

## Retired Gen. Abizaid new chair of CTC

Story and photo by  
**Eric S. Bartelt**  
Sports Editor

Born out of necessity due to the 9/11 attacks, the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point contributes relevant scholarly perspectives through education, research and policy analysis to combat terrorist threats to the United States.

Retired Gen. John P. Abizaid has been in the thick of things with the Global War on Terrorism since taking command of United States Central Command in 2003 until his retirement in May 2007.

Five years after the CTC was established in February 2003, through the generosity of Vincent Viola (USMA class of 1977) who was committed to addressing the threat of terrorism after witnessing it first hand on 9/11 in Manhattan, Abizaid takes over as the CTC's distinguished chair, replacing Gen. (Ret.) Wayne A. Downing, who passed away unexpectedly in July.

The most important thing Abizaid plans to do is continue to build on the work and the direction that Downing had for the CTC and help advance the expertise of the center's primary areas of terrorism, counterterrorism, homeland security and weapons of mass destruction.

"I think (Downing's) vision, leadership and direction for the center as the distinguished chair is work that's not yet complete," said Abizaid of his former boss, who promoted him from first lieutenant to captain as a member of the 2nd Ranger Battalion. "I'm a great fan of his and I've always considered him one of the greatest Soldiers in the U.S. Army. Being able to help in his work and help realize his dream is a great thing for me."

As the distinguished chair, Abizaid will provide the vision and the ability to help create greater

spheres of influence for the center. "I have) the ability to talk to people who are decision makers, political leaders and military leaders that can help expand the influence of the center," Abizaid explained. "I'll talk to people about the center and how it works and show them it's valuable and important to the security of the country and the advancement of learning."

Abizaid's ultimate goal is to make the CTC one of the most respected places in the United States -- a place where people can come to study and understand the dynamics of international terrorism.

"It's clear the center has done a wonderful job in focusing people's attention on the problem of international terrorism," Abizaid stated. "Based on my own experiences -- having been a commander in the field of forces that were fighting terrorists in Afghanistan and Iraq -- it's clear to me it's going to be a long war ... a persistent conflict that we're going to be in. The more we can increase our expertise and study the problem, the better we'll be."

"I think my experience in the field," he added, "coupled with the theoretical and practical experience

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Retired Gen. John P. Abizaid



**KACH wins award**

MEDCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Athea Dixon, Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, Keller Army Community Hospital Deputy Commander for Clinical Services Col. Andrew Friedman, and Keller Command Sgt. Maj. Clayton Crooks, pose for a group photo after Friedman accepts the Military Health System award for the hospital that is #1 in Patient Satisfaction in the medium-sized treatment facility category in the Department of Defense at the MHS Conference held in Washington Jan. 27-31. The award is based on scores on the DOD patient satisfaction surveys that patients fill out after visits for medical care. Keller has routinely averaged 94 percent for all of 2007 and has maintained that average during the first part of 2008.

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## USCC selects cadet key summer leaders

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Thirty-seven members of the Class of 2009 were notified Tuesday that they had been selected as key leaders for Cadet Summer Training beginning in June.

"These cadets are exemplary in all three developmental pillars," said Maj. Mark Mayoras, Chief of USCC's Leader Development Branch. "They've excelled in positions that have stretched their leadership abilities."

The selection process began at the cadet company level, with nominees progressing through boards at the company, battalion, and regimental levels. The finalists

from each regiment were then selected by a committee led by the Brigade Tactical Officer that included the USCC Command Sergeant Major, regimental tactical officers, and the cadet brigade commander and command sergeant major. The Commandant and Superintendent approved the final slate.

According to Mayoras, the key summer leaders will soon begin their team building process in preparation for summer training. They will gather in early April for a leader development conference where they identify goals and

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# Community Point-of-View

## PAO NCOIC will be missed by Family, friends, co-workers, Army

Submitted by  
Public Affairs Office



Sgt. 1st Class Roger Jones  
U.S. ARMY PHOTO

On February 5, the Jones family and the entire West Point community lost a loving father, tireless leader, genuine great man and a Soldier's Soldier. Sgt. 1st Class Roger Jones passed away after suffering a massive stroke Jan. 25.

While we all knew Roger was a consummate professional in every way, he was most proud of one role -- being the father of five. He was involved with all of his children's activities, was the "enforcer" with homework, and even showcased his skill in "Dance Dance Revolution," earning laughs from his daughters. Of course, he was a loving father, and yet his children knew that there was Dad's way or the wrong

way to do things.

Roger was a college football and baseball player and supported the Army team wholeheartedly. He was also a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan, which was sometimes tough here in Giants territory.

He loved to cook, especially on the barbeque, and always wanted to make sure his meals had "zest," just like he did, so he used lots of spices.

Roger always had a kind word for everyone and was willing to help wherever he could. As one acquaintance said, "When he smiled, he didn't just smile with his face, he smiled with his whole body."

His hearty laugh was infectious, and his positive leadership and work ethic were an example to

every member of the Public Affairs Office team. He served as the USMA Public Affairs NCOIC for more than four years, teaching and mentoring hundreds of cadets and fellow staff members.

Roger lived the NCO creed -- there was no one more professional than he. His Soldiers all found him to be a great NCO, mentor and positive role model, always taking care of their needs. They looked up to him.

One of his junior NCOs said he plans to model himself after Roger in all his dealings as he continues

his Army career.

Roger touched the lives of so many people here and throughout the world, having been stationed in Japan, Kuwait, Bosnia, Kansas and Fort Meade, Md. He will be sorely missed by all, but we were privileged to have shared time with him -- and learned from his example.

**(Editor's Note:** Jones' funeral is today at 1:30 p.m., at the Old Cadet Chapel with a graveside service following immediately afterward in the West Point Cemetery.)

### DPW's Nichols, 53, passes

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- John E. Nichols, a custodial worker in the Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division, passed away unexpectedly on or about February 6 in Highland Falls, N.Y. He was 53 years of age.

Nichols began his employment at West Point in October 2000 and was known for being loyal, dependable and an overall exceptional worker in the performance of his daily duties in Thayer Hall.

He has no known survivors and funeral arrangements are pending at press time.

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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. Tasha Williams (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at [Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu](mailto:Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu) for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

### Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

Difficulty: Hard

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## Force protection for Army-Navy basketball

The following force protection measures and restrictions will be implemented Feb. 23 to enhance the protection posture for West Point residents and the Corps of Cadets during the Army vs. Navy basketball games:

■ From 10 a.m. to approximately 4:15 p.m., Howze Place will be

blocked from the intersection of Stony Lonesome to the intersection of Wilson Road.

