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C FUND	+ 1.33 percent
I FUND	+ 1.82 percent
S FUND	+ 1.28 percent

## Diversity office established

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Understanding and appreciating the differences of the various individuals who live and work at the academy is how West Point wants to conduct business.

The command took a big step forward Monday by establishing the USMA Leading Diversity Office with the hope of creating a more inclusive culture at the academy.

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck directed the academy leaders to begin work on standing up a diversity office. The office will enable the academy to better provide the Army with junior officers who can understand and value people's differences and then educate their subordinates, peers and senior leaders on diversity principles.

"Since the formation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the 1960s, the Army has been a leader in equal opportunity," Hagenbeck said. "The Army's expertise in diversity and the related sociology and psychology fields is largely at West Point, so we can do the same with organizational diversity."

"The Army needs the USMA diversity office in place now as a means of coordinating the academy's invaluable expertise as

an input to the Army's evolving diversity program."

Hagenbeck has called on two experts in various aspects of diversity to set up this program – Cols. Jeanette McMahon, who was named director of the USMA Leading Diversity Office, and Andre Sayles, Department Head for Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, who will act as an advisor.

"This is essential to our role in putting lieutenants into the Army who are potentially diversity savvy and who will be able to make a difference immediately in supporting the efforts of the Army at large," Sayles said. "We would not want the Army to have to train or educate our graduates in this important area. We need to do that ourselves."

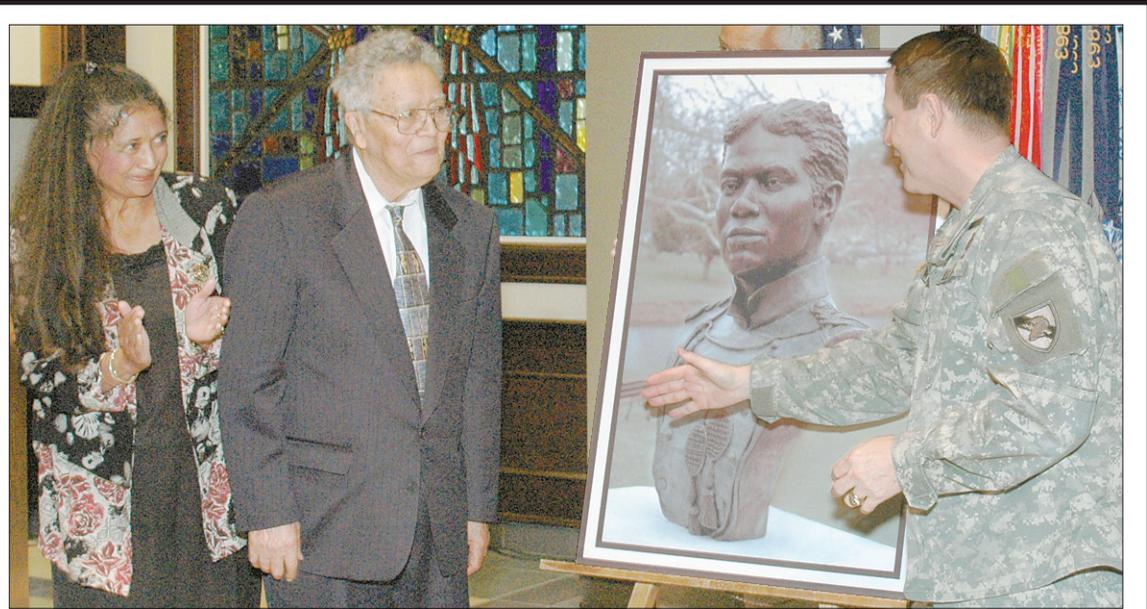
Sayles is the architect of the diversity office and has spent the past 15 years voluntarily giving diversity presentations to the Board of Directors. He has also worked with an informal group since 2002 to spearhead diversity principles and recommendations for the institution.

"I've been working and studying organizational diversity for more than 25 years and I have a pretty good idea what this needs to look like for this particular application," Sayles explained. "My job is to develop solutions and figure out what approach West Point needs to take for various things to get done."

Sayles will support McMahon, and her five-member staff, which includes the Equal Opportunity Program manager, Maj. Christopher Capozzi, and the Equal Opportunity advisor, Sgt. 1st Class Garrett Gardner, and, eventually, an education director and Web manager/administration assistant.

Moving the Equal Opportunity Program under the guidance of a diversity office is part of the bigger picture where things such as affinity groups will not be perceived as separate, but as a

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### Flipper dedication

U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, [right], congratulates Joseph Flipper and his daughter, Carla Flipper, during a bust dedication in honor of Lt. Henry O. Flipper March 30 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Joseph Flipper is the grand nephew of Lt. Flipper, Carla is Joseph Flipper's daughter. The Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, hosted the ceremony.

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## Cadets earn East-West fellowships

By Jim Fox  
Assistant Editor

Cadets 1st Class Mary Boyle, Heather DiSilvio and Dan Vallone were named graduate degree fellows at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii at Manoa March 28.

They are the 30th, 31st and 32nd cadets to earn East-West fellowships since the academy began competing in 1991.

Boyle, 23, of Fairfax Station, Va., will work toward a masters of arts in Asian Studies, concentrating on China.

The Chinese language major said she is excited about the opportunity to continue to learn about East Asia.

"The area of expertise in Asia will help me to serve as a Foreign Area Officer," said the future military intelligence officer. "More immediately, the knowledge I will gain will help me to provide a global perspective for my Soldiers as a junior officer."

The four-year letter-winner

on the Army women's soccer team, Boyle is also the logistics officer for cadet 2nd Regiment's 1st Battalion.

DiSilvio, 23, of Kirkland, Wash., will pursue a masters of

arts in Asian Studies at Hawaii.

The Chinese major here said she was "honestly shocked" upon finding out that she had earned a fellowship.

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## 2005 grad dies in Iraq

Compiled by Jim Fox  
Assistant Editor

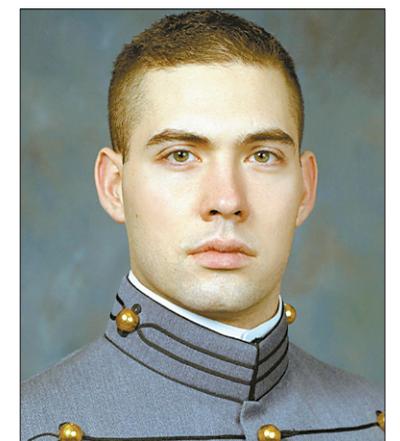
The Department of Defense announced the death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom Tuesday.

First Lt. Neale M. Shank, 25, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq, from a non-combat related incident.

His death is under investigation.

Shank, a USMA 2005 graduate, was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

He is survived by his sister Naomi, his father Michael Shank, mother Jackie Strasser.



1st Lt. Neale M. Shank

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## Sexual Assault Awareness Month -- April 2007

**Commentary by  
Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck  
U.S. Military Academy  
Superintendent**

The U.S. Military Academy and West Point will observe National Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April 2007.

The campaign to prevent sexual assault is ongoing and each year public officials across our nation declare the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We do this to call attention to this crisis and collectively recommit ourselves to being part of the solution.

At West Point prevention must exist on at least two levels -- the individual level and the command level.

This year's theme, "Stand Up Against Sexual Assault -- Make A Difference," issues a call to action for each and every person in our community. Leaders must also support USMA's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program by creating a climate that minimizes sexual assault risk and encourages reporting.

These factors are essential to keeping our community safe and maintaining a high level of readiness.

All of us must continue to live by the Army Values and treat each other with dignity and respect.

I urge everyone to visit the Army's SAPR-P Web site at [www.sexualassault.army.mil](http://www.sexualassault.army.mil) for

additional materials.

