Spinning, 5:40am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, Thursdays at the MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tour Lower Manhattan, 9-3:30pm, ITR Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl (Friday Nights) Shrimp Fest, 6-9pm, WP Club</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bull Pond Lottery, 8am, Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond NY International Car Show, 10am-5pm, ITR Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>Easter Sunday Brunch, Seatings at 11am & 1pm, Egg Hunt, 12:30pm & 3pm, WP Club Dollar Night, 6-9pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Video Teleconference, 8am-4:30pm, ACS Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS Mixed Leagues, 6-10pm, WP Bowl Spring Hockey, 6:15pm, YC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Spring Story Hour, 10am & 1:30pm, Post Library Chess Club, 7-8pm, YC, (April 10, 17, 24)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Resume Writing, 10am, ACS Arbor Day Tree Planting, 3-4pm, CDC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Parent Advisory Group Meeting, 12-1pm, CDC HFFMCSD School Board Meeting, 8pm, O'Neill Library</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Membership Appreciation Night, 4:30-6:30pm, WP Club Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pure Energy Step, 8am, Spinning, 10am, Saturdays at the MWR Fitness Center</p> <p>Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl</p>	

NOW SHOWING in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Bridge to Terabithia, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Friday -- Daddy's Little Girls, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday -- Norbit, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday -- Hannibal Rising, R, 9:30 p.m.
April 6 -- The Astronaut Farmer, PG, 7:30 p.m.
April 7 -- Music and Lyrics, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
April 13 -- Wild Hogs, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
April 13 -- The Number 23, R, 9:30 p.m.
April 14 -- The Messengers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
April 14 -- Ghost Rider, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
The theater schedule can also be found at www.aafes.com.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Delivery problems?

For PV home delivery problems contact Valerie Mullane at the Poughkeepsie Journal at (845) 437-4730 or by e-mail at vmullane@poughkeepsiejournal.com.

At Your Leisure DPW Notes

Storm sewer repairs beginning

Storm sewer repairs in Central Area and at Buffalo Soldier Field will begin approximately mid-April through the end of May.

In Central Area, work will be in the vicinity of Bldg. 600 on the Pedestrian Walkway where the storm sewers will be relined. We anticipate no excavations will be needed and the work will be accomplished using remote methods.

The BSF site is located on Thayer Road, across from the Hotel Thayer at the sidewalk and grassy area between the road and the parking lot. The sidewalk will be blocked at the work site and pedestrians should use the sidewalk on the opposite [Hotel] side of Thayer Road.

Limited materials at Self Help

Due to limited funding, the Self Help Center [Bldg 695] will not be maintaining the usual stocking levels of materials used by AFH residents, to include shades, mulch, grass seed, sprinklers, hoses, etc. Once the stock is depleted, these [and similar items] will not be reordered.

Departing residents are still required to fulfill termination obligations, including repainting, repairing damage [other than usual wear & tear] and yard care standards. They should also return all items such as shades, screens and storm windows, which were included when they signed for their quarters.

These requirements are contained in the Army regulation and in the Conditions of Occupancy.

Additionally, there will be no Self Help Flower Issue this year.

Housing maintenance backlog

During the period mid-May through mid-September, we expect that approximately one-third of the housing inventory [about 350 quarters] will receive new residents and DPWers are working overtime to ensure that incoming residents receive quality quarters. 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 is likely to increase the time between reporting a routine repair or service and a response.

The backlog could take as long as 90 days. DPW is committed to speedy, quality customer service and will get to your service order as soon as possible.

Remember, get a service order number when calling the service desk. It is your receipt that the order has been received and is in the system.

Your patience during this peak season is appreciated. Questions or special concerns should be addressed to DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Meadows in the Mid-day

Beginning Monday there will be a new way to find out what's happening on and around West Point.

Tune in to the Command Channel or WKDT 89.3, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until noon and listen to the mid-day show with your host Sgt. Chris Meadows.

Listen to all your favorite music and get all the command information you can handle with Meadows in the Mid-day.

