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Sodexo Management, Inc. wins MEDCOM A-76

Compiled by
Linda Mastin

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS -- In July 2006, the U.S. Army Medical Command made a public announcement that an A-76 competition would be conducted at 10 Medical Treatment Facilities in the area of nutrition care services.

The purpose of conducting an A-76 competition is to determine whether the in-house workforce or a private sector workforce can provide the most cost effective services required and therefore maximize the resources available for the warfighter.

Colonel Norvell Coots, outgoing Keller Army Community Hospital commander, said, "Even though I am the outgoing commander, my replacement, Col. Michael A. Deaton, and I have discussed this issue and I know he will ensure that all Keller employees involved in this study receive the fairest treatment possible.

"The members of the Keller staff are like family, and we will work for their best interests as we always

have done," he added.

On Feb. 12, 2008, a cost comparison determined that the lowest priced technically acceptable bid was that of Sodexo Management, Inc., the competitor from the private sector.

Immediately following the cost comparison, MEDCOM announced this initial decision to the affected employees.

Following the announcement, there was a regulatory 20-day window of opportunity during which any interested party could submit a contest/protest. During this period MEDCOM received one Agency Level Protest, one Employee Generated Appeal and one GAO protest.

The Agency Protest to the Contracting Officer was resolved

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DOD celebrates 35 years of All-Volunteer force

By Army Staff Sgt.
Michael J. Carden
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON -- On July 1, the nation marked 35 years of an armed military made up solely of volunteers.

Until July 1973, the military operated under an involuntary draft policy to produce manpower to fight the country's wars. Draftees served during both world wars, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Opposition to the war in

Vietnam brought extreme scrutiny to the draft, and the public's increasing dissatisfaction took its toll during President Richard Nixon's administration. Congress eventually approved the institution of the all-volunteer force and, although the framework for selective service remained in place, the armed forces stopped drafting people to serve.

For the past 35 years, volunteers manned 100 percent of the armed forces during the nation's times of need, including the Cold War as well as conflicts in Bosnia and

Kosovo. They filled the ranks and fought in the Persian Gulf, Panama and Grenada.

Retention flourishes among the services -- in both the active duty and reserve components -- as they continue to operate in Iraq and Afghanistan and conduct humanitarian missions at home and throughout the world, a senior Defense Department official said.

Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel and policy, said the nation and its armed forces are stronger in many ways, thanks most notably

to the aptitude and experience today's volunteers bring to the table. Carr said about 20 percent of servicemembers in the draft era were in the bottom third of the aptitude-test scoring range. Today, only 2 percent of the force is in the bottom third and more than 66 percent are in the top half.

"One thing that characterizes today's recruits is that they're so smart relative to average," he said. "Two-thirds are in the top half in math and verbal aptitude, and they can figure out what to do

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West Point Board of Visitors to meet July 17

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy will meet at West Point July 17 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Bldg. 600 (Taylor Hall) at 1 p.m.

The Board will review and receive updates on military training and instruction, accreditation

and Residential Communities Initiative.

The Board of Visitors is appointed under the provision of Section 4355 of Title 10, United States Code. It is the duty of the Board to inquire about the academy's morale and discipline, curriculum, instructions, physical

equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods. The board consists of presidential appointees and members of Congress.

Presidential appointees are Honorable Samuel Lessey Jr., Dr. Charles Younger, John Rainey, William Strong, Blake Hall, and Karen Hughes.

The senators are Honorable Jack Reed, Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, Honorable Susan Collins and Honorable Mary Landrieu. Representatives are Honorable John McHugh, Honorable Maurice Hinchey, Honorable Todd Tiahrt, Honorable Jim Marshall and Honorable John Hall.



New cadets learning a host of new things

New cadets show their rifle cards to their Cadet Basic Training Cadre Tuesday. One of the many things the new cadets must learn is the serial numbers of their rifles. When a rifle is picked up at the arms room, the receipt is left in the slot the rifle was in. Since R-Day, much of the new cadets' time has been spent getting all their gear and other inprocessing as well as learning a variety of things they will need throughout their career in the Army. Spare time, often while waiting in line, is spent studying their New Cadet handbooks.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

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Community Point-of-View

Current Family Housing residents must sign leases before RCI takes over Aug. 1

As of press time, only about 400 leases have been signed by current West Point Family Housing residents. That leaves approximately 350 leases that still need to be signed. It is imperative that everyone living in Family Housing sign a lease before the Aug. 1 RCI takeover.