Only vehicles with a proper Vehicle Exception pass or under Military Police escort will be allowed past the blocking positions.

■ West Point personnel can

expect delays if entering the installation through Stony Gate.

Personnel not attending the games are encouraged to use alternate routes on the installation to avoid the game day traffic on Stony Lonesome Road.

The women's game will be at 11 a.m.

The men's game at 2 p.m. will also be televised on CBS. Both games will be played at Christl Arena.

Point of contact for this information is Joe Senger, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at 938-8859.

### Voting Assistance

For 2008 voting assistance questions, call the West Point Voting Assistance NCOIC, Sgt. 1st Class John Castillo at 938-8450.

## EE&CS professor awarded IEEE Engineer of the

Submitted by  
Dept. of Electrical Engineering  
and Computer Science

Wenli Huang, Ph.D. and Research Director in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science here, was presented with the New York Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Women in Engineering "Engineer of the Year Award."

The citation reads:

*"In recognition of her outstanding technical and service contributions to the engineering profession and promotion of women in the science and technology disciplines."*

Over the last 16 years Huang has made important contributions to blue-green semiconductor laser

technology. Blue semiconductor lasers play a significant role in increasing the density of information storage on optical disks.

The standard DVDs and CDs are written and read with red semiconductor lasers. Because a blue laser has a shorter wavelength than a red laser, an optical storage device can be printed at much higher resolution and precision with a blue laser.

The development of blue semiconductor lasers is the key to the new High Definition DVD's available under the trade name "Blu-ray."

Huang has also volunteered to work as the Women In Engineering Coordinator for Region 1 of the IEEE, serving 43,000 members in the Northeast United States.

## Soldiers try out improved body armor

Story and photo by  
Maj. Wayne Marotto

BAUMHOLDER, Germany (Army News Service) -- For as long as the Army has used Interceptor Body Armor, Soldiers have complained that it is too heavy, too hot and too cumbersome.

But those complaints may be a thing of the past for Soldiers in U.S. Army Europe's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored

Division. Those Soldiers recently donned the Army's newest body armor -- the Improved Outer Tactical Vest.

"The IOTV is a lot more comfortable because of the mesh lining inside," said Sgt. Brian Freeman, a tanker with 2nd BCT's 1st Battalion, 35th Armor. "The waist strap also makes it fit better by redistributing the weight off my shoulders and moving it around my waist.

Freeman ought to know. He deployed with the 2nd BCT for the first iteration of Operation Iraqi Freedom carrying woodland camouflage pattern IBA.

"We didn't even get small arms protection insert plates until the fifth month in country," Freeman said. "I like the mesh lining; it makes it more comfortable."

The mesh is intended to keep the

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Wenli Huang, Ph.D. and Research Director in EE&CS (left) shows off her IEEE Engineer of the Year Award with Angela Gagliotta, chair of the IEEE NY section of the Women-in-Engineering Affinity Group, and the Chair of IEEE NY section Davis Weiss.

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objectives for the upcoming summer.  
“They start with the conference,

and the process is continual from then until summer training begins,” Mayoras said. Last summer’s key

leaders will meet with the newly designated team to share their lessons learned and experiences.

Mayoras said the overall quality of the entire team was impressive. “These cadets have actively

sought challenges beyond the normal rigors of West Point,” he added.

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CBT2	Regimental Commander	Ty L. Volkman	SGR1	Regimental Commander	Elizabeth F. Lazzari
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CFT	Regimental Executive Officer	Brady K. Dearden	SGR3	Regimental Executive Officer	Richard D. Kubu

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will help me make a positive contribution.”

Abizaid is currently involved in other ventures besides his part-time job at the CTC, as he’s a visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and a member of the board of directors for United Services Automobile Association, so his retirement from the Army after 34 years was not a walk into the sunset lifestyle for him.

“Retirement for me is not exactly going fishing because it’s a lot of work to do with a lot of different things,” Abizaid said. “The notion that somehow or another that you’re going to go fishing doesn’t seem to work ... you’ve got to keep working for the good of your family and the good of the nation and that’s what I intend to do. I’m sure I’ll slow down at some point, but I’m still young enough to contribute.”

The former Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy was first approached for the chair position in November and was very interested in the job. He eventually received an invitation to serve as the distinguished chair for the center on the behalf of Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck through Col. Michael Meese, the head of the Social

Sciences Department here.

Abizaid works hand-in-hand with the CTC Director, Lt. Col. Joseph Felter, who sees his mission for the center, which is part of the Social Sciences Department, as providing current and future leaders the intellectual tools they need to defeat terrorist threats to our nation.

“Our future leaders, the cadets, are a priority for us because when they go into harm’s way, they’re going to need to have a more sophisticated understanding of the enemy than, perhaps, in years past as far as understanding their ideology,” Felter said. “They’re going into situations where they’ll be mayors of towns, work with the inter-agency and work with coalition forces. “They’ll need to understand the enemy in ways that in previous conflicts only colonels and generals would have -- that strategic understanding of the enemy ... we’re finding young officers out there in a position where they need to understand the operations, threat environment in ways that we haven’t seen in previous conflicts,” he added.

The CTC works with government agencies such as the FBI and military organizations like the Special Operations Command. It also provides the cadets with

extensive research through publications or conferences and a minor in terrorism studies to support their needs as the next generation of Army leaders.

While striving to be the international center for excellence in terrorism education and research, Felter believes that path will be blazed faster with Abizaid on board helping disseminate their message. “With Gen. Abizaid on board as the chair, I see nothing but a continuous trajectory toward becoming a world class center for excellence for terrorism education

and research,” Felter said. “We miss Gen. Downing, but we’re certainly committed to living up to the great legacy he left and Gen. Abizaid is not going to miss a step in carrying us forward on the path that Gen. Downing got us started on.”

Abizaid added that he’s honored to have a chance to shape the future leaders for a world with an ever-changing, cut-throat enemy. “West Point has always produced officers that have been in the thick of the fight and, unfortunately, for the foreseeable future, terrorism is going to be a part of that fight,” Abizaid

stated. “It’s very important to train our young officers to recognize and deal with it and defeat it.”

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wearer's body cooler by improving ventilation.

The IOTV is the Army's latest evolution of body armor designed to protect the Soldier's torso area.

