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Cadets awarded Rotary Ambassadorial scholarships

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

The Rotary Foundation recently named Cadets 1st Class Brad Wilson and Tyler Jost 2007 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship winners.

Wilson, 21, from Grand Rapids, Mich., plans on working toward his one-year master's degree in developmental studies at the London School of Economics beginning in the fall of 2008.

"I hope this scholarship prepares me to deal with the challenges that officers -- everyone from platoon leaders to brigade commanders -- face every day in Iraq and Afghanistan when it comes to



**Cadet 1st Class
Brad Wilson**

development," Wilson said.

Jost, 21, of Wheaton, Ill., will pursue a one-year master's degree in East Asian Politics at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London beginning in the fall of 2008.

"I plan on studying how China's rise fits into the changing international system and its implications for U.S. foreign policy," Jost said.

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately-funded international scholarship program. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06. Through grants totaling approximately \$500 million, recipients from some 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.



**Cadet 1st Class
Tyler Jost**

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NSPS Spiral 2.0 coming

By Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

The head of West Point's National Security Personnel System transition team, Carol McQuinn, held the first NSPS Spiral 2 workforce briefing Aug. 23 at Thayer Hall to introduce the mission side of the house to the new system.

Roughly 135 non-bargaining unit mission employees are scheduled to become part of the

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Ring Weekend for the Class of 2008

Firsties inspect their new class rings Aug. 24 in a retreat ceremony at Trophy Point. The class ring tradition was started in 1835. This year's rings contain gold from 119 donated alumni rings. This program began with the rings of the Class of 2002.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

1999 grad killed in helicopter crash

Compiled by Jim Fox
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Captain Corry P. Tyler, 29, of Woodbine, Ga., and Puyallup, Wash., was among 14 U.S. Soldiers killed Aug. 22 when a Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a nighttime mission in Multaka, Iraq. Army officials in Iraq believe the crash was caused by mechanical failure.

Tyler was a 1999 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He was an aviation officer assigned to the 4th Squadron, 6th U.S. Air Cavalry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash.

After the death of his father last year, Tyler was left as the sole male survivor in his family and, for that reason, was not required to return to Iraq. However, he volunteered for his third tour of duty and was scheduled to return to his home in Washington State in two months.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and three children -- Emily, Jacob and Lucas, and his mother, Jenny Tyler.

Memorial services for Tyler are being held today in East Point, Ga., with funeral services to follow in College Park, Ga. A unit memorial service will also be held for Tyler and other fallen 4/6 Soldiers

Wednesday in Fort Lewis, Wash., at 11:15 a.m. PST.



Capt. Corry P. Tyler

Quarterly update from the Superintendent

Commentary by
Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck
Superintendent

As the academic year gets into full swing, I want to share some of my priorities and philosophies with you and give you a brief "State of the Academy."

First, a reminder about why we are here -- to "educate, train and inspire ... commissioned leader[s] ... for a career ... as an officer in the United States Army." We aren't just here to graduate large numbers of students with B.S. degrees, although that is a part of our job, but to make sure that our graduates go into the Army prepared for success, and with an open mind, giving the Army a fair chance as a career.

You're all here because you are good at what you do. And together we will continue as the pre-eminent leader development institute in the Army because of our success in producing commissioned officers, ready to excel in initial military training, and imbued with the foundations of character, intellect, physical fitness and spirit necessary for a career of professional growth toward becoming a strategic thinker and leader in the Army.

We all need to understand that different cadets develop differently -- they all come from

different backgrounds. We will work with them to complete their core requirements with the understanding that they may do so along differing paths.

Leader development is my top priority. To this end, I need everyone's help -- by being professional and knowledgeable role models, by engaging cadets as mentors, and by enforcing standards.

The U.S. Corps of Cadets has developed the *USMA Staff and Faculty Quick Reference Guide*, which is a summary of items from the USCC SOP of the most common areas of concern including uniforms, conduct and cadet privileges, similar to the academic buff card. If you do not have a copy, contact the Special Assistant to the Commandant for Systems and Planning at extension 2113.

My other priorities:

- Accreditation -- a process that will continue through 2009.

- Building a team -- the best way for us to get things done is by pulling together.

- Connect with and support the Army -- much of our research does this, both cadet and academic.

- Graduate and commission more cadets -- by our efforts to motivate and train them.



Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck

- Support Army sports -- this is a venue that promotes the academy throughout the country. We need to inculcate a culture of winning, the right way, in everything we do.

- Tell the USMA story -- there are many folks west of the Mississippi who do not know who and what we are. We need to change that.

As to the state of things, I believe the academy is in great shape. Our new plebes are a very impressive group and bring the number of combat vets in the corps to 91 and the international cadets to the full 60. The Class of 2011 has also had the lowest attrition rate in five years.

Our 26 competitive club teams and our 25 corps squad teams look great and have some great records. With the spirit of winning we all need to foster, these teams will continue their success throughout

the coming year, but they also need your continued support.

West Point continues to support the operational Army by producing more than 900 commissioned leaders of character each year. You are deploying. You are working with the National Military Academy of Afghanistan. You are training operational units. Your research is affecting the fight every day. Additionally, we have the internationally renowned Combating Terrorism Center that is on the cutting edge of understanding and combating the hostile ideology that inspires our enemies.

As most of you know, we began a holistic and interdepartmental look at the academy last year through Tiger Teams. While none of their outcomes were revolutionary, they included some great recommendations that we have begun to implement. I encourage you to continue to be involved -- be part of the solution. The internal West Point community can check it out at <http://www-internal.usma.edu/opa/> and click on Tiger Team Recommendations.

We currently have two ongoing study groups. One to review the USMA Honor system, just to put a spotlight on this critical program, and another, called the Football Study Group, which is studying how we can schedule for success and make more time for cadets to excel. This focus on success will eventually impact all sports and cadet activities.

As you should have seen in last week's *Pointer View*®, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Richard Cody, formally designated West Point as the Army Center of Excellence for the Professional Military Ethic. This offers us many opportunities and challenges and acknowledges West Point as the wellspring of the Army's professional military ethic.

Whether you work in Garrison or in the classroom or in the company area, you play a vital role in the development of our cadets. I need everyone to continue to pull in the same direction -- no bystanders -- to accomplish this mission.

BEAT NAVY!!

SAPR-P

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

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

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

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Hard

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

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Local and National News

West Point to sponsor community disaster preparedness fair

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

There have been more than a few 'disasters' in our country lately. The most vivid are the attacks

on 9/11, Hurricane Katrina two years ago and the recent floods in the western part of our country. The ability to survive a disaster is largely determined by how prepared we are for one.

To that end, West Point will sponsor a National Preparedness Month Fair Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Post Exchange.

The Department of Homeland Security first sponsored the 'National Preparedness Month' in September 2003.

"The annual event encourages Americans to prepare for emergencies in homes, business and communities," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "Personal preparedness is paramount to effectively reacting to the affects of a disaster."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security promotes individual emergency preparedness through the "Ready" campaign and is designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies. Information on the Ready campaign can be seen at www.ready.gov.

"We invited State, County and

local emergency management agencies and disaster response groups to participate in this year's fair," said Henry Cervantes, Emergency Plans Specialist of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security here. "There will be more than a dozen organizations handing out emergency preparedness information to our residents, employees, students and cadets."

Cervantes said the list of participants includes the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, N.Y. the State Emergency Management Office, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the Orange County Medical Reserve Corps and the American Red Cross.

There will be information tables and static vehicle and equipment displays with emergency response professionals on hand to answer questions.

"While we know the Fair is during the week and many people are at work, I encourage all members of the USMA community to try to take advantage of all the information that will be presented. Come during your lunch hour or break," Cervantes added.

"We want this to be an annual event to help the West Point Community prepare themselves and their families to respond to any natural or man-made emergency that can happen in our area," he said. "People need to have a family disaster plan, a disaster supply kit, a communication plan and the ability to be able to take care of themselves for at least three days in an emergency situation in case emergency personnel are unable to get to them quickly."

For more information contact Henry Cervantes at [845] 938-4509 or e-mail him at henry.cervantes@usma.edu.

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Department of Defense's new pay structure in mid-November.

Although DOD has not officially released the timeline for Spiral 2, West Point Chief of Staff, Col. Michael Colpo, said he is pretty sure it will happen and that he supports the change.