Currently, only two groups still have scheduled signing times:

- Warrior Transition Unit - Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- MEDDAC - Thursday and July 18 at Keller Army Community Hospital from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have not signed a lease, go to the Housing Office in Bldg. 626, first floor and see Kathy from Balfour Beatty Communities. She is there from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Balfour Beatty
Communities

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL OFFICER

Maj. Matt Dabkowski, Dept. of Systems Engineering, has been appointed Summary Court Martial Officer to collect, inventory and process the personal effects of Col. Robert Powell, a member of the United States Military Academy's Staff and Faculty who died June 9, 2008, at West Point, NY. Accordingly, if you are aware of any debts owed to or by Col. Powell, please contact Maj. Dabkowski as soon as possible at 845-938-5539 or matthew.dabkowski@usma.edu.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

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

Difficulty: Hard

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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 Maj. Elizabeth Scioletti (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.

Delivery problems?

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS CONTACT CHARLENE MARTIN AT THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL AT (845) 437-4730 OR BY E-MAIL AT CMMARTIN@POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM.

Vacation Bible School – a valuable basic service

By J. Eric Bryan
Director of Religious Education
USMA Chaplain's Office

How important is the spiritual and character development of our children?

Do we have the perspective to look forward and see these "little ones" as leaders of families and servants within our neighborhoods?

The West Point community no doubt realizes the awesome privilege and responsibility we have to invest well in our children.

This year more than 350 children, teenagers and adults teamed together to make this summer's Vacation Bible School a most memorable and enjoyable experience for our community.

Spearheaded by Melody Nuckowski and a superb team of trained volunteers, our children

learned about the true power in their lives during the classes that were held June 23-27.

Each event and class space was creatively designed so that all in attendance were fully engaged.

Yet perhaps best of all, each child was met by a team of selfless role models, full of summer-smile and Christ-like compassion.

Special thanks goes to Shawne Cryderman, West Point Elementary School principal, for use of the elementary school facilities and her genuine enthusiasm in service to our children. Way to go West Point!

Your investment has yet to be fully realized.

If you are interested in learning more about how you might be able to care for our youth within our chapel family, please contact Eric Bryan or Cindy Ragsdale, Directors of Religious Education, at 938-2003/8761.

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Local and National News

New Army tool helps identify, control risk

By Chris Frazier
U.S. Army Combat
Readiness/Safety Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. (Army News Service) -- The newest tool in the Army's arsenal of safety products, the Ground Risk Assessment Tool, facilitates the process of identifying accident hazards and controls for a variety of ground operations and off-duty activities.

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by mutual agreement.

The Employee Generated Appeal was reviewed and considered by an appointed Contest Appeals Board which concluded that no violation of applicable procedures had occurred.

The GAO dismissed the protest filed with them because it was not submitted within a timely manner. As a result of these decisions, an award will be made to Sodexo Management, Inc.

The transition to performance by Sodexo Management, Inc. will begin Oct. 18, 2008 with full performance by Sodexo commencing on Jan. 18, 2009.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers at the following locations:

GRAT was designed to aid in mitigating risk by reinforcing the five-step composite risk management process, said Brig. Gen. Bill Forrester, director of Army safety and commanding general of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, and, coupled with CRM, is critical to making sound risk decisions at all levels of leadership.

"Using GRAT in concert with the military decision-making

process will help Army leaders achieve success in their missions and make safety an integral part of their planning processes," Forrester said.

GRAT, consisting of five parts, replaces the Army Management Information System-1 Ground Tool. The five parts are:

- daily accident statistics
- accident vignettes
- current accident summaries
- resources such as Army

of their contract, to offer qualified affected employees the first right to the contracted jobs.

The Contracting Officer and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will continue to work with the contractor throughout the process to provide potential candidates from the impacted workforce.

Carol McQuinn, Director of

regulations and other guidance related to the mission or task

•an automated interactive CRM worksheet that is based on user input and selection of existing hazards and controls.

Its easy-to-use information allows the user to save, e-mail or print a CRM worksheet (DA Form 7566), officials said.

USACRC Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell said, "Using this tool allows leaders to save

time, learn from others' mistakes and incorporate risk management throughout the military decision-making process." He believes GRAT will prove a valuable asset for leaders and Soldiers.

"The Army's mission is complex and the current operating environment challenges Soldiers with unique risks daily," Glidewell said. "Empowering Soldiers and leaders to reduce accidental loss and injury by incorporating CRM into mission planning through the use of this tool is a practice that can significantly increase combat power."

For more information about GRAT, visit <https://crc.army.mil/grat/>.

