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AOG to give Thayer Award to retired General Kroesen

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy will present retired Gen. Frederick J. Kroesen, Jr., the annual Sylvanus Thayer Award Thursday.

Kroesen's military career spanned four decades and featured commands at all levels of the Army.

After two company commands in Europe and the passage of a few years of peace, he found himself in Korea, where he commanded a battalion in the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Fifteen years later he was serving his first of two tours in Vietnam, in command of the 196th Infantry Brigade, part of the 23rd Infantry Division. During his second tour in Vietnam, Kroesen commanded that division and, later, the First Regional Assistance Command.

In the post-Vietnam, Cold War years, he served as Commanding

General of the 82nd Airborne Division in North Carolina, the VII Corps in Germany and Forces Command in Georgia. Finally, after an assignment as Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Kroesen took his last active-duty job, that of Commander in Chief, U.S. Army, Europe and Commander, Central Army Group, NATO.

Kroesen was wounded during each of the four wars in which he served, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Cold War. He sustained the last of these wounds in an assassination attempt in Heidelberg, Germany, by members of the Red Army Faction in September 1981. He was 59 years old. Kroesen retired from the Army in May 1983.

His service earned him numerous honors. He is the recipient of the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters; the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster; the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters; the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Vietnam Service Medal with eight stars; the Vietnam Distinguished Service Order, First Class; and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm [four awards].

The AOG presents the Thayer Award, set up in honor of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, "Father of the Military Academy," to outstanding citizens whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify the Military Academy motto, "Duty, Honor, Country." The organization has presented the award annually since 1958.

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Retired Gen. Frederick J. Kroesen, Jr.



Ranger School graduation

Cadet 3rd Class Mike Migliaro, H-3, [left], Multi-National Force - Iraq commander Gen. David Petraeus [USMA 1974], and 2nd Lt. Christopher Migliaro [USMA 2006] at Christopher's Ranger School graduation ceremony at Fort Benning, Ga., Sept 7. Mike was on a special pass to visit his brother before he shipped out with his unit to Iraq. Petraeus was the graduation guest speaker.

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2002 grad dies of wounds suffered in Iraq

Compiled by Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

Captain Drew N. Jensen, 27, of Clackamas, Ore., died Sept. 7 in Seattle of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire during combat operations May 7 in Ba'qubah, Iraq.

The 2002 U.S. Military Academy at West Point graduate was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division [Stryker Brigade Combat Team], Fort Lewis, Wash.

The infantry officer was shot in the neck May 7 as he tried to help a fellow Soldier who was pinned behind a vehicle after a

bomb blast.

Despite a 10-hour operation in Germany to stabilize his spine and fuse his vertebrae, Jensen was left a quadriplegic and dependent on a breathing tube. He was transferred to Walter Reed in Washington, D.C., and then to the VA in Seattle June 1.

The history major also attended Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., before being sent to his first duty station at Fort Lewis.

He was a member of the first Stryker Brigade deployed to Iraq from Nov. 2003 to Oct. 2004.

Jensen commanded a mortar platoon that was part of the 5/20. His unit is on its way home from Iraq after a 15-month deployment.

He is survived by his wife,

Stacia Jensen, older brothers Adam and Shane Jensen and parents Lance and Mardie Jensen.

Memorial and funeral information were not available at press time.



Capt. Drew N. Jensen

Suicide Prevention: Watch out for your buddy

By J. D. Leipold

WASHINGTON [Army News Service] -- In conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Week, which ends Saturday, the Army wants Soldiers and their Families to know help is available to those struggling with issues that sometimes bring about suicide.

"This year's strategy focuses on three key points -- training the Army Family in positive life skills, buddy care and counseling through a variety of ways," said Army Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Douglas L. Carver. "I think educating our

leaders, Soldiers and Families on what to look for in suicidal behaviors has made our people more sensitive and aware."

Soldiers who commit suicide usually do so because they can't see another way out of a painful situation Carver said. Frequent and longer deployments add yet more burdens, especially on relationships, he added.

"We've looked pretty closely at all the various factors involved in Soldier suicide -- failed relationships, this long war," said Carver, "yet the morale of our Soldiers is as high as it's ever been

because they sense the importance of their mission down-range and they look out for one another."

Still, Soldiers in-theater need to be aware and in-tune with their fellow Soldiers, he cautioned.

"You might notice alterations in personal behavior or emotional changes in attitude that are just very different from how you know that person," he said. "If you sense something is wrong, one of the greatest things you can do with your battle buddy is say, 'Hey, how are you doing?' Begin to probe. That may open an opportunity for that Soldier to express what's going

on in his life.

"As you begin to care for your buddy, you may realize he or she has issues you can't handle yourself, so the next step is to take the time to ensure they're given proper care, which is where we as chaplains come in," Carver said. "Soldiers should physically escort troubled buddies to a chaplain who is trained in suicide prevention and takes care of the souls of our Soldiers and Family members."

If the chaplain can't help, the struggling Soldier will be provided treatment from community counseling and the medical

community.

Carver pointed out that with the operational tempo of the Army and the associated stresses it places on Soldiers and their relationships with loved ones, suicide prevention is not just a one-week effort.

"As the chief of chaplains and the senior pastor of the Army, my greatest concern is that we watch out for one another and take care of one another," Carver said. "That's the beauty of the Army community because we're all in this together. Every Soldier and every Family member is important ... everyone in the Army matters."

Notable USMA Jan. '43 graduate, Davenport, dies

Compiled by Jim Fox

Clarence M. Davenport, Jr. [USMA Jan. '43], 89, a retired artillery colonel and the sixth African-American graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point died of pancreatic cancer July 23 in Bethesda, Md.

He entered West Point in 1939 on a congressional appointment from George D. O'Brien, a white Michigan Democrat whose district was becoming increasingly populated by African Americans. Davenport, a native of Roe, Ark., whose family moved to Detroit

when he was a child, had put himself through three years at the University of Detroit.

Only five of the 17 African Americans who had been appointed to West Point in the previous 68 years graduated and two African-American men who enrolled in fall 1940 left within two weeks because of the hostile atmosphere.