As each one of us stands up to make a difference, large or small,

each day, we will take great strides toward eliminating sexual assault in our Army.

**This year's motto:  
"Stand Up Against Sexual Assault.....  
.....Make a Difference"**

**To: THE COMMUNITY OF WEST POINT  
From: SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM  
What: SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6 April		Superintendent's Proclamation	Pointer View
12 April	12:05 to 12:10 p.m.	First Captain's Address	Mess Hall
1-30 April		Signs-all gates supporting SAAM	Entrance Gates to post
13 April	8 to 9 a.m.	SA Brief to MALO Conference	Ike Hall – Benny Havens
14-16 April	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Diversity Leadership Conference	Thayer Hall
13/16 April	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Information Booth/Teal Ribbons	Main PX
17 April	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	West Point Teal Ribbon Day	Entire Post
20 April	12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	SA Brief to Parents Club Conference	Ike Hall
26 April	Noon to 1 p.m.	Self Defense Class	Arvin Gym
Throughout April		Info slide – Myth vs. Fact	Channel 23
Throughout April		Web Page detailed information	USCC and Family Advocacy Website

**Why:** The implementation of the Army's new Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program [SAPR -P] began on June 14, 2005. This program offers various services to those who are sexually assaulted. Additionally, this program offers a confidential reporting option for Soldiers. Family members and civilians may also access services through this program.

Victim Advocacy services are available 24/ 7/ 365.

Our goal is to eliminate incidents of sexual violence in our community through awareness and education. All activities are free of charge.

**POCs:** For more information contact:

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Col. Jeanette McMahon, USMA Program Coordinator [845] 938-5983.

### SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Samantha Ross [USCC], Maj. Kim Kawamoto [ODIA] and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams [Dean]. Community members can e-mail McMahon at [Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu](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.



**"Stand up Against Sexual Assault... Make a Difference"**

**APRIL**  
is  
**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

### 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.

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Difficulty: Easy

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# Local and National News

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"The difficulty in receiving this news was that I had to face the option of missing platoon leader time or getting a masters," DiSilvio said. "I am very grateful for having received it and I hope to learn a lot."

DiSilvio, a platoon leader in cadet company E-4, said she has been told by several officers that receiving a masters has helped them "think in a different way."

"I believe that higher education does require a more analytical approach to solving problems, which is certainly a helpful skill to have as an officer," the future engineer branch officer said. "Most importantly, however, I feel that improving my Chinese language skills and honing my knowledge of Asia will mold me into a valuable asset for the U.S. Army, especially during this time when our relationship with Asia is changing."

Vallone, 22, of Epping, N.H., would also study toward a masters of arts in Asian Studies.

The East Asian Studies major would attend Hawaii beginning this August, hopefully after finishing his Basic Officer Leadership Course/ Officer Basic Course commitment, he said.

"I was both surprised and excited when I heard I had earned the fellowship," Vallone said.

The future Infantry officer is cadet company E-4's Sandhurst squad leader.

According to the Center's Web site it "is an education and research organization established by the U.S. Congress in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific and the United States. The Center contributes to a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia-Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia-Pacific region and the United States.

"Funding for the Center comes from the U.S. government, with additional support provided by private agencies, individuals, foundations, corporations and the governments of the region."



Cadet 1st Class Mary Boyle



Cadet 1st Class Heather DiSilvio



Cadet 1st Class Dan Vallone

## Army reaches public through YouTube, Flickr, Del.icio.us

By J.D. Leipold

WASHINGTON [Army News Service] -- The Army has started sharing videos and photos of Soldiers in action around the world at popular content-sharing Web sites.

YouTube, Del.icio.us and Flickr are now showing footage of Soldiers fighting the War on Terrorism, helping to guard the southwestern border, assisting others during natural disasters, partnering with homeland-security first responders and providing humanitarian assistance.

The videos, many of which are produced by Army broadcasters, are on YouTube. Photos taken by Department of Defense photographers are available on Flickr. Del.icio.us, a social-bookmark site that offers links-sharing, contains links to Army sites on subjects ranging from Army

sports and the Army campaign plan to installation homepages.

"Linking to these sites was another way to get our media out to people," said Robert Schell, content director for Army.mil. "It's another service to market what the Army does, to touch an audience the Army may not currently capture normally. What this does is give secondary places to go and find video, photographs and links about the Army outside of Army.mil."

The content is added to the sites by the Army.mil team, which publishes the Army's homepage. While Schell said Army.mil gets more than five million visitors per month, he estimates more than one million visitors per day go to YouTube alone.

"In some cases the only way to view those unclassified videos and photographs is through the Joint Combat Camera Center Web site or through a specific Army site. Not

everyone has access to those sites or knows about them."

All three sites are considered "social" Web sites, which means visitors can interact, make comments on content, link to that content and they can embed the Web address in their own sites.

Chris Clarke, technical director for Army.mil, puts the new venture into another perspective: "Army.mil isn't an island, you shouldn't have to go to it to get all content related to the Army. What we have to do is go where the audience is."

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### Cadets invited to Golden Gloves at MSG

USMA is sending a contingent to the 80th Golden Gloves finals to be held at the Theater at Madison Square Garden April 20 at 7:30 p.m. Members of the USMA Color Guard will present the colors at the opening ceremony, while a quartet from the Cadet Glee Club will sing the National Anthem. Twenty-four members of the Cadet Boxing Club, all first and second place winners in the 51st Brigade Boxing Open, will also attend and be recognized.

This event is open to the public and members of the USMA community are also invited to attend. For ticket information, go to <http://www.thegarden.com/boxoffice.jsp>.

# Beware of computer hoaxes and urban legends

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Anyone who uses a computer either at home or at work is very cognizant of security issues. Most Internet providers and servers will continually ask people to update their virus scans to detect the ever-increasing new viruses that attempt to ruin our Internet experience by infections of worms, Trojans or spyware.

The one thing that a virus program or anti-spyware program won't do is filter out e-mails sent to you by well-meaning friends who received a dire warning and want their friends to know about it too.

This is why when we suddenly get something in our e-mail,

especially from friends that appears genuine and contains a dire warning about a new virus or behavior, people tend to take them seriously. These can be in the form of chain letters or Internet hoaxes.

One common hoax making the rounds recently is a warning about pressing 90# on a home phone or cell phone. The e-mail talks about a particular telephone scam from a service technician from AT&T stating he was testing the line and directed the victim to press 90#. The e-mailer states that she was suspicious, so she called the telephone company only to find out that by doing what the technician said she was allowing someone complete access to her telephone line and the scammer will be able

to run up her telephone bill.

Although these types of hoaxes are generally not harmful to the computer, it costs in other ways.

"The main damage is in lost productivity," said Paul Scullion, Director of Information Management here. "Simply taking the time to read the e-mail is time taken away from doing real work. Spam/hoax e-mails can contain malicious payloads like a virus or a worm [which can be spread to other computers by e-mailing them] and can be huge in terms of lost productivity and dollars."

Newer hoaxes that are making their way to e-mail addresses warn about a criminal ploy to put sugar in women's gas tanks, according to [www.about.com](http://www.about.com).

Another e-mail announces the bad news of the death of the comedian Sinbad, who is alive and well.

"Spam/hoax e-mails are pretty easy to identify," Scullion said. "My main recommendation is if a user receives an e-mail that is not work related to delete it. We do run spam filters on our e-mail systems, which eliminate more than 300,000 spam e-mails each month.

"The problem is spammers change tactics all the time so the amount of spam will rise and fall," Scullion added. "It's a constant battle because we don't want to increase the spam filter to the most aggressive setting as it could block legitimate e-mails."

There are a number of Web sites

that people can go to, to find out if an e-mail warning is legitimate.

One is [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com), a popular Web site that explodes urban legends and warnings.

