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First Captain named Rhodes Scholar

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

First Captain Jason Crabtree was one of 32 American men and women named 2008 Rhodes Scholars Nov. 17 by Elliot F. Gerson, the American Secretary of the Rhodes Trust in Vienna, Va.

Rhodes Scholarships provide all expenses for two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England.

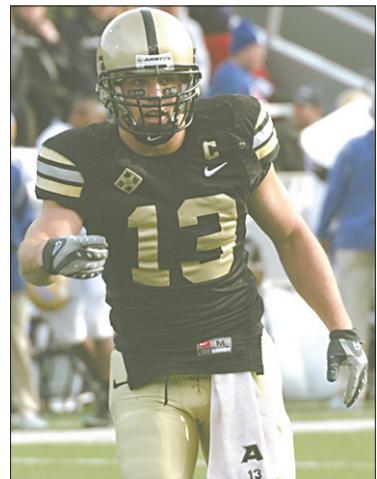
Crabtree, of Kingston, Wash., will begin his studies at Oxford in September 2008 where he will pursue a degree in the Engineering Sciences.

"I was honored just to interview," the future Infantry



First Captain Jason Crabtree

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officer said. "So I felt very humbled to be chosen out of the incredible group of candidates."

The certified paratrooper, scuba diver and mountain climber was chosen from among 764 students endorsed by 294 different colleges and universities.

Crabtree, 21, is the 87th cadet to be named since West Point began competing in 1923.

"We are incredibly proud of Jason. As the leader of our Corps of Cadets and as the utmost scholar in the classroom, he is, in one sense, the very best we have to offer. However, he is also 'typical,' said Brig. Gen. Finnegan, Dean of the Academic Board.

"Our future officers -- from A to Z -- are intelligent, thoughtful, and well-rounded. The selection of Jason Crabtree for a Rhodes Scholarship highlights his own immense talents and achievements. And the selection of our First Captain as a Rhodes Scholar highlights the incredible talents of our entire Corps," he added.

The Civil Engineering major plans on completing as much of his military training courses as possible (including the Basic Officer's Leadership Course, the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Ranger School), next summer before his studies at Oxford begin and during his summers between his post graduate schooling.

"Studying at Oxford will give me a chance to further develop the intellectual foundation that will serve me as an officer," Crabtree said.

"In addition to the formal part of my education, the opportunity to live and study in a foreign country and to better my understanding of the international perspectives on American foreign policy will be invaluable. I am confident that the Rhodes experience will allow me to better prepare myself for future endeavors in a variety of ways," he concluded.

'Goat Busters' and Cadets Rescue Black Jack



'Goat Busters' First Captain Jason Crabtree, Commandant Brig. Gen. Robert Caslen and Dean Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan congratulate each other Tuesday after the 'daring rescue' of Army mascot Black Jack from 'Navy SEALs' during a spirit event held on the Plain and the apron in front of Washington Hall. Teams of cadet warriors manning cannon, popping smoke and firing rifles supported by two Apache, two Black Hawk and one Huey helicopter made the dramatic rescue and the 'Goat Busters' (including Brigade Tactical Officer Col. Mark McKearn - not pictured) led Black Jack back to the Mess Hall to help lead some cheers and other spirit activities. [See related story on page 10-11.]

ERIC BARTELT/PV

Board of Visitors meets Dec. 7

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy will meet Dec. 7 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Bldg. 600 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Board will review and receive updates on the academic, physical and military programs.

The Board of Visitors is appointed under the provision of Section 4355 of Title 10, United States Code.

It is the duty of the board to inquire about the Academy's morale and discipline, curriculum, instructions, physical equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods.

The board consists of presidential appointees and members of Congress.

Presidential appointees are Honorable Samuel Lessey Jr., Rebecca Contreras, Dr. Charles

Younger, John Rainey, William Strong and Blake Hall. The senators are Honorable Jack Reed, Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, Honorable Susan Collins and Honorable Mary Landrieu.

Representatives include Honorable John McHugh, Honorable Maurice Hinchey, Honorable Todd Tiahrt, Honorable Jim Marshall and Honorable John Hall.

Disaster preparedness information for pet owners

**Commentary by
Henry Cervantes
Emergency Plans Specialist
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Being prepared for everyday emergencies helps you to be ready if a large disaster should ever happen. This includes having a preparedness plan for your pets.

The Humane Society of the United States recommends the following to make sure your pets are taken care of during an emergency.

- Find a neighbor who is comfortable and familiar with your pets and give them a key to your house.

- Ensure they know your pets' habits so as not to waste precious

time trying to find or catch them.

- Ensure they are willing to take your pets and have access to appropriate carriers and leashes if an emergency involves evacuation. Plan a meeting location.

You should put together a pet disaster kit that includes:

- Non-perishable food and water for at least five days for each pet, bowls and a manual can opener (if you are packing canned pet food).

- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets safely. Carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around and lie down.

- Pet beds and toys, if you can easily take them, to reduce stress.

- Medications and medical

records in a waterproof container and a first aid kit. A pet first aid book is also good to include.



- Current photos and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you become separated.

- Information about your pets' feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and veterinarian information in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.

- Cat litter box, litter, garbage bags to collect all pets' waste and litter scoop.

- Other useful items include newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items and household bleach.

The most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to take them with you when you evacuate.

Your pet should wear up-to-date identification at all times. Animals left behind in a disaster can easily be injured, lost or killed.

Because evacuation shelters generally don't accept pets [except for service animals], plan ahead to make certain your pets will have a safe place to stay.

Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check their pet policies. Check with boarding facilities and veterinary offices about their emergency policies. Make a list of animal-friendly places and keep it handy. Check with friends, relatives or

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SAPR-P

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

Thank chaplains for their guidance, friendship, service

**Commentary by
Cadets 1st Class Tiffany
Boston and A. Paul Greco**

They are counselors, human resource experts, mentors, administrators, leaders and friends. They are a commander's tuning fork for unit morale.

We call them "Father, Pastor, Rabbi, Imam," and they are there to provide our moral compass with an azimuth check when it is most needed.

They are chaplains, and they

are invaluable assets to the spiritual demands of Soldiers. In our Army of approximately 515,000 Soldiers, only 1,447 are active duty chaplains and 944 serve on Reserve or National Guard status.

The strain placed upon these dutiful servants is tremendous. Some of them are responsible for multiple battalions, because they are so small in force. The chaplaincy is not a job; it is a calling that can be easily underappreciated.

Every Monday, the Corps forms up for the Monday Lunch Review,

but Oct. 29 was different. October was Chaplain's Appreciation Month.

In light of that, the Corps invited five of the USMA Chaplains to serve as the reviewing party and to join them for lunch in the Mess Hall.

The review and the lunch were two small steps the Corps took to express its thanks to its chaplains. The chaplains were humbled and honored by the gestures. Rabbi (Maj.) Carlos Huerta said, "When we give honors, it is only other Soldiers that can give the honors to other Soldiers. That is what you did for us chaplains when you honored us with the review."

Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy

Mallard stated that it was a singular honor, and he was deeply humbled.

Soldiers get thanked for being Soldiers all the time. But how often does someone walk up to a Soldier and thank them for being a chaplain, and how often does a fellow Soldier do that?

While October is long gone, being a chaplain is a 24/7 calling. You don't have to give them a parade or buy them a meal to thank them for their service -- they also appreciate the occasional hand shake and a simple "thank you."

Next time you see a chaplain -- take a minute to thank them for their guidance, their friendship and their service.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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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

1999 grad killed in Afghanistan by IED

Compiled by Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

Captain David A. Boris of Pottsville, Pa., died Nov. 12 in Bermel, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when the vehicle he was in was struck by an improvised explosive device.

The 1999 U.S. Military Academy graduate was the "Anvil" Troop commander, part of the 1st

Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Schweinfurt, Germany.

The Troop is attached to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment.

Boris was traveling in a convoy on a resupply mission to Combat Outpost Malekshay, a remote U.S. base less than three miles from the Pakistani border, when his vehicle was hit.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade held a memorial service in eastern Afghanistan Nov. 23. There some of Boris' Soldiers remembered him fondly. Troop A Staff Sgt. James Pollard said Boris was the type of leader a Soldier respected.

"He would be right up front there with you," he said. "He got to know our wives, he got to know our children."

Staff Sgt. Jesse Reyes was in the lead Humvee that day.

"Out of an 80-man troop, he knew all of our names and all of our children's names," Reyes said.

Memorial and funeral services were held in Minersville, Pa., Wednesday.

He is survived by his wife of eight years, Jaime, his parents Albin and Diana Boris, and sister, Jennifer Possinger.

(Editor's Note: Information taken from DOD sources and *Stars and Stripes*.)



Capt. David A. Boris

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others to see if they would be able to shelter your animals, if necessary.

If your family and pets must wait out a storm or other disaster at home, identify a safe area of your home and all stay together. Close your windows and doors, stay inside and follow instructions from emergency management officials. Have your family and pet emergency supplies kit in the "safe room."

If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, take these precautions.

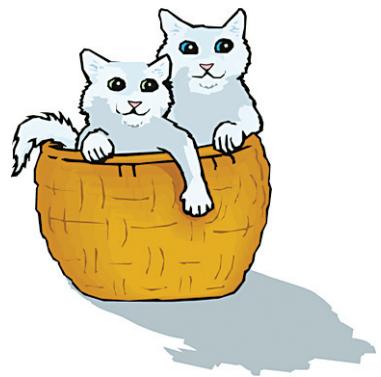
Never leave your pet chained outside. Leave them loose inside your home with food and plenty of water.

Remove the toilet tank lid, raise the seat and brace the bathroom door open so they can drink. Place

a visible notice outside your home, advising what pets are in the house and where they are located.

Provide a phone number where you or a contact can be reached as well as your vet's contact info.

After a disaster your pets' behavior may change. They may become aggressive or defensive.



While you assess the damage, keep pets in check. Be patient with them and try to get them back into their normal routines as soon as possible.

Be ready for behavioral problems that may result from the stress of the situation.

For additional information, contact the Veterinary Officer at (845) 938-3817 or your local

animal shelter, kennel or Humane Society office.

For more information on emergency preparedness planning, visit these sites:

Dept of Homeland Security -- www.Ready.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency -- www.fema.gov

Centers for Disease Center --

www.cdc.gov

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration --

www.noaa.gov

N.Y. State Emergency Office --

www.semo.state.ny.us

Orange County Division of Emergency Management --

www.co.orange.ny.us

West Point Red Cross -- www.nyredcross.org

Wounded Warriors entitled to keep bonus payments

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

Soldiers who become ill or are wounded while on active duty are entitled to keep all recruitment bonuses due them.