Davenport served in the South Pacific during World War II.

He was sent to the University of California at Berkeley by the Army, where he received a master's degree in bioradiology in 1954. He also graduated from the Army's

Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

In the mid-1960s, he received the Legion of Merit for his command of the 10th Artillery Group, 32nd Army Air Defense Command in Europe. He retired from the Army in 1972 as a full colonel.

After leaving the military, Davenport completed all but his dissertation for a doctorate in educational administration at George Washington University. He also worked as a senior systems analyst at the Stanford Research Institute and at Federal City College, now part of the University of the District of Columbia. He retired in 2000 as Howard University's administrative coordinator in its Materials Science Research Center

of Excellence.

Services will be held at Fort Myer Chapel Oct. 26 at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Arlington National Cemetery.



Col. Clarence M. Davenport Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Yolande B. Davenport of Bethesda; three children, Elizabeth McKune of McLean, Va., Stephen Davenport of Edmond, Okla., and Richard Davenport of Putnam Valley, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

[Editor's Note: Much of the information from an Aug. 9 *Washington Post* article.]

SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Maria Burger [USCC], Maj. Kim Kawamoto [ODIA] and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams [Dean]. Community members can e-mail McMahon at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at [845] 591-7215.

West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call [845] 938-3369.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

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Local and National News

Army grants commanders OCS selection authority

WASHINGTON [Military Report] -- The Army has again given its commanding generals the authority to select enlisted Soldiers and warrant officers for Officer Candidate School.

The renewed authority applies to fiscal 2008, the budget year that begins Oct. 1.

Most Soldiers selected for OCS under the new authority will attend school in fiscal 2008. However, some may be slated for courses in 2009, depending on officer career branch requirements.

The direct selection program applies only to Soldiers of the active Army, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers serving temporary active duty tours do not qualify. Also ineligible are Soldiers in initial-entry training, recruiters and drill sergeants who have more than six months remaining on their current tours.

Once selected for OCS, Soldiers will not be deployed. If already deployed, they will be released from their assignment with sufficient lead time to clear their unit, travel to the U.S. and take leave before attending the 14-week branch-immateral OCS course at Fort Benning, Ga.

Under guidance for the 2008 program, major command, field army, corps and division commanders can select up to 30 candidates each, for a total of about 1,200.

Additionally, installation commanders in all U.S. states and Puerto Rico can select 20 each [about 800 total], while the commanders of Walter Reed and Tripler Army medical centers can select 10 candidates each.

Candidates must have a general technical score of at least 110 on the Armed Services Vocational

Aptitude Battery and at least 90 non-duplicate semester hours of college credits.

■ Candidates must be 18 to 42 years old.

■ Selectees must, at a minimum, hold an interim secret security clearance.

■ Selectees cannot require a

medical waiver or have a physical profile that prevents them from participating in the Officer Candidate School fitness program, which includes the standard Army Physical Fitness Test.

The alternate APFT is not used at the school.

■ General officers must

personally endorse the applications of Soldiers they select.

■ For more information about OCS, Soldiers should consult Army Regulation 350-51 [Officer Candidate School] and the OCS Web site, https://www.infantry.army.mil/ocs/content/apply_to_OCS.htm.

Force Protection rules for Thayer Award

Submitted by Force Protection Office DPTMS

The following parking, traffic and force protection measures will be in effect in support of the cadet review to honor retired Gen. Frederick J. Kroesen, Jr., this year's Thayer Award recipient.

The review is scheduled for 5 p.m., Thursday. Parking will be allowed in the central post area to include Clinton Lot throughout the

day. Cars parked in the vicinity of Clinton Lot or other lots around Trophy Point will be free to exit during the ceremony.

Designated areas in Clinton and Doubleday parking lots will be reserved for handicapped and VIP parking only.

Traffic will be free to continue along Cullum Road during the ceremony. Large and/or extremely loud vehicles that may detract from the reverence of the review will be stopped or diverted by Military

Police personnel at traffic control points before entering the Plain area until the conclusion of the parade. Traffic control points will be established on Cullum Road near the entrance to the Thayer Hall roof parking lot, at the Thayer and Mills Road intersection and at the intersection of Stony Lonesome and Washington roads beginning at 4 p.m.

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

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A cadet review in honor of Kroesen will take place at 5 p.m. on the Plain. The public is invited to attend the review. In the event of inclement weather, the review will be cancelled.

For cancellation information, contact the West Point Visitors Center at 938-2638/7049. Photo identification is required for all adults entering the grounds of the

academy and vehicles are subject to search.

Past recipients of the Thayer Award include: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, Bob Hope, Neil Armstrong, George Bush, Barbara Jordan, Walter Cronkite, Colin Powell, Sandra Day O'Connor and Henry Kissinger. Last year's recipient was Tom Brokaw.

TSP drops use of Social Security numbers as IDs

By Stephen Losey
Federal Times

In an effort to boost data security, the Thrift Savings Plan will stop using Social Security numbers to identify its 3.8 million participants as of Oct. 1.

TSP will no longer use Social

Security numbers to identify enrollees for administrative purposes in their internal computers, for paper monthly statements sent out to enrollees or as user names when enrollees log into their online accounts.

Instead, TSP users will be identified with randomly generated

account numbers, the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board said in a Sept. 7 Federal Register notice.

TSP users will also have to start using passwords that day to access their accounts online instead of Personal Identification Numbers, the board said.

Users will receive their account numbers in September, the board said in an Aug. 16 posting on the TSP Web site. Users can create their own passwords or use a

password generated by TSP's computer.

But users should still hang on to their PINs if they want to use ThriftLine, TSP's automated telephone service. Passwords won't work when calling ThriftLine, the

board said.

The board first announced its intention to stop using Social Security numbers in June 2006. TSP administrators were concerned that data breaches could put participants at risk of identity theft.

Switching to mail-order pharmacy made simpler

WASHINGTON [Military Report] -- A new service launched Aug. 30 is designed to make it easier for military Families to use the Tricare mail-order pharmacy.