"This is your part of Army Transformation," Colpo said. "I support it because it takes care of people and that's our number one concern, taking care of our people."

Currently, only non-bargaining unit employees are eligible for NSPS because of a pending appeal, filed by Federal employee unions, that challenges the implementation of NSPS.

Rick Metro, the former Provost Marshal here and now a member of the Department of Military Instruction, walked employees through an almost 50 slide PowerPoint presentation. Some slides, particularly those involving

money, brought spirited responses from the audience.

Most employees' fears focus on less pay, but, in fact, some will get more pay, said Carol McQuinn, West Point's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center director and an NSPS employee herself.

"Most people will get a portion of their next step increase when they convert to NSPS," McQuinn said.

Some parts of the old GS system will remain the same, she added.

"The special acts, on-the-spots, time-off awards, the local market supplement; none of those are going away," McQuinn. "Instead of advancing another step every year or two, you can simply get a raise or bonus, based on your performance."

For more information on NSPS or Spiral 2, contact the West Point transition team at 938-2703 or go to www.cpol.army.mil/library/general/nsps/regulations.html.

MNC-I commander says Iraq transition must preserve security successes

By Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Any transition of security responsibility from coalition forces to Iraqi security forces must be done deliberately and in a way that ensures the successes gained so far will not be lost, one of the top U.S. commanders in Iraq said Sunday.

Lieutenant Gen. Raymond Odierno [USMA '76], commander of Multi-National Corps - Iraq, told CNN's Wolf Blitzer that

commanders on the ground know the U.S. troop surge is temporary and will have a plan in place when the time comes to transition to Iraqi forces and reduce the number of U.S. troops in the country.

"The Iraqi security forces are making progress every single day," Odierno said. "They are getting better. They're standing and fighting. We're seeing some progress, but we need to still give them more time to do this."

Odierno said he has provided his recommendations about force

levels to Gen. David Petraeus, [USMA '74], commander of Multi-National Force - Iraq, who is due to provide a report to President Bush and Congress in September on the progress of the troop surge. He said he and his troops are focused on operations on the ground in Iraq, where the coalition has made some real successes against al-Qaida.

"We have moved them out of all their safe havens. They are now on the run," Odierno said. "We are in pursuit of al-Qaida all around Iraq."

Local governance in Iraq is also progressing, with Sunnis coming forward to join the government, Odierno said. He acknowledged that the Iraqi security force leadership is better in some places than others, but they are all coming along.

"We just can't say tomorrow we're going to turn everything in Iraq over to the Iraqi security forces," he said. "We must do it slowly over an extended period of time, so we do not lose the security that we've gained here."

Turning to the U.S. troops,

Odierno acknowledged that the 15-month tours the Army is serving are long and cause stress on Soldiers and Families. However, he said, morale is high among all the troops in Iraq, and the Army has already exceeded its re-enlistment goals for fiscal year 2007.

"That's a good indicator that morale here is pretty good," Odierno said. "They understand what they're doing, they understand why they're doing it and they want to accomplish the mission and they want to be successful."

TSGLI Army, VA review: helping Soldiers, dispelling myths

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Army, along with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, has completed the first review of Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance [TSGLI] since its start in 2005.

TSGLI was created to help servicemembers and their families get through tough financial times that often happen when a servicemember is severely injured. Approved TSGLI claimants receive a one-time payment of up to \$100,000, based on the type and severity of the injury.

From the Army's point of view, the program faces three interrelated challenges:

- improving the claim approval rate
- decreasing the claim processing time
- ensuring that all Soldiers are aware of TSGLI, understand its purpose and know how to file a correctly prepared claim

Specific messages have been created to help dispel five myths that have grown up around the program:

Myth #1: TSGLI is just for combat injuries. False. Any qualifying injury incurred after Dec. 1, 2005, is eligible for TSGLI coverage -- regardless of whether it was in combat or not. The only exception is the retroactive program, which covers Soldiers injured beginning Oct. 7, 2001, through Nov. 30, 2005, but only if they were injured in a Combat Zone Tax Exclusion [CZTE] area supporting Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Myth #2: A healthcare provider's statement is all that is needed to verify a TSGLI



claim. False. While TSGLI claims won't be approved without a certification from a healthcare provider, additional documentation must be provided to substantiate the certification. The documentation may include medical reports and tests that establish the type of injury and the time that the Soldier was incapacitated as a result. Specific information is available on the TSGLI Web site [www.tsqli.army.mil].

Myth #3: TSGLI replaces a traumatically injured Soldier's income. False. TSGLI provides one-time, tax-free payments that can help a Soldier and Family member get through short-term difficulties related to the injury and has no affect on regular pay.

Myth #4: TSGLI is an entitlement to Soldiers incurring any traumatic injuries. False. TSGLI provides an insurance benefit for one or more of a total of 44 scheduled physical losses due to external force or violence. These covered losses include

amputation, burns, paralysis, brain injury or coma, loss of senses [e.g., blindness], or temporary losses of two of six activities of daily living [ADLs] such as eating, bathing, dressing, continence, transferring and toileting.

It does not cover Post Traumatic Syndrome Disease [PTSD].

Myth #5: TSGLI denies the first claim attempt automatically. False. Good documentation is the key to a quick award of TSGLI. Loss schedule one through 43 cover losses that have a defined and measurable loss. Loss # 44, the activities of daily living, does not and further requires the medical provider documentation to substantiate the duration [e.g., 30, 60, 90, or 120 days] of two or more ADLs in which the Soldier was completely dependent [defined as 75-100 percent care by another person].

By dispelling these five myths, TSGLI will be better positioned to help the Soldiers who are truly eligible for this benefit, and do so in an even more timely manner. "As claimants become better educated about TSGLI, it can't help but speed up our processes, which allows us to better accomplish our objective of helping heroes in times of need," said Col. John F. Sackett, head of the TSGLI Divisions of the U.S. Army Physical Disability Agency.

Sackett and the outreach

team rely heavily on the Web site [www.tsqli.army.mil] and Web-based outreach e-tools to help in dispelling these myths and more. "With a majority of the key information online, Soldiers or Family members trying to access the TSGLI program benefits will better understand the eligibility and claims processes. In addition, people who care for Soldiers, such as Family members, counselors and healthcare providers, will have information tailored specifically to their particular roles in the process."

The TSGLI Web site [www.tsqli.army.mil]

has an array of features including user-friendly graphics, detailed program information, outreach materials, program statistics that detail claims and dollars paid to date and an online discussion forum, where users can log in, post questions or comments and interact with others to share best practices and answer common questions.

For more information about TSGLI, contact the U.S. Army TSGLI service center at 1-800-237-1336 or TSGLI@conus.army.mil. You can also visit the Web site at www.tsqli.army.mil.

**Wounded
Soldier
and
Family Hotline**
[800] 984-8523

Force protection message for home football games

Submitted by the
Force Protection Office
DPTMS

In order to enhance our force protection posture for West Point residents and the Corps of Cadets during the home football game Sept. 8, the following measures and restrictions will be implemented:

Military Police will patrol the housing areas throughout game day. To assist the MPs, housing area residents should notify the Provost Marshal of any suspicious activity in the housing areas on game day. Residents are reminded to secure their quarters while attending the football game.

In support of football operations and Force Protection measures, the following areas are "No Parking Areas."

Any vehicles remaining in these areas after 10 p.m., Sept. 7, WILL be towed:

Jefferson Road; Brewerton Road; Scott Place; Doubleday Lot; Clinton Lot; Cullum Road; Tennis Court Lot; Kosciusko Statue

Lot; Lettered lots AAA, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K [Old PX/Fitness Ctr], WP School, and J Lot; Buffalo Soldier Hard Stand and the Thayer Hotel Lots; Bldg. 639 Lot; South Dock [All Areas] to include Williams Road; Lots surrounding Garrison Headquarters [Bldg. 681]; Eisenhower Hall Lots; Keller Hospital Lots [front lot reserved for KACH employees and emergency room parking only]; Townsley Road; Upton Road; East Side of Gillis Field House; Thayer Road; Bldg. 687 [Band Bldg.]; DPW; Laundry Plant [Bldg. 845]; and TMP.

Note: All employees and West Point residents requiring access to the Central Area must park in the following areas:

Upper parking lot near Bldg. 606, 720 Lot assigned parking, DeRussy Loop or the Moat area.