As far as the 90# hoax is concerned, it is not possible at the U.S. Military Academy because of the type of telephone system in place to prevent just such abuse, according to Scullion. Notably, the use of personal identification numbers and because a person is unable to call forward an office number to an off-post number, the USMA system is protected.

It is also not possible for home phones or cell phones, according to [snopes.com](http://snopes.com).

So, before you forward an e-mail from a well-meaning friend, do your other friends a favor and check it out. By doing so, you are helping to alleviate some of the spam that is a constant problem in cyber-space.

## Major unit rotations announced for Iraq

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- More than 7,000 servicemembers will deploy to Iraq in the coming months, including two units that will not have been back at their home stations for the year they expected when they returned home from their last deployments, Defense Department officials said Monday.

The rotations will enable commanders in Iraq to maintain 20 brigade combat teams in the theater through the end of August,

officials said.

The 3,500 Soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., will return to Iraq 47 days before their one-year stateside "dwell break" is finished. The headquarters of 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, will return to Iraq 81 days early.

"The level of effort that the United States is maintaining in Iraq is a build-up to 20 combat brigades," said Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman. "These combat brigades -- with these additional troop rotations -- will permit the surge to commit at that

level through the end of August."

The 18th Airborne Corps from Fort Bragg, N.C., will replace the 3rd Corps out of Fort Hood, Texas, as the lead unit for Multinational Corps Iraq in November. The corps headquarters is at Camp Victory outside Baghdad.

The 1st Armored Division headquarters, from Wiesbaden, Germany, will go in to replace the 25th Infantry Division headquarters, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, in August. The 25th Infantry Division headquarters will extend in Iraq for 45 days. The 25th Infantry

Division is the headquarters for the Multinational Division North, based in Contingency Operating Base Speicher, near Tikrit.

The 4th Infantry Division will return to the Iraqi capital to replace the 1st Cavalry Division as headquarters for Multinational Division Baghdad in September. The 4th served a year as the lead for Multinational Division Baghdad through 2006. The 1st Cavalry will depart on schedule.

## March a solid month for TSP returns

By Brittany R. Ballenstedt  
Govexec.com

The three riskiest funds in the Thrift Savings Plan posted the greatest gains for March, while one of the more conservative funds had no movement and the other made just small gains.

The I Fund, which invests in international stocks, grew the most, at 2.57 percent. March's growth brings the fund's 12-month gains to 20.22 percent -- also the highest increase of any fund over that period.

The C Fund, which tracks the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, gained 1.09 percent for March, bringing the 12-month increase to 11.83 percent.

The S Fund, which invests in the stocks of small- and mid-sized American companies, also grew 1.09 percent last month. The fund tracks the Dow Jones Wilshire 4500 Index, which invests in the 4,500

next largest domestic companies after the 500 tracked by the C Fund. The S Fund's 12-month gains stand at 9.30 percent.

The government securities, or G Fund, which is the most reliable TSP fund, earned 0.42 percent last month for a yearlong 5.05 percent increase.

The fixed-income bonds included in the F Fund made no movement in March, placing them at the bottom of the pack for the month. But the fund came in with 6.6 percent gains for the year, placing it ahead of the G Fund.

All of the TSP's life cycle fund options, which automatically adjust as investors near their target retirement date, grew this month. Those designed for younger employees posted the greatest gains, because they invested more heavily in the I, C and S funds.

The L 2040 fund, designed for TSP participants anticipating retirement around the year 2040,

grew 1.34 percent. The L 2030 Fund gained 1.16 percent; the L 2020 rose 1.08 percent; the L 2010 increased 0.89 percent; and the L Income, designed for employees with planned retirements in the very near future, gained 0.62 percent.

March's performance marked a reversal from February, when a steep drop in the Dow Jones industrial average caused slight losses among the funds that have grown the most over the past year.

### CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error the name of Cadet 2nd Class Christopher M. Tarney was misspelled on second reference and following in the "Cadet named Truman scholar" story on page 1 of the March 30 issue.

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way for everyone to get involved and enjoy somebody else's unique culture and qualities.

"What this program will do is take a holistic look at diversity and align the things we're already doing [with equal opportunity and affinity groups] with what goals and objectives that we want to accomplish [with a lecture series and diversity requirements with the course syllabus]," Sayles said. "It will create efficiency for delivering a product to the Army that is the right diversity education and, at the same time, because it's a community effort, we will see a significant improvement to our environment in the way we interact with each other on a daily basis."

The next step is organizational diversity because, where equal

opportunity focuses on compliance, mandates, training, observances and fair and equal treatment, organizational diversity is a voluntary, top-down approach that involves everyone through a focused educational opportunity and understanding of cross-cultural and cross-gender attitudes.

"Diversity is about education, so, from a diversity standpoint, an observance [such as attending a Women's History Month celebration] is an educational opportunity because we're all working on understanding people who are not like us," Sayles said. "Whereas, from an EO standpoint, it's an observance because we're required to do it, so we do the best we can."

According to Sayles, diversity is

an important part of leadership and leaders will be better for making the effort to understand different cultures and different thought processes and by understanding who they're leading.

"Diversity is important to mission effectiveness," Sayles stated. "If we understand what different people bring to the table and take advantage of those differences to enhance our organizations, then we'll see we're not only better leaders, but ... our organizations become more effective because we'll have the ability to leverage what everyone brings to the table."

West Point is the epitome of a diversity laboratory, Sayles added, with 60 international cadets, cadets from every state in the country,

ethnic diversity, gender diversity and religious diversity. While West Point was criticized recently by the Middle States Accreditation for not having a top-down approach, Sayles believes within five years West Point will lead the nation with its new program.

McMahon is pleased to have been chosen the director of this program because it closely relates to her current job as the Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Human Relations.

"We were looking at our curriculum to see where we were teaching things related to assault, harassment or gender discrimination and I think we can look at those types of issues from a diversity principle standpoint," McMahon said. "What are we going to teach

our cadets in terms of diversity? What do we want to understand and how does it relate to organizational effectiveness?"

"We have to raise the bar and make the cadets appreciate that they are coming from all types of diverse backgrounds," she added, "and we have a high standard of respect and diversity here."

As the Leading Diversity Office and the Diversity Steering Committee develop programs and plans over the next year, everyone will begin to see the importance that diversity will play at West Point as a whole and during the cadets' 47-month learning experience here.

"I believe within a short period of time the effort will touch everyone at West Point and we'll see people talking about diversity," Sayles said, "That's a very important part of it [diversity] -- to get people to talk about it."

## Vice President Cheney confirmed as graduation speaker

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

White House officials confirmed Wednesday that Vice President Dick Cheney will deliver the commencement address May 26 at the U.S. Military Academy graduation ceremony in Michie Stadium here. Last year, President George W. Bush addressed the graduates. Cheney was secretary of defense from March 1989 to January 1993 under President George H.W. Bush. In 1991, Bush

awarded Cheney the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his leadership in the Gulf War.

"We are very honored and pleased that Vice President Cheney will be the guest speaker for our graduation ceremony this year," said Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck. "Our graduates are looking forward to his advice as they head out to serve in the Global War on Terror."

Cheney began a career in public service in 1969 as a member of the Nixon administration and

continued in service for President Gerald Ford. In 1975, he was named assistant to the president and White House Chief of Staff and was elected to Congress in 1978. He served five terms in the U.S. House and was elected minority whip in 1988. He earned his undergraduate and master's degree from the University of Wyoming.

West Point officials said the VP's presence will mean

increased security measures at this year's graduation ceremony. Those attending will only be allowed to bring small cameras and camcorders, small purses or equivalent handbags into Michie Stadium. Backpacks, umbrellas, coolers, alcohol, weapons and wrapped gifts will not be allowed. Officials also advise that guests arrive early to allow for security screening.