The new Member Choice Center, available by phone or through the Internet, will help make the switch from retail to mail order "virtually effortless" for the military community, said defense officials in a statement announcing the change.

The MCC can contact physicians to get new prescriptions for service Families or retirees and forward them to the Tricare mail-order pharmacy for processing, if the patient agrees.

Beneficiaries can get mail-order pharmacy enrollment assistance from the MCC, too.

There are still choices for getting meds. While getting meds free at a military treatment facility is the most cost-effective option, that option is not available for everyone. The mail-order pharmacy can save patients as much as 66 percent on medications for conditions such as high blood pressure, asthma or diabetes, officials said. Patients can also get up to a 90-day supply of most

medications for the same amount of money they would pay for a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy that accepts Tricare.

Beneficiaries do not have to download forms or wait to have forms mailed to register for the mail-order pharmacy; you can go to the "My Benefit" portal on the Tricare Web site or to Express Scripts to complete the registration form.

You'll have online access to your account and prescription drug information within minutes. Beneficiaries can also call the MCC at [877] 363-1433 to switch from the retail program to the mail-order pharmacy program.

The hours of operation for the phone center are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern, Monday through Friday.

The mail-order pharmacy also saves money for the Department of Defense -- it pays 30 to 40 percent less for prescriptions filled through the mail-order service than it does for those filled by retail pharmacies.

If just 1 percent of prescriptions shift from retail to mail order, officials said, it would save \$24 million a year.

AT/FP exercise ongoing

West Point's annual Antiterrorism/Force Protection exercise began Thursday and continues through Saturday. Expect force protection conditions to be heightened and emergency vehicles and helicopters to be in use. Call DPTMS for more info., at 938-8131/8845.

Community Features and Photos

Wheels for Warriors honors Soldier

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Sergeant Luke Shirley's life dramatically changed the night of Dec. 20, 2006, while conducting a patrol near Baghdad, Iraq. He was struck by the blast of a 155-millimeter round.

The explosion took Shirley's right arm and right leg, but it didn't take away his spirit. In spite of his injuries, he has a distinctly positive outlook on life.

"I'm doing good [right now]. The doctors and therapists [at Walter Reed Army Medical Center] have treated me very well and have taught me how to do things with my prosthetics," said Shirley, about his physical and occupational therapy at Walter Reed. "When I was in Iraq, I knew people who were wounded or killed. I saw the explosions, the missing limbs and I [saw] the suffering, the fear and the brain trauma.

"When I look at myself, I know what hit me, it was 155-millimeter round and I should have been completely disintegrated, but I wasn't," he added. "I see other guys with worse injuries than I [have] and it puts it all in perspective."

Shirley, an infantryman, believes he'll be at Walter Reed for a least a year because his medical board has yet to begin, but his perspective changed Saturday when he received a specially-equipped conversion van from Operation Support Our Troops and its Wheels for Warriors program.

Mary Kay Salomone, founder and president of the Rhode Island-based charitable organization, and Steve Middleton, Wheels for Warriors Chairman, were at Michie Stadium Saturday to present the van to Shirley as a part of Military Appreciation Day ceremonies.

Founded in 2001 by a group of West Point parents led by Salomone, OSOT has improved the morale and well-being of American Forces deployed overseas. They have mailed more than one million pounds of care packages to deployed service members in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past six years.

"When my husband was in Vietnam, I knew how special care packages were to the troops," Salomone said.



Sergeant Luke Shirley [in wheelchair] receives a specially-equipped conversion van from Operation Support Our Troops founder Mary Kay Salomone [second from right] and Wheels for Warriors Chairman Steve Middleton [far right]. The van was dedicated in honor of 1st Lt. Robert Seidel, a 2004 West Point graduate, who was killed by an IED in Iraq May, 18, 2006.

A daughter, wife and mother of West Point graduates, Salomone felt compelled to expand OSOT's purpose with the start of the Wheels for Warriors program. She said she wanted to help wounded Soldiers get back to a life of normalcy.

"It's been a blessing to us for every van we give. We get more from it than we ever thought," Salomone explained. "We get more just from seeing the smile on his face -- just knowing Luke can go to a movie now because he's got wheels [specially equipped for him] and doesn't have to depend on someone else.

"It gives our wounded Soldiers dignity, it gives them independence, it gives them the freedom of mobility and these were things that they lost," she added. "That's the reason why we do it, to give them their freedom."

Each van costs approximately \$50,000 and can run up to \$100,000, according to Middleton, after customization such as the motorized wheelchair ramp, installed on Shirley's van.

The van was dedicated in honor of 1st Lt. Robert Seidel III, a 2004 West Point graduate, who was killed May 18, 2006, by an IED that detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Baghdad. Seidel and Shirley were members of the 10th Mountain Division at the time of their fateful days, and

the Seidel family members were stirred when they met Shirley for the first time.

"Rob and Luke were both with the 10th Mountain Division and they loved what they were doing," said Sandy Seidel, Robert's mother. "To me Luke is amazing. He's a remarkable young man and it was a pleasure to meet him."

Seidel's parents started a wounded Soldiers fund knowing it was something their son believed in. Their presence for the van presentation, although bittersweet, was something they wanted to do in their son's honor.

"Robby was a platoon leader who thought the world of his troops, like a father with his own kid," Robert said. "It's just appropriate that somebody like Sgt. Shirley received the van ...

"Robby would be proud that he's getting a van. Coming back here stirs up old emotions, but we're glad to be here because we're proud of what [Robby] did and what Sgt. Shirley did," Robert added.

OSOT and the Wheels for Warriors programs have given away four vans over the past two years. They said they want to give at least three more away by the end of the year.

Shirley, who was accompanied during his trip to West Point by his brother, Joshua, said he felt very

humbled when he received this gift and plans to help other wounded Soldiers get around in the future.

"I can think of a million guys who deserve [the van] more than me, but for whatever reason I was chosen," Shirley said. "The van will help me ... take my wheelchair [with me] and there are other guys [at Walter Reed] who might need a ride [but] don't have the

ability because they are there all by themselves and have nobody to help them. ... With the van, if they need some help to go out for a drive and to see a movie or something, I have the ability to take them."