Warranty inspections -- New Brick

Residents of New Brick living in units 560 - 574 and 585 - 589, if not already contacted, should call Larry Higgins, Engineering Technician, Housing Division, to arrange for an appointment to conduct a warranty inspection on your quarters.

The inspection will be conducted by the Housing Division and the Corps of Engineers as a follow up to the Phase III, New Brick Renovations Project.

Inspections will begin Monday and we anticipate that each

inspection will last from 30 to 45 minutes.

We ask residents to note any maintenance issues they have discovered during the time they have occupied the quarters.

The inspectors will be investigating each issue noted by the resident, in addition to major systems.

Please contact Higgins at 938-6202 to make an appointment.

Command Channel 8/23

March 30 - April 6

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch

1 p.m. Army Newswatch

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Monday - April 6

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch

1 p.m. Army Newswatch

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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.

MWR Blurbs

Bull Pond lottery

Pickup your Bull Pond lottery application starting Saturday at 8 a.m. The lottery will be held at Round Pond's Bonneville Cabin April 7 at 8 a.m. Participants must be present at the lottery to be eligible.

For more info., call 938-2503.

Army 10-miler sponsorship

Calling all active duty military runners. Submit your application for sponsorship to participate in the 2007 Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C., Oct. 7. Applications will be taken between Monday and May 21.

For more info., call 938-6217 or go to www.armytenmiler.com.

WPC membership Appreciation Night

Join us for Membership Appreciation Night April 13 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

For more info., call 938-5120.

ACS

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program is hosting a Resume Writing Workshop April 11. Advance registration is required, no later than April 6.

For more details, please call 938-5658.

Shrimp Fest

The West Point Club will host Shrimp Fest April 6 from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more info., call 938-5120.

Auto Show trip

Join us for a trip to New York City to see the New York International Automobile Show April 7. The tour departs West Point at 10 a.m. For more info., call 938-3601.

Easter Sunday Brunch

An Easter Sunday Brunch will be held at the West Point Club April 8 with seatings at both 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Easter Egg hunts will be held at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Go to www.westpointmwr.com for full menu information.

Call 938-5120 for more info.

Hunter safety course

Free New York State Hunter Safety Courses will be offered April 20 and 21. Call 938-2503 for more info.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

The annual West Point Volunteer

Recognition Ceremony will be April 23 from 11:40 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. in the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

To prepare for this event, Army Community Service is asking each organization/individual volunteers to provide the following:

- Names of your organization's volunteers in alphabetical order.

- The total number of volunteer hours your organization has for the year. [ACS no longer asks for each individual's total volunteer hours. They only need one number for your whole organization.] The volunteer year is from April 2006 through March 2007.

- Pictures of your volunteers in action for the slide show presentation.

E-mail Galatea.Badger@usma.edu your response and your pictures by today.

Army Teen Panel

Teens ... want to make new friends, travel and learn new things? We have just the opportunity for you. The Installation Management Command Northeast Region is now interviewing potential applications for Army Teen Panel.

We are looking for military teens between the ages of 13-17, who are interested in being a voice for other teens, traveling, making new friends, communicating new ideas, developing leadership skills and making a difference in the community.

To make a difference, contact

Renee Podolec at [757] 788-5270 or renee.podolec2@us.army.mil.

Employment Readiness Resource Center now open

The Army Community Service/Employment Readiness Program Employment Readiness Resource Center is open for business in Bldg. 622.

ERP Resources 101 is the last Wed. of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 622.

For more info., call 938-5658.

Golf Pro Shop

The Golf Pro Shop is open for merchandise and pass sales until Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The course opens April 1, weather permitting.

For more info., call 938-2435.

Round Pond opens Sat.

Round Pond will open for the season Sat. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info., call 938-2503.

Become a youth sponsor

Get involved in your community. Help new youth become more familiar with West Point. Training will be scheduled for those interested in volunteering for this program.

The opportunity is available for children in grades 3 to 5 and teens in grades 6 to 12.

For more info., call 938-8525/3208.