TSP TICKER

JUNE changes (as of 07/09)	
C FUND	- 2.65 percent
I FUND	- 3.59 percent
S FUND	- 4.39 percent

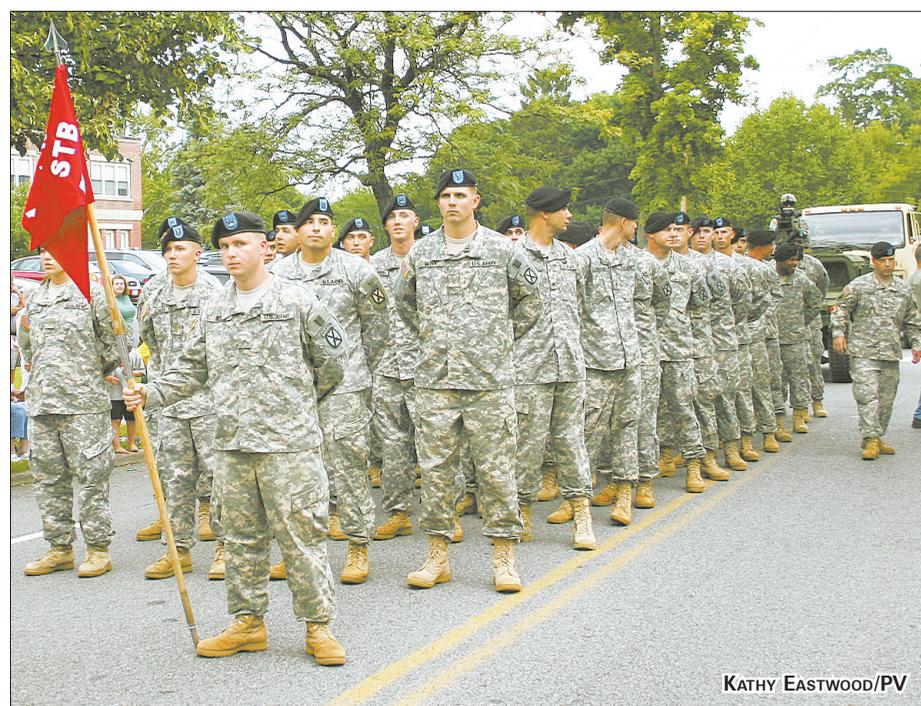
West Point's CPAC said, "We are working closely with both managers and employees to prepare them for the RIF process."

The MEDCOM leadership is sensitive to the impact of this decision on its loyal employees.

Every attempt will be made to place affected employees in current open Government positions.



DAVE BRZYWCZY/PAO



KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

10th Mountain Division Soldiers march in Highland Falls and Cornwall July 4 parades

Contingents from Task Force 4-31 of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y., marched in both the Highland Falls (left photo) and Cornwall parades held July 4 to celebrate Independence Day. Command Sgt. Maj. Alexander Jimenez, who marched with the Highland Falls group, and Sgt. Maj. John Mangels, who was with the Alpha Co., 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion in Cornwall, kept cadence for their respective groups. They also facilitated the movement of the troops and the vehicles that were also part of the parade, including an up-armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, an HEMTT wrecker recovery vehicle and a light mobility tactical vehicle. The two contingents were applauded by all who saw the parade and feted afterward at the events that followed. The Task Force, nicknamed the Polar Bears due to their first combat experience in Siberia during the early 1900s, is at West Point for the summer supporting all the Cadet Summer Training activities at Camp Buckner for both the new cadets and the yearling class. They arrived in early June and will stay through mid-August, training the cadets and also conducting some training of their own. Since most of the Soldiers in the task force have deployed at least once, they will share their real-world experiences with the cadets throughout the summer.

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in ambiguous situations. You can see it in their performance, and they're just a remarkable group of people."

Experience is evident in today's armed force's retention statistics. Nearly one out of every two servicemembers re-enlists. During the draft, only one-eighth of the force re-enlisted, leaving an average of less than 20 percent with more than a few years of service, Carr said.

"Although, the [draft-era] force was valiant, they didn't have the attributes of the all-volunteer force," he said. "Frankly, today's force is a lot more seasoned, experienced and smarter."

For the first time, the all-volunteer military has been taken to war for a protracted period of time, he said. Considering the current endeavors in Iraq and Afghanistan, Carr reflected on performance and retention concerns senior leaders had expressed.

"There were concerns about how today's fight would affect retention, and yet, retention has been as strong as any period in

our history," he said. "Volunteers want to serve; their performance is strong, their behaviors are strong, and their discipline is high."

Their choice to become members of the armed forces "speaks volumes for the dedication and loyalty of our nation and its volunteers," Carr added.

Voting Assistance

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

Community Features and Photos

Sponsors needed for Cadet Visitation Day

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

The annual New Cadet Quarters Visitation Day (or Ice Cream Social), a Fourth Class Sponsor Program instituted by the U.S. Military Academy, is July 27 from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

This program allows the new cadets to take a break from their rigorous routine and gives them the opportunity to leave the barracks to visit with a Family from the West Point community in an informal atmosphere.

It also gives the new cadets an opportunity to ask questions and to learn about military life from those who have experienced it.

Sponsors are encouraged to discuss all aspects of military life, answer questions and discuss life at West Point.