The Army reiterated that policy today, after a Wounded Soldier

inadvertently received a letter from the Army that stated he would be required to pay back any enlistment money he received.

"If you are ill or were injured while on duty, the Army will not ask you to repay any portion of your recruitment bonus," said Brig. Gen. Mike Tucker, assistant

surgeon general for Warrior Care and Transition. "This money will stay in the hands of our Soldiers."

Army policy prohibits what is described as "recoupment" when it would be contrary to equity and good conscience, or would be contrary to the nation's interests. Those circumstances include, for

example, "an inability to complete a service agreement because of illness, injury, disability or other impairment that did not clearly result from misconduct."

The Army is looking into the specifics behind former Soldier Jordan Fox, who was injured while serving in Iraq. Fox told news media he had received a letter from the Army stating he would be required to repay a \$3,000 enlistment bonus.

The general said Soldiers who have received letters from the Army asking for repayment of a recruitment bonus should contact the Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline to report the issue as soon as possible.

"If there's a problem, we are going to fix it," Brig. Gen.

Tucker said. "We are committed to honoring our Warriors and Families in transition."

The hotline is staffed by subject-matter experts 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help speed the resolution of issues pertaining to wounded Soldiers and their Families.

Callers will receive responses within 24 hours. For those who reside within the United States, the hotline can be reached at 800-984-8523.

Soldiers and Families may also call from overseas assignments via the Defense Switch Network at (312) 328-0002 and within the U.S., at 328-0002.

The hotline also receives messages via email at: wfsupport@conus.army.mil.

Soldiers to evaluate new PT Jacket Prototypes

By Natick
Public Affairs Office

(Army News Service)--Soldiers this month will begin testing two new PT-jacket prototypes made from fabrics designed to provide more reflection in dark early-morning or evening hours.

About 600 troops at Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Lewis, Wash., will participate in the user evaluations.

The participating Soldiers will be surveyed on their opinions of the sample jackets, said officials from the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center.

The U.S. Army Product Manager Clothing and Individual Equipment is working with NATICK's Operational Forces Interface Group to conduct the

user evaluation of new reflective technologies which enhance the current Improved Physical Fitness Uniform jacket.

"The more visible the Soldiers are when doing PT in low light conditions, the safer they will be," said Beverly Kimball, product engineer.

Two prototype fabrics have been developed with the new technology and sample jackets have been fabricated; one has a subtle digital-reflective pattern, while the other has a slight texturized-reflective pattern.

"The prototype jackets are very similar in appearance to the current jacket during daylight," said Dave Geringer, assistant product manager, PM-CIE. "However, despite their subtle daylight appearance, both patterns are highly reflective and provide

a significant improvement in visibility."

The jackets will be evaluated for comfort, durability, launderability, wind-resistance, water-resistance, warmth and reflective capabilities.

"All participants will have an opportunity to wear all the test items. But we want to ensure that all the jackets are tested in the same climate and conditions, so we will be conducting a 'within-groups' type evaluation so styles are worn simultaneously," Kimball said.

The evaluations are expected to continue through March 2008, and once complete, the data will be compiled into a final report.

"If the candidates perform well, they will be presented to the Army Uniform Board for approval to replace the current IPFU jacket," Geringer said.



Prototype jackets for the Improved Physical Fitness Uniform with new reflective technologies will be evaluated at Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Lewis, Wash., between November and March. This shows the jackets in lowlight conditions (above) and the below photo is how they appear in daylight.

PHOTO BY U.S. ARMY



Army study finds delayed combat stress reporting

By Elizabeth M. Lorge
Army News Service

In a study that appeared in the "Journal of the American Medical Association" Nov. 14, Army medical officials examined increased Soldier-reported mental-health concerns in mandatory post-deployment health screenings.

Colonels Charles Milliken, M.D. and Charles W. Hoge, M.D., two of the study's authors, found

that between the initial Post-Deployment Health Assessment and the Post-Deployment Health Re-assessment three to six months later, Soldiers are more likely to report signs of post-combat stress and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"These efforts are about taking better care of Soldiers," said Milliken, the principal investigator at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research's Division of Psychiatry

and Neuroscience.

"What we're hoping to do with the screenings is detect mental health problems while they are still small, simple and temporary," Milliken continued. "When these problems get bigger and more complicated, they are much harder to treat and it increases the likelihood that they will become a chronic, long-term problem."

The study examined the assessments of 88,235 Iraq veterans completed between June 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2006, and found that while only 4 to 5 percent of Soldiers were referred for mental healthcare on the PDHA, three to six months later that number jumped to 20.3 percent for active-duty Soldiers and 42.4 percent for reserve-component Soldiers.

The second set of numbers encompasses the PDHA, PDHRA and Soldiers who were under mental-health care because of self-referral or employee-assistance referrals. According to Milliken, these Soldiers were not necessarily diagnosed with PTSD, but they were exhibiting symptoms that were serious enough that a medical provider wanted to have them evaluated.

Similarly, symptoms of depression reported on the PDHA rose from 5 percent to 10 percent on the PDHRA.

The highest jump the study found between the PDHA and PDHRA were reports of conflict with family and friends. This rose from 3.5 to 14 percent for active-duty Soldiers and 4.2 to 21.1 percent for reserve-component Soldiers.

Although the study didn't examine causes and effects, Brig. Gen. Stephen L. Jones, assistant surgeon general for force protection, who has deployed twice, suggested that the PDHA numbers may simply be skewed because Soldiers are so happy to go home and haven't yet interacted with their families.

"When you come back, you're feeling great, almost euphoric. You don't have any problems in the world. You're just glad to be home. And then over the next three-four weeks, you re-establish relationships with your family and the normal stress everybody feels when they return home starts to surface. This is a normal, adaptive response and we would expect the stress levels at home to go up," he said.

The disparity between active and Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers was a bit more challenging for the study's authors, especially because they determined that combat exposure for Reserve and National Guard Soldiers was virtually identical to that of active-duty Soldiers, and they reported more physical health concerns as well.

Milliken believes this may be due to the differences in health coverage for reserve-component and active-duty Soldiers.

Active-duty Soldiers can go to sick call any time, so he said they may not feel as pressed to report every little concern, but Reserve and National Guard Soldiers only have six months of TRICARE coverage when they return and two years of Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. After that, the VA will pay for service-related injuries or illnesses, if they are documented on forms like the PDHRA.

The PDHRA adds a question about alcohol use, and while 11.8 percent of Soldiers admitted that they might be misusing it, only 0.2 percent of these were referred for a treatment program and still fewer were seen within 90 days.

While acknowledging the Army has a long way to go when it comes to alcohol treatment, and sighting the lack of confidentiality as a real roadblock, both Jones and Milliken said they were encouraged that so many Soldiers were even willing to report that they had a problem, because the PDHRA becomes part of a Soldier's permanent medical record.

They also believe that the Army's efforts to reduce the stigma around PTSD and with seeking mental-health assistance, including the chain-teaching and Battlemind programs, are working.

"I think this study shows that we've done a pretty good job of reducing the stigma," Jones said. "There're several factors. Number one: the fact that over half the Soldiers who seek behavioral-health counseling do so within 30 days of the survey and do so on their own.

"They go in on their own and ask for the counseling. I think the response we've gotten to our Soldiers stepping up and saying 'yeah, I'd like some help' is another indication that we've helped reduce that stigma," he concluded.

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Community Features and Photos

West Point staffs Soldier, Family Assistance Center

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center's mission at West Point, according to April Davis, the newly appointed SFAC Director, is to support the Warriors in Transition community through the development, coordination and provision of a variety of services that address complex physical, personal, Family, social and economic needs.

The SFAC will also assist Soldiers and commanders in identifying and resolving health-related, personal and social issues affecting wounded Soldiers, wounded Department of Defense civilians and their Families. The SFAC is within the Army Community Service Division of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The program is an outcome of the Army Medical Action Plan and will be resourced with Global War on Terrorism funds. It follows the tenets of the Army Family Covenant as another way that the Army is taking care of Soldiers and their Families, although it is not a direct part of the AFC, according to Davis.

"This is not just for the West Point community," Davis said. "The SFAC will assist Soldiers

and Families from the active, reserve and guard components throughout N.Y., Mass., Conn., N.J. and R.I., along with five other states encompassing the Northeast." Soldiers in these other states may receive assistance from the West Point SFAC or a nearby military installation.

Davis said the SFAC is a one-stop shopping center for wounded Soldiers and their Families. Approximately 25 primary service providers from Army Community Service, Child and Youth Services, the housing division, military pay, transportation, the education center, military personnel, legal and the chaplain's office comprise the SFAC working group, chaired by Col. Dan Bruno, Garrison Commander.

SFAC service providers help determine what issues a wounded Soldier or Family member is having problems with. These problems range from housing issues, where people from the housing division assist the Soldier, to marital problems, where a chaplain or social worker may be needed to help resolve issues.

"It's not just the problems a Soldier may have from a medical standpoint, but other issues that come up -- such as obtaining job transition assistance and other services they may need," Davis said. "We are in the process now of



April Davis is the newly appointed director of the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, which is part of the Army Community Services Division in the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The SFAC will assist Soldiers and commanders in identifying and resolving a variety of issues facing wounded Soldiers, wounded DOD civilians and their Families.

obtaining a dedicated space for the center that will include a computer lab, a television, a Family living room-like setting and play room.

"Additionally, other SFAC staff being recruited include a guidance

counselor; information, referral and follow-up coordinator; social service assistance coordinator, outreach program coordinator and military human resources specialist.

A part-time Army Career and Alumni Program representative will also be hired by DA ACAP to serve on the SFAC.

The Army's intent is to have this up and running by early January.

The SFAC will work primarily with the Warrior Transition Unit, which currently has 56 Soldiers assigned and has the capacity for 111," Davis added.

"With our Soldiers geographically dispersed, we know we will need to adjust," she continued. "In the meantime, we are reaching out with education and awareness programs to those Soldiers in the Northeast and letting them know what is available here. I have also been making calls to Soldiers in the WTU here to let them know who I am and what services are available.

"The SFAC is very new to the Army and to West Point, so a lot of people are not aware of what is being offered," Davis concluded.

Davis is a 2001 U.S. Military Academy graduate and a Captain in the Army Reserve.

For more information on the SFAC, call Davis at 845-938-2519 at the Army Community Service Center, Bldg. 622.

Exchange cooperative efforts result in Gift Card 'cross acceptance'

Submitted by AAFES

DALLAS -- A sustained focus on cooperative efforts between the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Marine Corps Exchange and Navy Exchange Service Command is paying off for military Families who, beginning Nov. 6, 2007, will be able to redeem AAFES, MCX and NEX-specific gift cards at any Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps exchange facility.