According to information released by the Army's Program Executive Office Soldier, the agency in charge of developing and fielding new equipment, the IOTV meets PEO Soldier's goals of providing troops the most advanced protective gear available, while also improving comfort and mission effectiveness.

The Army spent a good deal of time asking Soldiers for suggestions and feedback about existing body armor, and then tested new designs based on their responses.

As a result, the IOTV has several advantages over its predecessor. It is three pounds lighter; it provides more coverage in the small of the back; it sits higher around the armpit area; and it sits lower on the torso, said Tony Perez, Team 5 fielding leader for Engineering Solution Products, the contractor selected by the Army to field the IOTV to the 2nd BCT.

Perez noted that the new design addresses one of the biggest complaints about earlier body armor models -- that the addition of side SAPI plates forced the Soldier's arms awkwardly away from his body.

"The side plates on the IOTV are in a better position, decreasing the profile and allowing better arm movement," Perez said.

Brigade Soldiers who tried

on the IOTV called it a welcome improvement.

"The IBA had zero cushioning inside, especially on the shoulders," Freeman said. "The IOTV fits better and it has a quick release, which makes it better than the IBA."

The quick-release cable feature allows Soldiers to get out of the IOTV with one pull by disassembling the vest into two parts that fall to the ground. That innovation should help a Soldier get out of the IOTV quickly when needed -- such as when a military vehicle rolls over into water -- allowing him to escape the submerging vehicle or be pulled more easily to safety. The quick release should also help medics treat injured or wounded Soldiers quickly.

Pfc. Tony Gonzales, a tank driver for 1-35th Armor, said the IOTV "is a lot better, because it fits better around the body and is more comfortable."

Pfc. William Fraleigh, an infantryman from the 2nd BCT's A Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, conceded that the IOTV allows for better flexibility and movement, and even admitted that the quick-release could prove invaluable if needed during an emergency. But giving up his

IBA will be like throwing away a comfortable pair of old shoes, and he was a bit superstitious about the idea.

"It always worked for me in combat and I felt comfortable in it," said Fraleigh. "I liked the IBA better, because it is easier to put on than the IOTV. I don't like the emergency quick-release, because it might get snagged on something

during a patrol and the body armor comes undone. You don't have time to put it back together while patrolling."

The 2nd BCT continues its preparation for its scheduled spring deployment to Iraq.

**(Editor's Note:** Marotto is the public affairs officer for 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.)



**Sgt. Brian Freeman pulls the quick-release cable on Sgt. William Huff's Improved Outer Tactical Vest during a training session. The quick-release, one of several improved features of the new armor, is designed to allow the wearer to quickly remove the IOTV when needed.**

# Community Features and Photos

## Combat Weapons team trains Westchester police

By Cadet 1st Class  
Preston Patton  
Combat Weapons Team

The Combat Weapons Team put a group of 16 police officers through an eight-hour advanced tactical pistol course Feb. 3 here. During the course, cadets instructed police from Westchester County in a variety of small arms tactics, to include the use of cover, low light operations using tactical flashlights and submachine gun familiarization.

These local police gave up close to 10 hours of their free time on a Sunday to enhance their capabilities and make them better able to protect their communities.

The team, which has a good relationship with these officers as well as police officers from

the New Jersey State SWAT, the NY City Emergency Service Unit (SWAT), the NY State Mobile Response Team (SWAT), the Delaware SWAT and the New Hampshire SWAT, trains with the police as well as with other military and civilian organizations.

The Combat Weapons Team seeks to transform cadets into professional soldiers extremely competent in the use of small arms weapons and mentally prepare them to lead other professional Soldiers.

The Combat Weapons Team, under the current guidance of Cadet 2nd Class Taylor Murphy and Maj. Christopher Kennedy from the Department of Military Instruction, frequently trains on weekends and holidays to accomplish their mission.



Members of the cadet Combat Weapons Team (in ACUs) worked with officers from the Westchester County police, providing them advanced pistol course training during their visit to West Point Feb. 3. This is one of many activities the team participates in to better train themselves in the competent use of small arms weapons.

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## Annual Infantry Ball held

By West Point National  
Infantry Association

The West Point Chapter of the National Infantry Association hosted its Annual Infantry Ball at Eisenhower Hall Feb. 1. The ball is a formal dining out that brings infantrymen and their families together with cadets to enjoy an evening of camaraderie.

During the evening, guests were treated to a full 'Grog Bowl' ceremony, toasts and a presentation of the colors by the Cadet Color Guard.

The Ball is a chance for local Infantry branch members to gather and provides an opportunity to welcome those cadets that selected Infantry as their branch into "the fold." Approximately 300 cadets,

staff, faculty and guests attended the event.



During the Annual Infantry Ball, DMI's Staff Sgts. Daniel Reilly (left) and Dustin Williams and Master Sgt. Reginald Butler (far right), Company D-3 Tactical NCO, along with five Infantry officers, were inducted in to the Order of Saint Maurice by Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, (second from right) Chief of Infantry Branch, Commandant of the U.S. Infantry Center and Commanding General of Fort Benning, Ga.

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Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, West Point Superintendent, welcomed everyone to the ball expressing his expectation of the newest infantrymen.

His comments were echoed by the guest speaker, Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski, Chief of Infantry Branch, Commandant of the U.S. Infantry Center and Commanding General of Fort Benning, Ga.

Wojdakowski's presentation covered the State of the Infantry and he spoke to the new infantrymen about being ready to take over and lead platoons of young infantrymen in the current war on terror.

He emphasized the importance of the Infantry's unique position of being built around the Infantry Soldier as the primary weapon system.

The Chapter also used this special occasion to induct eight distinguished infantrymen into the Order of Saint Maurice, which recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the

Infantry in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates and peers.

Recognized for their highest standards of integrity, professional competence and distinguished service to the Infantry were Col. Pete Curry, Director of the Department of Military Instruction; Lt. Col. William Butler, DMI's Chief of Military Training; Maj. David Hills, HHC Brigade Tactical Officer and Ryan Morgan, DMI's Infantry Branch Representative and Instructor; Master Sgt. Reginald Butler, Company D-3 Tactical NCO and Staff Sgts. Daniel Riley and Dustin Williams, both Military Science 100 instructors in DMI.

Lisa Massey was also recognized for her 20 years of service and contribution to the Infantry and was awarded the Shield of Sparta, which goes to spouses of infantrymen who have displayed unwavering contribution to the Infantry.

Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno congratulates Sgt. Chris Meadows and presents him with an ITR gift certificate for his work in designing the new Garrison Coin.

Meadows, the broadcast specialist in the Public Affairs Office, designed the coin by hand, cutting and pasting the various pieces on a board to submit for the contest. He said maybe now he'll go learn some desktop publishing to make the process easier.

The front of the coin is above right and the back is below right.

PHOTO BY APRIL ANDERSON/MWR



**Solution to Weekly Sudoku**

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4	1	2	5	6	3	8	7	9
3	6	7	2	9	8	5	4	1
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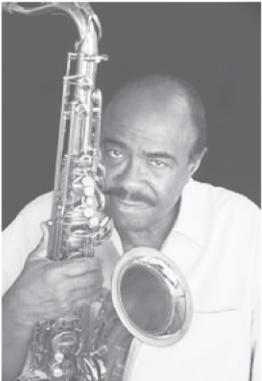
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# Fun and Satire at the 112th annual 100th Night Show



Cadet 1st Class Will Green (wearing glasses), playing the superintendent, and fellow firstie Eric Venditti, playing the Supe's pet tiger Fluffy, rehearse a scene in the annual 100th Night Show. The Supe is referred to as Dr. Evil and often complains to Fluffy about the cadets and seeks advice.

## Story and photos By Kathy Eastwood Staff Writer

According to George E. Pappas's book, *To The Point, The United States Military Academy 1802-1902*, the annual 100th Night Show had a unique beginning in 1860, before President Lincoln's election. At the time, there were several resignations from West Point by some southern cadets in protest of the probable election of Abraham Lincoln.

The Dialectic Society of West Point, which was a cadet debating group, decided not to debate that year and presented a theatrical play instead called 'Toodles' in an effort to ease tensions between the

northern and southern cadets.

It was the first play ever performed by the society and it was performed in the Mess Hall. A Cadet Thomas Rowland remarked that the play was "admirably performed and elicited enthusiastic support from the audience." One show in 1865 was performed in the fencing room due to the frigid winter where temperatures were often falling below zero.

Beginning in 1871, annual performances by the senior class were presented 100 days before graduation and, although not 'officially' dubbed the 100th Night Show, became a tradition within the Corps of Cadets. These shows, put on by the Dialectic Society, became 'officially' known at the

100th Night Show in 1896.

Many of the skits began with cadets reading poetry or performing short plays.

The show became full length in 1898 and since 1902, when the senior class performed 'The Caprices of Cupid,' the shows have developed a comedic trend.

Today, it consists of musical skits lampooning cadet life, rules and regulations, instructors, and commanders including the U.S. Military Academy Superintendent.

Twenty-five 2008 class members will be renewing this tradition Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at Eisenhower Hall and again Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

The show is titled *The Southdock Saints* a parody loosely based on

the 1999 cult classic movie "*The Boondock Saints*," an action crime drama that became a cult classic about two fraternal Irish twins who become vigilantes after killing two Russian mob members in self-defense. The twins go on a killing spree to rid Boston of bad guys after receiving a message from God.

"It is very loosely based on Boondock Saints along with other plays like *Chicago*," said Cadet 1st Class Will Dahlstrom, one of eight writers, the director of the show. "We included the song 'Reach for the Gun' from Chicago and we also have some skits that are like the NBC television show 'American Gladiator.'"

Cadet 1st Class Duncan Walker, one of the writers, talked about the

play on names throughout the show and said cadets play themselves, although their names may be changed.

"Cadet First Captain Jason Crabtree becomes Lobsterbush or Crustaceanshrub," Walker said. "The only change with cadets playing themselves is with Cadet Victor Shen, who is being played by Cadet Kimberly Jung. We originally scripted him to play himself, but Jung just outplayed him. Her name will be Victoria Shun."

The show also takes pot shots at the former Brigade Tactical Officer, Col. Harry Scott, who becomes a Stalin-like character, while USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. 'Buster' Hagenbeck, played by Cadet 1st Class Will Green, becomes 'Dr. Evil' in the

second act, a parody of the villain in the Austin Powers movies.

"We have a lot of great people coming up with scenes all the time," Walker said. "I've enjoyed being a part of the writing team. My brother Brian wrote the 2005 100th Night Show and I asked him to help with editing. I've never been involved with theater arts, but I enjoy writing and acting, although I don't have much time for it. Most of the writing I do is for school work."

The cadets in the show share multiple duties as actors, writers, directors and working on the stage settings.

"When we write a scene, we see it in our head," said Cadet 1st Class Brad Hoelscher. "We all helped with directing and most of us have parts in the show."

Dahlstrom said they are doing something different this year with the set decoration. They will be using lights and digital photography flashed on a background screen instead of using sets or backdrops to give the stage more ambiance.

"It comes from basic laziness," Dahlstrom said. "The lighting looks great during a dream sequence we have in the show."

Cadet 1st Class Nick Cosmas is the 2008 class activities officer and producer of the show. He had the job of getting people together to work on the show.

"I asked around the class and found a director, Will Dahlstrom, who knew a lot about theater so we decided to work as a team," he said. "He knew theater and I knew how to work with the DCA, USCC and the other agencies I would need to work with in order to get the show off the ground."

Cosmas said the duties of a producer are basically finding a director and writers, assisting with the writing of the show and having the final say over the script before it goes to the command for their approval.

Most of the writers became involved with the show when they were hanging

**"When we write a scene, we see it in our head. We all helped with directing and most of us have parts in the show,"**

**Cadet 1st Class  
Brad Hoelscher  
one of the  
100th Night Show writers**

out at the Firstie Club. Class president Adrian Perkins evidently decided this was the best place to recruit people to work on the show.

"It's been a lot of fun. We wrote 23 pages just at the Firstie Club, which we all thought was very funny," said Cadet 1st Class Annie Rockeman, part of the writing team. "(After taking another look) most of it had to be rewritten. It's mind blowing how the pages just kept growing and growing. Before we knew it, we had more than a hundred pages. With the eight of us, the skits have completely morphed a number of times since we first started."

Being at the Firstie Club is how Hoelscher got involved in the 100th Night project.

"I went to the club to play darts," he said. "I stuck my head into the room to see what everyone else was doing and was asked to join."

There are times, however, when the writers may have gotten too involved with writing the scenes.

"We wrote an entire skit and forgot to add the characters to it," Walker said.