The new cadets will have their noon lunch and evening meals provided by the mess hall.

The program needs sponsors. If you wish to sponsor a few cadets, the staff and faculty sign-up for visitation day is on the Corps of Cadets Web page at <http://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu/>.

For more information on the sponsor program call Melissa Holstead, USCC Operations Assistant, at 845-938-8804.

Participants in the program should meet the following

criteria:

Rank: Be military in the rank of Sgt. 1st Class to Sgt. Maj., Chief Warrant Officer-4, and Capt. and above. Civilians can participate if they are Title 10 instructors, GS-9 and above or competitive sport head coaches.

Location: Participants must reside on the West Point Military Reservation or within the following; (walking privileges) geographic boundaries: North - Main post limits, South - Bear Mountain traffic circle where routes 6 and 9W intersect, East - West bank of the Hudson River and West - Route 9W.

Incoming personnel not yet

assigned to quarters are invited to host new cadets using West Point common areas.

Exceptions: May be requested through and approved by the USCC Chief of Staff.

Timeline of events:

1 p.m. -- Company formation -- new cadets form up at Diagonal Walk alphabetically by sponsor.

1:05 p.m. -- Accountability of new cadets, vicinity of Diagonal Walk.

1:10 p.m. -- New cadets march to corresponding signs in the vicinity of the bleachers.

1:15 p.m. -- New cadets and sponsors link-up.

1:30 p.m. -- All new cadets are

matched up with their sponsors and depart.

1:30-5:30 p.m. -- New cadets visit at sponsors' residences. CBT detail executes change of detail.

5:30 p.m. -- Sponsors return new cadets to cadet area.

6 p.m. -- 100 percent accountability of new cadets to be taken during dinner formation.

For Keller Army Community Hospital personnel to gain access to the sign-up page, Darlene Ruscelli is the point of contact for giving KACH personnel AMS access.

If you can't access the application, please contact Ruscelli at Darlene.ruscelli@us.army.mil or call 938-6775.



During New Cadet Quarters Visitation two summers ago, these new cadets got to enjoy refreshments and down time while talking with sponsors Gwenn Wallace (left) and Nancy Flowers. The program needs sponsors. Anyone who is interested and meets the criteria can sign up on the Corps of Cadets internal Web page at <http://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu/>.

PHOTO BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Firstie Jonathan Meyers teaches basic electricity to Thai-Lahu students, all of whom live in small villages with little opportunity to study English, vocational or technical skills.
PHOTOS PROVIDED BY EECS
Submitted by EECS

Five Firsties, one Cow and two instructors from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science participated in a 14-day Academic Individual Advanced Development international service project in Thailand June 11-25.

The AIAD, newly developed by Lt. Col. Matthew Chapman, who has experience working with the hill tribes of Northern Thailand, was designed to provide cadets a unique cultural immersion experience, with the goal of "International Education as the International Educator."

"I could not have been more pleased with the professionalism, motivation, expertise and compassion demonstrated by our West Point cadets to the Thai and Lahu people of Northern Thailand," Chapman said of the entire experience.

The trip, after almost 24 hours

of flying time, began with a country orientation and cultural immersion in the capital city of Bangkok, featuring visits to some of the cities most prominent cultural sites to include the Grand Palace, the Marble Temple and the Temple of the Dawn.

Most of the service project was conducted at a vocational training center north of Chiang Mai. The cadets developed lesson plans and conducted hands-on, classroom instruction for 38 Thai-Lahu students at the center.

The Lahu are one of several hill tribes of Northern Thailand, who live in small villages throughout northern Thailand and have little opportunity to study the English language, vocational skills or technical topics.

The students leave their villages to study at various training centers in the cities and suburban areas to support their families back in the villages.

Prior to leaving West Point, the six cadets designed and resourced the training classes they would execute in Thailand.

Firstie Shane Carlos, an art, philosophy and Literature major, taught Introduction to the English Language; Firstie Tera Corbari, an information technology major, taught English Language II; Cow Tim Adams, who has not yet declared a major, taught First Aid and Preventative Medicine; Firstie Charles Browne, an IT major, taught Budgeting; Firstie Jannelle Allong, a foreign language major, taught Basic Bicycle and Motorbike Repair and Firstie Jonathan Meyers, a third IT major, taught Basic Electricity.

Chapman and Lt. Col. Michael Brownfield, also from EECS, facilitated a daily session covering self-assessment, developing a vision, long- and short-term planning and decision-making for all the faculty and students at the center.

For most of the students, this was the first time they have received any formal instruction on the topics taught by the West Point team.

The cadets enjoyed the opportunity to operate in a multi-lingual environment and experience the issues related to teaching in a vastly different culture and through a language barrier.