For more information about Operation Support Our Troops go to their Web site at www.west-point.org/family/support-our-troops.



Corps Squad coaches teach leadership

Men's head basketball coach Jim Crews [right] and men's head lacrosse coach Joe Alberici volunteered to share their leadership experiences in support of the Professional Military Ethic Education program for the B-2 Bulldogs and E-4 Elvis Lives plebes, respectively. Their involvement is part of a pilot program that is being tested this year in eight of the 32 cadet companies, where the PME2 program is being augmented with six staff and faculty advisors known as a Company Advisory Team. Both Crews and Alberici stressed the importance of professional integrity and challenged cadets to consider the conflicts that they will encounter as leaders.

PHOTO BY LT. COL. ROBERT BARINOWSKI/ODIA

Community Leisure

DPW Notes

Pothole repair

A Directorate of Information Management contractor will repair the caved-in portion of the inbound DOP ID lane on Thayer Road in front of the Thayer Hotel.

Work will begin today at 9 a.m. and is expected to take roughly three hours.

On Saturday potholes will be repaired on Cullum Road in the vicinity of Lincoln Hall and Williams Road just north of the

Train Station beginning at 8 a.m.

There will be no parking on Williams Road during the work.

Both roads will remain open

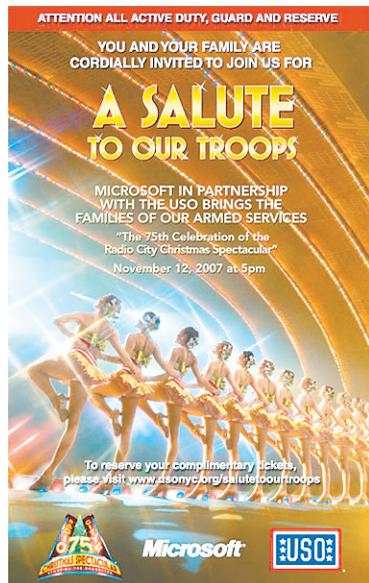
and the contractor will provide traffic control.

For more info., contact DOIM at 938-7300.

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Command Channel 8/23

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FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

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MWR Blurbs

AFAP Steering Committee

The Commander's AFAP Steering Committee meeting will be held Sept. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Jewish Chapel Social Hall.

The AFAP Steering Committee reviews select AFAP issues, monitors the progress of issues and provides guidance through issue resolution.

This meeting is open to the public.

The Annual AFAP Conference will be held Oct. 23-24 at the West Point Club.

Issues can be submitted anonymously on the Web site: www.westpointmwr.com.

Contact Jen Pagio, ACS, at [845] 938-3655 for additional information or if you are interested

in participating in the AFAP Conference as a delegate, facilitator, or recorder.

AFAP issue submission boxes

Help improve the Army's future and quality of life -- make plans to attend the Army Family Action Plan Conference, Oct. 23-24 at the West Point Club.

The Teen Conference is Oct. 20 at the Youth Center.

Submit issues online at www.westpointmwr.com or via issue boxes at the following locations: PX, Commissary, Shopette, Grant Hall, West Point Library, Fitness Center, Child Development Center, Youth Center, Five Star Inn, and Keller Army Hospital.

Issues must be received by Oct. 1. Volunteers needed.

For more info., or to volunteer, call 938-3655.

Combined Arms Tailgate

The entire West Point Community is invited to attend the Combined Arms Tailgate Sept. 29 at Howze Field, immediately following the home football game.

Pay at the door. Admission includes food and drink.

For more information, contact your branch rep or call 938-4307.

Round Pond

There will be a Fall Festival and Volksmarch, Sept. 30 at the Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond Rec Area.

Registration is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volksmarch ends at 6 p.m.

Discover the scenic trails at Round Pond.

Relax at Bonneville Cabin with an Oktoberfest-style cookout.

Browse local food, jewelry and craft vendors.

For more information, call 938-2503.



WPS Patriot Day

West Point Elementary School children dressed up in red, white and blue Tuesday for Patriot's Day. PHOTO PROVIDED BY WPS

What's Happening

Boy Scout Car Wash

Boy Scouts from Troop 23 will be holding a car wash at the PX Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go toward funding their trip next summer to Florida to attend the high adventure program at Sea Base.

Prussian Guard re-enactment

The German Club is hosting a German Prussian Guard re-enactment group here, Monday at Daly Field at 12:50 p.m.

This event is a joint effort of the History and German departments.

This group will be conducting a demonstration for the Military History classes.

Cannon practice

The Military Police Honor Guard will hold cannon firing practice at North Dock Monday, beginning at 9:30 a.m., for 30 minutes.

They will also practice at North Dock Sept. 25 for 30 minutes beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The practices are in preparation for Gen. Wayne Downing's funeral here Sept. 27.

Wine tasting fundraiser

Join the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club at Palaia Vineyards [Route 32, Highland Mills, N.Y.] Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., for an evening of wine tasting, light fare and live music featuring the sounds of The Soul Custody Band.

Proceeds benefit the Orange County Safe Homes Project. Call Dave at 938-3453 or Steve at 938-5812, e-mail info@rotary-wphf.org or visit http://rotary-wphf.org/Palaia_Fundraiser.pdf for more information.

Voting Assistance workshop

West Point will host a Voting Assistance Workshop Thurs. in Thayer Hall, Room 442.

The workshop will be presented by personnel from the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

There will be two sessions, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Ski/snow board instructors needed

Ski and snow board instructors are needed for Victor Constant Ski Slope. Training and benefits are available.

Call or e-mail Bob Ryan before Oct. 1 at 938-7817 or 446-3908.

Moms and Tots

Moms and Tots are headed to Lawrence Farms Orchard in Newburgh Sept. 21. Plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for apple picking, hay ride, pumpkins, gourds and donuts. Call Allyson Houston, 859-4221 for more information.