Road Restrictions and Closures:

1. Lee Road, Wilson Road, West Continental Road in the Stony

II Housing area and the parking lot adjacent to the playground will be used for general public parking.

Beginning at about 8:30 a.m., Wilson Road will be one-way north to south to allow parking for visitors along the curbside of the road.

2. All housing areas are subject to be used as parking areas depending on ticket sales. Residents are reminded to remove their vehicles, where possible, from the streets and park in their designated parking slots or in their driveways.

3. Personnel going TDY or on leave are reminded not to park in any of the lettered lots, parking areas as outlined above or in Clinton and Doubleday Lots.

4. Beginning around 8:30 a.m., all roads leading to Michie Stadium will be blocked near the stadium. Only vehicles with a proper Vehicle Exception pass or under MP escort will be allowed past the blocking positions around Michie Stadium.

5. Fenton Place will be one-way South from Bldg. 670 [USMA Engineer Pit] to Mills Road effective

at 8:30 a.m. until traffic departs.

6. Delafield Road is open both ways for personnel traveling to the CDC, PX and Stony Lonesome Housing Area.

NO PARKING is allowed on the roadway.

7. Stony Lonesome Road will be one-way North from the Delafield Road intersection to the Washington Road intersection for approximately 30 minutes after the game to facilitate the Blue Route shuttle.

8. Merritt Road will be blocked at the Jewish Chapel beginning at 8:00 a.m. to keep traffic from entering Stony Lonesome Road. It will reopen approximately 30 minutes after the game.

9. These parking restrictions will remain in effect for each Army home football game for the 2007 season unless otherwise addressed on a separate message.

10. There will no longer be helicopter landing operations conducted at the West Point Middle School area.

Handicapped parking and shuttle services are available in H

Lot [PX/Commissary Lot].

General Information:

1. Stadium gates open at 11 a.m. for the Rhode Island game. The stadium gate opening times are subject to change based on kick-off times. These times will be announced in Force Protection messages before each game.

2. Those attending the game at Michie Stadium will first pass through security checkpoints in the vicinity of gates 1, 3, 6, 6A and 7.

Each security point will have an "EZ Pass" lane set aside for DOD personnel [both military and civilian] who possess a valid DOD ID. DOD personnel using the EZ pass lane along with Family members and guests are reminded that Family members and guests [16 years of age and older] must present a photo ID.

3. All bags and purses will be searched at the security checkpoint.

4. No weapons or alcohol are allowed in the stadium.

5. RV parking is available at North Dock.

6. Walking and using shuttle buses are highly encouraged.

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

Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline

To report suspected Fraud, Waste and Abuse, call the Internal Review & Audit Compliance [IRAC] Office Hotline. Reports are confidential and callers do not have to identify themselves, but if they provide names, they can remain anonymous. To report suspected abuse of equipment/supplies accountability, travel/pay and cash accountability, call extension **938-8082**. Please provide all pertinent information.

Buffalo Soldier Memorial event may cause traffic issues

Sunday from 11:45 a.m. until approximately 12:50 p.m., MPs will block Mills Road at the intersections of Thayer and Wilson Roads to all vehicles.

Vehicles parked behind quarters 25 through 34 must use Kinsley Hill Road.

Vehicles traveling South on Mills Road must use Wilson Road to exit the installation.

Vehicles may still use the Buffalo Soldier Lot to exit the installation; however, MPs will stop ALL vehicles during the playing of Taps.

There will be 100 reserved ceremony parking spaces in the Buffalo Soldier Lot.

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

CEP helps cadets aim for performance bests

By Maj. Bruce Bredlow
CEP

Cadets find all sorts of challenges throughout their four years at West Point. The U.S. Military Academy does its best to support them in the academic, physical and military programs. Whether it is improving their grade point average, setting new athletic records or demonstrating their all-round agility and toughness in the Sandhurst competition, many cadets find it a worthwhile investment to learn the keys to improvement.

The Center for Enhanced Performance has the experts who can help them, especially since certain elements are common to all three areas.

Although the CEP's mission is to help cadets develop to their full academic, physical and military potential, it also offers assistance to West Point staff and faculty. Its reputation has spread since it began in 1992 as two separate programs, one in sports psychology and the other in academic skills. The Military Enhancement Program soon followed.

Recently, the Army recognized the CEP's potential to be a combat multiplier and mandated the establishment of Army Centers for Enhanced Performance, or ACEPs, at seven Army posts. An

ACEP at Fort Bragg, N.C., opened in February 2007. ACEP's are opening at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash. and Fort Bliss, Texas.

The Military Enhancement Program uses a systematic approach that teaches mental skills for leader development and performance, which is built into cadet training throughout their four years here. During the first two years, training focuses on individual performance through company-sized classroom instruction and hands-on work at the Basic Rifle Marksmanship range. During the last two years, the training focuses on small-group classroom instruction, discussions and teambuilding exercises and is geared toward improving the performance of platoons and companies by focusing on the cadet as a leader instead of an individual.

Instructors from the Military Enhancement Program also travel to units throughout the Army to train Soldiers and leaders on mental and emotional toughness skills designed to increase a Soldier's effectiveness during combat operations. Depending on the size of the audience, instruction techniques range from three-day, interactive workshops to six-hour presentations.

While working with the Special

The Center for Enhanced Performance's mission is to help cadets develop to their full academic, physical and military potential. It also offers assistance to West Point faculty and staff.

Forces Warrant Officer School, MEP trainers spend two days working with 20 to 22 SF warrant officers on practical applications of these skills in a highly specialized, fast-paced environment. More than 50,000 Soldiers in units ranging from division to battalion-sized elements have received instructions from MEP instructors.

The Academic Excellence Program provides a variety of classes for cadets at all levels, whether they are struggling or because they want to improve their grades. The skills they learn at the CEP are useful in all academic classes and prepare them for their Army careers.

The *Student Success Course* teaches time management and organization, skills that everyone, from undergraduates to CEOs and generals, have found crucial to success. Corps squad coaches recommend it to their athletes because it can boost cadets' performance outside of class too. Other skills taught in the class include goal setting, attention control, stress and energy

management and test preparation and execution. *Math 100*, another core class, combines the study strategies from the *Student Success Course* with pre-calculus.

The *Reading Efficiency* class is popular with cadets, staff and faculty and staff. It helps students change their reading patterns, increasing both comprehension and speed, which frees up time for other activities and duties. Over a 10-year period, a study showed that the average reading speed of class attendees tripled with no degradation in comprehension.

Plebes who want to excel at academic studies usually take time out of their busy schedules to take *Information Literacy and Critical Thinking*. Even students with high grades in high school find that college-level classes require more rigorous research, thinking and communications skills. The skills are easily transferable to all academic classes and will serve the cadets in their future careers as Army officers.

The Tutoring Program is one of the most-used services sponsored by the CEP. More than 850 cadets volunteered last year to tutor their peers. The CEP provides them with training and optional certification with the College Reading and Learning Association.

Cadets who want a superior performance in athletics can find the same mental training used by Olympic athletes at the CEP.

The Performance Enhancement Program addresses the development of confidence, concentration and composure under pressure. Athletes learn to apply the skills of cognitive control, visualization, stress management and goal setting. Instructors also use biofeedback training and simulations. Other skills, such as a fear of heights and swimming in combat conditions, can be managed using visualization and other mental techniques. A number of cadets have passed Survival Swimming after working with CEP trainers.

While much of the training is individual or in small groups, cadets can opt for a class that covers all of the skills: the *Psychology of Elite Performance*. Many choose the AIAD [Academic Individual Advanced Development] experience in *Applied Sport Psychology*, which allows them to learn and apply sports psychology skills practically, working with one of the West Point Corps Squad or Club Squad teams. This AIAD is offered during the summer at West Point and lasts approximately three weeks.

The CEP has a staff of five officers and 15 civilians. All instructors hold a master's or Ph. D. along with nationally regarded expertise in their respective fields.

The Center operates year-round and welcomes inquiries from cadets, faculty and staff by calling the CEP [845] 938-2871, or requesting an appointment via yb6847@usma.edu.



A team participates in a "Spider Web" team-building exercise in which each member of the team must get passed through a different hole in the "web" without touching the rope.