While at the training center, the team lived on-site with the Lahu students and enjoyed the interaction and the Lahu meals they shared, even though none spoke more than broken English.

Carlos and Corbari taught their English classes without translators and had to use creativity and ingenuity to execute their classroom instruction.

"The opportunity to teach the students English was remarkably rewarding," Corbari said. "Their kindness, respect and desire to learn are lessons that I will never forget."

Classes that required more



Children warmed quickly to the West Point cadets who visited an orphanage in Chiang Rai. Firstie Charles Browne was extremely popular among the children due to his enormous size.

technical explanations were supplemented with Lahu-English translators who assisted in the training, giving the cadets valuable experience in interacting with translators and communicating with non-English speakers.

According to Meyers, "The experience and knowledge I gained from the difficult task of teaching with the assistance of a translator reinforced the importance of good communication skills as a leader in a diverse environment."

"I felt that teaching the Lahu villagers how to manage their money was a very rewarding experience. Many of them never thought about setting goals and saving money," Browne said.

"Throughout the class, I didn't know if what I was teaching was getting through to them, but at the end of the course, one student spoke for the class and told me they learned a lot from me and that they will teach others what I taught them," he continued.

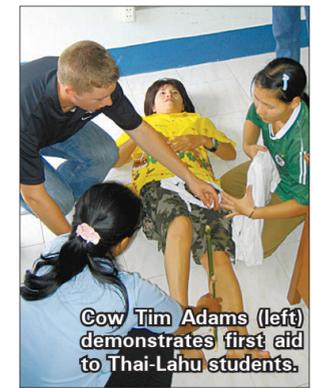
Allong concurred, saying, "Being an instructor for students of the Lahu hill-tribes was more of a teaching lesson for me. Not only did I sample their language, culture and spirituality, but I observed their determination and desire not only to improve individually, but as a contributor to the global community."

After the teaching phase, the team moved further north in the vicinity of Chiang Rai, visiting an orphanage, where a Lahu couple cared for 29 children.

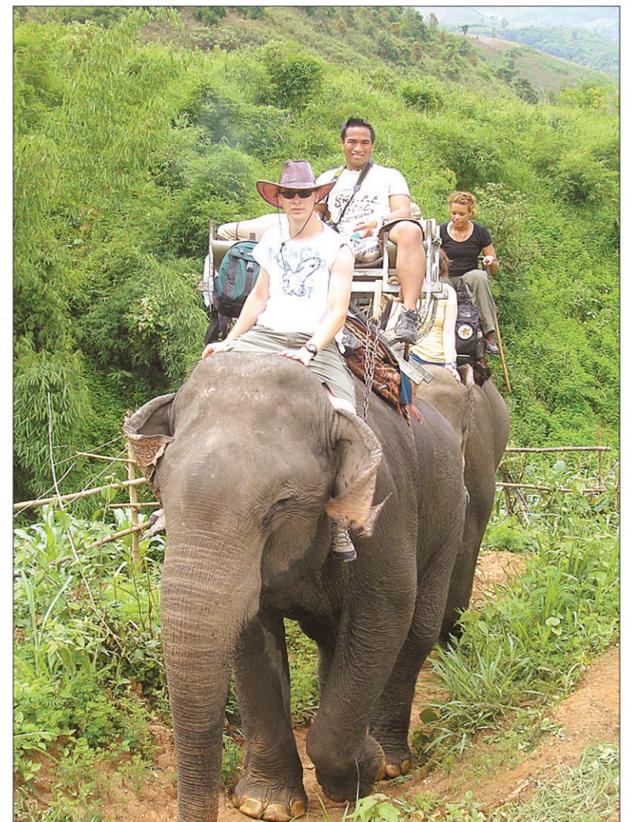
Through donations from the West Point community, the group provided much-needed wardrobe furniture for the orphans to store their clothes and belongings.



The U.S. Military Academy team visits a hill-tribe village. From left to right are: Lt. Col. Matthew Chapman, Firstie Jonathan Meyers, Lt. Col. Michael Brownfield, Firstie Charles Browne, Cow Tim Adams and Firsties Shane Carlos, Jannelle Allong and Tera Corbari.



Cow Tim Adams (left) demonstrates first aid to Thai-Lahu students.



Cow Tim Adams (front) and Firstie Shane Carlos (sitting in chair on top of the elephant) enjoy an elephant trek through the jungle near Chiang Rai during their 14-day Academic Individual Advanced Development trip to Thailand from June 11-25.

time with them and help out."

After nearly two weeks of service, the team had a chance to relax and enjoy northern Thailand with a trek through the jungle both on elephant back and on foot, experiencing a native Lahu lunch cooked in the jungle, walking through various hill-tribe villages and enjoying a swim in a natural waterfall.