Hispanic Heritage Festival

The West Point community is invited to the annual Hispanic heritage Festival Sept. 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Eisenhower Hall's Riverside Cafe.

There will be free food, Latin music, dancing, live performances and more. Call 938-2621/8456 for more info.

Higher Ground

The Higher Ground men's ministry is hosting its 2007 camping retreat Sept. 21-22 beginning at 4 p.m. and ending the next day at 4 p.m., at Round Pond Rec. area.

Call Rod Roederer at 938-4753 or Tony Johnson at 938-8137 for more info.

Fall Yard Sale

The West Point Fall post Yard Sale is Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be no pick up of donated items after the event as in year's past.

The rain date is Oct. 20.

MS4 briefing Sept. 24

The Municipal Separate Storm Water Sewer System [MS4], will be presenting its status and upcoming events at the Community Action Council's monthly meeting Sept. 24.

We encourage the West Point community to come out and provide any input they have about

the program.

Arvin CPDC locker renewal

Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center is conducting their annual renewal of the staff and faculty lockers through the end of the month.

A yellow locker renewal slip will be placed inside each assigned locker. Occupants need to fill out the yellow slip and return it to the Front Desk no later than Sept. 30.

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

Red Cross tailgate

The American Red Cross in Greater New York - Putnam/West Point will host a tailgate Sept. 29 prior to the Army-Temple football game.

The event will run from 11 a.m.

to 1:30 p.m. in front of the ARC/GNY-Putnam/West Point area office, Bldg. 2104, near the Visitor's Center in Highland Falls.

Call [845] 938-4100 for ticket information.

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FRIDAY -- BOURNE ULTIMATIUM, PG-13, 7:30 P.M.

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SATURDAY -- RESCUE DAWN, PG-13, 9:30 P.M.

SEPT. 21 -- THE SIMPSONS MOVIE, PG-13, 7:30 P.M.

SEPT. 22 -- RUSH HOUR 3, PG-13, 7:30 P.M.

SEPT. 22 -- I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY, PG-13, 9:30 P.M.

SEPT. 28 -- THE SIMPSONS MOVIE, PG-13, 7:30 P.M.

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



Disaster Preparedness Fair

Major Mindy Kimball [left], an Asst. Professor in the Geography and Environmental Engineering Department here, and VETCOM food inspector, Sgt. Ann Alexander, check out the information available at the Indian Point Energy Center table at the Post Exchange Tuesday during the inaugural West Point Community Disaster Preparedness Fair. Despite the poor weather several hundred visitors attended. The U.S. Army Garrison West Point is planning a larger Community Disaster Preparedness Fair for next year.

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Army and Community Sports

Newell, Jones leaders in Soccer and Corps

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

The cornerstone of any great team is leadership and the Army men's soccer team is brimming with it all over the field this season.

Talent is a big factor when it comes to wins and losses, but add 10 seniors to the equation and a team can have something special.

Heavily armed with a strong firstie class, Army men's soccer is off to its best start since 1997 with a 4-0 record. That statistic may not blow many people away, but after a 0-5-1 start last year they finished their campaign on a five-game winning streak.

Two players that have helped bring the squad to its current nine-game victory string are senior defensemen Daniel Newell and Doug Jones.

Due to injuries, Jones moved to defense from his midfield position and has anchored the back end with Newell. Through the first four games, Army has shutout its

opponents three times and Jones looks at the defense as the team's backbone.

"[The defense] sees it as 'We don't get scored on, we can't lose,'" Jones said. "We decided we're going to set the tone and do our part to make sure we have success. Our role is to make sure that we nail down the backside and limit the other team's offensive chances."

Newell, a former Patriot League Rookie of the Year and a two-time second-team All-Patriot League defender, believes the team's success is brought about by the way they approach practice.

"Doug's and my roles are to set the work load at practice," said Newell of his and his fellow team co-captain's responsibilities. "We kind of look to each other on how things are going in practice, work hard and try to be role models for the team in both practices and the games."

The strong senior class has impacted the performance on the field, but their impact wasn't fully created until the strong finish to last season. Last season's finish changed the mindset of how the team viewed its goals.

"We really have high goals and expect to accomplish a lot now. So we're going out with that mentality -- that we're going to win games," Newell explained. "We are a team

that needs to be reckoned with and I think the [winning streak] has instilled that confidence in us."

The contagiousness of winning is not only due to the team's talent such as senior midfielder Chris Conklin and junior forward Garrett Dresel, who both have three goals in the first four games, but to the co-captains who are highly motivated and have lofty personal goals.

Newell is the Deputy Brigade Commander, which makes him second in command of the Corps of Cadets. Despite the challenges supporting the First Captain as his right hand man on issues and policies, he is also expected to be the Brigade Academics Officer and the liaison among Corps Squad teams and USCC. However, Newell is handling all the responsibilities that are on his plate.

"It's definitely been a challenge," Newell said. "It seems like there's not a free moment [for me] with trying to balance soccer, my deputy duties and school work, but I'm enjoying the ride.

"It's good because it prepares [me] for the future and I'm going to be stepping out into the Army at full stride," he added. "I'll be working hard all the way until I'm commissioned, so I'll benefit greatly."

Newell wanted to be a part of West Point because of its superior personal development system to include the aspects of discipline and ethics. He turned down schools like Princeton and Harvard. Jones, on the other hand, grew up wanting to be in the Army and thought West Point was the best way to go about doing it.

Jones' dad, Rick, graduated from West Point in 1971 and played football here. However, even though he had the academy background, his dad never pressured his son to come to West Point.

"He said he would support me with whatever decision I made, but he didn't exactly enjoy his time here," Jones explained. "Looking back on it and now that I'm here, he loves this place and knows how important it is [in providing the Army leadership]."

Jones is the Brigade Student Athlete Advisory Committee head, which falls under the broader position of Brigade Corps Squad Officer. The SAAC is one of his



Senior defenseman/midfielder Doug Jones [left] and senior defenseman Daniel Newell lead the 4-0 Army men's soccer team both on and off the field.

biggest responsibilities that falls under the duties of the Corps Squad Officer. Having this role means a lot to Jones.