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Cultural immersion while at French commando school

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Military Individual Advanced Development for West Point cadets is typically spent going to Airborne School or Air Assault School with very few ever getting the chance to spend it in France. However, this MIAD was not a vacation away from the rigors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, but more rigorous training to improve future officers.

Cadet 2nd Class Ryan Mannina was one of two cadets chosen to scale the Pyrenees Mountains in France in a month-long MIAD at French Commando School, or the

National Center for Commando Training.

Mannina, a French major, and fellow French major Cadet 1st Class Marcus Smith spent a month focused on military mountaineering, close quarters combat, demolitions, amphibious operations, land navigation and urban terrain warfare. It was demanding training that is considered a pre-qualifier for the French Special Forces for those in the French military.

"It was geared around conducting operations behind enemy lines," Mannina said. "It was using survival techniques if you were cut off from support. I believe the school serves the same

purpose that Ranger School does in the American Army, except it's not as long ... Ranger School is 72 days straight."

From May 18 to June 16, Mannina experienced training that he believes helped him mentally by knowing he could get through sustained periods of being out of his comfort zone.

"There were times where we would only sleep two hours a day or we wouldn't sleep for two days," Mannina said. "We would normally eat at least once a day, although there were a couple of times we went two days without eating. For me, it gave me a mental edge on certain things because I'm a wrestler and there are times I have to go short periods without eating to make weight. Now I know, definitely, my body can handle it physically and mentally."

Mannina, who is now spending a semester abroad at École Spéciale Militaire de St. Cyr in France, found the month immersed in Commando School as a great way to enhance his French speaking skills. More importantly, despite his ever waning thoughts throughout his Commando experience, he is now driven to be in the infantry branch.

"There were times where I thought 'I'm not so sure I want to go infantry,'" Mannina said. "But, after it's done, you realize that here I am two months later and [I can] look back at it and think, 'I can do it again.' It's one of those things that [you loathe] while you are there, but afterward you are glad that you did it."

Mannina studied French from elementary school through ninth grade, which built his foundation in the language. However, he didn't study French for nearly five years until his sophomore year at West Point.

He decided to focus on French as a major back during 'Beast Barracks' when his Cadet Basic Training platoon sergeant, Daniel Lennox, steered him in that direction.

"[Lennox] had done a semester abroad with the French Department and that's how I found out about it," Mannina explained. "Since then I've been waiting for my opportunity to do it. When I found out I was going to get the opportunity [in April], it was pretty exciting and I'm still excited about it."

Mannina is one of four cadets



Cadet 2nd Class Ryan Mannina prepares to rappel along the French coast earlier this spring while at French Commando School, with the Mediterranean Sea as his background.



Cadet 1st Class Marcus Smith [left], and Cadet 2nd Class Ryan Mannina take a break from obstacle course training while at French Commando School in the Pyrenees mountains this spring.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

going to St. Cyr this semester, while a total of nine cadets will travel to France to attend three different schools this fall.

The Sarasota, Fla., native, left Aug. 23 to once again immerse himself in the French language and culture, which he deems as an important part of today's mission as an Army officer.

"If I go to Iraq, I would have to deal with that culture or if I went somewhere in Africa I would have to deal with their culture, so having the experience to adapt and understand another culture, especially French because France is one of our NATO partners, is important," Mannina stated. "Learning the French language is going to benefit me in the future and having the experience with learning, understanding and adapting to a different culture helps my development as an officer."

Captain Kelly French, a French instructor here, said that Mannina's seven total months, once he returns in December, in France is a big positive for the Army because of the countries that the Army is involved with in today's world.

"We have a lot of Soldiers in

Africa and being able to speak French over there is a huge plus. The Army needs French linguists with our concentration of forces and Foreign Area Officers in Africa. It'll be a big need in the future," French said.

French, who was a foreign exchange student when she was in high school, believes there is no better way to learn a language than full immersion.

"The four months [Mannina] will spend in France speaking nothing but French is the best way to pick up a language. There's no [comparable program] that we have in the states to learn a language," French explained. "It's an incredible opportunity to learn a language and the culture."

Mannina is a little nervous because the academy has already established itself at St. Cyr for 15 years in the Semester Abroad Program.

"We've been sending cadets there for a long time. We have an established reputation [with] the French officers and cadets," Mannina said. "So it gives me more to live up to when I'm following in other people's footsteps."

Law student scores rare win in 4th Circuit gun case

By Pamela A. MacLean
The National Law Journal

A third-year law student at Wake Forest University accomplished what no other criminal appellate lawyer in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has managed: She won a reversal of a 15-year conviction for a felon in possession of a firearm based on the defense the possession was justified.

Although all eight circuits that have considered the issue have allowed "justification" as a defense to prosecution of felons found with guns, this is the first case in which the conservative 4th Circuit has overturned a guilty plea and allowed a defendant to seek a trial based on the claim. *U.S. v. Mooney*, No. 06-7565.

Meghan Poirier, 28, a West Point graduate and now a captain in the U.S. Army who is about

to begin training in the Judge Advocate General corps, handled the appeal of John D. Mooney as part of an appellate clinic at Wake Forest University School of Law. She argued the appeal just two days after graduation in May, according to John Korzen, law professor in appellate writing who directed the clinic at Wake Forest, which is in Winston-Salem, N.C.

"This was really exciting, especially after we worked on the case over the months and thought we had a chance," said Poirier of Fort Campbell, Ky.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Beckley, W.Va., declined to comment on the case or potential retrial of Mooney.

GUN TO THE HEAD

Mooney of Huntington, W.Va., was charged as a felon in possession of a weapon, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of

15 years. He seized a .38-caliber revolver from his drunken ex-wife as she held the gun to his temple, according to decision by Judge Paul V. Niemeyer. She had a "propensity to brandish and shoot guns at the men in her life," he wrote.

Mooney tried to call police to turn over the gun but his wife disconnected the 911 calls and Mooney, who worked at a nearby bar, ultimately called his boss to say he would bring it to the bar to turn it over to police there. When he arrived at the bar, police were waiting, tipped by his former wife, and he was arrested for possession.

Although Mooney believed that his possession was justified under the circumstances, and that he "did the right thing," his original attorney advised him to plead guilty because the government had to prove only that Mooney was a felon and had a firearm, according to Niemeyer.

"Mooney told me that his appointed counsel had no criminal experience," Korzen said.

Mooney had three prior convictions dating back 25 years, including burglary, robbery and the last an attempted robbery in 1989. He developed the original motion in the federal district court seeking to reverse his 2003 guilty plea and that gave a very clear picture of what happened, Poirier said.

Despite Mooney's repeated attempt to protest his innocence when he appeared in court to plead guilty, and again at sentencing, his lawyer advised the court that the law did not allow a justification defense. "It was patently inaccurate for Mooney's counsel to have advised Mooney and to have

represented to the court that no such defense was ever available," Niemeyer wrote.

In the 4th Circuit, the court has recognized the plausibility of the justification defense, "but we has never had occasion to apply it because the criteria for its application have never been fulfilled," Niemeyer said.

Korzen said of Poirier, "She did it all. She did the research and drafting of the briefs. We had three or four practice rounds of oral argument."

Poirier called the 4th Circuit argument an "opportunity that comes along once in a lifetime."

Poirier spent three years serving in the military police

in Germany before returning to law school at Wake Forest on an Army scholarship. She said she finished her bar exam last week and will know in a few months if she passed.

Meanwhile, she begins three years with the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell this month.

[Editor's Note: Poirier's maiden name is Giddings and she is a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. The article is reprinted with permission from the August 14, 2007 edition of *The National Law Journal* © 2007 ALM Properties, Inc. All rights reserved. Further duplication without permission is prohibited. www.nlj.com.]

RCI questions?

Go to www.westpointfamilyhousing.com

Take the resident survey.
Visit the Q&A section about RCI.

SJA office's unique leadership structure

Story and photo
by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Staff Judge Advocate office here is distinctive in the world of military law offices in that it is run by five women.

Colonel Robin Swope, the Staff Judge Advocate, said she thinks this SJA office is unique.

"I believe this is the first time in the Army, and not just at the U.S. Military Academy, that the SJA and the deputy SJA are women," Swope said. "Moreover, the 'Foundation of Four,' a term the Judge Advocate General's Corps uses to denote the SJA, Deputy SJA, Legal Administrator and Chief Paralegal NCO, are all women in this office. And I coined the term 'Pentagon of Power' to include Lori Doughty because no other installation has a Special Assistant to the SJA/Academy Counsel, as we do."