"Throughout the retail industry, shoppers are expected to spend more than \$35 billion on gift cards during the 2007 holiday season," said AAFES' Chief Operating Officer Mike Howard. "With convenience being the driver for most gift card purchases, the exchanges realized that cross acceptance would provide greater flexibility, buying power and ease."

For many years, the Military Exchange Services have collaborated on projects of common value, but in 2006 the Exchange Cooperative Efforts Board placed additional emphasis on initiatives like gift card cross acceptance. As a result of these cooperative efforts, each of the exchanges will begin accepting their sister exchanges' gift cards Nov. 6, 2007.

"The exchange gift card just got much better," said Commander, NEXCOM Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi. "With joint operations and joint basing increasingly common, our service members need to be able to use gift cards at any military exchange available to them. Now, Exchange gift cards are as mobile as our service members."

Exchange gift cards are available up to \$500 and can be purchased at military exchanges worldwide. They can also be purchased online at aafes.com or navy-nex.com. MCX gift cards can only be purchased at MCX locations.

"Whether visiting the Marine Corps Exchange at Camp Pendleton, the NEX Pearl Harbor Mall or one

of the AAFES/MCX stores in Iraq, authorized shoppers will no longer need to sort through three different gift cards to determine what will be accepted at that particular facility," said Maj. Gen. Timothy R. Larsen, Director, Personnel and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps. "This effort is a terrific example of how the Department of Defense's exchange services are working together to strengthen the exchange benefit for all Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and their Families."

CYS trio named fine arts winners

Story and photos by
Kim Ambar
D/MWR

Tiffany Merkel, Kristen Hendricks and Zachary Porter (not pictured) received awards Nov. 20 from Boys & Girls Club of America, Northeast Region, for their Multicolored drawing, Oil/Acrylic and Collage submissions, respectively.

The artwork was exhibited at the West Point Child and Youth Services hosted annual Boys & Girls Clubs of America Fine Arts Exhibit held here Jan. 5, 2007.

The 2008 exhibit is set for Jan. 11 from 4-6 p.m., and is open to

West Point youth ages 6-18.

Any art work created since Jan. 11, 2007, is eligible for submission.

Work may be entered in any of the following categories: Monochromatic Drawing, Pastel, Multicolored Drawing, Watercolor,

Oil or Acrylic, Print Making, Mixed Media, Collage, Sculpture or Group Project.

Pieces will be judged in the following age groups: 6-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18 years.

If interested, please contact the Youth Center at 938-8525/8899.



Tiffany Merkel



Kristen Hendricks

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USMA team advances to National Ethics Bowl

Story and photo by
Maj. Bill Weaver
Ethics Team head coach

The U.S. Military Academy Ethics Bowl team qualified for second place at the Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl held at St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, Fla., Nov. 17. The USMA team now advances to the National Ethics Bowl in San Antonio, Feb. 21, 2008.

Placing second out of 20 teams including Florida State University, University of Miami and the U.S. Naval Academy, the team lost by a small margin to first place Eckerd College, but, by qualifying, USMA has an opportunity to compete for the national championship.

The Ethics Bowl is organized annually by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics to promote the interdisciplinary study of ethics. Each collegiate team prepares presentations and for oral questioning on a series of cases.

This year's cases included discussion of America's obligations in the protection of Iraqi translators and the obligations of the Japanese

government in the revision of World War II related entries in history books.

According to APPE, each team "is to ensure it has identified the ethically relevant considerations relative to the issues raised by the assigned cases and to analyze the importance of the considerations to reach agreement upon positions that the team feels it can explain and defend." Ethics Bowl judges base their analyses on consistency, clarity and intelligibility, comprehension of ethically irrelevant issues and completeness in analysis.

USMA's team is sponsored by the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic and coached by Department of English philosophy instructors Maj. Bill Weaver and Capt. Josh Carlisle.

Team members for the 2007-2008 USMA Ethics Bowl Team



The U.S. Military Academy Ethics Bowl team, shown here in action Nov. 17 against Eckerd College, finished second in the Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla. That qualifies them for the National Ethics Bowl in San Antonio Feb. 21, 2008. The cadets participating are (left to right) Cadet 3rd Class Ben Bettin, Cadets 1st Class Jessica Ostasewski and Ronnie Balog and Cadets 2nd Class Scott Holleran and Greg Stoner.

include Cadets 1st Class Ronnie Balog and Jessica Ostasewski, Cadets 2nd Class Junior Scott Holleran, Greg Stoner, Price

Harris, and Steve Hojnicky, and Cadet 4th Class Cadet John Bonds.

Army- Navy Events in Baltimore

Friday

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. -- Inner Harbor static displays
Noon -- Army-Navy Pep Rally at Inner Harbor

Saturday

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. -- Inner Harbor static displays
9 a.m. -- March over to M&T Stadium
Noon -- Football game kickoff

For more information about events in Baltimore
go to (www.baltimore.org/army/navy)
or call 1-877-BALTIMORE

**Need
FEHB
help?**

The 2007 Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season runs until Dec. 10.

The CPAC will also be available at Spellman Hall in the DOIM Computer Lab for employees who need additional assistance on the following dates:

Wed. from 9 a.m. to noon.
Thurs. from 1 to 4 p.m.

Assistance will be available for second shift employees in the CPAC office Wed. from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., by appointment only.

To setup an appointment, call 938-3943.

'Gifts from the Homefront' support does 'double time' for military communities

DALLAS --Military advocates across America are making their support work twice as hard with Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates.

While assistance sent through this troop support initiative provides for the immediate needs of troops throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, revenue generated from the redemption of the BX/PX gift certificates is also strengthen important quality of life efforts for military Families closer

to home.

"AAFES' dual mission to serve America's troops and generate funds to support military Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs means that resources dedicated to 'Gifts from the Homefront' not only improve the morale of deployed troops, but Families minding the home front as well," said AAFES' Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton. "These gift certificates not only make sending support easy, but also provide immediate assistance

to uniformed personnel while generating a long term benefit for military Families."

Started in March 2003 as an

option that allowed any American to leverage contingency exchanges on behalf of deployed Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors,

it soon became apparent that "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates offered the added benefit of additional support for Morale, Welfare and Recreation efforts, such as Youth Services, Armed Forces Recreation Centers, post functions and more, that are enjoyed by military Families the world over.

"Gifts from the Homefront" can be sent to deployed troops by logging on to www.aafes.org or calling 877-770-4438. From there, BX/PX gift certificates are sent to individual service members (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, Fisher House, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Operation Homefront, Operation Interdependence® or USO.

AOG e-mail to switch addresses come mid-Jan. '08

WEST POINT -- Beginning in mid-January the Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy will begin to switch over to new e-mail addresses.

The current e-mail addresses will actually still be active until Feb. 1, 2008, but AOG wants to start getting the word out to give folks time to get used to the change.

Old e-mail address -- xy1234@usma.edu (until Feb. 1, 2008)

New e-mail address -- john.doe@wpaog.org.

The new accounts have already been created and e-mail forwarding on these new accounts has been set up so that any mail received there is sent to their USMA e-mail boxes.

AOG hopes to eventually have a similar contact list in 'Public Folders' to what KACH has since they switched over to their own system.

When AOG cuts over to the new Outlook system (mid-January) they will be using the full Outlook 2007 e-mail client in addition to the Web interface which can be accessed from anywhere. The Web interface will contain the same folder structure and e-mails that current users would see when using Outlook at your desk.

Proper wear of the new green micro fleece cap

Submitted by USMA
Command Sgt. Maj.
Michael Bergman

minutes.

Please help maintain the standards.

There have been some questions about the wear of the green micro fleece cap with the Army Combat Uniform.

The guidance on the fleece cap is that it will only be worn here on West Point in place of the beret when Soldiers are exposed to weather conditions that are extreme (can cause cold weather injuries on exposed ears) and they are out in those conditions for more then 30



The Army green micro fleece cap.



Cadet 1st Class Bill Lessner conducts the Spirit Band during the Tulsa game. Lessner has been getting camouflaged for games since the Army-Navy game in 2005.

Story and photos by Eric S. Bartelt Sports Editor

Passion and loyalty comes out of people who crave to see good things happen to their favorite school, minor league or professional team. With that enthusiasm, there are people who are called upon to make those experiences more enjoyable.

The U.S. Military Academy offers many things from a great education to a "job" after school, but one of the great things it offers is the passion and loyalty one feels toward the institution.

School spirit, much like at any other school, is a way to form a connection with where you are and, with pride, show that it means something to be a part of the West Point experience.

Some of that pride was displayed with the '12th Knight Black Out' during the Rutgers and Tulsa games and with the Army-Navy T-shirt, but Army fervor here is much more involved - - getting the cadets and

fans into a 'rabid' state.

Cadet 1st Class Jennifer Vanecek, the Brigade Spirit Captain, is in charge of the spirit for the Corps of Cadets. From setting up the Army-Navy T-shirt design, with the 'goatbuster' theme, to Operation Rescue Black Jack during Army-Navy week, it's a way to bring out the Black and Gold in all of us.

"Everyone just comes together with the common purpose of beating Navy," Vanecek said. "It means so much to me to be a part of this whole experience. All the USCC organizations come together, the cadets come together over this common goal.

"It's a remarkable feat because everyone is so focused on their individual daily tasks," she added, "but when it comes to Army-Navy, we're going to put everything together and we're going to make it happen."

Vanecek is the cadet-in-charge of many of the spirit assets, including WKDT, the mascots, cannon crew, the mule riders, Spirit

Band and the Rabble Rousers. Each one of the groups, with the help of Alton Lee, USCC Plans and Operations specialist, get to where they need to go to help show Army's spirit.

Spirit Band

"Our motto is, 'We're the nucleus of Army Spirit,'" said Cadet 1st Class Jesse Cain, who is the Spirit Band president. The band is usually in the heart of the Corps during the football games and can be seen at many other events.

Cain is one of 135 band members, although this year as president he does coordination for the band much more than what he has done in his previous three years -- playing the tuba.

The former exclamation point in 'Go, Army!' enjoys everything involved with Army-Navy week, particularly the Gala performance the night before the game.