Carlos summed up the trip, saying, "If any profound knowledge was gained on this trip, it would be the realization that people from different cultures have more similarities than differences. Though my time with the Lahu people was brief, my interaction with them blinded me from our cultural differences and allowed me to see that the human condition is the same in all of us."

All of the cadets were greatly touched as they played with the children and saw the close bond the children had for one another.

Even without a common language, cadets and orphans alike enjoyed laughing and playing games in their courtyard.

"Within minutes of meeting the cadets, the children rushed to show them their rooms and share genuine laughter and smiles. The cadets quickly fell in love with the children and wanted to return the next day," Brownfield said.

Browne shared his feelings, saying, "Going to the orphanage was a great experience. I'm glad we were able to help provide the needed furniture. Spending time and playing with them was a great time. I would go back to the orphanage in a heartbeat to spend

FMWR Blurbs

Fitness Center

FMWR Fitness Center will have a free Body Pump Launch 66 Saturday at 9 a.m.

Show USA pride by wearing red, white and blue.

Please sign up at FMWR Fitness Center.

For info, call 938-6490.

BOSS Car Wash

BOSS will host a car wash July 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX parking lot.

For info, call 938-6497.

Army Ten-Miler sponsorship

FMWR is sponsoring four Active Duty runners to represent West Point in The Army Ten-Miler Race in Washington D.C., Oct. 5.

Apply online at westpointmwr.com.

The application deadline is Tuesday.

For info, call 938-6497.

Junior Golf Clinic

The West Point Golf Course Junior Golf Clinic runs Monday through 18 and is open to youths

ages 8 years and up.

Space is limited to 45 students on a first come, first served basis.

Other sessions will be offered this season.

For info, call 938-2435.

Ballroom Dancing

There will be ballroom dancing at the West Point Club July 20 from noon to 4 p.m.

Come dance the afternoon away in the Grand Ballroom.

A summer luncheon buffet and cash bar will be available.

For more info, call 938-5120.

Sealed Bid Sale

FMWR Services Division is holding a sealed bid sale on a 2005 Ford 19-passenger bus with only 4,000 miles, which can be viewed July 21-24.

Bids must be submitted by 3 p.m. July 24.

Call 938-8188 for info.

CYS Summer Boat Ride

The Child and Youth Services Summer Boat Ride is July 18 and is open to those who have just completed 8th grade at West Point, Highland Falls and Garrison Middle Schools.

Boarding begins at South Dock at 1:30 p.m. and the boat returns

at 4 p.m.

A permission slip is required.

Call 938-3727 for more info.

BOSS Aloha Cruise

Join BOSS for their "Aloha Cruise" on the West Point Ferry Boat Aug. 9, boarding at 5:30 p.m. at South Dock.

This event is open to the entire West Point community over 18 years of age - bring valid ID.

For tickets and information, call 938-6497.

2008 Soldier Show

The 2008 Army Soldier Show, taking place at Ike Hall Oct. 19, is looking for local talent to perform on stage during the finale.

You must be active duty to be eligible.

Deadline for the competition entry is Sept. 15.

Contact Sheryle Miller at 938-6497 for additional information.

Childcare Co-op

The childcare co-op at the FMWR Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:45-11:15 a.m. in accordance with the West Point Elementary School calendar to parents with FMWR Fitness Center and CDC/YS privileges.

You must complete a brief VCCUS Training administered by the CDC and children must be registered with CDC/YS.

For info, call 446-5140.

Operation Purple Healing Adventure

Operation Purple Healing Adventure is Aug. 18-22 at Camp Ascca, Ala., and promises a week of fun family-centered activities with opportunities for individual, as well as couples seminars and activities.

Participation is limited to servicemembers who have been wounded in support of the Global War on Terrorism and have been in recovery from their wounds, injury or illness for at least one year.

Applications are available

online at www.nmfa.org.

Crandall Pool

Please note that the FMWR community swim program at Crandall Pool will be cancelled through July 25 to accommodate ODIA summer camps.

www.westpointmwr.com

Interested in Girl Scouting?

Contact Deanna Grande, West Point Girl Scouts Registrar at 446-5140 or jgrande@hvc.rr.com.

**WEST POINT SCHOOLS
Registration Open now**

Parents may register their school age children Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon at the West Point Elementary or West Point Middle schools. Pre-K students must be four years of age by Oct. 31 and kindergarteners must be five years of age by Oct. 31 to register for school.

Please have the following documents:

- **CERTIFIED** Birth Certificate
- **CHILD'S** Social Security Card
- **MOST CURRENT** military orders of the sponsor
- **CURRENT** housing letter
- **COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE** of RCI Lease Agreement once it is signed
- **IMMUNIZATION** record

If you have copies of your child's school records or last progress report/report card, please bring them for review.

For additional information, please call 938-3827 or 938-2923 and speak to the school registrar.