Swope also noted that all five are the first women to hold their respective positions at West Point. "It's amazing, because the Army is a conservative organization yet we have five women in leadership roles in this office. Women in leadership roles in any law office are hard to find," Swope added.

"Leadership positions may not appeal to women or may be considerably delayed in civilian law firms where it is difficult to balance work and family responsibilities," said Maj. Susan Sutherland, deputy SJA. "The fact that we were selected for leadership positions shows how progressive the military legal profession really is."

The SJA is the Superintendent's personal legal advisor and leads a staff of almost 30 personnel, half of whom are lawyers. According to Swope, "The women leaders in this office are like partners in a law firm, we supervise the people who do all the hard work."

Chief Paralegal NCO Sgt. 1st Class Geraldine Hall thinks the office she works in is remarkable because of the way everyone is able

to work together.

"We work well together because there is an understanding of each other," Hall said. "We can all step up to help keep the ball rolling because most of us have children, grandchildren and commitments outside of the office. This is like our family, so we help each other out."

Legal Administrator Chief Warrant Officer 3 Corinda Barnes also believes the women of the SJA office understand each other well and bring a unique perspective to work.

"Maybe because of our family obligations, women can have a different perspective of office dynamics," Barnes said. "We are able to juggle things in so many areas, every one of us can see what needs to be done today to get the work done tomorrow."

The only attorney of her kind in the Army, one of Doughty's main foci is to draft legislation for the academy. "I enjoyed litigating cases in court, but I really enjoy what I do now," Doughty said. "These types of actions can take years to complete. As a civilian, I actually get to work on an action, like the passage of new legislation, from start to finish."

An example of the type of legislation Doughty might work on includes amending the law to increase the size of the Corps of Cadets. She is currently working on legislation concerning eligibility standards for children attending West Point schools.

The SJA office is like a small law firm with a diverse practice, Swope said. "We not only handle all legal work for the academy but also act as prosecutors in courts-martial and magistrate court, advise cadets accused of honor code violations or other misconduct and provide a wide array of client services ranging from estate planning to processing claims for lost or damaged household goods."

The SJA office is located on the fourth floor of Bldg. 606.



The Staff Judge Advocate office's 'Pentagon of Power' Chief Warrant Officer 3 Corinda Barnes [left], Maj. Susan Sutherland, Lori Doughty, Sgt. 1st Class Geraldine Hall and Col. Robin Swope.

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.

What's Happening

WPWC Super Sign-Up

The West Point Women's Club will have a Super sign-up Tues. at the West Point Club Ballroom from 7 to 9 p.m.

No reservations are required.

FAST classes in Sept.

The West Point Army Education Center will be offering a Functional Academic Skills Training class for qualified Soldiers from Tues. until Sept. 25.

The classes will meet from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call DSN at 688-3464/938-3464 or stop by the Ed. Center to speak to a counselor.

Mandatory Training

All civilians and military who have not attending POSH, Suicide Prevention, Violence in the Workplace, Ethics and Sexual Assault/Prevention training during this fiscal year [FY 07] must attend the below:

Wed. -- 9 a.m. Suicide Prevention/Violence in the Workplace; 10 a.m. Ethics; 11 a.m. POSH

Night classes will also be

offered Sept. 11 for 6 p.m. Suicide Prevention; 7 p.m. POSH; 8 p.m. SAPR. All classes will be held in the Eisenhower Hall theater.

For more info., call DPTMS' Roberto Godreau at 938-8867.

Girl Scout registration

West Point Girl Scout registration and re-registration is currently on going.

For more info., call Deanna at 446-5140.

First WPS Board Meeting

The first West Point Schools School Board Meeting will be Tues. at 4:30 p.m., in the WP Middle School Conference Room.

The meeting is open to the public.

Running School

Former Olympic marathoner Jeff Galloway will visit West Point Tues. through Thurs.

The public is invited to attend an evening lecture on running and lifelong fitness Wed. from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Thayer Hall, Room 144.

Galloway will also hold an outdoor running school Thurs. from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Shea Stadium.

Moms and Tots Social

There will be a Moms and Tots Social Thur. from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Jewish Chapel.

There will be free childcare. The theme will be -- local area attractions.

For more info., contact Allyson Houston at 859-4221.

2007 Engineering Expo

The USMA Engineering Departments are hosting the 2007 Engineering Expo Sept. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m., in Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall and Promenade levels.

The event is a forum that allows cadets and local high school students the opportunity to interact with professors, cadets and industry professionals on a wide variety of engineering topics.

The event is free, open to the public and will feature an informal pizza dinner.

Privately owned weapons ranges

In preparation for the big game

season West Point Range Control will host Privately Owned Weapons Ranges for military, military retirees, U.S. Military Academy staff and faculty, DOD employees and their family members at Range 5 across from Round Pond on N.Y. Route 293 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9.

All personnel must have appropriate identification. Personnel under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Participants are reminded they must provide their own targets and are responsible for removing brass and debris from the range complex.

WP Protestant Sunday School

The West Point Protestant Sunday School is a community-wide chapel program and is a well-established ministry to our community.

The cadets lead the Sunday School classes ranging from Pre-K to Senior High.

We also offer three adult/cadet classes taught by members or chaplains from our chapel congregations. All classes take place on the third floor of Thayer Hall [Hudson River side] from 9 to 10 a.m., beginning Sept. 9.

Register your families at your chapel or for more info contact Chaplain Paige K. Heard, 938-3412, or paige.heard@usma.edu.

Catholic religious education

If you are new to West Point or an old-timer who has not yet registered or re-registered your children for Catholic religious education, please do so today.

Registration forms can be found in the Rectory of Most Holy Trinity, in the rear of the Chapel and in the Religious Education Office located in the Cloister room of the Chapel.

Opening day is Sept. 9. MHT offers religious education classes for children four years old through adult. Classes K-Adult are held Sunday mornings on the 3rd floor of Thayer Hall and the four-year-old class is held in the Cloister room of the Chapel.

For more info., contact Cindy Ragsdale, 938-8761, *Cynthia*.

ragsdale@usma.edu.

Arvin CPDC locker renewal

Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will be conducting their annual renewal of the staff and faculty lockers from Sat. through the end of the month.

A yellow locker renewal slip will be placed inside each assigned locker.

Occupants need to fill out the yellow slip and return to the Front Desk no later than Sept. 30.

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

MCCW

The Military Council of Catholic Women's Ladies of Most Holy Trinity group welcomes you to the following events for the month of September.

Please join us and bring a friend. First Friday devotion and Mass is Sept. 7 at 11:40 a.m.

The September Program is a tour of our historic Most Holy Trinity Chapel Sept. 11 at 9:15 a.m.

The Faith Study meets each Tuesday morning at the Post Chapel from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Light Weigh meets each Wednesday evening at the Catholic Chapel.

The Book Club meets Sept. 24 in the Catholic Chapel.

The Selection is "Ten Dates Every Catholic Should Know."

Childcare is available for all daytime events.

Please see the Most Holy Trinity Bulletin for more details or call Ines Moxley at 839-1515.

Book signing

Author Kirsten Holmstedt will be signing her book "Band of Sisters" [American Women at War

in Iraq] Sept. 13 from 9 to 11:45 a.m., at the U.S. Military Academy bookstore located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor.

Retirement seminars

Seats are still available for the CSRS and FERS retirement seminars scheduled for Sept. 19 in the Bldg. 626 training room on the second floor.

The CSRS seminar is from 8 to 11 a.m.

The FERS seminar is from 1 to 4 p.m.

The seminars are free.

Employees who wish to attend should submit a USMA 24-30 to CPAC.

The form can be faxed to [845] 938-2363.

For more info., call CPAC's Kathleen Ridgeway at 938-3704.

Voting Assistance workshop

West Point will host a Voting Assistance Workshop Sept. 20 in Thayer Hall, Room 442.

The workshop will be presented by personnel from the Federal Voting Assistance Program. There will be two sessions, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

This workshop is for Voting Assistance Officers at the installation and individual unit level.

All VAOs should attend one of the two sessions to ensure they are certified for the upcoming [2008-2009] election year.

Anthony Severo 5K Run/Walk

The 2nd Annual Cadet Anthony Severo 5K Run/Walk will be held Sept. 30 at the Parkland High School Cross Country Course in Allentown, Pa.