The Officer-in-Charge of the theater arts guild, Maj. Mindy Kimball, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering said she got involved because she was the Cadet-in-Charge of her 100th Night Show in 1996.

"While I've been assigned here, I've helped with the '06, '07 and '08 shows," she said. "I don't really see myself as crucial to the show, but I always try to jump in and provide that little bit of something that facilitates the 'I wish we could have this' ideas of the firsties. I think it is a very important part of leader development to foster creativity and this gets so many cadets truly involved in being creative."

Others involved in the show are George Plank, Manager, Stage Services and Firstie Beka Vaughan, who is in charge of the costumes.

"I generally stand backstage and assist the production along with the other theater specialist for lighting, operations and the stage technician as best we can, but the main intent is that it is 100 percent a cadet effort," Plank said.

The cadets, with everything they have to do, always manage to



Cadet 1st Class Becca Vaughn, who is the professional costumer for the 100th Night Show, puts the finishing touches on the Supe's pet tiger named Fluffy, which she created. Vaughn graduated from the Douglas Anderson Theater Technician School in Jacksonville, Fla. During school and after graduation, she has been sought out by several theaters as a costumer. She hopes she can continue to work in the costuming field during her military career.

pull off the 100th Night Show.

They have been rehearsing since the beginning of February -- two or three evenings each week -- in between studying and the other activities they are involved with.

"Yet every year, somehow between the Friday of the show

and curtain on Friday night ... it all comes together and everyone has a great time," said Kimball.

The play is open to the public.

Tickets are \$15 and are available for purchase from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday except for holidays.

There is no charge for cadets, but they will need to present their Smart Cards at the box office.

The proceeds from this event go to the Corps of Cadet's Directorate of Cadet Activities, according to Gary Keegan, Cultural Arts Director at Eisenhower Hall.



GROUP OF CHARACTERS IN "HUNDRETH-NIGHT" ENTERTAINMENT AT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT  
Photograph by Fuch Bros.

A photo of the 100th Night Show performed in 1897 as it appeared in *Illustrated American magazine*. The magazine was a large format weekly that covered news with photos. It was published from 1898 to 1900.

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## What's Happening

### NCOPD guest speaker

The West Point community is invited to attend a MEDDAC noncommissioned officer professional development session. It will feature Vietnam-era Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Gary Beikirch speaking on leadership and sacrifice Thursday at 3 p.m., at the West Point Middle School Auditorium.

### Organ Recital

The Cadet Chapel is hosting an organ recital by Gail Archer, Concert organist and professor, Manhattan School of Music and Vassar College, Sunday at 3 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public.

### Viva! Las Vegas Night

The West Point Women's Club will host their annual fund raiser, Viva! Las Vegas Night, Feb. 22 from 7 p.m. until midnight at the Thayer Hotel.

### Book signings

West Point graduate Bert E. Tucker (USMA '56) will be signing his historical fiction novel "The Blind Quest" (Deceived by Experience) at the USMA Bookstore, located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor Feb. 22 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

In conjunction with African American History Month John L. Johnson will be signing his book "Every Night & Every Morn: Portraits of Asian, Hispanic, Jewish, African-American and Native-American recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor" p.m. Feb. 26, from 9:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

### Community Action Council Meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m., at the Jewish Cahpel. The community is invited to attend.

### Military Council of Catholic Women

Nationally renowned speaker Christopher West is coming to West Point Feb. 26 to discuss "Theology of the Body."

Adults, teens and cadets are invited. Join us at 7 p.m., in Robinson Auditorium.

### DUSA Gift Shop job opening

The West Point Chapter of DUSA is hiring a bookkeeper for its Gift Shop in the West Point Museum.

The bookkeeper will be responsible for payroll, tax reports and monthly reports. Proficiency in excel needed. Retail sales reports and accounts payable helpful. This is a part time (15 hours per week) position.

To apply, submit resume and cover letter before Feb. 22 to:

Vicki McPeak, DUSA Secretary, 21 C Wilson Road, West Point, NY 10996.

Any questions can be directed to Ginger Hopkins, DUSA President, 845-567-3643 or [Ginhop1@aol.com](mailto:Ginhop1@aol.com).

### 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](http://www.shopthepoint.com).

Applications are due Feb. 29, 2008.

### DUSA scholarship applications

Attention to all parents of High School Seniors.

It's application time for DUSA Academic Scholarships to assist your child with their collegiate education.

To be eligible to receive this DUSA scholarship, the applicant must be a graduating high school senior and the son or daughter of an active, retired or deceased U.S. military servicemember whose Family resides at West Point (or within a 35-mile radius of West Point) at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Applications can be acquired through your local high school counselors at James O'Neill HS or Cornwall Central HS.

You can also contact Linda Frey at [gfrey1@hvc.rr.com](mailto:gfrey1@hvc.rr.com). The completed application packet must be postmarked or hand delivered by 5 p.m., March 14, 2008, to:

DUSA Scholarships, c/o Linda Frey, 530B Winans Rd., West Point, NY 10996.

Please do not turn applications in to the DUSA gift shops or your school.

### Supe's semi-annual briefing

The Superintendent's Annual Command Interest Briefing is scheduled for Feb. 28, from 12:50 to 1:50 p.m., in Thayer Hall, Robinson Auditorium.

This briefing is mandatory for all officers, all non-commissioned officers (SFC and above) and civilian employees (GS-9 and above).

Others who wish to attend should coordinate with their activities. All personnel must be seated by 12:45 p.m. The Command Interest Brief will be broadcast live on the Command Channel for the West Point Community to view.

In addition, it will be rebroadcast March 3, at 1 p.m., and March 4 at

9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### 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](http://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.

### West Point Museum

Looking for something to do on those cold winter days?

Why not stop by the West Point Museum. Stroll through six very distinctive galleries, covering ancient and medieval warfare to modern warfare.

During your visit you will have the opportunity to see Bronze Age weapons and a suit of German armor.

President Washington's flintlock pistols are also on exhibit along with Napoleon Bonaparte's pistols and sword.

### Community Mayors needed

Looking for Community Mayors to represent our communities. Areas in need of mayors are Biddle Loop, Lee Area, Old Brick, Stony II (Enlisted). Call 938-7731.

### Command Channel

## 8/23

Feb. 15 - 22

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
7 p.m. RCI Meeting

Feb 18-22

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

# MWR Blurbs

## Polar Fest

The 2008 Polar Fest returns to the West Point Ski Area Feb. 23 from Noon until 9 p.m. Bring the whole family for a day of downhill races, kids' crafts, a pig roast, a live band and more.