"We look forward to the Gala, especially the band, because that's our shining moment," Cain said. "We do the 'battle of the bands'

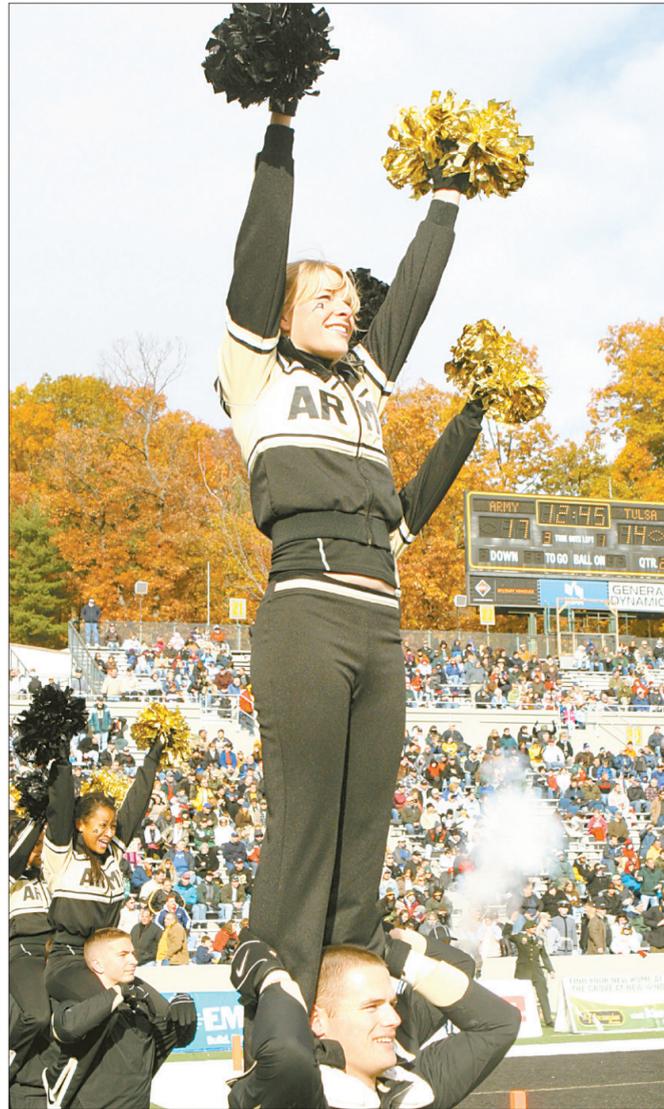
before the Gala with Navy's band and then we do our Gala performance. Our goal every single year is to beat the hell out of Navy ... Gen. (Richard) Cody walked up to us last year and he went, 'Why does Navy (stink) so much?' That was his comment."

The Spirit Band is the backbone of the 'Army spirit.' No one exemplifies that more than head conductor Cadet 1st Class Bill Lessner, who camouflages himself from the neck up and leads the band with his energy.

"He just did it kind of on a whim and said, 'you know what, let's get painted up, and ever since then I think he's done it every game (since the Army-Navy game his sophomore year)," Cain explained.

Cain listed 'Rock the Black Gold' and 'Frankenstein' as a couple of his favorite tunes to play, but the one that gets everyone together is 'Hey, Baby.'

"It's fun to play for the tubas because there's a lot of bass," Cain said. "For the Band, 'Hey, Baby,'



Rabble Rousers (left background) Cadets 4th Class Tara Somersall and Dan Kitchell and (center foreground) Cadet 1st Class Meghan Kellogg and Cadet 2nd Class Michael DuBose work their magic.

is probably the best song because everyone comes together no matter what's going on. You'll see people across the Corps, hands on each other's shoulders, swaying back and forth singing."

The Spirit Band added a roaming section at games last year to get more people involved into the games then just the cadets. However, no matter if they are stationary in the Corps section or going around Michie Stadium, it's all about the sound.

"The last song is alma mater and we've got to play it just as well as the first song we play during the game," Cain said. "It's a full band effort."

academies, and what they see on television during the Army-Navy game might be the only basis upon which they form their ideas of the military," he added. "It really is a responsibility, but it is also a great honor."

Providing a spark along the sidelines can change the outcome of a game because if the fans are involved, the team will be involved and the Rabble Rousers, much like the Spirit Band, are a strong aspect of that.

"It really is amazing how much the crowd can impact the momentum of a game," Borkowski said. "The Tulane game was a testament to that. The Corps really did help the team win.

"Sometimes, if a game is not going our way, it can be tough to get people back in the game," he added. "The Rabbs do make a difference in the attitude of the crowd, and we can provide that spark to help the fans get back in the game."

The team has a grueling practice schedule leading up to the new routine it performs at the Gala. They perform at the football games and other sporting events, the quarterback luncheons, tailgates, but the Gala is their biggest performance.

"They've been practicing four hours a day to nail the routine and every day is a mental grind," Vanecek said. "They have to be on their game every time someone is being held up in the air. They practice their dance moves and anyone who has done that kind of dancing before knows it's exhausting and I give them a lot of credit."

Black Jack and Black Knight

The cadets who make up the Black Jack and Black Knight rotation, five in all, have a great, but sometimes a very exhausting job entertaining fans of all ages.

Cadet 2nd Class Rob Lewis sees the character of Black Jack, the cartoon mule costume, as a ladies' man who can be goofy at the same time.

"You'll see Black Jack flirting with all the girls, but then at the same time he's tripping over himself," Lewis said.

During football games, the 'Black Jack' cadets, switch every quarter to give the other person some relief. During warm weather games it can be quite unbearable.

"Nothing you do can prepare you for the heat of it (wearing the heavy costume) other than be in shape and hydrate," said Cadet 1st Class Dan Baller.



Black Jack is a ladies' man and a 'goofball' at the same time, but his favorite thing to do during the games is relate to the little people.

However, during the Army-Navy game, it can be a pleasure to be Black Jack.

"Black Jack is like a giant sweater," Baller said. "We're the only ones who are warm at Army-Navy. If you're in the suit, you don't want to get out because you're finally warm."

It's a blast for the cadets involved with the mascots to perform. Their favorite crowd members to perform for are the kids.

"It's fun seeing the crowd reaction, seeing the kids' reaction -- the kids are awesome," Baller said. "Being involved you feel you are a part of something when traveling with the team. We have the best seats in the stadium -- we're on the sidelines running up and down the end zone. It's a great time."

Wearing the Black Knight outfit is a great job because with the bringing back of the 16th century armor look; it gives that mascot portrayal a vibrant strength.

But, no matter what suit the cadets are wearing, whether it's the stoic Black Knight or the clumsy Black Jack, it can be at times, as Lee said, hard to bear in the outfits.

"My hat's off to (the cadets) and I know there are times they've come up to me and they're dying in the suit," Lee said.

Lee works closely with the cadets and is responsible for the Spirit Band in coordinating hotel rooms, bus transportation and schedules. Lee deals with all the



The Black Knight armor is a 16th century version meant to portray vibrant strength.

spirit 'teams' in one way or another and gives them a lot of 'props' for what they do.

"Working with these cadets -- nothing else matches it," Lee said. "There is always something

new everyday and it keeps you on your toes. It's a great job (to look after them) and a job I look forward to every day. It makes me smile. They give me their youthful enthusiasm."

MWR Blurbs

Pet boarding for Army-Navy

Morgan Farm is offering an Army-Navy Game Weekend Special [today through Dec. 3].

Board your cat or dog three nights for the price of two.

The kennel is also accepting holiday reservations.

Call 938-3926 for more information.

Army Photo Contest

The 2007 Army Photography Contest is back and is now accepting digital entries through today.

Enter your favorite digital images to compete against the best photographers in the Army.

Categories: people, place, object, military life, experimental and Army values.

For info on how to apply, go to www.westpointmwr.com and select "Special Events and Attractions."

West Point Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Monday at 6 p.m. at Buffalo Soldier Field

Indoor Reception to follow at The Hotel Thayer at 6:30 p.m.

For more info., 938-6127.

CYS basketball sign ups

West Point Child and Youth Services Youth basketball registration is now open.

Call 938-3550 for more information.

Crandall Pool closed

Crandall Pool will be closed during MWR swim time from Dec. 17 until Jan. 11.

Holiday party planning

Book your holiday party with the West Point Club. The Club is hosting Christmas at the 49er Lodge Dec. 7 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Cocktail hour, dinner and dancing, cash bar all night.

View menu online at www.westpointmwr.com.

For pricing and reservations, call 446-5504.

MWR Fitness Center

Les Mills Body Pump Launch, Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m.

Free to all eligible patrons.

Body Pump certification rescheduled for the following

dates:

Dec. 14 Noon to 9 p.m.

Dec. 15 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 16 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Body Pump Informational Meeting Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. and also Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.

For more info., call 938-6490.

Santa Suits for rent

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will be renting out four complete Santa Suits beginning Saturday for \$25 a piece as part of a fundraising event for BOSS.

Contact Connie Woodley at 938-6127 for more information.

Santa Paws

Santa Paws Photo Shoot: Have your pet's picture taken with Santa Paws.

West Point Vet Clinic, Bldg. 630 Hodges Place, Dec. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m.

All pets receive a special treat from Santa.

Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. For more info., call 938-3817.

Angel Tree

Sponsor an angel in the West

Point community through Operation Angel Tree -- select an ornament from the tree in the AAFES lobby to guide you in purchasing a gift.

Gifts may be unwrapped and put back under the tree by Dec. 14.

For more info., call 938-6497.

Help design the new GC coin

Be a part of West Point history -- design West Point's next Garrison coin. Submission deadline is Jan. 11.

Submit original artwork to Elizabeth Harrington, 681 Hardee Place, Room 202.

For contest guidelines, go to www.westpointmwr.com and select "special events and attractions."

Sealed bid date change

Please note change of date for MWR Service Division's Sealed Bid Sale on a selection of vehicles. Sale dates are now Dec. 12 through 14 on all items.

These items can be viewed at West Point Auto Shop (Bldg. 648), Dec. 12-14, from 1 to 3 p.m..

Bids may be submitted no later than 3 p.m., Dec. 14.

For more info., call 938-2074.

2008 Soldier Show

The 2008 Soldier Show is looking for performers and technicians.

It is open to all active duty Soldiers. Applications are due Dec. 28. For more info., go to www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-6127.

Transition Workshop

Are you an active duty Officer or Senior NCO thinking about retiring or separating in the next year or two? Then the ACS Executive Transition Workshop is just for you.

The next ACSEXTAP workshop is being held Jan. 8 to 11, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the West Point Ed Center.

Advance registration required.

The workshop addresses: Managing Life Transitions, Job Search, Selling Yourself, Interviewing Pre-work and Techniques, Salary and Benefit Negotiations, Building a Professional Wardrobe and Networking.

For info., call [845] 248-4719.

Keller Corner

KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closing at noon Dec. 21 and will also be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

The emergency room will remain open.