What's Happening**Garrison Retirement Ceremony**

The West Point community is invited to attend the Garrison Retirement Ceremony on Monday at 3:30 p.m. at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

Summer Playground Fun

Bring your children and join others for playground fun Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Please bring water and sun block for your child.

We'll be at the following playgrounds on the stated dates:

Wednesday New Brick

July 23 Lee Road

July 30 Stony I

Aug. 6 West Point Elementary

In case of inclement weather, playgroup is cancelled.

West Point Women's Club Play Days

The WPWC Moms & Tots Summer Play Day will meet from 9:30-11 a.m. on the dates and locations listed below:

July 24 West Point Elementary

Aug 14 Stony II Playground

Come join us for some summer fun.

For more information, please contact Shanna or Andrea via e-mail at usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com.

**Command Channel
8/23**

July 11-18

Friday & Monday - July 18
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

The
West Point Band
presents
Music Under the Stars

**Jazz Knights:
"Commissions &
Originals,"
Sunday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Jazz Knights with vocalist
Joe Francis: "Glenn Miller
Tribute," Sunday, July 20,
7:30 p.m. Inclement site:
Eisenhower Hall**

**Concert Band: "Family
Excursions," Sunday,
July 27, 6:30 p.m.**

**Trophy Point
Amphitheatre**
Free and Open to the Public
845-938-2617
www.westpoint.edu/band

DPW NOTES

Tour of West Point from the Hudson

All community members are invited to join DPW and Dr. Steve Grove, retired USMA Historian, for our annual guided tour of West Point from the Hudson River Aug. 9 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. departing from South Dock.

The event is free but due to the limited capacity of the boat, reservations are required. Plan now for an enjoyable, entertaining, yet educational afternoon, for family and friends.

Guests may bring food and beverages on board with them, as no other refreshments will be available.

For reservations, contact Kevin Kirkpatrick, Environmental Management Division, 938-5175.

Watering your lawn

Water is important to all living things, including your grass. Did you know that grass plants consists of about 90 percent water by weight and water moves all nutrients from roots to leaves in solution.

The following are the guidelines for lawn and garden watering in all the housing areas on West Point:

1.) The recommended time for watering your lawn is from 5 to 9 a.m., when humidity is high and temperatures are lower. If that's not possible, the next best time to water is 6 to 9 p.m.

2.) Watering should only be performed when the resident is at home.

3.) No matter when you water, it is important not to over-water. If water is ponding or running off on the surface, you are over-watering.

Remember, prolonged watering is bad for your grass as it increases the problems of disease fungi ruining your grass. Additionally, the ponding water could cause basement flooding in nearby

quarters and extra volume in the storm water system.

Additional information on lawn care is available at the DPW Web site, Environmental Division, Agronomy. There are for links to several informational resources.

Questions on lawn care may be directed to Bob Jones, DPW Agronomist, at 938-6789.

Maintenance Backlog

Between now and the beginning of RCI operation Aug. 1, 156 Families will be PCSing from West Point and each set of their quarters needs standard preventive maintenance, plus repairs, to correct any defects.

Residents should continue to report all service requests and make

a note of their service order number for future reference.

However, DPW will only be able to respond to other than emergency requests on a time-available basis only.

All outstanding service orders will be transitioned to Balfour Beatty on Aug. 1.

Our priority is to provide the in-between resident maintenance cycle on a timely basis to ensure that incoming Families spend limited time in transition housing.

Your patience during this peak transition period is appreciated. Questions or special concerns should be addressed to DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407 or Chief, Facilities Management Branch, at 938-7663.

Eisenhower Hall's Fall season

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons	Sept. 14	5 p.m.
Marina Arsenijevic	Sept. 25	7:30 p.m.
Paul Rodriguez	Sept. 26	8 p.m.
Altar Boyz	Oct. 4	8 p.m.
Monty Python's Spamalot	Oct. 18	8 p.m.
Nunsense	Oct. 26	3 p.m.
Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker	Nov. 22	2 p.m.
Amy Grant & Vince Gill	Dec. 6	8 p.m.

For more information and ticket ordering, go to

www.ikehall.com

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

Friday -- Sex and the City, R, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday -- The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Keller Corner

Clinical Breast StudyFemale military health care beneficiaries 30 to45 years of age are invited to participate in an ongoing clinical breast study to evaluate a new non-invasive imaging technology for its ability to identify young women who may be at increased risk for breast cancer.

Contact Joyce Epstein-Ross FNP at 938-8387.

Childbirth Preparation Classes

Childbirth Preparation Classes (four-week series) start July 29 and will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital 2nd floor classroom.

If you are expecting a baby before mid-October, sign up now.

Call OBU at 938-3210 with questions or to register.