Tickets are on sale at the Ski Sales Office.

There will be free admission to Families of deployed Soldiers.

For more info, go to [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com).

## Defensive Driving

Class will be held March 1, 8 a.m. to 3p.m., Building 622 (ACS) Register at ITR by calling 938-2401/3601.

## Army Emergency Relief

Campaign begins March 3 and runs through April 4. The kickoff for the AER campaign will be held March 3, from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS Bldg. 622. Refreshments will be served.

The AER mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to active duty Soldiers, retirees and their dependents. Emergency assistance is also provided to surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

For more information, or to make a contribution, call 938-5653.

## Kennel special

Morgan Farm is offering a February Kennel Special: three nights for the price of two on any three consecutive nights.

Call 938-3926 for more information.

## Community swim hours

Due to cadet programs, Crandall Pool will be closed for community swim Wed., Feb. 25 and 27.

## Post Library

### Spring Story hour

The West Point Post Library's Spring Story Hour will be held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. through April 29.

Open to all West Point community children ages 3-5.

Registration required on a weekly basis. For info., stop by the Library or call 938-2974.

## MWR running groups forming

Get Ready to Run. The MWR Fitness Center announces two new running groups starting in March.

Beginners will work up to two miles and advanced runners will train for the New Jersey Half Marathon.

The groups will be led by certified personal trainer Andrea Ingram.

Call 938-6490 to sign up or for more information.

## Bands for the Brave

Free resistance bands for deployed or deploying Soldiers. Pick up at the MWR Fitness Center.

## Iraqi school supply drive

Army Community Services is sponsoring a school supply drive for Iraqi children now through March 3.

Supplies will be distributed to schools in the Sadr City, Baghdad area.

Drop off locations: PX, West Point Elementary School and Army Community Service.

Items should be NEW: backpacks, pencils, colored pencils, spiral notebooks, glue, markers,

highlighters, loose leaf paper, etc.

For more information contact ACS' Galatea Badger at 938-5654.

## CYS offers dance classes

CYS is doing registration for Hula and Tahitian Dancing for girls ages 7 and up. Students will be encouraged, but not required, to participate in a performance at the Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Festival in May.

Classes will be held beginning Tuesday.

Call 938-3727/8899 for more information.

## CYS registration ongoing

Child and Youth Services currently has instructional registration for: Hapkido, Start Smart, Kindergym, Ice Skating, Tennis, Parent and Me and Musical Theater.

See flyers on our CYS Instructional Web site at [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com) for more information

## FCC needs child-care providers

Family Child Care is looking for

high quality child-care providers to provide child care in their government quarters for authorized family members of children from four weeks to 12 years of age.

Call 938-3921 for more information and to begin training.

## West Point Tax Center open

Federal and state income tax preparation is available free of charge for active duty military service members, military retirees, and immediate family members at the WP Tax Center.

IRS-trained tax preparers are available to answer your questions

and file your tax return from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, while scheduled appointments are given top priority.

Please call (845) 938-5920 to schedule an appointment.

## Tax Help

Military OneSource ([www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)) will provide free tax preparation services to servicemembers and their Families for the 2007 tax season.



The Black and Gold awardees for the month were honored Feb. 7. They are, first row: Elizabeth Crawford (left), Mavis Smith, Kelley Weg, Vicki McPeak. Second row: Heidi Bredlow, Rebecca McNabb, Stephanie Taylor, Tish Torgerson, Deb Waters, Christine Knight. Third row: Sgt. 1st Class Blair Ferrier. Stephanie Taylor from the Protestant Women of the Chapel was named the Volunteer of the Month.

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# Keller Corner

## KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology are closed Monday. The emergency room will remain open.

## Childbirth Preparation Classes

Four Class Series - March 5, 12, 19 and 28 in the KACH 2nd Floor Classroom. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Start your classes by your 32nd week of pregnancy.

## Check your wallet ...

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, including active duty servicemembers and cadets, should have a TRICARE Prime card.

You can request one by calling 877-874-2273. Present the card with your military ID card whenever you need civilian health care. The card also contains important information about emergency and out-of-area care.

Check your wallet ... now.

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- **The Water Horse: Legend, PG-13,**

7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- **The Pirates who Don't Do Anything: A**

**Veggie Tales Movie, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

Feb. 22 -- **The Great Debaters, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

Feb. 23 -- **First Sunday, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

Feb. 23 -- **Sweeny Todd, R, 9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT

[WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM).

## At Your Leisure

### New Windsor Cantonment celebrates Washington's birthday

New Windsor, N.Y. -- Many places can claim that "George Washington slept here." But he spent far more time awake and making history in New Windsor and Newburgh than any other locations during the eight years of the Revolutionary War.

The New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site is celebrating the general's birthday and the 225th anniversary of the Army camp, Sat. through Mon., with a variety of activities. Most programming will be outdoors or in buildings heated by fireplaces so dress for an authentic experience of the winter camp. For more information please call (845) 561-1765.

On Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., learn how the Cantonment was built, changing in six weeks from a forest to a massive military base

housing 7,500 Continental Army Soldiers and some 500 of their wives and children.

House restoration specialist Norm Glass from Pennsylvania will conduct talks and demonstrations on the types of tools and techniques that were used to craft timber and stone buildings more than 200 years ago.

There will be demonstrations of blacksmithing and 18th century medicine.

Sunday afternoon, Revolutionary War troops take to the field from 1 to 4 p.m. for demonstrations of musket firing and field maneuvers. The day's activities will also remember two of Washington's extraordinary officers who died 225 years ago under tragic circumstances.

Visitors to camp of all ages will

have the opportunity to "enlist" in the Army drilling with wooden muskets and drawing "pay" for their service.

On Monday, the day will be devoted to how celebrations and pastimes gave Soldiers and their Families a break from their daily lives. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be games and activities to enjoy along with demonstrations of skills from the time. Each of the three days there will also be toys for the youngest guests to enjoy as well.

The New Windsor Cantonment and the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor are co-located on Route 300 (Temple Hill Road) in the Town of New Windsor, four miles east of Stewart Airport. It is three miles from the intersection of I-87 and I-84 in Newburgh, N.Y.