"It's important to me [to have this leadership job], but it's the first year it's been around so the roles and responsibilities of the position are still being generated," Jones stated. "[The Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics] is working with me and I'm remaining flexible and adjusting to the position. I'm trying to set the tone for this position, so that it will continue in a flawless manner beyond this year."

Army men's head soccer coach Kurt Swanbeck speaks highly of his two co-captains and is impressed not only by Newell and Jones, but his whole senior class.

"I'm proud of every one of my guys that they've lasted together this long," said Swanbeck, who noted that the team features about

four-to-six seniors each year. "But at the same time, Dan and Doug have taken their leadership roles to another level. They've had to make sacrifices that the other [seniors] haven't, but the others have supported that within the dichotomy of the team, which is very important. That type of group is very special."

It has been a bumpy road for this team, especially after the 0-5-1 start last year, but Swanbeck believes as long as this group keeps level-headed, they will do great things.

"They know they've got a long road ahead of them and, hopefully, they'll keep their minds right and take one game at a time and not forget where we came from because it has been a long, hard road," Swanbeck explained. "They are right for success, but success can be a fleeting thing and you've got to be really cognizant of it."

Sports calendar

Corps Squad

TODAY -- WTEN, EASTERNS, MALEK/
LITC, ALL DAY
TODAY -- MSOC, VS. QUINNIPIAC,
CLINTON FD., 5 P.M.
SAT. -- WTEN, EASTERNS, MALEK/
LITC, ALL DAY
SUN. -- WTEN, EASTERNS, MALEK/
LITC, ALL DAY
SUN. -- MSOC, VS. AIR FORCE,
CLINTON FD., NOON
TUES. -- WSOC, VS. IONA, CLINTON
FD., 7 P.M.
WED. -- VB, VS. AMERICAN, GFH, 7
P.M. [ESPNU]
SEPT. 23 -- WSOC, VS. UMBC,
CLINTON FD., 1 P.M.
SEPT. 23 -- VB, VS. NAVY, GFH,
3 P.M.

Club

SAT. -- PAINTBALL, FALL BIG GAME,
AREA V, W, PZ OWL, 7 A.M.
SAT. -- SKEET & TRAP, VS. MONROE-
CHESTER CLUB, RANGE 10, 10 A.M.
SEPT. 22 -- JUDO TEAM, USMA
CLINIC, BLDG. 673, 9 A.M.
SEPT. 22 -- MEN'S RUGBY, VS.
DARTMOUTH, ANDERSON RUGBY
COMPLEX, 2 P.M.
SEPT. 23 -- MARATHON TEAM, GUNKS
10-MILE RACE, WAPPINGERS FALLS,
N.Y., MOHONK PRESERVE, 9 A.M.
SEPT. 23 -- MEN'S RUGBY, VS. SETON
HALL, ANDERSON, 1 P.M.
SEPT. 23 -- SKEET & TRAP, VS.
CONN., RANGE 10, 10 A.M.

USMAPS football

The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School football team plays Milford Academy Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. at Michie Stadium.

The event is free and open to the public.

Youth basketball clinic

The Army men's basketball team is hosting a free youth basketball clinic Sept. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m., at Christl Arena for boys and girls ages 7 to 13 years old.

Participants must bring their own basketball shoes. A water bottle is optional.

The event is open to the public.

Contact assistant men's basketball coach Chris Hollender at [845] 938-2419 or e-mail him at Chris.Hollender@usma.edu to sign up.

Williams may get start; team looks for upset

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Army may have to lean on a 'backup' Saturday as they head into Winston-Salem, N.C., to face Wake Forest [0-2].

The Black Knights [1-1] came back after a disappointing opening loss to Akron to defeat Rhode Island 14-7 in overtime at Michie Stadium Saturday.

Sophomore quarterback Carson Williams replaced injured senior starting quarterback David Pevoto, and finished with 148 yards passing and threw the game-winning 25-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Justin Larson.

Pevoto, as of Tuesday, was wearing a boot to protect his sprained right ankle, so there's a good chance that Williams will be under center Saturday against the Demon Deacons.

With the experience that Williams already has and his ability to be more freewheeling than Pevoto, his teammates are not soured by the reality that he may be quarterbacking this weekend.

"Carson looks for bigger plays that maybe Dave would be more conservative [in doing], and maybe that will help us [Saturday]," said senior fullback Mike Viti. "Carson got a bunch of starts at the end of last year, so it's not like we're throwing out a guy who's a backup who has never played. If Carson is out there, we would be really comfortable with him."

Army head football coach Stan Brock was very impressed with Williams' play against Rhode Island and expects more of the same in the future because of his intense focus.

"Carson was well prepared and he had set himself up with two weeks of great practices and thought he was ready to come in and play and made good calls," Brock explained. "Carson has a great understanding of our offense in what we're trying to do and how to run it."

"He may be more mobile in the pocket than David and that's helpful," he added. "With experience, he's going to be a very good quarterback."

The defense was stellar in stopping Rhode Island on four downs within the Army five-yard line to end the game as senior

cornerback John Laird and senior safety Caleb Campbell combined to blow up the running play and stopped them two yards short of the goal line.

"I looked at [our whole defense] in the eye and said, 'Do your responsibilities and somebody's going to make a play,' and that's what happened," Campbell said. "I challenged the whole 'D' and we came up big time."

Saturday they will face the defending Atlantic Coast Conference champions, who are pretty solid on the offensive side of the ball.

"Offensively they give you a lot of looks," Brock said. "They try to get [senior wide receiver Kenneth Moore] as many touches as they can give him either by handing him the ball or throwing him the ball, but they are going into his hands."

Moore leads Wake Forest in receptions with 19 through two games. However, what makes him a rare type of player is that he also leads the team in rushing yards with 111 as a wide receiver, so Army will have to keep tabs on him.

"There's a lot of misdirection and they have a ton of speed," Campbell said. "So we're going to have to be really assignment-sound this week."