What's Happening

Pancake breakfast

The Highland Falls Fire Department is hosting a Palm Sunday buffet-style pancake breakfast Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Living Last Supper

Firsties will perform the Living Last Supper Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Cadet Chapel.

For more info., call Chaplain Heard at 938-3412.

DUSA Easter Egg Hunt

The West Point chapter of the Daughters of the U.S. Army is hosting the West Point Easter Egg Hunt April 7 at 2 p.m. at the Trophy Point amphitheater.

The event is for West Point community children 10 years and younger.

For more info., call Jessica Kriby at 446-1385.

Easter Sunrise Service

The West Point community Easter Sunrise Service will be held April 8 at 6:30 a.m. at the West Point Club. A complimentary breakfast will be provided.

Pre-k and new student registration begins Monday

West Point Elementary School will begin registration for all new students Monday.

See registrar Aretha Brooks.

A parent or guardian must be present to complete the registration forms. You will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate, his or her social security card and a current shot record.

To register for Pre-kindergarten children must be four years old on or before Oct. 31.

To register for kindergarten children must be five years old on or before Oct. 31.

To ease possible congestion, registration will be held Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. alphabetically --

A-F Monday

G-L Tuesday

M-R Wednesday

S-Z Thursday

Every eligible child who enrolls in pre-kindergarten for next school year will have a place in a pre-k class. There is no need to "jump" your day and register early. It is not a first-come, first-served program. Eligible students for grades pre-k through 4th grade may enroll all summer fro SY 07-08.

Re-registration of current students

Re-registration paperwork will be sent home with each student, along with their 3rd quarter report card April 6. Please check over the information for accuracy and return it, along with the report card envelope no later than April 20.

We need this information to acquire the number of staff members to support our student population.

WP School Board Elections

We would like to encourage all interested community members to submit petitions to run for a position on the West Point School Board. There will be three vacancies on the School Board for the May 2007 election.

Each Department of Defense Elementary and Secondary School must have an elected School Board. The WPSB is comprised of five members elected by parents and guardians of students attending the school.

In order to be eligible to run for a seat on the Board, individuals must be residents of the West Point community. Petitions will be available by contacting Eileen Ellingsen, Office of the Superintendent, Bldg. 705, 938-3506, or by e-mail at Eileen.Ellingsen@am.dodea.edu beginning April 16.

Petitions are due back in the office listed above by April 30.

HRC Ranger rep visit

A Human Resources Command Ranger representative will be at West Point Tues. and Wed. to brief career opportunities and assignments.

All ranks and MOSs are welcomed to attend the briefings.

For more info., contact Rob Willis at 938-3125.

Diversity Leadership Workshop

The Association of Graduates invites the West Point community to its 2007 Diversity Leadership Workshop April 12 to 14 at Thayer Hall and the Thayer Hotel.

Featured speakers will include Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David R.S. Chu, Price M. Cobbs, Harry Edwards, Alma Morales Riojas, AOG Chairman Lt. Gen. [Ret.] Ted Stroup and USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck.

The Honorable Alfonso Jackson, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, will be the keynote dinner speaker.

For more info call AOG's

At Your Leisure

Bridget Suarez at 446-1512 or go to <http://www.aogusma.org/as/dlw/2007/2007DLW.htm>.

Yard Sale April 14

The West Point Spring Yard Sale will be April 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The rain date is May 12.

Spring Clean up

April is Spring Clean Up month on post. The designated Housing Clean Up day is April 21. The rain date is April 28.

Looking for a few committed mayors!

The Community Mayors Election will be held in April.

The Garrison Command is looking for individuals interested in volunteering for the Mayors Program. The goal of the program is to improve community relations, expedite the problem solving

process and to generate interest, pride and satisfaction among residents.

Mayors serve as liaisons between their community and the Garrison Command. As a mayor, you would be expected to assist in identifying, assessing and resolving community issues and concerns.