Vice President Dick Cheney will be the graduation speaker for the Class of 2007 May 26 at Michie Stadium.

# Community Features and Photos

## Cadets are "Winning the Peace" in Jersey City, N.J.

By Maj. Stephanie Ahern  
Dept. of Social Sciences

Seventeen cadets and six officers from the U.S. Military Academy traveled to Jersey City, N.J., March 29-31, as a part of the Department of Social Science's SS490B "Winning the Peace" course.

This trip gave cadets the opportunity to live and interact with diverse cultural, ethnic and religious groups, which enabled the cadets to better understand the multiple, competing perspectives they will soon face when deployed as junior Army officers.

This is the primary exercise for the "Winning the Peace" course, which is designed to help synthesize much of the cadets' USMA educational experiences and help create strategically-minded Soldier Statesmen for the Army at the company grade level and beyond. This is an elective course open to any interested junior or senior, although this semester only Social Science majors are enrolled.

Throughout their stay, the cadets spent time with Egyptian Coptic, Egyptian and Pakistani Muslim, Indian Hindu and various Christian communities, while also having the opportunity to talk with Jersey City's mayor and the city council's president. In addition to viewing their typical routines, each community discussed how it works with leaders of other ethnic and religious communities to solve problems collectively.

"It was remarkable to see the great lengths that leaders of different communities within the city go to in order to foster a sense of cooperation with one another," said Cadet 1st Class Melvin Levey. "I think that we benefited most from the challenge of listening to people who may not speak our language or share our faith, but who, ultimately, share our desire to make the world, even on a small scale, a better place."

The cadets spent two nights at the Islamic Center of Jersey City Mosque and Al-Ghazali School, including observing the evening and early morning daily prayers. They also visited the St. George & St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church, Sunni Rizvi Jamia Masjid Mosque, the Hindu Temple at the Govinda Sanskar Center, the Mount Olive Baptist Church, and the Old Bergen [Dutch Reformed] Church and also met with a local Catholic

priest.

With each of the ethnic communities, the cadets attended a regularly-held worship service, heard a religious and cultural presentation, interacted with youth and the elders and were treated to homemade feasts.

The trip was made possible by the generous donations from members of The Cultural Coalition of Jersey City for Winning the Peace and the Compton Foundation. Senior leaders from the Jersey City Police Department and various ethnic community leaders created a schedule to maximize the perspectives with which the cadets would be directly exposed: ethnic, cultural, religious, generational, socio-economic and public versus private entities.

The police department provided 24-hour movement assistance and support for the cadets. This also gave the cadets the opportunity to

ask questions of the police officers about their own challenges, many of which are similar to those faced today by junior Army officers in Iraqi and Afghani cities.

While the primary intent of the trip is to educate the cadets, this experience has also been an important opportunity to bring together the various communities in Jersey City. The ethnic community leaders created the group "The Cultural Coalition of Jersey City for Winning the Peace" this year specifically for this class trip. Leaders from each group attended other communities' events throughout the weekend.

Jersey City, N.J., is a multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural city of 250,000 people located directly across the river from New York City and served as the water escape route for many leaving NYC on 9/11.

With its large Muslim



Fox News was one many media outlets that covered the exercise. Here they interview Cadet 1st Class Peter Zink.



Cadets 1st Class Erin Morgan and Tom Pierczynski made an impromptu presentation to a third grade class held at one of the Mosques during the "Winning the Peace" exercise. The class kept asking their teacher 'why are all these cadets here?' so she asked if someone could explain and the cadets volunteered.

PHOTOS BY CAPT. AMANDA GOOKINS/SOSH

community, in addition to its diverse and vibrant immigrant populations, this city has dealt with many internal struggles, especially over the past six years.

While Jersey City still has occasional ethnic issues, thanks to its very involved city government, police department and ethnic community leaders, the city has diffused many potential problems, thus making it a superb case study

for the cadets to research prior to witnessing various issues while deployed.

At the exercise's conclusion, Ahmed Shedeed, President of the Islamic Center of Jersey City, thanked the cadets, saying "You have created the opportunity for the different ethnic communities of Jersey City to come together, which otherwise would not have been possible."

## EE&CS hosts Panamanian students in reverse AIAD

Submitted by EE&CS

The usual Advanced Individual Academic Development has cadets traveling far from West Point during the summer to learn and do research in new environs. Owing to recent Department of Defense emphasis on foreign language and cultural education, AIADs in non-English speaking countries have been on the rise.

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science has supported several of these, but has also turned the tables.

Three undergraduate seniors from Universidad Tecnológica de Panama traveled to West Point and are currently working with EE&CS faculty and cadets on information security projects.

Ylenia Díaz, Elba Silva and Miguel Cedeño, all Computer Science majors, arrived at West Point in mid-March for a five-week visit. They are continuing the work they started in Panama last summer with Cadet 1st Class Francisco Martinez [an IT major] during his AIAD.

This four-person international team developed a HoneyNet, which is a virtual network used to study hacker actions.

At West Point the Panamanians are analyzing data collected from a local HoneyNet and adding functionality to enable international cooperation in threat detection and data analysis. A normal day finds them in the Information Technology and Operations Center [ITOC] under the guidance of Lt. Col. Ron Dodge and Lt. Col. Kevin Huggins.

This trip is also culturally enriching. As the Panamanian students are staying with cadets in the barracks, they are learning firsthand about life at USMA. In addition, they are discovering the local region through weekend outings. Cadets have also had a chance to learn about the culture in Panama from their international guests.

EE&CS also hosted Nicolás Bersano, a Computer Science student from Diego Portales University in Santiago, Chile in February. Similar to the Panamanians, Nicolás visited West Point to continue work on a project initiated last summer.

Cadets 1st Class Stephen Hudak and Anthony Mattazaro [both CS majors] visited Chile last summer on an AIAD.



Panamanian student Miguel Cedeño [left], Cadet 1st Class Stephen Hudak and Panamanian students Ylenia Díaz and Elba Silva give their presentation on threat detection and data analysis.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Chilean student Nicolas Bersano [left] and another student worked with Cadets 1st Class Stephen Hudak and Anthony Mattazaro [right] during the cadets' trip to Chile last summer.

PHOTO BY CADET 1ST CLASS ANTHONY MATAZARO



### Ken Burns talks 'War'

Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns [above] and his partners from Florentine Films speak to cadets at Robinson Auditorium here March 29. During the visit they helped teach portions of two sections of HI154, Advanced U.S. History, where they showed a portion of his upcoming seven-part, 14-and-a-half-hour documentary, *The War*, about how WWII affected America. During class he showed a 10-minute segment on the war in the Pacific theater. Later that night, 1,400 cadets packed the auditorium to view a 20-minute portion of his film on the European theater. The documentary will air on PBS beginning Sept. 23, 17 years to the day after his epic series *The Civil War* debuted.

JIM FOX/PV

# Supe's senior enlisted aide does more than just cook

By Sgt. 1st Class Roger Jones  
PAO NCOIC

Preparing a gourmet meal of Beef Wellington, Alaskan King Crab, garlic puree potatoes, bacon-wrapped asparagus, a seasonal fruit salad with a homemade raspberry and poppy seed dressing and a molten lava cake is something Sgt. 1st Class Andre Rush, the Senior Enlisted Aide to the U.S. Military Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, could virtually do in his sleep. However, he's far more creative and incredibly more talented when he is wide awake.

Though Rush is now quite the accomplished chef and artist, his beginnings in the Army were humble at best.

"I learned to cook by watching and helping my mom, Emma," he said. "As a country boy, growing up in Mississippi, I wasn't exactly what you would call a gourmet cook, but I could make southern food taste good. Now, not only can I make it taste good, but I can make it look pretty good as well."