Blood Drive Kick-Off

The Kick-Off Campaign Meeting is July 25 from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Army Education Center, Bldg 683, Classroom #10, for the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Services Program Blood Drive scheduled for Aug. 25-28.

Appointed key personnel from each activity need to attend this meeting.

Please provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or via e-mail at mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil on or before July 25.

DEERS

Did you know that when life changes, you need to update DEERS?

DEERS stands for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and it's the key to your family benefits.

Reenlisting, commissioning, separating, retiring or PCSing all require changes to DEERS. And those are just your professional changes.

Personal changes such as getting married, having a new baby, divorcing, moving or simply getting a new phone number also require changes to DEERS.

Call 938-3746 to make sure you have the proper documentation before visiting the ID Card Section in Bldg. 622 for most DEERS changes.

Simple address changes may be e-mailed to www.tricare.osd.mil/deers.

Whatever the change may be, make sure to change DEERS as well.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Army and Community Sports

Despite loss to DPW, Marines hold first place



Dean/DOL left-centerfielder Jerry Selby knocks home a run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning to close the scoring gap to 5-3. His team went on to beat CLS 8-6 and improved its record to 9-5 Wednesday.



Stewart Marines shortstop Steve DeBruyn guns out a DPW runner at first base during a 9-7 loss to DPW Monday. It was the Marines first loss of the season, but they are now 14-1 in the North Division of the West Point IM Softball League after another win Wednesday.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



Directorate of Public Works catcher Aras Bartys rips a single during DPW's 9-7 victory over the Stewart Marines Monday at the FMWR H Lot Athletic Complex. DPW, with the win, moved into first place for a day and is now 13-1 on the season after a 7-4 win Tuesday over the Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Post Intramural Softball

*As of Wednesday's games

NORTH DIVISION		W - L
1. Stewart Marines		14 - 1
2. DPW		13 - 1
3. ODIA		9 - 4
4. MEDDAC		8 - 4
5. USMA Band		7 - 9
6. MPs		5 - 8
7. DOIM		4 - 11
8. WTU		3 - 11
9. 411th ENG		0 - 14
SOUTH DIVISION		W - L
1. Math		11 - 0
2. History		10 - 3
3. Dean/DOL		9 - 5
4. DAD		7 - 3
5. DMI		7 - 5
6. DPE/EECS		7 - 6
7. Engineers		5 - 9
8. BTD		4 - 9
9. CLS		2 - 11
10. Social Science		1 - 12

Scherer captures Junior Men's 3-Position title

By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

FT. BENNING, Ga. -- Yearling and 2008 U.S. Olympic team member Stephen Scherer excelled at the 2008 USA Shooting National Championships over the weekend, capturing the Junior Men's 3-Position title at Ft. Benning's International Shooting Complex.

The two-time first team All-American rifleman also finished second in the Junior Men's Air Rifle competition.

Scherer had an 11-point lead over Alaska Fairbanks' Cody Rutter with an 1161 following the first day of the two-day Junior Men's 3-position competition. That lead slipped to seven points (2309-2302) the second day heading into the shoot off.

The Army Black Knight from Billerica, Mass., clinched his first national title firing a 95.5 for a composite score of 2404.8 to Rutter's 86.2 for a 2388.1. West Virginia's Thomas Santelli

captured the bronze with a 2386.3.

Scherer finished ninth overall among a field of 85 shooters with 2004 Olympian and 2008 Olympic team member Matt Emmons topping the field with a 2455.1 en route to capturing his third national title at the competition.

U.S. Army Marksmanship member and 1996 Olympian Eric Uptagrafft was a distant second at 2437.1.

The Army sharpshooter took second in the Junior Men's Air Rifle competition with a 1279.1 behind Ethan Settlemires (1282.5), while finishing sixth overall among a field of 81 competitors.

Emmons captured the national title with a 1290.7, edging two-time Olympian Jason Parker (1288.9) for the crown, and also won the Men's Prone title.

Scherer, whose performance over the weekend earned him a spot on next year's National Development Team, will be competing later this summer at

the Olympic Games in Beijing as a member of the USA's air rifle team along with Parker and Jason Turner.

NOTES: It proved to be a family affair for Stephen Scherer and head coach Ron Wigger ... Scherer's younger sister Sarah finished second in the Junior Three-Position Women's event with a 1252.7 ...

Wigger was runner-up in the Senior Men's Prone Rifle event (1170) and 37th overall among a field of 93 shooters ... he finished ahead of his father, Lones (1163), a two-time Olympic gold medalist and four-time qualifier, who was recently inducted into the Olympic Hall of Fame.

Yearling Stephen Scherer added to his impressive shooting resume as he took the Junior men's 3-Position title over the weekend. The two-time first team All-American will compete next month at the Olympics. PHOTO BY JON MALNOWSKI