Duties of mayors include, but are not limited to: 75 percent attendance at monthly Community Action Council meetings, act as a focus of communications within the housing area and support residents in accomplishing housing area initiated projects.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Spc. Tanya Davila at 938-2319, or e-mail her at: tanya.davila@usma.edu or contact your current community mayors on how to get your name on the ballots.

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Red Cross classes

To register for any of the classes below, go to www.nyredcross.org or call 800-514-5103.

Babysitter's training

Are you 11 years old or older and want to learn basic child care? April 7, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Life Guard Training Course

Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CPR Child and Infant

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Army and Community Sports

Lacrosse drops to 6-2 with loss to Hofstra

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army returned to action Tuesday against Hofstra following a 7-3 defeat of academy-rival Air Force Saturday at Michie Stadium.

Hofstra jumped out to an early two-goal lead and then held off an Army comeback for a 5-3 victory.

Hofstra scored twice in the first 13 minutes of the game and then scored the final two goals to improve to 2-4.

Army, ranked No. 9 in the coaches' poll, tied the game midway through the third quarter, but could not get ahead and fell to 6-2.

The Black Knights held a 31-19 advantage in ground balls and each team had 32 shots, but it was Hofstra that took advantage of its opportunities.

"Give credit to Hofstra," Army head coach Joe Alberici said. "They played very well defensively. Our guys played well in a lot of areas, but the ball didn't go our way and sometimes that happens."

Army had nine shots in the first and last quarters and four of its shots hit the post. Twice, senior midfielder Ryan Chase hit the pipe and junior midfielder Justin Bokmeyer and freshman midfielder Brandon Butler did the same.

The Black Knights cleared all 12 of their attempts and split the 12 face-offs. Sophomores Jason Peyer, Kevin LoRusso and Brooks Korvin all scored goals for Army while junior goaltender Adam Fullerton



Kevin LoRusso scored a goal in the 5-3 loss to Hofstra Tuesday. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

made nine saves.

Ryan Miller scored two goals for Hofstra, which lost all four of its games by one goal. Goalie Danny Orlando made 10 saves.

Miller opened the scoring less than three minutes into the game and Mike Colleluori made it a 2-0 advantage for Hofstra with 2:15 left in the first quarter.

Peyer, off junior midfielder Mike Hanna's assist, cut the deficit in half with 10:44 remaining in the second quarter with his eighth goal of the season.

Korvin tied the game just 17

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Dinga's dramatic HR in ninth ties Quinnipiac 5-5

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Senior leftfielder/pitcher Milan Dinga blasted a game-tying two-run home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning and fired three shutout innings of one-hit relief off the pitcher's mound as Army battled from behind to earn a dramatic 5-5 tie against Quinnipiac, Tuesday afternoon at sun-splashed Doubleday Field.

"Although the game didn't end the way we would have liked, you can't help but be proud of the way this team continues to compete when faced with adversity," said Army head coach Joe Sottolano. "Our players have a ton of heart and soul. They know and believe they will find a way to get things done."

"We ask our pitchers to keep the game close. If they can accomplish that, we have great confidence in our offense's ability to battle back, especially late in the game. I wouldn't want to face this group with the game on the line."

Quinnipiac [4-5-1] jumped on Army starter freshman Matt Fouch quickly, grabbing a 3-0 lead by the third inning.

A leadoff single by Dinga and a towering two-run home run down the left-field line by junior second baseman Cole White inched Army [8-9-1] to within 3-2 in the bottom of the fourth inning, but Jeff Mainetti's RBI single to right-center field in the top of the fifth and a sacrifice fly by Rizzo in the eighth stretched the Bobcats' lead back to 5-2.

The Black Knights scratched one of those runs back in the



Senior Milan Dinga hit a game-tying two-run home run in the ninth inning and threw three innings of shutout ball. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

bottom of the eighth inning when White walked, stole second base, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on freshman first baseman Bo Cipra's hard-hit grounder that glanced off the glove of Bobcat third baseman Bryn Doyle for an infield single.

Senior rightfielder Barnes Connell, who entered the game as a defensive replacement in the top of the ninth inning, led off the bottom of the frame with a line single to left field.