The Class of 2008 Presents

# THE SOUTHDOCK SAINTS

Fri. February 22 at 7 pm  
Sat. February 23 at 8 pm



The 100th Night Show at  
**Eisenhower Hall Theatre**

# Army and Community Sports

## Strongman winner has great versatility

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Major Allen Leth, Jr.'s passion for weightlifting began at the age of 12 while growing up in Baytown, Texas, when his cousin, John Miller, introduced the activity to him. Every night from age 14 until he walked into the gates of West Point as a cadet candidate, he did a couple of hundred pushups to build his core strength.

"I had calluses on the inside portion of my lower palms from the carpet in my room from doing all those pushups," Leth said.

That lifetime zeal for strength training continued at West Point where he became a two-time All-American in powerlifting and through today, as he recently won the 175-pound lightweight division at the North American Strongman Championships.

The championships took place Nov. 16 in Las Vegas, exactly two months after Leth qualified at the Hudson Valley Strongman competition in New Paltz, N.Y.

The North American Strongman

is the largest amateur Strongman organization in the United States, and Leth finished 42nd overall out of 79 competitors in the three weight divisions of 175, 200 and 230-plus. He was the only 175-pounder to finish in the top 50 in the competition.

The NAS national championship offered five events within the competition: the 700-pound tire flip, a Farmer's Carry, a Yoke Walk, Kettle Bell lift and Atlas Stones lift. Each event expended every ounce of energy the competitors had. Leth came away with high marks, although it wasn't easy.

Leth found the Farmer's Carry and the Yoke Walk to be the toughest events in the competition.

"With the Farmer's Carry, I picked it up and I was going and going but I was fighting with the fact that my back was starting to give out," said Leth of the carry that involved two 265-pound large cylinders with handles. "You try to keep going until you just can't go anymore."

Leth got the best score of all 175 pounders on the 80-foot course



**Major Allen Leth, Jr. (right) shows plebe Jordan Berry a better technique so he doesn't lock his knees for the deadlift during a light day of practice for the powerlifting team. Leth is the current team OIC and while as a cadet was a two-time All-American in powerlifting.** ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

and was one of only two of them to turn the corner on the course as he reached 88.1 feet before his grip gave out.

"There were very few guys who made the turn in the 230s and under, but I was pretty happy with my performance there," Leth explained. "Grip strength is one of my stronger areas and I think that's partly due to my background in powerlifting."

Events like the Farmer's Carry and the Yoke Walk (in which Leth finished second in his weight class) -- the competitors put a large contraption similar to a squat bar with 700 pounds attached on their shoulders and carry until they drop it three times -- cater to Leth because it not only involves his strength but his superior cardiovascular capacity.

The 1997 USMA graduate and infantry officer is also extremely gifted in marathon running. While he has competed in six Strongman competitions during which he has never finished less than second, he's also competed in six marathons and his time has never been slower than three hours and 28 minutes.

He competed in the Boston Marathon and runs the marathons

with his wife, Nicole, who is his true inspiration in competing in the 26.2-mile events.

"She is a huge help, because Nicole inspires and motivates me," Leth stated. "When I got back from Iraq Feb. 14, 2005, after not running much for a year, she had us running in the Hilo (Hawaii) Marathon (which he finished third with a time of 3:11:38) by late March. She pushes me to do great things."

Leth said that marathons tear him down more physically than the Strongman competitions, but his ability to be able to compete in two extremely different competitions is still amazing.

"Strongman and marathons are polar opposites," Leth said. "The perception is that you can't do both, and that's probably one of the draws for me -- that you can."

"I'm not made out of anything different than you, her, him or whoever, but you can do whatever it is that you want to do," he added. "You just have to go out and do it and be committed to it. You have to eat right. I may not always do that, but I have pretty good habits."

Leth believes to perform your best you have to train hard every

day and said, "You have to figure out some way to make yourself better, smarter or faster and to push yourself to your limit everyday."

He credits his success in the Strongman competitions to a Strongman competitor and promoter in the Hudson Valley area, Joe Farino, who lives in Highland, N.Y.

Leth frequently makes the 45-minute drive to Farino's house to use his specialized Strongman equipment, to include a car dead lift exercise, where they lift Farino's car.

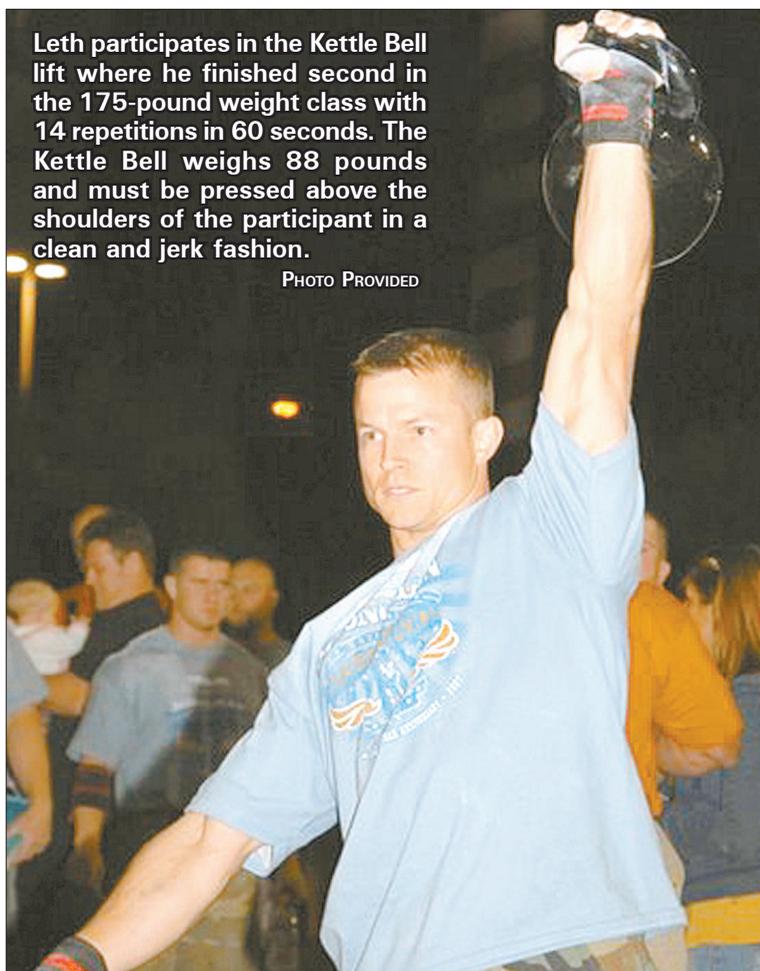
"Joe has a group of guys called Joe's Driveway Crew," Leth said. "So on weekends I got out there (during Strongman training) and train with those guys. They've got a lot of experience and have been competing for quite awhile."