Blood Drive

There will be a Kick-Off Campaign Meeting Dec. 7 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., in Keller Army Hospital, Second Floor Classroom in preparation for the up-coming Armed Forces Blood Program's Jan. 14-17, 2008 Blood Drive.

Appointed Key Personnel from each activity are requested to attend this meeting.

Please provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 [BLUD] or via e-mail at MARY.MANDIA@NA.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL or Capt. Gerald Keller at 938-6804 or via e-mail at GERALD.KELLAR@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL on or before Thursday.

Preventing Seasonal Flu

What can I do to protect myself against the flu?

By far, the single best way to prevent the flu is for individuals, especially people at high risk for serious complications from the flu, to get a vaccination each fall.

To learn more, see Key Facts about Flu Vaccine <http://www.dev.cdc.gov> <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>.

What are other steps that can be taken to prevent the flu?

There are other good health habits that can help prevent the flu.

These are: Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick.

You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

■ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

■ Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

■ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.

Also, antiviral medications <http://www.dev.cdc.gov> <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/antiviral/index.htm> may be used to prevent the flu.

See Questions and Answers: Antiviral Medications <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/antiviral.htm>.

Can herbal, homeopathic or other folk remedies protect against the flu?

There is no scientific evidence that any herbal, homeopathic or other folk remedies have any benefit against influenza.

How long can human influenza viruses remain viable on inanimate items (such as books and doorknobs)?

Studies have shown that human

influenza viruses generally can survive on surfaces for between 2 and 8 hours.

What kills influenza virus?

Influenza virus is destroyed by heat (167-212F [75-100C]). In addition, several chemical germicides, including chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, detergents (soap), iodophors (iodine-based antiseptics) and alcohols are effective against influenza viruses if used in proper concentration for sufficient length of time.

For example, wipes or gels with alcohol in them can be used to clean hands. The gels should be rubbed until they are dry.

Beneficiary Web Enrollment

TRICARE Prime and Prime Remote beneficiaries can log on to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/bwe/> to enroll, disenroll, choose primary care managers (PCM), transfer regions, update personal information, add other health care information and request enrollment cards.

Beneficiary Web Enrollment

(BWE) allows Standard beneficiaries to update personal information, add other health care information and enroll in Prime.

Sponsors and family members can access their TRICARE information by using their Common Access Card (CAC), Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) "myPay" Personal Identification Number (PIN) or Family Member Account PIN.

Enrollments and PCM changes are pending until approved and approval may take up to six calendar days.

Beneficiaries can log on to the site to view the status of their account anytime and can cancel pending enrollments and/or PCM changes within 48 hours of initiating the transaction.

Enrollment and PCM services are available at the TRICARE Service Center at 273 Main Street in Highland Falls.

PCM changes can also be requested by calling (888) 874-2273.

What's Happening

Quilters

Quilters, interested in making baby quilts for spouses of deployed Soldiers?

Contact Roberta Cerniglia, 313 Sepasco Lake Dr., Rhinebeck, NY 12572, e-mail: sepascobay@aol.com.

Handel's Messiah

The 49th annual performance of Handel's Messiah will be performed at the Cadet Chapel Sunday at 3 p.m.

The presentation will include the Protestant Cadet Chapel Choir and 200 singers from the local area and churches.

ODIA Gift Shop sale

The Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics invites the public to their 40 percent off sale Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Come early for the best selection.

All sales Wed. are final.

In store stock only.

Mail order/shipping not available.

Some mail order items may not apply.

Located just outside Thayer Gate at the Visitor's Center in Highland Falls

Call 446-3069 for more information.

Command Channel 8/23

Nov. 30 - Dec. 7

FRIDAY

SPRIT VIDEOS ON THE HOUR FROM
9 A.M. THROUGH 4 P.M.

MONDAY - DEC. 7

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

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Book signing

The "Carlisle vs. Army" book signing scheduled for today at the Cadet Bookstore located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor has been cancelled by the author.

On Dec. 7 there will be a book signing at the Cadet Bookstore by author Barry Wilner from 9:15 a.m. to noon for his new book "Football Feuds, The Greatest College Football Rivalries."

The book features the top 25 greatest rivalries. Chapter one deals with Army vs. Navy.

Holiday Fair

The 4th of July committee in Highland Falls is hosting holiday fair in town Sat. and Sun.

There will be gift vendors with many gift ideas under \$10 such as gift baskets, jewelry, crocheted items, stocking stuffers and many other items.

There will be activities for the kids like a holiday-themed duck pond and a craft table.

We will be taking pictures with Santa on Sunday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

It will be a great day to start your shopping and also for the kids to see Santa without all the lines at the mall.

The event is taking place on Main Street at the old video store next to the police station.

For more information contact Jill Lennon at (845) 446-3657.

Holiday Bazaar

Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Highland Falls will host a Holiday Bazaar Sunday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the school.

More vendors are needed. We will also feature a children's craft table where they can create and purchase gifts for loved ones.

Our Christmas in the Basket Raffle has just begun, featuring over \$300 in gift certificates to area merchants and a Christmas tree for the Grand Prize. There are also three other great prizes, including Dinner for two at the Hotel Thayer, an iPod Shuffle, and Dinner for two at Loughran's Restaurant in Salisbury Mills.

Please send an inquiry by e-mail to sacredheartfundraising@gmail.com for more information on any of these events.

PWOC

Ladies, mark your calendars now for this upcoming powerful

PWOC program.

It will be held Wednesday, from 8:45 to 11 a.m., at the Post Chapel.

Come and hear powerful personal testimonies of how the gospel of Jesus Christ is changing women's lives at the Walter Hoving Home.

These ladies will also sing and dance. There will be a brunch afterward and opportunities for fellowship with the ladies from the Walter Hoving Home.

G&EnE lecture

The Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering invites the West Point community to attend a guest lecture Thursday by Michael Cain, Director, Army Environmental Policy Institute, Arlington, Va., titled, "Army Strategic Sustainability" to students enrolled in EV300, Environmental Science.

The lecture will be held from 12:50 to 1:45 p.m. in Washington Hall, Room 5300. For more information contact is Maj. Gayle Davis, at 938-4135.

Potluck Concert

The second concert of the 2007-2008 Potluck Concert season is Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church.

The program titled, "Winterfest" will include music by Brahms, Schumann, Handel, Vivaldi, Burnet Tuthill and a short selection of holiday favorites.

For more information call (845) 534-8368 or (845) 534-2166 or go to www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org.

WPWC

Applications are now available for scholarships and community grants offered by the West Point Women's Club.

Pick up copies at the WPWC shop, ACS, or visit the Web site: www.shopthepoint.com.

Applications are due Feb. 29, 2008.

AER scholarship program

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of active, retired and deceased Soldiers.

The program offers scholarships based on financial need, academics and leadership/achievement.

Applications for the 2008-2009 scholarship and the Stateside

Spouse Education Assistance Program are available on the AER Web site www.aerhq.org through March 1, 2008.

To be eligible, applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale and be full-time students.

Christmas tree sale

The Fort Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department is having its annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale/Fundraiser.

The times are weekends 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekdays 3 to 9 p.m.

The location is Route 9W, Fort Montgomery, N.Y., at the Fort Montgomery Firehouse Parking Lot, three miles south of West Point.

For more information, call (845) 446-3542.

Sacred Heart programs

Sacred Heart School in Highland Falls invites the West Point Community to attend a free presentation by Bob Lento on "Positive Parenting" Thursday at 6 p.m.

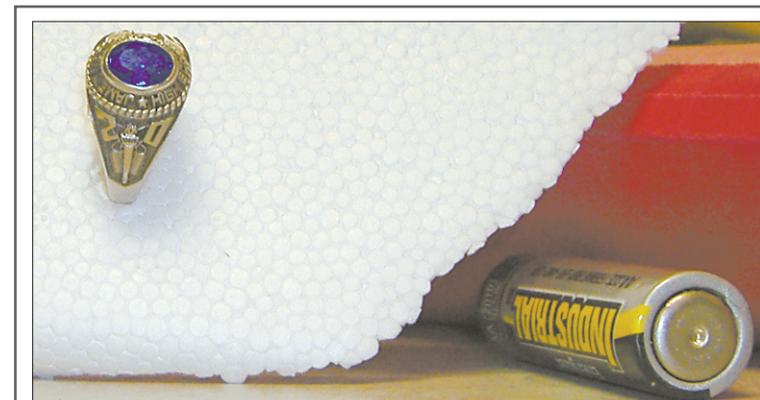
The evening's activities include free food, door prizes and free childcare (ages 2 and up).

Call 446-2674 for more information and to sign up for childcare.

MCCW Advent program is Dec. 11 from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m., in the Post Chapel Basement.

Please join us as we prepare for Christ's birth.

Red Cross



Unclaimed ring at CID

This Class ring was recovered July 2006. It was presumably stolen in August 2006 from the Gray Ghost housing area during a string of robberies. This ring has gone unclaimed. Anybody wishing to claim this property can contact Regina Purtill, Evidence Custodian, West Point CID Office, at 938-3513 or Daniel Flores, Special Agent in Charge, at 938-4712.

Support your local American Red Cross, West Point, CFC Pledge #29968.

Money raised in our community stays here at home.

For more information contact Michelle Strom at 938-4100.

Post Exchange holiday hours

Today -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sat. -- 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sun. -- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mon. -Wed. -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thurs. -- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 7 -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 8 -- 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 9 -- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 10-12 -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 13 -- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 14 -- 6 a.m. to midnight
Dec. 15 -- 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 16 -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 17-20 -- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 21-22 -- 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 23 -- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 24 -- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- CLOSED
Dec. 26-29 -- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 30 -- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 21 -- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dinner Dance

The Maj. Gen. Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. with support of the men and women of the 105th Airlift Wing will present the 10th annual Tuition Assistance Dinner Dance Feb. 2 at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, N.Y. For ticket info., e-mail TAL_NY@hotmail.com or call (845) 838-7848.

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AFAP highlights from local commander's Steering Committee

Below are highlights of Department of the Army AFAP Issues reviewed at the Commander's AFAP Steering Committee held here Sept. 21.

USMA AFAP Issue #0606: Provide Laser Eye Surgery for all TRICARE Beneficiaries: This issue, originating at the annual USMA AFAP conference last year, cannot be resolved at the local level and was submitted to the HQDA for inclusion in the Department of the Army AFAP Conference to be held in December

2007. This issue remains active and will be monitored for progress at the DA level.

USMA AFAP Issue #0610: Social Security Numbers Displayed on ID Cards: This issue resulted from the USMA AFAP Conference last year and could not be resolved locally.

It was submitted to HQDA in July for inclusion into the Department of the Army AFAP Conference to be held December 2007.

This issue remains active and will be monitored for progress at the DA level.