For more info., contact Larry Severo [610] 398-3296 or e-mail severoe@aol.com.

U. S. Military Academy Band West Point, New York

Music Under the Stars

Hellcats and Concert Band, *1812 Overture Concert* with Fireworks, Cannon and special guest *George Dvorsky*, Sept. 1 (Rain date Sept. 2), 7:30 p.m.



George Dvorsky frequents the stages of Broadway, Chautauqua and The Covent Garden in London. His studio recordings include *Disney's Beauty and The Beast*, *Broadway Showstoppers*, *Brigadoon* and *The Jerome Kern Treasury*.

Trophy Point Amphitheatre

Free and Open to the Public
See schedule at www.usma.edu/band
or call 845-938-2617

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Transformers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Hairspray, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Live Free or Die Hard, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 7 -- No Reservations, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 -- Underdog, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 -- Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 14 -- Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 15 -- License to Wed, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 15 -- Rescue Dawn, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

The theater schedule can also be found at www.aafes.com.

DOD stewardship event Sept. 22

The West Point Recycle Program and MWR will be sponsoring a Department of Defense Stewardship event at the Round Pond Recreation area Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year we have received funding for natural habitat and cultural resource projects.

We invite anyone interested in volunteering their time to be a "Weed Warrior" for the day.

We will have projects involving the Nature Trail and surrounding area. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, adults and children of all ages are invited.

We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and some beverages. You may bring your own side dishes or preferred beverages.

The Department of Defense is steward of approximately 25 million acres of public lands. These air, land and water resources directly support DOD's military training and readiness capabilities. They also harbor pristine habitats for a wide variety of unique species, as well as a wealth of opportunities for recreational and other renewable uses.

DOD's natural resource management challenge is to guarantee continued access to our land, air and water for realistic military training and testing, while ensuring that the resources entrusted to its care remain healthy and available for use by future generations.

DOD has risen to this challenge through a comprehensive, integrated stewardship program. DOD is working in partnership with other agencies, organizations and individuals to ensure that our natural heritage and our natural security will continue to coexist and thrive.

Schedule of Events: Sept. 22

8 a.m. -- Assign projects and get to work

Noon -- BBQ

1 p.m. -- Admire our work

Please call 938-2503 to register your group or individuals.

Other contacts are:

Pete Spinning 938-8580

Daniel Hulst 938-8857

John Dopler 938-4281

DPW Notes

Housing maintenance backlog

During the U.S. Military Academy's prime personnel turnover season, DPWers are working overtime to ensure that incoming residents receive quality quarters. During the period mid-May through mid-September, approximately one-third of the housing inventory [about 350 quarters] gets new residents.

Each of those quarters needs standard preventive maintenance, plus repairs to correct any defects. Because of this workload requirement, we must change the average turnaround time on service orders.

At Your Leisure

Emergencies will continue to be responded to within 24 hours. Those service orders that are not emergencies, but are considered urgent in nature, will be handled as soon as possible.

All other service orders will be handled only on a time-available basis. This will likely increase the time between reporting a routine repair or service and someone responding to it. The backlog could be as much as 90 days.

DPW is committed to speedy, quality customer service and will get to your service order as soon as possible in keeping with summer maintenance requirements and resources. Remember to get a service order number when calling

the service desk.

It is your receipt that the order has been received and is in the system. Your patience during this peak season is appreciated. Questions or special concerns should be addressed to DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Mechanical rooms

Residents are reminded not to store personal property in mechanical rooms. Mechanical rooms are not intended to be used for storage.

Storage of cardboard boxes, old paint and other household products produces a fire hazard when placed near furnaces or hot water heaters.

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 31 - Sept. 7

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

MONDAY

No PROGRAMMING

TUESDAY- SEPT. 7

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

At Your Leisure

MWR Blurbs

Shoppette construction update

The AAFES Shoppette gas station construction that was expected to be completed by Sept. 8 has been extended due to weather and construction delays.

The project will now consist of all new equipment and is now expected to be completed sometime in mid-September.

For more information, contact Shoppette Store Manager Armond DiPoalo at 446-3666.

Football child care

The Child Development Center will be providing child care for all home football games.

For more information, call 938-4798.

Child care deadlines are:	
Game	Deadline
Sept. 29	Sept. 19
Oct. 6	Sept. 26
Nov. 9	Oct. 31
Nov. 17	Nov. 7

West Point Club

Family style Italian dining, Sept. 7, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Platters serve up to four. Call 446-5504 for reservations.

The WPC has resumed normal academic year hours. The Pierce Dining Room is open on Friday nights for dinner.

Sunday brunch will be served Sept. 9. They are closed this Sunday.

For reservations, call 938-2503.

Secrets to resume success

A Secrets to Resume Success class will be offered Sept. 11, from 10 to 11 a.m., in the ACS Training Room [Building 622].

Learn hints and tips on putting together a winning resume for a government job or civilian employment.

Registration required by Sept 7. For more info., call [845] 248-4719.

ITR trips

Join ITR for a trip to New York City to see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Sept. 7.

The trip leaves WP at 9 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m.

Join ITR for a trip to the Bronx Zoo or the New York Botanical Gardens Sept. 12.

Admission is free to both venues. We leave WP at 9 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.

Join ITR for a trip to the 80th annual Feast of San Gennero festival in New York City's Little Italy Sept. 15. We leave West Point at 11 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

Call 938-3601 for pricing and more information.

No Mother is Perfect

A No Mother is Perfect class will be offered Sept. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the ACS Training Room [Building 622].

Appreciating your mothering style and making the most of it begins with self-knowledge.

Registration required.

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

Financial readiness training for first-term Soldiers

A financial readiness training class for first-term Soldiers is being offered Sept. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. More classes will be held Oct. 10 and Nov. 14.

All classes are held in the ACS classroom [Bldg. 622)].

Registration is required at least one week prior to class date by calling 938-5653/4621.

Youth Services

Come join West Point Child and Youth Services for a day of family fun Sept. 15, from noon to 4 p.m., at Bldg. 500.

We will be celebrating Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids. Enjoy ice cream, games, designing T-shirts and more.

For more info., call 938-8899.

Ballroom dancing classes

The MWR Fitness Center is hosting a series of six weekly ballroom dancing classes starting Sept. 11.

Join acclaimed dance tutor Joe Maraday for each one-hour class, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Cullum Hall [Bldg. 605].

For more info., call 938-6127.

Reintegration and

Reunion Workshop

There will be a Reintegration and Reunion Workshop Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Jewish Chapel, for Soldiers and Families of Soldiers who will return from deployment soon or have recently returned.

Lunch and child care will be provided. Call ACS' Galatea Badger at 938-5654 to sign up.

Round Pond

Fall Festival and Volksmarche scheduled for Sept. 30 at Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond Rec. Area.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the Volksmarch ends at 6 p.m.

Discover the scenic trails at Round Pond. Relax at Bonneville Cabin with an Oktoberfest-style

cookout.

Browse local food, jewelry and craft vendors.

Call 938-2503 for more info.

Financial readiness classes

The Army Community Services Financial Readiness Program is hosting a CheckingAccounts/Checking Refresher class Sept. 13 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Call 938-5653/4621 for more information.

ACSD

The Annual Army Family Action Plan Conference is scheduled for Oct. 23-24 at the West Point Club.

The Teen AFAP Conference will be held Oct. 20 at the Youth Center.

AFAP offers an opportunity to

speaking out and provide ideas on how to improve the well-being of the Total Army Family.

The AFAP Planning Committee seeks individuals interested in serving as delegates, facilitators, recorders and issue support staff.

Call 938-4621 or stop by the ACS Center, Bldg. 622 and become involved.

Arts & Crafts

Classes are ongoing at the West Point Arts & Crafts Shop.

Call for more info., 938-4812.

MWR info

Go to westpointmwr.com to find information for all your West Point MWR activities and events here on post.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Keller Corner

KACH closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Monday.

The emergency room will remain open.

Refractive Surgery Seminar

Are you interested in Laser Vision Correction? Come to the next Refractive Surgery Seminar Tues. at 7:30 p.m., in Robinson Auditorium.

The seminar is open to cadets [cows and firsties] and active duty Soldiers.

If you have any questions, call the Ophthalmology Clinic at 938-2207.