While he's become quite the established chef preparing extravagant meals was neither his first love nor his first choice when he decided to enter the Army.

"I wanted to be a combat graphic artist. However, that career field was unavailable at the time [I enlisted], so I then made my second choice my first. Luckily for me, that was definitely the right decision," he added.

While that decision was unquestionably one of the better

ones in Rush's 13-year-career, he made a decision in his first year that was even more risky.

"I was a young cook, working in a field dining environment, at Fort Stewart, Georgia," Rush recalled. "One day my dining facility manager came out of his office and asked if anyone had any ice-carving experience. I had never done anything even remotely close to ice carving but I somehow knew that was going to be my opportunity to shine. So, I volunteered."

It appeared to be a good idea at the time, Rush said. However, there was just one, small problem -- he had never carved a statue from a piece of ice before. "OK, I may have exaggerated my ice-carving abilities, but I knew that if given the chance, I could get the job done. All I needed was a chance," he said.

Rush has always been creative with his hands, so he was quite confident that once he got the opportunity, he could create something truly special. But, he also needed to learn how to use a chain saw to complete the carving.

"I had never used a chain saw in my life," Rush admitted. "I had to ask the person next to me how to get the thing started."

"However, about an hour-and-a-half after I had been dropped off, I had carved a bald eagle from the ice. That was my first try at carving ice and I've been doing it ever since," he added.

Rush is now the Army's premiere ice sculptor, but that's only a very small window in which to view his creativity.

"I've covered a great deal



Sgt. 1st Class Andre Rush starts an ice sculpture as part of the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team's assistance in representing the Army during the All-America Bowl festivities in San Antonio, Texas, in January.



One of the finished sculptures adorns a table for the AAB events.



Chief Warrant Office 4 Robert Sparks [left], senior captain of the USACAT, works with Rush on one of the many ice sculptures the team designed for the All-America Bowl festivities.

ICE SCULPTURE PHOTOS PROVIDED



Planning ahead, Rush checks the previously grilled chicken as it warms before adding it to a Caesar salad he prepared for the West Point Women's Club, who were recently hosted by Judy Hagenbeck.

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of ground since that ice carving incident," Rush said. "I've been extremely lucky career-wise, I've met Presidents of the United States. I've worked as an executive chef to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as the Secretary of the Army. However, coming here to prestigious West Point to serve as the senior enlisted aide to [Lt.] Gen. and Mrs. Hagenbeck has been one of the most rewarding parts of my career thus far.

"Working here is quite a challenge. This is a 16,000 square-foot home that requires a great deal of attention. Additionally, [Lt.] Gen. and Mrs. Hagenbeck entertain guests all of the time. As a result, this place is always hopping," he explained.

"You have to be prepared for just about anything. Fortunately for me, I don't have to do it alone. Staff Sergeant [Kalena] Kraft, the other enlisted aide, and I run a tight ship. We prepare for the worst and appreciate anything less. We plan continuously to stay ahead of the game," he said.

The Hagenbecks find his talents

indispensable.

"Sgt. 1st Class Rush is a very talented and gifted individual," Judy Hagenbeck said. "We are extremely fortunate to have him on our team."

"Overseeing the quarters of the Superintendent of the U.S. Military

Academy is a huge responsibility and he does it seamlessly," she added.

"Not only is he a very accomplished chef and remarkable artist, but portrays impeccable organization and people skills. All of which makes him an excellent Senior Enlisted Aide and absolutely invaluable to us," Judy said.



Rush and Staff Sgt. Kalena Kraft, the Superintendent's junior enlisted aide, prepare salads for a recent event.

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"And just as importantly he has proven to be a magnificent role model for the cadets and all Soldiers with whom he has come in contact with," Buster explained.

Rush admits that in order to remain ahead

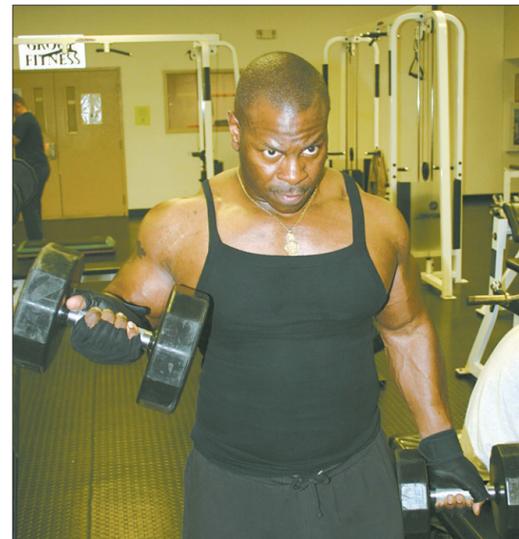
of the game, he has to prioritize his daily duties. "To accomplish the mission here is a constant challenge -- which is why I took the job in the first place," Rush said.

"Preparation is the key to success here. I'm fairly rigorous, when it comes to planning. I like to plan a majority of tasks well ahead of time. I can handle the small obstacles. I just don't want to be confronted with gigantic obstacles and not have a plan," Rush emphasized.

Though Rush loves his job here, he thrives on the next big challenge.

"Recently I entered an ice-carving competition in several different categories. I didn't do it because I thought I was going to win or place in all of them. I did it because I thought it would be an interesting challenge. As it turns out, I placed in all categories," the 13-year veteran said.

Rush approaches every challenge in the same fashion. If it involves pushing yourself to the limit, then it will probably involve Rush. "It's not the competition,



An avid weight lifter, Rush makes time to get in a workout daily.

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but rather the thrill that I like," the weight training enthusiast said.

"I pride myself on being the best I can be at whatever it is I'm trying to accomplish. Cooking

is something that comes naturally to me, but now when I cook, I like to ensure that the presentation is captivating," he concluded.



Rush gets ready for an ice cream social for the women's basketball team held last month at Quarters 100.

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## MARCH/APRIL MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>ACSD, bldg. 622, 938-4621 (Registration required for classes.) AEC, bldg. 683, 938-3762 Arts &amp; Crafts, bldg. 648, 938-4812 Auto Crafts, bldg. 648, 938-2074 Bowling Center, bldg. 622, 938-2140 BOSS, BSP, bldg. 628, 938-6497 CDC, bldg. 1207, 938-4798/4523 Recreation Division, 938-2401 Delafield Pond, 938-5139/5158 Fitness Center, bldg. 683, 938-6490 (Class schedules subject to change without notice.)</p>		<p>Golf Course, 938-2435/2327 ITR, bldg. 695, 938-3601 AVC, bldg. 2104, 938-3655 Morgan Farm, bldg. 2026, 938-3926 Outdoor Recreation, 938-2503 Post Library, bldg. 622, 938-2974 Round Pond, 938-2503/3860 School Age Services, bldg. 1207, 938-3921 Ski Sales, 938-3726 Tate Rink, 938-2991 West Point Club, bldg. 603, 938-5120, 446-5506 Youth Center, bldg. 500, 938-3727</p>				<p><b>6</b> Tour Lower Manhattan, 9-3:30pm, ITR Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl (Friday Nights) Shrimp Fest, 6-9pm, WP Club</p>	<p><b>7</b>  Bull Pond Lottery, 8am, Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond NY International Car Show, 10am-5pm, ITR Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl</p>
<p><b>8</b>  Easter Sunday Brunch, Seatings at 11am &amp; 1pm, Egg Hunt, 12:30pm &amp; 3pm, WP Club Dollar Night, 6-9pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p><b>9</b>  Video Teleconference, 8am-4:30pm, ACS Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS Mixed Leagues, 6-10pm, WP Bowl Spring Hockey, 6:15pm, YC</p>	<p><b>10</b> Spring Story Hour, 10am &amp; 1:30pm, Post Library  Chess Club, 7-8pm, YC, (April 10, 17, 24)</p>	<p><b>11</b> Resume Writing, 10am, ACS Arbor Day Tree Planting, 3-4pm, CDC </p>	<p><b>12</b>  Parent Advisory Group Meeting, 12-1pm, CDC HFFMCS School Board Meeting, 8pm, O'Neill Library</p>	<p><b>13</b>  Membership Appreciation Night, 4:30-6:30pm, WP Club Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pure Energy Step, 8am, Spinning, 10am, Saturdays at the MWR Fitness Center  Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl</p>	
<p><b>15</b>  All-Army Volleyball Tryouts/Camp Begins, MWR Sports Tour NYC, 9am-5pm, ITR Dollar Night, 6-9pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p><b>16</b> Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS Parent &amp; Me, 9:30-10:45am, YC Mixed Leagues, 6-10pm, WP Bowl </p>	<p><b>17</b> Spring Story Hour, 10am &amp; 1:30pm, Post Library  PiYo, 6:45-8pm, Tuesdays at the MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p><b>18</b> Succeeding in Your Career Goals, 12-1pm, ACS Create an Earth Day Banner, 3:30-4:30pm, YC </p>	<p><b>19</b>  Theater Van to Broadway, 5-11:30pm, ITR</p>	<p><b>20</b>  Iron Core 1/2 hr., 9am, Spinning, 5pm, Fridays at the MWR Fitness Center WP Elem. &amp; Middle Schools Closed</p>	<p><b>21</b> Retiree Open House, 7am-3pm, Ike Hall Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, 9am-4pm, ITR  Defensive Driving, 8am-3pm, ACS (Register at ITR) Waiting Families Support Group, 5pm, YC</p>	