USMA AFAP Issue #0512/DA Issue 509: TRICARE Dental Benefit Enhancement (Retiree Dental Benefits): This issue is currently active at the DA level.

DAAFAP recommendations on this issue were considered during the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) re-compete in 2005, but they were not incorporated into the new contract won by United

Concordia. The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will be recompeted very soon (2007).

This issue remains active and will be monitored.

AFAP progress update
The 17 issues recommended at the 2007 AFAP Conference have been approved and will be sent to the assigned lead agency for action.

The next AFAP Commander's Steering Committee Meeting will be held Feb. 5, 2008 at the Jewish

Chapel from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. USMA agencies will report progress on the 2007 AFAP issues at this meeting and will also discuss the progress of outstanding issues from previous conferences.

The West Point community is welcome to attend. For a full list of the AFAP issues please refer to the Web site at www.westpointmwr.com.

The Web site also provides details of the Top Services as identified by the Conference Delegates within their work groups.

DPW Notes

Before the snow starts to fall
Before the snow starts, please do the following:

- Ensure that all personal property is off of the streets and courts. This includes everything from bicycles to basketball hoops. Now is also the time to take boats and campers to the RV lot.

- If you have rocks, railroad ties or skate board ramps right next to the edge of the road, even a service road, please move them away from the edge of the road. These can be a big hazard to heavy snow removal equipment.

- If you have a fence or a deck within five feet of the edge of a road, please place red flags or clearly mark it. Remember, during a heavy snowfall when visibility is limited, a red flag can make the difference between whether or not your fence is hit by a snowplow.

- Finally, when the snow actually falls, please remember to clear fire hydrants, storm drains, access to trash collection points and fuel oil fill pipe access and direct pathway to it.

Get ready for winter weather now

Traditionally during the severe cold of a Hudson Valley winter, DPW receives a number of cold-related maintenance problems. One of the major problems is caused

by water line freeze up during the extremely cold temperatures.

Here are some things you can do to minimize your risk of a water line freeze up and the resultant damage and inconvenience it causes:

- Close and secure all basement doors and windows.

- Ensure that all storm windows and doors are down and secured

- Disconnect garden hoses and turn off outside water faucets. (Residents of Stony I and selected quarters are unable to perform this task as the line has to be "blown out" by our plumbers. Please allow our mechanic access to your quarters to perform this task.)

- If you live in Stony I, ensure that all crawl space covers are secure

While taking the above preventive steps will not ensure that your water pipes will not freeze, these are proven steps to minimize the risk. More importantly, it will make your heating system more efficient and save USMA energy!!

Some other energy savings tips include:

- Take out and properly store all window air conditioners.

- Get into the habit of turning your thermostat down and wearing warmer clothing.

- Also, please do not open your windows to cool the house down.

- Be alert to possible heating

system problems such as it being too hot in one room and too cold in another, or the loud clanking of pipes, baseboards or radiators.

More importantly, keep the area around your furnace and hot water heater clear of boxes or personal items, gasoline, paints or paint thinners and other household hazardous products.

Not only are those items a potential fire hazard in close proximity to heat producing appliances, but our mechanics need ready access to the furnace and hot water heater units.

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

Family housing exterior lighting policy

Resident installed exterior holiday and decorative lighting must comply with the following

policy provisions:

(1) Electric lights, both exterior and interior, that are viewed from the outside, may only be operated during evening hours of darkness (approximately 4:30 p.m.) and must be turned off by midnight each day. This applies to porch lights as well as any holiday display lighting.

Lights must only be used when the occupant is home, unless they are controlled using an automatic timer set using the time constraints outlined above.

The operation hours listed above do not apply for Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 only.

(2) Exterior lighting and displays for the Christmas/Hanukkah/Kawanza season may not be installed earlier than Nov. 15 and must be removed no later than Jan. 15.

(3) Flood and spot light

landscape lighting are limited to no more than a total energy expenditure of 125 watts.

The lighting may be made up of any number of lamps as long as the total wattage used does not exceed the 125 watt limitation.

All landscape lights MUST illuminate only your quarters or grounds.

(4) Small exterior lights, displayed in patio/porch areas for use during darkness hours are allowed under the Exterior Lighting Policy.

Such lights are allowed provided they are neatly "strung" on patio umbrellas, porches, trees, fences, etc.

Also, they may not be secured to trees, fences, sheds, porch walls, etc by nails/tacks that would compromise the integrity of the structure.

Save energy during the holiday season

By Martha Hinote
DPW Customer Relations

As you begin to decorate your home and office for the upcoming holiday season, carefully consider the amount of electricity your holiday display will use.

While decorating for the holidays is encouraged and enhances the holiday season, all are urged to use non-electric decorations when possible. Consider using holiday plants, citrus fruit, walnuts, pinecones and evergreen in your decorating scheme. Remember some common holiday plants (holly, mistletoe, poinsettia, and Christmas cactus) are toxic to children and pets.

If you do use electrical ones they should be modest in scope.

Holiday decorations must be

removed no later than Jan. 15 in accordance with USMA's Exterior Lighting Policy.

Always exercise prudence and care in the operation of all electrical decorations, remembering that all citizens pay USMA's electric bill.

A display of 600 traditional screw-in lights and one 100-watt lighted Santa, on for four hours a day at your home, costs USMA \$0.8788/day, or a total of \$21.97 for the 25-day holiday period for each set of quarters.

That doesn't sound bad until you multiply that by the total 875 occupied quarters and the bill becomes a whopping \$17,906.

Using 600 mini-bulbs reduces cost to \$4,300 and if the newest LED light strings are used the same 600 lights cost is reduced to less than \$1,000 for the Holiday

Season.

When calculating the total USMA electric cost for holiday decorations, don't forget to add the cost of similar displays in offices for eight hours a day for the 20-day holiday period.

This can add thousands of dollars to the total cost. Select the most efficient holiday lighting and limit the use to the time your family is enjoying them.

Turn off all decorations when you leave your home or office - don't leave them on all night.

For additional ways to save energy, keep a look out in the *Pointer View*® and other post publicity media.

If you have questions on USMA Energy, contact the DPW Energy Management Branch, 938-4776.

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SATURDAY -- CLOSED
DEC. 7 -- AMERICAN GANGSTER, R, 7:30 P.M.
DEC. 8 -- DAN IN REAL LIFE, PG, 7:30 P.M.
DEC. 8 -- THE HEARTBREAK KIDS, R, 9:30 P.M.
DEC. 14 -- FRED CLAU, PG, 7:30 P.M.
DEC. 15 -- BEE MOVIE, PG, 7:30 P.M.

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

Army and Community Sports

ARMY vs. NAVY PREVIEW: Can the Black Knights avoid A-N series' first six-game losing streak?

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

The 108th Army-Navy Game takes place Saturday at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, the fourth time the game has been played in that city and the first time since 2000.

Army enters the game with two five-game losing streaks, the current in-season streak and the Navy losing streak.

No team has won more than five straight games in this series over the last 107 years. However, to keep that record, Army will need to stop Navy's highly potent offense.

"You start with being disciplined and understanding what they are trying to do," said Army head football coach Stan Brock. "To say that is very simple -- it's difficult to do that. The linebackers, the defensive line, the safeties, everyone has to be in tune (with each other) and know who has the handoff, who has the fullback, who has the quarterback and who has the pitch.

"Just about the time you think you have it figured out," he added, "coach (Paul) Johnson will make a couple of switches and he will leave a couple of guys free that you weren't expecting to be free. We have to be on our toes to make adjustments as the game goes on."

The player who makes it all work on the offensive side of the ball for Navy is junior quarterback Kaipō-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada. He has had a tremendous season

gaining a team-leading 755 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns on the ground.

When he goes to the air, he has completed 58.2 percent of his passes for six touchdowns to lead the Midshipmen to a 7-4 record and another bowl game appearance.

"(Kaheaku-Enhada) is the leader on offense and he's done a great job leading them," said Army senior safety Caleb Campbell. "It's really easy for Navy to run up the score because it's tough to stop the option. Any breakdown on defense, they're going to score and that's the scary part. That's the great thing about their offense."

Navy senior wide receiver Reggie Campbell is their biggest offensive threat not named Kaheaku-Enhada. He added nine touchdowns this season scored three different ways -- receiving (4), rushing (4) and kickoff returns (1).

Navy's offense has produced 441 points in 11 games and has scored more than 40 points five times.

"They're quick. They're real fast. They don't miss a beat," said senior linebacker Brian Chmura. "Their second-string fullback is their second leading rusher (Eric Kettani) even though (Adam) Ballard is a real good fullback. Then they bring in their second-string quarterback (Jarod Bryant) and he's just as good as their first one. They're explosive."

Army has a chance to produce on offense after scoring 39 points in their home finale against Tulsa, but the Black Knights (3-8) must dent a Midshipmen defense that has given up just about as many points (435) as they've scored.

"(Our performance against Tulsa) gives us a lot of confidence," said Army senior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble. "We knew we had it in us the whole year. Unfortunately we didn't show it early on, but we're peaking at the right time. Going into the Navy game, we definitely have the confidence that we can move the ball."

Sophomore Carson Williams threw a career-high three touchdowns against Tulsa, giving him 11 TD passes for 2007, and his recent offensive success could be attributed to the offensive line's



Navy junior quarterback Kaipō-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada leads the Midshipmen in rushing this season with 755 yards and has added 11 touchdowns.

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play.

"A lot of that (against Tulsa) may be attributed to the fact it was the most senior offensive line we played with," Brock said. "It was the first time we had the group in there since the beginning (of the season).

"The receivers did a good job getting open and Carson did a better job of getting his reads," he added. "He continues to mature and grow

with the system that we have right now."

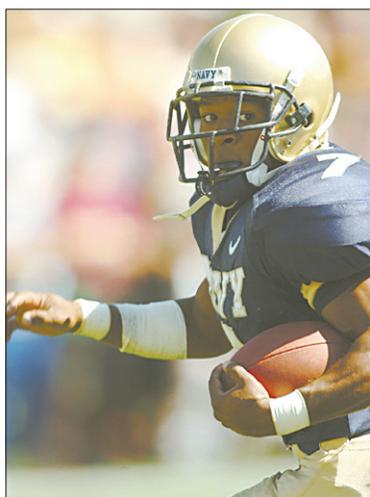
The big question for the game is will senior fullback Mike Viti play in his final collegiate game? He hurt his leg against Tulsa, requiring him to walk on crutches and wear a boot. But, despite his best efforts, Brock will have a tough time keeping him off the football field.

"Mike Viti is one of the toughest guys I have ever been around,"

Brock said. "It will take something much larger than the injury he had to keep him out of this game. I expect him to play.