The Demon Deacons come into the game coming off two close losses to top 25 teams [USA Today



Senior tight end Justin Larson caught a 25-yard touchdown in overtime to lead Army against Rhode Island 14-7. He also added a 30-yard reception that led to senior fullback Mike Viti's two-yard score to tie the game. Larson has nine receptions and one touchdown through the first two games.



Sophomore quarterback Carson Williams threw the game-winning touchdown Saturday.

poll] in #14 Nebraska and #19 Boston College. However, Army is looking to spoil Wake Forest's homecoming weekend.

"They're looking for a win. They played two good teams," Campbell said. "If we get a win there, we make a big statement. To come out with a 'W' [would] say a lot about us."

Viti said the team is looking forward to playing a team of Wake Forest's caliber, who is coming off an 11-3 season and went to the Orange Bowl.

"Everyone knows they are the defending ACC champions," Viti stated, "and to knock off one of the BCS conference teams would be a huge lift to our season."

Saturday's game starts at 3:30 p.m., and is not televised. However, the Army game can be heard on the Army Sports Network through WABC 770-AM New York and Sirius Sateillite Radio [channel 140].

John Minko and Dean Darling are the play-by-play man and color analyst, respectively, and Rich DeMarco will serve as the sideline reporter during the game's broadcast.

Tennis teams volunteer at Arthur Ashe Kids Day

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

FLUSHING, N.Y. -- As the U.S. Open came to a close last weekend, the Army tennis teams will look back at their experience at the 2007 event with fond memories for years to come.

When the Army tennis teams traveled to Flushing, N.Y., for the annual United States Tennis Association's Arthur Ashe Kids Day Aug. 25, they got a little more than they bargained for later that week.

During the premier U.S. Open match of the night that featured Andy Roddick versus Justin Gimelstob, Aug. 29, members of the Army men's and women's tennis teams received quite a public ovation while departing from the event.

In what was a highly entertaining Open send off for Gimelstob, a New Jersey native who plans to end his career at the end of this fall, the Army tennis teams stole the spotlight for mere seconds as spectators at the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Billie Jean King National Tennis Center gave the cadets a rousing ovation while filing out of the stadium seats in the middle of the second set.

As Gimelstob stepped up to serve, he hesitated due to noise and an abundance of unusual clapping from the crowd. In fact, it was the Army tennis teams, dressed in

their white-over-grey uniforms, departing the match in order to make it back to West Point, N.Y.

As the crowd continued to applaud the service men and women, USA Network analysts spoke at length about their respect for the cadets.

"Quite honestly I was stunned by it. I thought we were so far up that we were out of the players view and wouldn't be a distraction if we left," said Army head men's tennis coach Jim Poling. "It really made the kids feel great to see that kind of support, and it was pretty fun to see the confusion on the court. It meant a lot to our teams to have that many people recognize them in that kind of way."

Army tennis' presence at the event was felt and much-appreciated throughout the week.

The cadets, stationed at Court 16, were among hundreds of volunteers lending their time to Arthur Ashe Kids Day (AAKD), an event geared toward training and introducing kids of all ages to the game of tennis.

"The event itself is such a great way for us as a team to give back to the tennis community," said Army head women's coach Paul Peck. "Watching the players teach and interact with the younger kids is a great learning experience for them as well, as they begin to mold themselves into role models on and off the 'fields of friendly strife.'"

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Army women's tennis freshman Jessica Ahn teaches kids some balance drills during the Arthur Ashe Kids Day event, which is geared to train and introduce kids to tennis. PHOTO PROVIDED

WAR beats Air Force

Submitted by WAR

Women's Army Rugby kicked off their 2007-2008 season with a win over service academy rival Air Force, 20-10, Sept. 7 in the first game on Warrior Field at the new Anderson Rugby Complex.

The game was a very well-matched affair, with Air Force scoring the first try within the first 10 minutes. Most of the rest of the game saw Army and Air Force neck in neck until the last 20 minutes.

Having already played and won two games this season, Air Force was warmed up and ready to hit. However, WAR matched their enthusiasm and organization to emerge victorious.

Junior Alexis McLaughlin, WAR's vicious 8-man, scored two tries, running the second one in from a more than 60 meters.

Sophomore Nikki Harrell produced another try, cutting in and out of the formidable Air Force back line. Senior Aimee Feliz subbed in about half way through the second half, delivering a try of her own shortly after.

After losing 12 seniors, the women of WAR were nervous about how the team would replace



Junior 8-man Alexis McLaughlin fights off an Air Force player on her way to two tries in the inaugural game played on the Warrior Field pitch.

PHOTO BY ERIC S. BARTELT/POINTER VIEW

such talented and experienced players. Thanks to the growing popularity and support of WAR here, the large turnout for this year's tryouts produced a number of girls with great athleticism and talent. This should prove to be a successful season for Women's Army Rugby.

This game was the inaugural game on the brand new "Warrior

Field." Lee Anderson [USMA '61] and his wife Penny generously donated funds in support of Army Rugby.

Their contributions not only made this field possible, but also the Anderson Rugby Complex, which boasts two expansive locker rooms, a weight room, common areas for socials, team meetings and much more.

Army Triathletes continue winning ways

Submitted by
Col. Pat Sullivan
Triathlon Team Coach

Germany

Army Triathlon sustained a winning tradition in international competition with a bronze medal in the 18-19-year-old age group at the Hamburg, Germany, CityMan Triathlon over the Labor Day weekend.

Last year's bronze medal performance by junior Nicolas Vandam was backed up this year by sophomore Ashley Morgan. Morgan, 19, won the bronze medal in a come-from-behind fashion by posting the 13th fastest 10-kilometer run split [38:57] from a field of more than 600 of the world's best amateur women.

Five Army triathletes competed on a damp, 50-degree Sunday morning for the most coveted amateur triathlon titles in the world.

The 60-degree Lake Alster temperature, mile-long lines of bikes in the transition and a multitude of languages spoken created challenges the cadets had not experienced in the U.S. They unquestionably answered the call.