Childbirth preparation classes

[Four-week series] Tuesdays 6 to 8 p.m., starting Tues. and Oct. 30 in KACH's second floor classroom.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Clinical Breast Study

Women ages 30 to 45 with military benefits are invited to participate in an ongoing clinical breast study, to test a new non-invasive scanning device for its ability to identify young women who may be at risk for breast cancer.

Contact Joyce Epstein-Ross, FNP at [845] 938-8387.

Her office is located at the second floor OB/GYN clinic at KACH.

DEERS registration

It's important to register newborns and adoptees in DEERS to establish TRICARE eligibility for essential well-baby and pediatric health care.

By registering your newborn or adopted child in DEERS, you may avoid potential claims problems.

When Does TRICARE Cover Newborns and Adoptees and Pre-Adoptees?

As long as another family member is enrolled in Prime, TRICARE Prime covers -- newborns for 60 days beginning from the date of birth; adopted children for 60 days beginning from the effective date of the actual adoption; and pre-adoptive children for 60 days beginning on the date of placement by the court or approved adoption agency.

To continue Prime coverage past the first 60 days, you must enroll your newborn or adoptee in either TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty Family Members [TPRADFM] within the 60-day window.

On the 61st day and after, if your child isn't enrolled in Prime or TPRADFM, TRICARE processes all future claims under Standard [higher costs] until you enroll them in Prime or TPRADFM.

Your child loses all TRICARE eligibility 365 days after birth or adoption unless they are registered in DEERS.

Exceptional Family Member Program

EFMP is a Department of the Army Program assisting military dependents. It is designed to identify any special educational and medical need and to facilitate consideration of these needs in the personnel assignment process. Enrollment of eligible families is mandatory.

Who should be enrolled?

Any family member with a medical problem that needs more care than a family practitioner can provide; any family member who receives occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy or is in an assisted learning program; or anyone who is seeing a mental health specialist or anyone with asthma regardless of severity.

How do I enroll? Who can answer my questions?

Contact: Nola Francois, Community Hospital, Primary Care EFMP Coordinator, Keller Army Clinic at [845] 938-6881.

O'Neill High School bus schedule for West Point students SY 2007-2008

Route 11 [Blue]

6:51 a.m.	Greene Place
6:51 a.m.	Kosciuszko Place
6:52 a.m.	Meigs Place
6:53 a.m.	Lord Stirling Place
6:53 a.m.	Webb Place
6:53 a.m.	Heath Loop [bus shelter entrance]
6:54 a.m.	Radiere Loop [entrance]
6:54 a.m.	Patterson Loop [entrance]

Route 12 [Yellow]

6:49 a.m.	Merritt Rd./Post Chapel
6:50 a.m.	Merritt Rd./Sladen Place

Route 13 [Red]

6:48 a.m.	Bowman Loop/Lee Rd. [near Qtrs. 286]
6:48 a.m.	Bowman Loop/Lee Rd. [near Qtrs. 266],
6:48 a.m.	Beauregard Place
6:49 a.m.	Barnard Loop/Lee Rd. [near Qtrs. 243]
6:49 a.m.	Barnard Loop/Lee Rd. [near Qtrs. 225]
6:49 a.m.	Barry Rd./ Lee Rd.

Route 14 [Green]

6:46 a.m.	Qtrs. 525 Merritt Rd.
6:48 a.m.	Qtrs. 122 Washington Rd.
6:48 a.m.	Qtrs. 116 Washington Rd.
6:49 a.m.	Qtrs. 113 Washington Rd.
6:49 a.m.	Qtrs. 112 Washington Rd.
6:49 a.m.	Qtrs. 109 Washington Rd.
6:53 a.m.	Qtrs. 6 Thayer Rd.
6:55 a.m.	Qtrs 25 Thayer Rd. [rear-service road]
6:55 a.m.	Kinsley Hill Rd./Wilson Rd.
6:55 a.m.	Smith Place/Wilson Place
6:56 a.m.	Qtrs. 45 Wilson Rd.

Route 15 [Orange]

6:39 a.m.	Qtrs. 34 Thayer Rd.
6:40 a.m.	Qtrs. 378 Mills Rd.
6:43 a.m.	Partridge Place/Schofield Place
6:44 a.m.	Partridge Place/Stewart Rd.
6:45 a.m.	DeRussy Loop/Mills Rd.
6:49 a.m.	Washington Rd./Lee Rd.
6:49 a.m.	Washington Rd./Bailey Loop
6:50 a.m.	Washington Rd./Worth Rd.

All students should have received a bus pass and letter, showing their bus stop time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Transportation Department at 446-9575, extension 223 or 225.

Please visit the Web site www.transfinder.com, to find out bus stop locations and times, as well as register to receive information on any changes in bus schedules.



ANSWERS

Thanks to all of you for your comments and concerns about the services that you receive at West Point. The concern below came

from an anonymous customer, so we are using this forum to answer it, as there are probably others that have a similar issue.

ISSUE: Procedures to enter the academy are very lax during events like concerts and football games. It seems that security completely disappears and anyone can enter the post.

RESPONSE: According to the Directorate of Emergency Services the security precautions at West Point during special and sporting events are no less secure than at any other time. The appearance of routine checks may be different and to some, may appear less than normal. However, be assured that West Point enjoys a safe and secure environment. This means we employ alternate and flexible measures to ensure that we meet the Army's standard for access control and security.

ICE appreciates all feedback and encourages everyone to raise issues that occur. If you would like direct feedback, please include your contact information and we will respond directly to you.

<http://ice.disa.mil/>.

West Point Museum exhibit features WWI body armor

By Les Jensen
Arms Curator
West Point Museum

The West Point Museum is now displaying an extremely rare set of experimental armor from World War I, known as the Brewster Armor Protector.

Only five sets were made and this appears to be the only surviving example. While the armor appears bizarre, it showed promise because of two features.

It was made with a 45-degree bend running vertically up the front which deflected bullets and it had a wire frame inside which cushioned the wearer against the shock of incoming projectiles.

Guy Otis Brewster and Emil Heller tried to sell the armor to the U.S. War Department during World War I. Demonstrations were

held for the Army which included firing live rounds at Brewster while he wore the armor. He emerged unscathed.

General John J. Pershing, American Expeditionary Forces commander in France, wanted to get away from anything that might encourage more static, trench warfare, so the armor was not adopted. In World War II, Heller offered the armor to the U.S. Navy for free, but, unfortunately, the Navy showed little interest.

Though the Brewster Armor Protector was not adopted, it is an extremely rare example of armor from World War I, a war that saw the re-adoption of the steel helmet and some body armor.

For further information call Les Jensen, Curator of Arms and Armor, West Point Museum [845] 938-7339.



The Brewster Armor protector, circa WWI, is now on display at the West Point Museum.

PHOTOS BY MARLANA COOK/WEST POINT MUSEUM



The Brewster Armor Protector was tested for Gen. John J. Pershing during WWI. After being turned down by the Army during WWI, the Navy followed suit during WWII.

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Army and Community Sports

Campbell returns, defense strength in 2007

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Army's defense took a critical blow late last season when they lost defensive star safety Caleb Campbell. Concerns over the torn knee ligaments that ended his football season prematurely were quelled when Campbell's smooth cutting and hard-hitting nature was back on display during summer camp.

Campbell, one of eight defensive seniors expected to start, is an important piece of new Black Knights' head coach Stan Brock's defense and Brock knows he changes the dynamics of the secondary.

"He allows us to do a lot," Brock said. "He's such a tough guy and a great leader. When your leader is out it hurts quite a bit. Now that he's back in the lineup, getting his feet wet and doing the things to get back into game shape, it's only going to allow us to be more aggressive defensively."

Despite feeling a step off during the first few days of practice, Campbell's redemption to play Saturday in the team's season opener is near complete as he is now running and cutting at 100

percent.

"I feel I've gained everything back and it hasn't really bothered me," Campbell explained. "I don't even think about [my knee] while practicing ... I got mentally back. I'm on the field playing football and I'm not worrying about anything else. Right now, I'm thinking about my reads and keys and that's about it."

The 6'2", 224-pound senior co-captain from Perryton, Texas, believes strongly that the defense is stacked this year and starts with two anchors upfront in defensive tackles senior Tony Fusco and sophomore Ted Bentler.

Bentler, a transfer from the University of Iowa, has been receiving rave reviews from coaches and players alike.