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

Friday -- The Astronaut Farmer, PG, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday -- Music and Lyrics, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 April 13 -- Wild Hogs, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 April 13 -- The Number 23, R, 9:30 p.m.  
 April 14 -- The Messengers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 April 14 -- Ghost Rider, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.  
 April 20 -- Ghost Rider, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
 April 20 -- Reno 911: Miami, R, 9:30 p.m.  
 April 21 -- Bridge to Terabithia, PG, 7:30 p.m.  
 April 21 -- Premonition, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

The theater schedule can also be found at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

**Solution to Weekly Sudoku**

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

**Eisenhower Hall Theatre**

Friday, April 27, 8 p.m.      1964 -- The Tribute

Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m.        Montgomery Gentry

Friday, May 11, 7 p.m.       Jerry Seinfeld [SOLD OUT]

Saturday, May 19, 8 p.m.    Ehel Merman's Broadway

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

**Delivery problems?**

For PV home delivery problems contact Valerie Mullane at the Poughkeepsie Journal at (845) 437-4730 or by e-mail at [vmullane@poughkee.gannett.com](mailto:vmullane@poughkee.gannett.com).

# MWR Blurbs

## Shrimp Fest

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

For more info., call 938-5120.

## Easter Sunday Brunch

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

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

Go to [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com) for full menu information.

Call 938-5120 for more info.

## Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon

Join us for our Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon April 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Reservations are required. For more info., call 938-5120.

## Army 10-miler sponsorship

Calling all active duty military runners. Submit your application for sponsorship to participate in the 2007 Army 10-Miler in Washington,

## Command Channel 8/23

April 6 - 13

Friday

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

Monday - April 13

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

## Meadows in the Mid-day

There is a new way to find out what's happening on and around West Point.

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

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

D.C., Oct. 7. Applications will be taken until May 21.

For more info., call 938-6217 or go to [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com).

## WPC Membership Appreciation Night

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

For more info., call 938-5120.

## ACS

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program is hosting a "Succeeding in your Career Goals" workshop April 18.

Advance registration is required by April 13.

For more details, please call 938-5658.

## Hunter Safety Course

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

## WPGC now open

Book your tee time today and be one of the first to play on the course. The West Point Golf Course and Driving Range are now officially open.

Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to dusk. Note that golf carts will only be permitted on the paths until the

ground dries out.

To book your tee time, call 938-2435.

## AAFES Easter hours

Optical Center, Beauty Salon, Barber Shop, Dry Cleaners, Art Gallery, Enterprise and Bistro

ALL CLOSED

Main Store, GNC, Shoppette and Subway

OPEN, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Burger King

OPEN, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Flower Shop

OPEN 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## DPW Notes

### Fire hydrant flushing

DPW, Operations & Maintenance Division, will be flushing fire hydrants Monday through April 23 to clear sediment build-up out of the main water lines.

This is usually done on a six-month cycle. All hydrants on post will be flushed during the designated two-week period, pending water line emergencies and weather conditions.

For the convenience of community members, the flushing of hydrants will not occur during the hours of 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. daily.

During flushing, high velocities in the water mains may create discolored water in the faucets. This water is not suitable for washing clothes because staining will result. Although the water is considered safe, it is not recommended for drinking or cooking due to the discoloration. Some quarters/buildings may experience low water pressure. Both the low water pressure and discoloration will clear up in about two hours. All community members are urged to run the water prior to use for consumption or laundry during the flushing process in their vicinity.

### Road closure -- Clinton Place

Clinton Place will be closed beginning on or about Monday until approximately May 30 to complete the reconstruction of the river side retaining wall project which was started last year. Clinton Place runs from the intersection with Cullum Road in the vicinity of Lincoln Hall, behind Kosciuszko Monument and reconnects with Cullum Road by the tennis courts.

For the safety of all personnel, the road will be closed to all traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, and

to all parking. This will eliminate approximately 25 CPA parking spaces. This work is weather dependent.

### Information tables at housing draw

Community organizations are invited to provide information tables at the USMA Annual Housing Draw, June 4 and June 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the lobby of Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall.

The information provided should focus on information new residents can use to smooth the transition into the USMA community. A representative should be available to answer any questions.

This service is for community organizations only, no businesses will be allowed.

Interested organizations should contact Martha Hinote, DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407 to receive a copy of the operating procedures.

### Earth Day -- Recycle Center open house

We will be conducting a "kid's special" Earth Day Open House at the USMA Recycling Center, across Route 293 from the Round Pond Entrance, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At approximately noon, prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Earth Day Poster Contest and a \$10,000 check will be given to MWR to enhance the quality of life services provided to the community.

The \$10,000 represents the income generated by the USMA Recycling Program and is the result of the community's commitment to recycling.

Giveaways and hot dogs will be available for all who stop by. Come and join us to celebrate our Earth!

For information contact

John Dopler, USMA Recycling Coordinator, 938-4281.

### Drop N' Swap your excess hazardous materials

All residents are invited to participate in the DPW "Drop N' Swap" Program for the drop off and re-use of ordinary household materials that are not "Earth-friendly."

As you are cleaning or preparing to leave West Point, either give your unused products, such as paints, oven cleaners, furniture polish and other household cleansers and chemicals to a neighbor or take them to the Self Center during normal operating hours as a part of the Drop N' Swap Program.

These items must be left with

the Self Help Clerk and not left by the door when the Center is closed. They will be safely stored rather than thrown into our landfill.

Also, if you are new to West Point, before you go shopping, you may obtain these unused supplies from the Center free of charge.

All items MUST be in the original container, have a readable label, be at least half full and have shelf-life time remaining.

Compressed gas cylinders, used oils, batteries and pesticides will not be accepted as a part of this program.

All questions on this program and on the disposal of other hazardous materials should be addressed to the Solid Waste Management Branch at 938-4074.

# What's Happening

## Meet Stan Brock

The Spring Football Luncheon is Thursday at the West Point Club. The food line opens at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon begins at noon.

Come meet new Army head football coach Stan Brock. Tickets can be bought at the WPC or by calling 938-5120/446-5504.