He moved to second when

sophomore shortstop Tony Capozzi was thrown out by Bobcat reliever Eric Bretscher while attempting to bunt for a single. After junior centerfielder Caleb Love struck out for the second out of the inning, Dinga worked the count against Bretscher to 2-0, then ripped a monster, game-tying home run over the left-center field fence.

The game was called by the umpires due to darkness after 11 innings.

Dinga, who finished 3-for-6

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Kastl, Iacob led Army boxers at regionals

By Maj. Eric Buller
Boxing Coach

Juniors Cory Kastl and Ovidiu Iacob led the Army boxers with championship bout victories in the first and second rounds, respectively, during the 2007 Eastern Collegiate Boxing Association Regional Championships March 23-24.

The Army Boxing Club hosted the regional championships as Kastl took home the top prize, Most Outstanding Boxer of the tournament, during the two-day event.

Army led all teams with seven Gold Medalists, two Silver Medalists and three Bronze medalists as the Army pugilists bested schools that included the Virginia Military Institute, Shippensburg University, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, University of Maryland, Lock Haven University, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Penn State University and Mansfield University.

Twelve Army boxers participated, one at each weight class, and none finished any lower than third place. Lock Haven University followed with four Gold Medalists and Maryland had one Gold Medalist.

Army results [by weight class and with Regional finish] as follows:

112 lbs. -- Senior Mike Benedosso [Team Co-Captain, **2007 Gold Medalist**] won in a walkover.]

119 lbs. -- Freshman Matt Longo [**2007 Gold Medalist**], seeded first by agreement of the coaches, used a strong finish to defeat his Lock Haven opponent.

125 lbs. -- Sophomore Dan Hogan [**2007 Silver Medalist**] defeated his Mansfield opponent in the semi-finals, a boxer who had beaten him earlier this year, then lost a very tough, aggressive bout with the defending regional champion from Lock Haven.

132 lbs. -- Junior Dan Priester [**2007 Bronze Medalist**] lost in the semi-finals against a more experienced boxer from Lock Haven who went on to upset the #1 seed in the final.

139 lbs. -- Junior Alberto Marquez [**2007 Silver Medalist**] defeated his Shippensburg opponent in the semi-finals then narrowly lost a close decision to the defending regional champion from Lock Haven.

147 lbs. -- Junior Jarod Taylor [**2007 Bronze Medalist**] lost to his Penn State opponent in the semi-finals, but came back to defeat his Mansfield opponent in the consolation round.

156 lbs. -- Freshman Ryle Stous [**2007 Bronze Medalist**], in arguably the toughest weight class, lost a close decision in the semi-finals to his Lock Haven opponent, but came back to defeat his VMI opponent in the consolation round.

165 lbs. -- Junior Cory Kastl [**2007 Gold Medalist**] beat his



Junior Ovidiu Iacob took the gold medal in the 185-pound class at the 2007 Eastern Collegiate Boxing Association Regional Championships.

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VMI opponent in the third round in the semi-finals then stopped his Maryland opponent in the first round of the championship bout as well. Kastl was also voted the Most Outstanding Boxer at this year's Brigade Open.

175 lbs. -- Junior Steve Solaja [**2007 Gold Medalist**] defeated

his Coast Guard opponent in the semi-finals then defeated the #1 seeded boxer from Penn State in the finals. Solaja is the 2006 defending 195 lbs. regional champion and 2006 national silver medalist, but dropped to 175 pounds this year.

185 lbs. -- Junior Ovidiu Iacob [**2007 Gold Medalist**], seeded first in his weight class, validated that ranking by stopping his Lock

Haven opponent in the second round. Iacob is the defending 2006 regional and national champion at 175 pounds, but he moved up a weight class to strengthen the team line-up.

195 lbs. -- Senior Reggie Smith [Team Co-Captain, **2007 Gold Medalist**] seeded first in his weight class, won a decision over his

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Junior Cory Kastl was named the Most Outstanding Boxer of the regional championships. He also held the same distinction at this year's Brigade Open.