While Leth is not competing in a Strongman competition or running a marathon, he's working at the academy in the Department of Physical Education where he teaches plebe boxing, a strength development course and a unit fitness course. He's also the officer-in-charge and offers coaching tips to the cadet Powerlifting Team,

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**Leth participates in the Kettle Bell lift where he finished second in the 175-pound weight class with 14 repetitions in 60 seconds. The Kettle Bell weighs 88 pounds and must be pressed above the shoulders of the participant in a clean and jerk fashion.**

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# Sports calendar

## Feb. 15 - Feb. 24

### Corps

- FRIDAY -- HOCKEY vs. AIC, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- MLAX vs. VMI, MICHIE STADIUM, 1 P.M.
- SATURDAY -- WBB vs. LEHIGH, CHRISTL ARENA, (ESPNU), 2 P.M.
- SUNDAY -- GYMNASTICS @ ALL-ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LAGUNA, CALIF., 10 P.M.
- SUNDAY -- WRESTLING vs. LEHIGH, CHRISTL ARENA, 4 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY -- WBB vs. AMERICAN, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.
- THURSDAY, FEB. 22 & FEB. 23 -- SWIM/DIVE, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS @ ANNAPOLIS, MD., 11 A.M. ALL DAYS
- FEB. 22 -- GYMNASTICS vs. TEMPLE & ILLIONIS-CHICAGO, GROSS OLYMPIC CENTER, 6 P.M.
- FEB. 22 -- WRESTLING @ NAVY, ANNAPOLIS, MD., 7 P.M.
- FEB. 22 -- WTEN vs. FORDHAM, LITC, 7 P.M.
- FEB. 22, 23 & 24 -- TRACK/FIELD, PATRIOT LEAGUE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS @ LEWISBURG, PA., TBA ALL DAY EVENT
- FEB. 23 -- MTEN vs. VILLANOVA, LITC, 11 A.M.
- FEB. 23 -- WBB vs. NAVY, CHRISTL ARENA, 11 A.M.
- FEB. 23 -- MBB vs. NAVY, CHRISTL ARENA, 2 P.M. (CBS)
- FEB. 24 -- MTEN vs. UMBC, LITC, 11 A.M.
- FEB. 24 -- WTEN vs. HOFSTRA, LITC, 2 P.M.
- FEB. 24 -- MTEN vs. NJIT, LITC, 6 P.M.

### Club

- FRIDAY -- COMBAT APPLICATIONS PROGRAM, SPARTAN TACTICAL TRAINING SESSION, USMA RANGES 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 AND CAMP SHEA, 4:15 P.M.,
- FEB. 22 -- PISTOL TEAM vs. NAVY, TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 4 P.M.
- FEB. 23 -- PISTOL TEAM vs. NAVY, TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 8 A.M.
- FEB. 24 -- FENCING TEAM HOSTS 16 TEAMS IN THE MACFA CHAMPIONSHIP, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 8:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

# Lacrosse season begins Saturday



Army lacrosse senior midfielder Justin Bokmeyer (left) and his teammates begin their 2008 regular season Saturday versus VMI. The game will be played at Michie Stadium starting at 1 p.m. The team was selected to finish fourth in the Patriot League preseason poll and is ranked No. 23 in the nation by Inside Lacrosse.  
ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

## Intramural Basketball Standings

### Staff & Faculty "Noon time" Intramurals

NORTH DIVISION PLAYOFFS -- 4TH SEED DAD/ODIA vs 5TH SEED MEDDAC  
 GAME 1 -- DAD/ODIA 34, MEDDAC 19  
 GAME 2 -- DAD/ODIA 36, MEDDAC 27  
 DAD/ODIA WINS SERIES 2-0

\*Through Wednesday's games

SOUTH DIVISION PLAYOFFS -- 2ND SEED USMA BAND vs. 3RD SEED DFL/GENE

GAME 1 -- DFL/GENE 26, USMA BAND 24 (2 OTs)  
 GAME 2 -- DFL/GENE 23, USMA BAND 21 (3 OTs)  
 DFL/GENE WINS SERIES 2-0

4TH SEED MATH #2 vs. 5TH SEED HISTORY  
 GAME 1 -- HISTORY 21, MATH #2 16  
 GAME 2 -- MATH #2 24, HISTORY 21  
 SERIES TIED AT 1

CENTRAL DIVISION PLAYOFFS -- 2ND SEED DLAW/SJA vs. 3RD SEED MATH #1

GAME 1 -- DLAW/SJA 34, MATH #1 19  
 GAME 2 -- MATH #1 33, DLAW/SJA 25  
 GAME 3 -- DLAW/SJA 31, MATH #1 29  
 DLAW/SJA WINS SERIES 2-1

### Unit "Night time" Intramurals

REGULAR REASON ENDS TEAMS	W - L
1. MEDDAC	16 - 4
2. STAFF & FACULTY	15 - 5
3. STEWART MARINES	13 - 7
4. 105TH ANG	6 - 14
5. MPs	0 - 20

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which is something he enjoys doing most.

“I coach them in certain aspects of powerlifting, but I’m not the (head) coach. So I take the guys under my wing and talk to them about branch selection, post selection and those types of professional components,” Leth said.

Members of the team focus on the words of the two-time All-American powerlifter and are motivated to impress him.

“He’s been a great help to us this year,” said Cadet 1st Class Stephen Hueckel. “He offers a different way of working different muscle groups and he’s very intelligent with this stuff because he’s won the Strongman ... it’s a great source of motivation to know somebody who has already been through (powerlifting) here and achieved what we’re hoping to achieve. He’s a great influence.”

Teaching cadets is as important to Leth as are the competitions in which he competes. However, to him, his competing in the Strongman as well as marathons helps him in his infantry career.

“The most important part of why I do it is to stay on top of my game as an infantryman, an Army officer and that’s been one of the most effective tools for me,” said the 32-year-old who first competed in the Strongman in Hawaii in July 2001, “to lead my Soldiers and to inspire them and get them to follow me willingly.”

“The benefit of constantly competing -- whether it’s in Strongman, marathons or debates -- is I’m going to be better than I was yesterday,” he added. “I think that’s my true motivation and that’s how it makes me a better officer and person.”