## Book signings

Author Price M. Cobbs will be signing his books "My American Life: From Rage to Entitlement" and "Cracking the Corporate Code" Thursday from 10:50 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m. at the USMA Bookstore, located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor.

Doonesbury creator Garry

Trudeau will also be signing his books "The War Within" and "The Long Road Home" April 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the USMA Bookstore.

## WP School Board Elections

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

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

# Keller Corner

## Childbirth Preparation Classes

Childbirth Preparation Classes take place Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. on the dates listed below in the second floor classroom at KACH.

Four-week series- May 1, 8, 15 and 22. July: TBD.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to sign up! Don't wait ... classes fill up fast. Plan to start your classes by the 32nd week of pregnancy.

## Check your wallet...

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, including Active Duty Service Members and Cadets, should have a TRICARE Prime card.

You can request one by speaking to a customer service representative at 1-877-874-2273. Present this card along 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.

## Tips to protect your personal health information

Monday through April 14 is Health Information Privacy and Security Week.

As the healthcare industry moves closer to electronic health information systems, concerns for privacy of health information continue to be an important issue. The increased availability of electronic health information carries significant benefits, but you need to maintain a healthy awareness of the risks and play an active role in monitoring your health information. As Health Information Privacy and Security

Week approaches, April 8-14, the health information management professionals at Keller Army Community Hospital provide five tips for protecting your personal health information:

- Understand your information rights as a healthcare consumer. You have the right to view and receive copies of your medical information; request amendments or corrections of information you believe to be incorrect; know who has reviewed or received copies of your medical information and the right to complain about medical privacy practices or breaches of privacy.

- Read the Notice of Privacy Practices that your healthcare provider and health plan are required to provide to you at the time of service or upon request. Understand your rights, what types of information are maintained and how each entity uses or handles it.

- Be aware that not all organizations or entities that collect and maintain your health information are covered by federal or state privacy laws.

- Obtain and maintain copies of your medical records and information so you can use the information to monitor your care and spot any errors in the information.

- Establish a personal health record (PHR) to monitor the accuracy of your health information. PHRs are an excellent way for you to play a leading role in your healthcare by tracking and monitoring your health status or that of family members in your care.

For more info. on your health information rights and personal health records, visit [www.myphr.org](http://www.myphr.org).

## At Your Leisure

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

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

## WP School PTO Board Nominations

Calling all elementary school and middle school parents and guardians! We need YOU!

WPS PTO is looking for volunteers to fill PTO Board positions for SY 07-08.

Positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and School Board Liaison.

Nomination forms are available in both school offices or by contacting

Lisa at [lachance6@earthlink.net](mailto:lachance6@earthlink.net) or 446-2707. The nomination deadline is April 30.

## Staffing changes at ACPDC

The current resource constraints on the Army and USMA have compelled the Department of Physical Education to make some temporary changes in the operations and services of the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

The recent loss of two staff members has resulted in the following temporary changes, which will be implemented April 15.

- Noontime [11:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.] Staff & Faculty Lap Swim is suspended.

- Friday Cadet open swim times [3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.] are suspended.

- Sunday operating hours are modified to 1 to 9 p.m.

- Sunday evening Cadet Open

Swim times are 6 to 8 p.m.

The MWR Community Swim Program will not be affected and no other changes in the operation of the ACPDC are expected at this time.

These measures will remain in effect until an adequate number of staff members can be hired and trained.

## Spring Cycling Classic

The USMA Cycling Team will host the 23rd annual Army Spring Classic April 14-15.

The event includes a road race and team time trial at Harriman State Park April 14 and criterium and individual hill climb time trial races at Shea Stadium April 15. All races are free and open to the public.

Townsley Rd., Tower Rd., and Upton Rd. near Gillis Fieldhouse and Shea Stadium will be blocked off April 15. For more info., contact Cadet 3rd Class Derek Merkler at [845] 515-5858.

# Army and Community Sports

## Inexperience hasn't held Lacrosse down

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Army Lacrosse's motto is "1-0 everyday" and they've been working to achieve that goal with a 6-3 record this year after an 8-7 mark a year ago.

With the loss of All-Americans attack John Walker and defenseman Matt Luyster to graduation, the team was projected to finish fifth in the preseason Patriot League polls and the players took it to heart.

"We want to show the country that we're not the fifth ranked team in the Patriot League," said junior midfielder Justin Bokmeyer, of the 17th ranked team in the country. "We have something to prove and I believe we can play with the best teams in the country."

Bokmeyer has been a pleasant surprise this season, returning to the team after a year on the scout team. He leads Army in both goals [11] and points [18] through the first nine games with a career-high four-goal game against Holy Cross Feb. 27.

Beside leading the team in offense, Bokmeyer also takes pride that Army is currently the best

defensive team in the country. He knows that without a star player like Walker that each player must look within himself to better the team.

"We need to look at ourselves and say that we all can do this instead of looking to the guy to the right or left," Bokmeyer said. "Now, I look at myself and say, 'I've got to be able to dodge, I've got to be able to pass and catch, play good defense and clear the ball.' So I think the guys in the locker room are pushing each other more and are not afraid to say something to get everyone to work harder."

That hard work has led to early success with victories in their first four games, including an 8-6 victory at Syracuse Feb. 23, a team Army hadn't beaten in its last 11 tries since 1983.

A big factor in the team's success with its inexperienced defense has been the last line of defense, junior goaltender Adam Fullerton.

Fullerton was added to the 2007 Watch List for the Tewaaron Award, given annually to the top lacrosse player in the country, and currently ranks second in goals against average [5.53] and third in

save percentage [.664] among all Division I goaltenders.

"He's a heck of a goalie and can save the ball like no other. His outlet passes are the best in the country," Bokmeyer stated. "I'm convinced he's the best goalie in the country and I'll tell that to anybody, even the guys who make saves on me."

Fullerton trusts his defensemen despite their lack of experience, which includes only one returning player with experience, and said their communication makes up for that lack of prior playing time.

"Everyone knows their role," Fullerton said.

"[Junior defenseman Jay] Larson generally shuts down the other team's big scorer or big assist guy while [junior defenseman Adam] Hansinger cleans up a lot [of the area around the crease] and hasn't really gotten beat.

"[Junior defenseman Ryan] McClure shutdown Pat Perrit of Syracuse, who is one of the top offensive middies in the country," he added. "They've been doing it all season, they stepped into their roles and have taken it to another level."

Fullerton has been a strength in the Army pipes since his freshman year when he played for injured senior Matt Darak and helped lead the team to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 2005.

Much like Fullerton two seasons ago, Army is dependent on a lot of young players all over the field. Sophomore attacks Brooks Korvin and Jason Peyer have been important to the offense by adding 10 and eight goals, respectively, this season.

Everyone has to step up without a go-to guy and that's the team's challenge, according to Army lacrosse head coach Joe Alberici. With that challenge it's important to have strong-minded veteran



Junior midfielder Justin Bokmeyer leads all Army scorers with 11 goals and 18 points this season. He returned to the field after a year on the scout team.

players like Bokmeyer and senior team captain Ryan Chase be the heart and soul of the team.

"Ryan has done a nice job in his role as captain. What I'm really most proud of is Ryan has worked hard to develop his complete game," Alberici said. "Defense wasn't necessarily his forte two falls ago when I arrived, but now he knows how important it is for our team that the short stick middies, the offensive ones, are able to get back and play defense ... it has been a critical element to our success defensively.

"Justin has a lot of talent and has the ability to shoot and feed the ball," Alberici added. "He's a really good leader and is a very good practice player. That's what you want out of your best players and not guys who think just because they're starting that they can sit back. Justin is enthusiastic for practice because he competes, hustles. Our guys take the lead in that. When you've got 45 guys who are out there hustling everyday, it becomes who you are as a team and what you do on game day."