"I had to keep him out of practice (Monday) and he was mad at me for not letting him practice," he added. "I managed to win that one. I don't know if I'm going to win (Tuesday) though."

Saturday's game will be aired **See ARMY-NAVY on page 19**



Navy senior wide receiver Reggie Campbell has 1,588 all-purpose yards in 2007.

RECORD BREAKER: Trimble sets all Army career receiving records in 2007

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

“Nobody Does it Better” is a song that best describes Army’s all-time leading wide receiver. In a year where senior Jeremy Trimble has been the primary offensive weapon on a team struggling for points, he has continued his onslaught on the Army record books.

After a stellar final home game against Tulsa Nov. 17 where Trimble caught 11 receptions for 167 yards and two touchdowns, he is now Army’s all-time leading receiver in all major categories: receptions (175), yards (2,325) and touchdowns (15).

“He’s been a big impact for four years,” said Army head football coach Stan Brock. “He’s been our go-to-guy this year and with the fact that our receiving corps is down (with injuries), everybody knows we’re going to throw the ball to him and he still finds a way to get open and makes the catches.

“I can’t say enough on how hard he goes to work,” Brock added. “He’s a leader. He’s a team captain. He’s the kind of guy you want on your team and, if we had 11 of him, we would be in great shape.”

But, what makes the 6’0”, 219-pound soft-spoken firstie from

Ashburn, Va., tick and strive to be the best Army receiver of all-time? For him, it is all about the challenge and the hope of making a difference within the Army football program.

“I thought coming here that I could help change the program and turn it in the right direction and, to a point, I feel our senior class has done that,” Trimble said. “All these records I broke are great, but it just shows that I went out there every day and worked hard.

“I took advantage of the opportunities that were given to me and I’m sure when I look back on it someday that it’ll sink in more,” he added. “But right now it hasn’t quite hit me.”

However, despite all his accomplishments at the wideout position, he feels his best moments on the gridiron have been as a punt returner.

“My first punt return for a touchdown last year against Baylor stands out the most,” said Trimble, who has returned three punts for touchdowns in his collegiate career. “I was nervous the first couple of games while getting my feet wet returning punts, but breaking that first one and seeing how it changed the mindset of our team and how one big play affected the team is something I’ll definitely

remember.”

In a career filled with many great plays, it’s a team accomplishment that is held most dear to his heart. The date was Oct. 9, 2004, Army was mired in a 19-game losing streak and took on the University of Cincinnati at home, a conference opponent at the time. When it was all said and done, Army won 48-29 and the celebration began with the cadets tearing down the field goalposts.

“Just seeing the Corps reaction to ending our losing streak (was great). Our team worked so hard and everyone talked about our losing streak over and over, then to finally break it was amazing,” Trimble said. “That whole next week of classes was different because everyone was congratulating you. It was definitely my best team moment.”

Trimble has found greatness on the football field, but his pedigree should have shown some inkling toward that since his father, Steve, played in the National Football League with the Denver Broncos and the Chicago Bears during the 1980s.

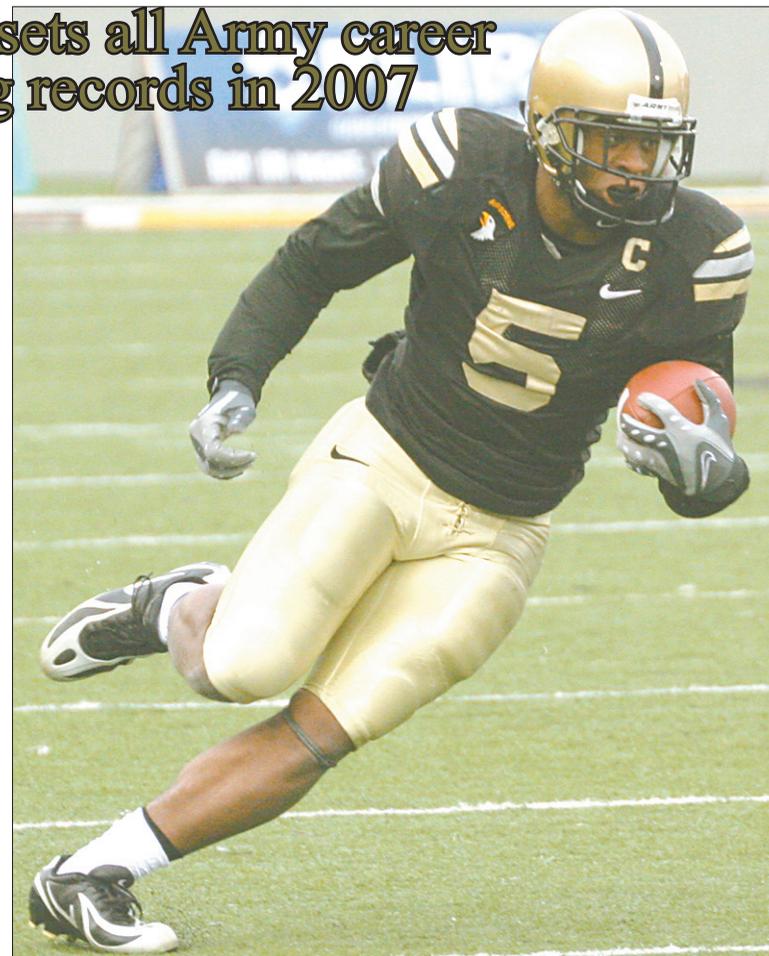
“He gives me advice and shares his experiences in college, even though we may have had vastly different experiences off the field, but on the field football is still the same,” Trimble said.

His dad was also the influence that got him to at least take a look at the U.S. Military Academy as an option, even after Jeremy had already made four official visits to other schools.

“My dad suggested I come here. He said ‘it’s just a visit’ and ‘just go and see if you like it,’” Trimble explained. “He knew about coach (Bobby) Ross and his whole philosophy because Ross coached at Maryland. Although my dad graduated (from Maryland) the year before Ross got there, he knew Ross throughout the years.

“So he talked me into coming up here and I was like, ‘Alright, just for you dad, I’ll go look at Army,’ and I ended up falling in love with the place -- with its academic structure and the opportunities it presented in the future,” he added. “Coach Ross told me about his beliefs and ideals about changing the program and I signed right there.”

Although Ross is no longer the head coach and Stan Brock



Senior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble is Army’s career leader in receiving yardage (2,325), receptions (175) and TDs (15).

is now in charge, that didn’t stop Jeremy’s younger brother, Jordan, from committing to Army as well. Having his brother here has been a great experience for Jeremy, and he also believes that Jordan will be making a lot of noise in the years to come.

“He’ll definitely have a successful career here. He’s already made some plays this year,” Trimble said. “He’ll probably do some returning because he was a pretty good kickoff returner and punt returner in high school, so I see him doing that. I’m proud of him and I know my parents are proud of him as well.”

The future Air Defense Artillery officer, who credits his mother, Gretchen, as his biggest inspiration because of her constant encouragement through the tough times, has one more tough game to go -- Army-Navy.

Although Army has lost every Navy game since Trimble’s been here, he has scored a touchdown in every one of those games. In fact, four of his 15 career touchdowns have come against Army’s biggest rival.

Despite the losses, he wouldn’t trade the experiences of Army-Navy for anything, especially this year with the game in Baltimore,

an hour away from his childhood home.

“It makes me feel good to be out there and showcase my talent on the big stage where everyone is watching you,” Trimble said. “(Scoring those touchdowns against Navy) has been more special than the others. Everyone is watching you, so everyone can see what you can do. Scoring those touchdowns in the Army-Navy game is something I’ll remember for the rest of my life.”

Beating Navy would be a great accomplishment for him, but more importantly he wants to help the Army program take a step forward toward a better future.

“I hope (the senior class) brought an energy to the younger guys so they can continue moving forward,” Trimble said. “It’s tough when the scoreboard doesn’t reflect the hard work we’re putting in, but I definitely see the differences between now and three years ago when I was a freshman.

“I think if the younger guys keep it up that eventually the scoreboard is going to change and they’ll have more wins,” he added. “Unfortunately at 3-8, we didn’t get it done this year, but I have faith ... that if they keep it up that things will change.”

Knee improved, NFL prospects bright for Campbell

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

"Remember us," are two words that senior safety Caleb Campbell wants to leave to the younger players from his brethren -- the senior class -- before they hit the field against Navy Saturday.

He wants to focus on the future and not the past, while giving his younger teammates a chance to make a giant leap toward their futures at Army.

"I want them to get it in their heads to remember us and, as a senior class, I want us to be remembered for the way we play Saturday against Navy," Campbell said. "It'll be a huge game. It would be our first victory as a class against this team. We didn't reach the goals that we wanted to reach this season, but it's not over.

"Beating Navy would not only satisfy many of the seniors," he added. "But it would also be a jump start for next season for the younger players."

When Campbell speaks about 'remembering us,' he is someone who takes pride in what Army football stands for and he'll be remembered for a long time along the banks of the Hudson for his play during his collegiate career.

Campbell returned this season after a devastating knee injury took him out of the last three games in 2006. It's been a long, bumpy road along the way to recovery, but Campbell's play has been strong enough to lead the team in tackles with 94 this season.

"Initially, it was rough coming back because I had high expectations after the surgery to hit it hard. I did hit it hard and that hurt me because I jumped the gun," Campbell explained. "My knee wasn't ready for what I was ready for up in my head, so it set me back a couple of weeks here and there.

"I had to realize that I'm only as strong as my weakest link and I'm only as strong as my knee is," he added, "and as long as my knee was gaining strength, I could continue to gain strength. Every time I had free time, I usually wanted to sleep, but I had to rehab my knee ... it got exhausting at times and took a toll on me, but I kept looking at the ultimate goal and knowing I had to play again. This is my life and this is my one opportunity."

Campbell credited Tim Kelly,

Army football's head athletic trainer, and the training staff for getting him back on his feet.

"Tim let me have it when I probably wasn't going hard enough," Campbell stated. "He definitely pushed me and is a big part of this."

However, his biggest step on the field was against Rutgers Nov. 9 when Campbell played without his knee brace during a game for the first time.

"Playing with my knee brace on, I always felt I was thinking more about my knee than the game and that bothered me and effected my play at times," Campbell said. "I was upset with myself for not being mentally strong enough to quit worrying about the knee brace and my knee and just play football because if something happens, it happens and that's life."

He feels good about playing without the restrictions of the brace and believes his cutting abilities and instincts are nearing the tenth degree of where he was before his knee injury. Aside from his awful experience, he realizes he's lucky. Also, his family has been a big inspiration in his recovery and ability to thrive once again.