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Freshman Ryle Stous earned a bronze medal by defeating his VMI opponent in the consolation round. He is also expected to be added to the Nationals roster.

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Lock Haven opponent.

Smith is the defending 2006 regional and national champion at 185 pounds, but is boxing up a weight class this year.

HWT -- Junior Greg Maduro [2007 Gold Medalist] stopped his semi-final opponent from Maryland in the second round then soundly defeated his Mansfield opponent in the championship bout.

Maduro is also the 2006 defending regional champion.

Overall, Army qualified nine boxers for the National Championships and it's expected that Army will get one additional boxer invited as an at-large participant [Stous].

A total of 10 participants is one more than last year when the club finished in a tie for second place, one point from a team National



Senior team co-captain Reggie Smith won a gold medal at 195 pounds. He will be looking to win at the NCBA National Championships for the second straight year. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Championship. The NCBA National Championships will be held April 12-14 in Reno, Nev.

Army Triathlon's "Hell in Paradise" starts quest toward Nationals

By Cadet 4th Class Peter Bauleke Army Triathlon

Spring Training is in session and the Army Triathlon Team is off to a great start. The 20-member team, whose sport includes swimming, cycling and running, is preparing to participate in the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championships in April at the University of Alabama.

The 2007 season was initiated with a very grueling spring break training trip to Florida. "Hell in Paradise" is what many on the team called it.

The team sandwiched in extensive training sessions between two races. The workouts consisted of 30-40 mile cycling rides, fast runs and long swims.

The intense training prepared them for exceptional results in the 2nd Annual Wildman Triathlon in Orlando, Fla.

Army's Triathlon team swept the field taking the top five positions in the men's race and second overall and an age-group sweep in the women's competition.

The USMA team consists of former Corps Squad swimmers, track stars and one former boxer who have made the transition from their respective sports to excel at the challenging sport of Triathlon.

Rounding out the team are many other members of the Corps, each with different levels of experience, but all with great dedication to the sport. With an arsenal of this caliber and potential, the competition, especially Navy, had better watch out.

The next step is a race in Galveston, Texas, this weekend, before heading to the Collegiate Nationals later in April.

The team has what it takes to be very competitive at Nationals and they will be ready; will the competition be ready for them?



Army Triathlon Team gathers after 2nd Annual Wildman Triathlon in Orlando, Fla., over Spring Break. PHOTO PROVIDED

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seconds into the third quarter. Sophomore midfielder Sean Reppard won the face-off and Korvin took a defenseman Ryan McClure pass to make it 2-2 with 14:43 showing in the third quarter. It was Korvin's ninth goal of the season.

Anthony Muscarella put Hofstra back ahead, but two minutes later, LoRusso tied the game with an unassisted goal, his eighth of the year.

Tom Interlicchio scored the game-winner with 5:27 left and Ryan Miller added an insurance goal in the final quarter.

Army, 3-0 in the Patriot League, will resume conference play Saturday at Colgate at 3 p.m.

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with two runs scored and two runs batted in at the plate, was just as effective on the pitcher's mound.

Army's All-American closer extended his school record consecutive scoreless appearance streak to 20 by allowing just one hit and one baserunner during his career-long three-inning stint. He struck out a career-high five and did not walk a batter.

"Once again, Milan Dinga gave us a great individual effort," Sottolano explained. "His mental and physical toughness is contagious and has a positive impact on each and every member of our club. He's exactly what you expect to see from a player wearing an Army uniform."

Army relievers sophomore Tyler Anderegg, sophomore Austin Grimes, junior Drew Clothier and Dinga kept Quinnipiac in check as they combined to allow just one earned run over the final eight innings.

Army will begin Patriot League play this weekend with a four-game series against Lafayette in Easton, Pa. Both twinbills are slated to start at noon.

Unit Volleyball standings

as of Monday

	PTS
1. STAFF & FACULTY	10
2. 1st/1st	10
3. USMC	8
4. MEDDAC	6
5. MPs #2	4
6. BAND	4