Army has a tough stretch ahead of them with weekend matches over the next three weeks against Bucknell, Navy and Duke. Alberici

has been impressed with the team so far in spite of its inexperience, but knows there are many potholes ahead on the road to the Patriot League Tournament.

"We're sitting here at 6-3, ranked [17th] in the country and I'm proud of what the team's accomplished so far. But we know it's just mid-season right now and we've got to play better in the second half in order to get similar results," Alberici explained. "Our guys are set to show that they are quality players even though they may not have had as much of an opportunity last year."



Senior captain Ryan Chase has scored eight goals in 2007.



Junior goaltender Adam Fullerton ranks second in goals against average [5.53] and third in save percentage [.664] among all Division I lacrosse goaltenders.

# Army WBB chosen for 'V' Comeback Award

Cary, N.C. -- The Army women's basketball team was named the recipient of the seventh annual 'V' Foundation Comeback Award, given annually by The V Foundation for Cancer Research in collaboration with ESPN.

ESPN made the announcement between the semifinal games of the Men's NIT March 27. The award will be presented to head coach Dave Magarity and the Army team April 25 at the third annual Spirit of Jimmy V New York Gala.

Just 17 days after Army's 2005-06 Cinderella run to its first-ever NCAA Tournament, the team suffered a devastating loss when 28-year-old head coach Maggie Dixon died suddenly April 6, 2006.

The squad faced an emotional challenge not only to follow in Dixon's footsteps, but to keep her memory alive and still move forward.

Under Magarity, the 2006-07 team engaged in opportunities to keep Coach Dixon's legacy going and memory strong. Returning 14 letterwinners, Army posted a 24-6 season record this year, compiling a new record for wins by the team at the Division I level.

"We are thrilled to receive this award," Magarity said. "I can't

tell you how special these kids are and how well they've handled everything they've gone through.

"When I took this job, we made a decision to do everything we could to keep Maggie's memory alive," Magarity continued. "We dedicated the season to her. She had a strong, profound impact on their lives and continues to do so. It was clear what my mission was -- to keep her memory alive and continue to do that for years to come."

The Comeback Award is open to men and women collegiate basketball student-athletes in all NCAA divisions. It is awarded to an individual or a team who has accomplished a personal triumph in the face of true adversity, be it in health, life or moral dilemma.

The award is presented in memory of Jim Valvano, the late basketball coach and ESPN commentator, whose personal battle with cancer inspired the creation of The V Foundation. In his memorable speech at ESPN's inaugural ESPY Awards announcing the creation of The V Foundation, Valvano's "Don't Give Up... Don't Ever Give Up!"® motto created a legacy from which the Comeback Award has been created.

"This award means so much," Magarity said. "This is a special group of kids to come here and do what they do, and to win 24 games after everything they went through was amazing. Even talking about this brings back an incredible amount of emotion. And Jimmy V was a good friend of mine so it means a lot to me personally, too."

"Although I never met Maggie, after speaking with her brother Jamie and Coach Magarity, it seems she and Jim shared many characteristics that just drew people to them," V Foundation CEO Nick Valvano said. "What the Army team has done in her memory is an amazing tribute. It is a lasting tribute to their respect and regard for Maggie. The team displayed incredible perseverance and spirit, and it is with great admiration that we honor them with the Comeback Award."

Valvano will present Magarity and the Army women, who were one of nine finalists for the award, with the Comeback Award trophy April 25 at the Spirit of Jimmy V New York Gala. For tickets or more information about this event, which will honor cancer survivor and seven-time Tour



Army women's head basketball coach Dave Magarity and his Army team will be presented the V Foundation Comeback Award at a gala April 25 to honor their courage following the death of Maggie Dixon April 6, 2006. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

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## USMA Judo team places second at championships

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Judo Team OIC

The U.S. Military Academy Judo team participated in the National Collegiate Judo Championships March 23-25 at Florida International University in Miami.

Both men's and women's teams fought well and each earned second place in team standings, making the team the national runner-up.

The competition included more than 100 athletes representing 25 different universities from all over the country. Competition was fierce, but the cadets met the challenge.

In the 60kg category, junior Dave Burris earned a spot in the championship round and wound up taking home a silver medal.

At 90kg, senior co-captain Jordan Bellamy displayed grit and tenacity throughout the day.

Despite losing his opening match, Bellamy battled back and won four matches in a row to earn a spot in the bronze medal match.

Ironically, his teammate and fellow co-captain, Sean O'Connor, fought through the loser's bracket as well for right to earn bronze at 90kg.

Unfortunately, only one could take home the bronze and Bellamy was victorious in the end.

Another senior co-captain,

Chris Behm, became the team's inspiration by electing to move up a weight class to 100kg and fight above his current weight. Despite a sickness which affected him, Behm still managed to take home the silver at 100kg.

Other notable competitors included senior Francisco Martinez, who fought bravely in one of the toughest divisions at the tournament and was two wins away from placing.

In addition, sophomores Freddie Lewis and Mike Platek and senior Brian Bishop all fought well in their respective Brown & Black Belt weight division.

On the women's side, junior Andy Alexander and freshman Carolina Chadziutko both took home bronze.

Competing in her first major competition as only a yellow belt

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U.S. Military Academy Judo Team earned second place at the National Collegiate Judo Championships. PHOTO PROVIDED

# Orienteering team takes championship

By Cadet 3rd Class  
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The U.S. Military Academy Orienteering team brought home the 2007 Intercollegiate Championships trophy with the poise of a team who has collected the award every year since 1995.

West Point's two Varsity teams and JV team placed first, second and first in their respective categories.

"The thing most people don't realize about orienteering is that our biggest competition isn't from other college kids," said senior Andrew Komm. "A few exceptions granted, those guys [are bad]. The ones who are decent don't belong to a school team -- they just do it on their own.

"So for the Intercollegiate Championships, we're pretty much set," Komm added. "But for all of our other meets, we go head-to-head with people who have been orienteering their entire lives. They're athletes and they're experts, and if you scrape a medal from any of them, you keep it someplace special."

Individually, the team performed exceptionally. Komm took first place in the Varsity Male category for his combined scores in sprint, classic and long distance races. Seniors Sarah Klaben and Chelsea Cunningham took first and second, respectively, in the Varsity Female category. Sophomore Heidi Miller won first in Women's JV, and plebe orienteers Nickolas Lewis-Walls and Alex Reiter took second and third place, respectively, for Men's JV.

"I think people underestimate the team somewhat," Miller said. "They're like, 'oh, you brought the

most people there, of course you won,' and they forget about all the people we beat on the individual level."

It doesn't help that, generally speaking, few people really know what orienteering is or how intensive it can be.

"When I told some of my friends that I made the Orienteering team, they asked, 'What's orienteering? Is that like rock climbing or something?'" Lewis-Walls said. "I used to laugh and say no, but every once in a while, I do find myself climbing up a cliff, or more likely, falling down one. I've decided that orienteering is just planned chaos, where the terrain does its best to send you home bleeding or broken."

Orienteering is a race in which individual runners, given a map and a small compass, must punch all the points marked on their map in sequence in the least amount of time possible. West Point's O-team describes it better.

"It's a cross country course on crack," junior Aaron Palmer said. "The course gets longer the more lost you get. Add cliffs, swamps, fallen trees and fights and you will get the roughest three hours of your life."

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in the more experienced division, Chadziutko defeated an opponent two ranks above her with a perfect throw [a.k.a. "Ippon" in judo] to win.

For the first time, the National Collegiate Judo Association decided to have a novice category for less experienced judo players.

The team clearly demonstrated it has tremendous youth and potential by placing seven cadets in various divisions. At the top of the list were freshman Matt Song [90kg] and sophomore Frank Edmunds [81kg] who earned first place in their divisions.