His older brother, Jacob, who is a professional bull rider, once got trampled by a bull and broke three ribs, got nine staples in his head, broke his jaw and cracked two vertebrae in his back, yet wanted to get back on the bull to ride again. His little brother, Jeremy, who was born without a leg, has participated in the Paralympics on the U.S. national team, and has broken the national record in the long jump and took second in the world in the decathlon, while closing in on the world record in the 100-meter dash.

"My brothers were my inspiration (during my recovery)," Campbell said. "My little brother went through all that adversity as a child and being a kid with only one leg and working out so hard that his leg starts to bleed, but he still keeps going. ... It made me realize that my setback really wasn't as bad as what he has gone through or my older brother. I've given them a lot of respect for that."

Campbell has high aspirations of playing football on Sundays for a living. He's been scouted by most NFL teams this season. He gives credit to his position coach, Adam Waugh, for giving him the

tools to become an elite safety at the college ranks.

"He's one of the best coaches I've ever had," Campbell said. "He demands excellence from me everyday and he has played a major part in my success on the football field."

Army head football coach Stan Brock knows about playing in the NFL, having played 16 seasons with the New Orleans Saints and San Diego Chargers. Brock believes Campbell has a great opportunity to challenge for an NFL roster spot next year.

"He has that speed they look for at that position," Brock said. "He has the toughness they look for at that position. He has the skill level where he can back pedal and cover, but also can come up and force the run. Those are the things they look for at the safety position in the NFL and I think he does all of them pretty well."

Campbell would be honored to be Army's first draft pick since Ronnie McAda in 1997 and first former cadet to play an NFL game since Glenn Davis with the Los Angeles Rams in the 1950s.

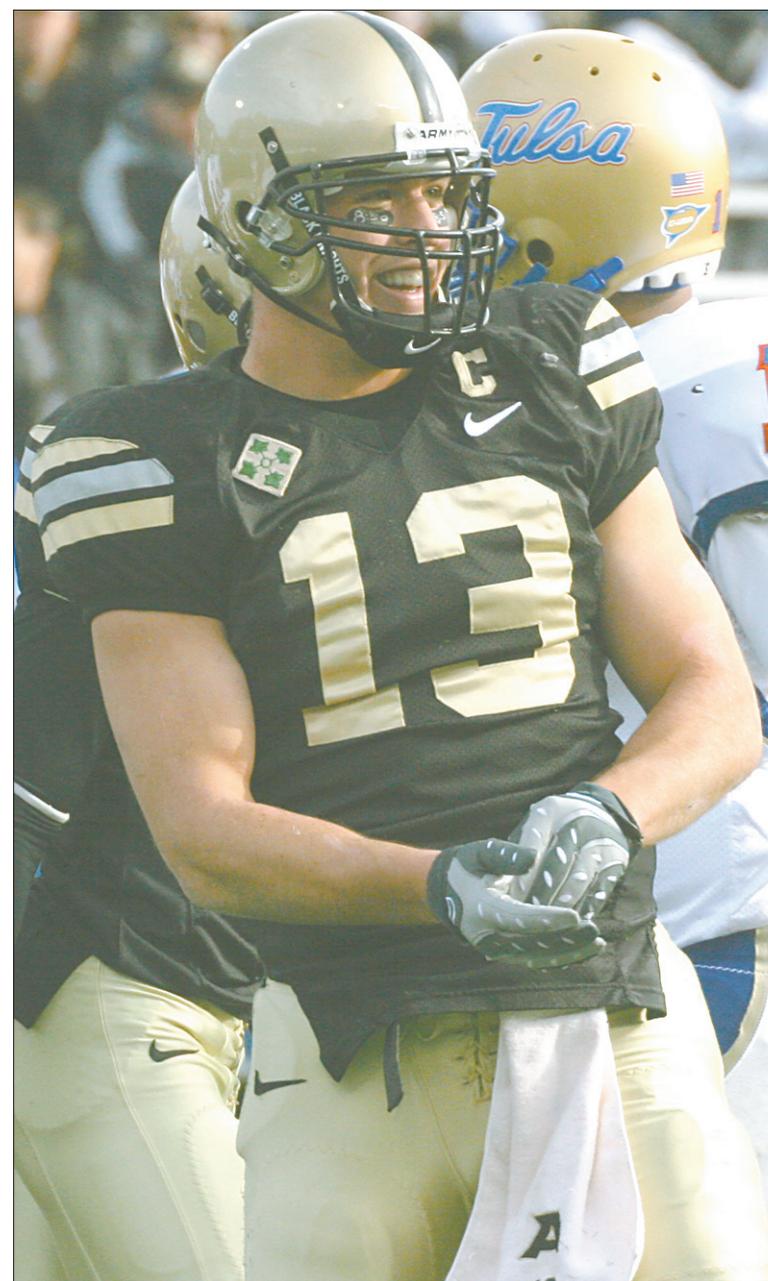
"If I can get drafted it would be huge for our recruiting and something to show all those high school athletes that it can happen (at Army)," Campbell said. "It would be great for Army and for West Point, in general."

Campbell chose West Point because he felt it was the most elite, most respected of the service academies and it wasn't like he didn't have other options, either.

"I was actually going to commit to Tulsa, but they made a coaching change," Campbell said. "That coach still offered me a scholarship to play there, but he wanted his own recruits and I felt I was going to be pushed aside. So I took the next best opportunity, which was probably the best, and that was to go to West Point.

"I realized this was a great place to play Division I football and earn a great education," Campbell explained. "If something did happen and my football career ended, I'd have a great education and a great military career to fall back on."

The 6'2", 224-pound, future Air Defense Artillery officer -- unless the NFL comes calling -- is eager to play the Army-Navy game. He missed last year's game due to his knee injury and it was in his freshman year Navy game that he



Senior safety Caleb Campbell leads Army in tackles (94) this season and was selected Nov. 26 to play in the East-West Shrine game Jan. 19, 2008, in Houston.

got his greatest wake up call toward becoming a better player.

In that 2004 game, he was hit by Navy running back Kyle Eckel, who now plays for the New England Patriots, and knew he needed to get stronger.

"He got me on my heels so fast I didn't have time to dive at him and the next thing I knew I was on my back," Campbell said. "I tackled him, but I was on my back going 'Wow, I've got to get stronger,'

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Marathon team runs game ball to Baltimore

By Cadet 2nd Class
Spencer Garrison
Army Marathon Team

It's Army on the carry, for ... 440,000 yards?

As the Army football team prepares for the 108th Army-Navy game, the cadets of the Army Marathon team look forward to supporting the classic inter-Academy rivalry with their own team's most prominent and beloved tradition, the Army-Navy Ball Run.

Beginning at West Point's pep rally Wednesday evening, 21 Army runners will carry the game ball from Washington Hall, U.S. Military Academy Mess Hall, 250

miles down the Eastern seaboard under state police escort, all the way to the M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, where they will run the ball onto the field at the start of the football game on Saturday morning.

"It's a great experience to share with the team," said Cadet 2nd Class Chris Jacobsen, who is in his third year on the team. "Just running that distance with my teammates, it builds a great sense of camaraderie, and also creates a lot of positive publicity along the Eastern seaboard for West Point and the Army."

Running all day and night, the Marathoners will cover nearly twice the distance normally covered

when the famed football rivalry is played in Philadelphia.

The team will divide into three vans of seven runners, each van covering 13 hours of the Ball Run.

This year, each runner is expected to run anywhere between 10 and 20 miles, perhaps more if teammates choose to run together, as they often do.

The Ball Run marks the conclusion of the Marathon team's fall season, which included strong performances at the Army Ten-Miler, Richmond Marathon and other long-distance races throughout the Northeast.

For more on the Army Marathon Team, please visit www.armymarathonteam.com.



The Army Marathon team begins their 250-mile trek from West Point to Baltimore to deliver the game ball for the 108th Army-Navy game. Twenty-one cadet marathoners will take turns running the ball to Maryland.
KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Pistol defeats defending champs

The Army Pistol team, with junior Kimberly Schultz in the foreground, defeated last year's National Champion MIT Pistol team 6300 to 6224, Nov. 24-25. PHOTO COURTESY OF ARMY PISTOL

CAMPBELL, cont. from page 17

and that honestly went through my mind especially seeing the photo (of that play) in the paper the next morning.

“I knew I needed to make a commitment in my summer workouts to get bigger, stronger and faster, so that experience opened my eyes,” he added. “I’ve played four seasons of college football and that’s the hardest I’ve ever been hit.”

Campbell has vivid memories of his career at Army to include his first big game off the bench against Cincinnati in 2004 where he forced a fumble that sealed the end of Army’s 19-game losing streak. He also had a Sportscenter moment

this year when he put a shoulder hit on a Temple receiver, knocking the player’s helmet off.

In the end, Campbell said, everything would pale in comparison, even the victory at Air Force in 2005, if they beat Navy Saturday. But, no matter what happens, his time here has meant the world to him and he wouldn’t change it at all.

“Playing four years of Army football hasn’t always been an easy thing, but it’s been a great experience especially the great friends I met here,” Campbell said. “I think it’ll set me up for success in life, but it’s just crazy to think my last game is Saturday.”

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on CBS starting at noon with the kickoff at 12:16 p.m., and broadcast by Ian Eagle, Boomer Esiason and Sam Ryan. The Army game can also be heard on the Army Sports Network through WABC 770-AM New York and Sirius Satellite Radio on Channel 123 beginning at noon, with John Minko and Dean Darling as the play-by-play man and color analyst, respectively.

The 90-minute “Army Football Tailgate Show,” hosted by Rich DeMarco and Bob Outer, begins at 10 a.m., with pre-game coverage starting at 11:30 p.m., on the Army Sports Network stations.

Sports calendar

Nov. 30 - Dec. 7

Corps Squad

FRIDAY -- HOCKEY VS. SACRED HEART, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.
SATURDAY -- FOOTBALL VS. NAVY, M&T STADIUM, BALTIMORE, NOON [CBS]

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Three players to watch:

(#10) junior quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada -- Navy’s dynamic signal caller leads the team in rushing with 755 yards and 11 touchdowns this season. He’s also thrown six touchdowns in a primarily option-dominated attack.

(# 7) senior wide receiver Reggie Campbell -- The smallish 5’6” wide receiver has been a big cog in the Midshipmen offense by scoring nine touchdowns this season in a variety of ways: receiving, rushing and kickoff returns.

(# 54) senior linebacker Matt Wimsatt -- Wimsatt is third on the team in tackles with 69, while leading the team in sacks with three. He’s also added two interceptions.