In the men's competition, a strong field of swimmers was marked by Vandam, who departed the water 13th in his age group. He was followed shortly by senior Nick Dason and junior Nicolas Sterghos, who were both tested by the cold waters.

On the bike, the German hosts displayed power and speed unseen in local races here in the Northeast.

The cadets worked hard to mark the packs and finished the ride ready to transition to the run.

In true American form, the cadets blistered the run course, consistently passing opponents and posting some of the best run splits of the day.

In the sprint competition, sophomore Bryan Lagasse posted strong bike and run splits to finish 30th in the 18-19-year-old age group.

"The opportunity to race internationally was incredible," said Dason, the Cadet-in-Charge. "Lining up against the best amateur athletes in the world, in an unfamiliar setting and doing pretty well, was a great confidence booster for the team, who will definitely be ready for the upcoming season and, most importantly, Collegiate Nationals in the spring."

Annapolis

Army Triathlon competed in its second event of the fall season Sunday at the inaugural Annapolis Triathlon in Annapolis, Md.

The finish line was at the 50-yard line in Marine Corps Stadium, the home of Navy football.

This was an Olympic distance race [1,500-meter swim, 40k bike and 10k run].

Of the 872 men who participated, senior Nick Dason came in 4th place with a time of 1:53.

Junior Nick Vandam finished

seventh at 1:56, while junior Nick Sterghos came in ninth at 1:57.

Of the 377 women who competed, junior Emily Sfeir was 27th at 2:29:15; junior Kari Vahle, was 31st in 2:29:49 and senior Christine Kawoczka was 32nd in a time of 2:30.

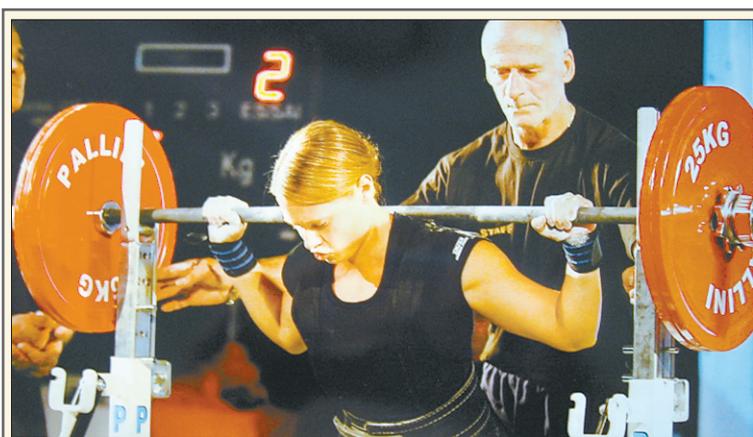
The men's team also did well in their respective age groups. Dominating Navy and Air Force were sophomores Bryan Lagasse and Andrew Stock who placed first and second in the 17-19 year age group [2:02 / 2:04].

Dason, Vandam and Sterghos swept the 20-24 year age group. Annapolis provided a perfect setting for the team to showcase its talents to thousands of spectators in and around the Maryland capital.



Army Triathlon sophomore Ashley Morgan won a bronze medal in the CityMan Triathlon in Hamburg, Germany.

PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS ROGER JONES/PAO



Dugan earns third place

Second Lieutenant Lisa Dugan, a Directorate of Cadet Activities intern, prepares to take a 275-pound squat, one of the events in which she participated during the IPF Junior World Powerlifting Championships in LaGarde, France, held Sept. 3-8. Dugan received a third place medal in the deadlift for the U.S. team.

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Junior Black Knights Sweep

By Ben Liotta
Junior Black Knights

The Junior Black Knights Youth Football teams all played at home Sunday, and the Mighty Mites, Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 all came away with wins.

The Mighty Mites [1-0-1] started the day against Chester and put forth a dominant performance shutting out Chester 2-0. Jalen Davis and Benny Storms each scored for the Mites.

Division 3 [1-0] played next at Shea Stadium. In their first game of the season, they blew away Minisink Valley 29-0. On offense Jerry Nasi scored two touchdowns and kicked a 15-yard field goal. Sean Kilner ran the ball well, scoring on a 35-yard TD run, and on defense Matt McCarthy had an interception for a touchdown.

Not to be outdone, Division 2 [2-0] had the next game and put up an even more dominant

performance than D3, shutting out Warwick 33-0. Coaches credited excellent team offense and defense in the win as Jonathan Mundell had three TD's for the Knights.

Division 1 [1-1] had the pleasure of completing the sweep with the last game of the day against Warwick with a 13-7 JBK win.

The JBK defense set the tone early by shutting out Warwick in the 1st half, and the JBK D also put up the only touchdown of the half with Matthew Vargas returning a fumble for the score.

With less than nine minutes remaining in the game, JBK took the ball on their own 30-yard line.

With hard running by J.C. Berrios, J.T. Johnson, Malik Vaval and Jameel Larkins, the team held the ball for over seven minutes before Vaval ran it in from 4 yards out. The JBK defense was called on once again, recovering a fumble in the game's final minute to seal the "W".

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The Black Knights have been actively participating in the event, bearing Ashe's name, for a number of years and with good reason. Ashe was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve and was stationed at West Point during his period of active service.

He won several tournaments during his service time, including the U.S. clay-court championship in 1967 and the U.S. amateur championship in 1968.

"I was honored to be part of a day that was named after a prior serviceman who served honorably both in and out of uniform throughout his entire life," said tennis' head officer representative, Lt. Col. Steve Fleming. "For four hours during AAKD, I watched with tremendous pride as our cadets, representing the next generation of servicemen and women, dedicated their time by following in Arthur Ashe's footsteps on the same courts where he made tennis history during a very different time in our nation's history.

"Dedicated, determined people like Arthur Ashe made a difference then that we now fully realize and appreciate today," Fleming added. "It is my sincere hope that the cadets we are honored to work with day in and day out here at the academy will make a similar difference in our world, realized by

generations to come."

The women's tennis team opens its fall slate this weekend at the Cornell Fall Invitational, while the men travel to the Dartmouth Classic beginning Sept. 21.