"Bentler is a very intense, emotional guy and just having him on the field with his presence around you, you want to reach his level of intensity and that helps a lot of guys," Campbell said. "When he's on the defensive line and he's yelling and hollering, the next thing you know is the other defensive linemen are doing the same thing and then the whole defense is doing it. It's exciting."

The linebacking corps will definitely benefit from a strong

defensive line with only one returning starter in strongside linebacker Charlie Rockwood. However, Rockwood is adamant that the two new players will fit in quite nicely in defensive coordinator John Mumford's system.

"[Senior middle linebacker Brian] Chmura and [junior weakside linebacker Frank] Scappaticci are totally different from the previous two starters on the field," Rockwood stated. "Playing with Barrett [Scruggs] and Cason [Shrode] the last two years was great, but I feel that Chmura brings more speed and Scappaticci has one of the best noses for the football that I've ever seen.

"[Scappaticci] is always where he needs to be and I feel with [the two of us] on the outside and [Chmura] on the inside that we're going to bring a good force to the game," Rockwood added.

On the offense, continuity is big in the skill positions and on defense, continuity is its strongest in the secondary.

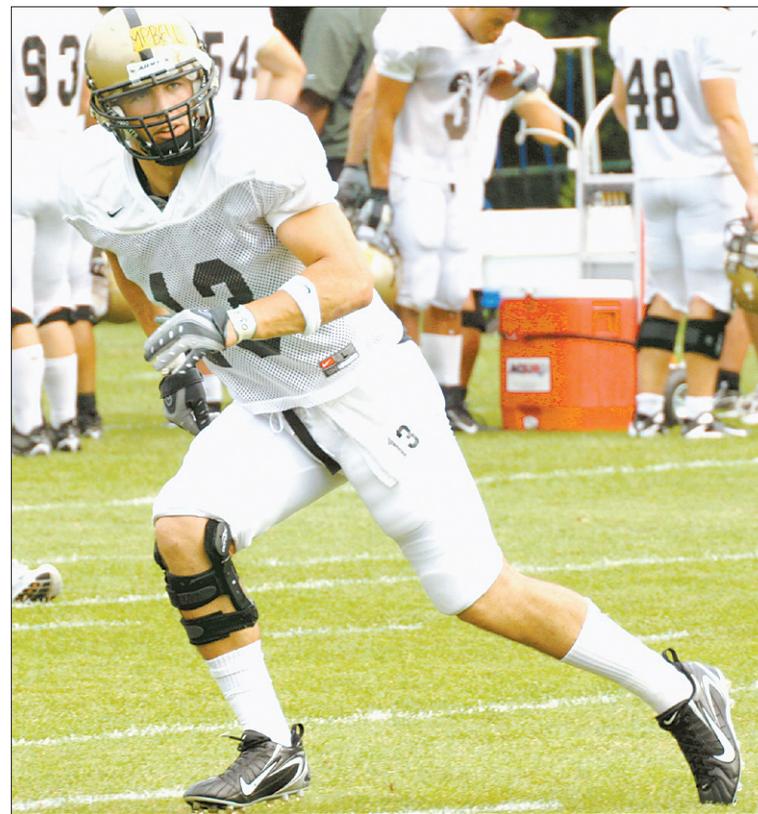
This year's secondary will feature four seniors: Campbell, safety Jordan Murray, and cornerbacks John Laird and Kevin Opoku.

Campbell [59], Laird [58] and Murray [44] are three of the top four tacklers returning for the 2007 campaign. Having grown close over the past three seasons, this group should provide stability on the backside of a defense not seen in quite some time from Army.

"It's really important to have that continuity because you have to trust the guy next to you. We have that trust in the entire defense," Murray said. "As a secondary, we feel comfortable with each other and that will go a long way toward success."

The defense took its lumps late last season with a swoon against Air Force, Notre Dame and Navy in the final three games. But, the most important aspect from that span was gaining the on-field experience that can't be duplicated on the practice field.

When it's all said and done, Army's chances of winning at least six games and getting a shot at a bowl game and the Commander in Chief's Trophy will rest on the experience of its eight seniors on defense.



Senior safety Caleb Campbell returns to the Army secondary after missing the last three games of last season with torn knee ligaments. Despite his injury, he is the returning leading tackler from last season when he finished fourth with 59 tackles.

"There's no way you can practice experience," Rockwood said. "There's no way to get over the fact that you've been on the field. When that experience is under your belt you don't worry about the crowd, who you're playing or the stress of the game.

"You just take care of your assignments," he added, "I'm thankful that I was able to start my sophomore and junior years because now it's just playing time for me."

Army's new head man feels strongly about his defense and has a good feeling about the 11 men who will line up against their opponents in 2007.

"The defense is the strength of this football team and I really believe they are going to carry us as our offense gets its feet wet and things figured out," Brock said. "That's where most of our returning starters are. They were solid last year and we feel comfortable with

them again." Brock does bring a different enthusiasm and atmosphere to the team as the head coach and the players, especially on defense, have picked up on it.

"Everybody's more excited, upbeat and ready to practice every day," Murray said. "He brings a positive vibe with everything he does, so it will be an exciting season."

Brock's 16 years as an NFL player gains the full respect of the players and the team understands what he brings to the club everyday in practice.

"He helps us come out here and motivates us in a way that I never thought we could be motivated," Rockwood said. "He wants us to come out to practice two-to-three hours a day and give it all we have, give all our efforts to make ourselves better at one thing that day and we'll be better ball players for it."



Senior safety Jordan Murray is returning as the starter at free safety. He started five of six games last season, but missed six games due to a hamstring injury. Murray still compiled 44 tackles and an interception off of Notre Dame's Brady Quinn.

Where to watch Saturday's Akron game

The Army Black Knights' season opener versus Akron can be seen on SportsNet New York [DirecTV channel 625, Channel 62 on West Point, or check your local listings outside the WP area]. It is also available on ESPN's pay-per-view GamePlan package.

Pevoto, McMahand named starters

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

The 118th season of Army football kicks off Saturday at Cleveland Browns Stadium as the Black Knights face the Akron Zips in the inaugural FirstMerit Patriot Bowl at 7 p.m.

Army begins a new era with Stan Brock taking over the head coaching reigns after spending three years as an offensive assistant on Bobby Ross' staff. The 16-year National Football League lineman is anxious to get his first collegiate head coaching experience underway.

"This is the first game for a lot of us," Brock said. "We probably won't realize the magnitude of being there until we arrive in Cleveland. I'm ready to play the game now. I'm getting ready just like I'm playing a game.

"Once we get there and get into it, I will be fine," he added. "But, I'm pretty jacked up now."

Brock's first big move was choosing senior quarterback David Pevoto over sophomore Carson Williams as the starter versus Akron. Brock feels comfortable in his decision to choose Pevoto because he won the job and was strong throughout the spring and summer camps.

"What it came down to was a consistency level," Brock explained. "It is something we

look for, something we chart. The fact that [Pevoto] had a better camp than Carson was the biggest reason we made this decision ... David is our starting quarterback and we feel very confident in him."

Brock complimented Pevoto for his ability to take on adversity after losing his starting job last year to a freshman and working hard to get his job back.

Pevoto's teammates never lost confidence in him, however, despite the fact that Williams started training camp on top of the depth chart.

"David went out there every day, worked hard and won the job. I'm not surprised," said senior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble. "Once you step in the huddle, you know it's his huddle. I never lost confidence in him last year and never doubted for a moment he wouldn't be the starter this year. I think he's got that demeanor that all good quarterbacks have."

Pevoto feels good about being named starter and is equally happy to have the backing of his teammates as well as his coaches.

"Having my teammates' confidence is even more important than having the coaches' confidence because they are the ones out there on the field with me," Pevoto said. "Last year, after everything that happened, I never lost faith in myself. I just came back, took my lunch pail to work everyday and tried to get the best I could out of every day -- as well as what my ability will let me."

One of the keys to gaining back the starting position is that Pevoto hasn't been making the mistakes during training camp he was prone to making last season.

"I'm not forcing the ball anymore," Pevoto said. "I'm really taking control of the ball, making sure I know where I'm throwing it."

Junior running back Wesley McMahand will retain his starting slot at half back and he's very excited to get the chance to get the team rolling against Akron.

"I want to set the tone for the rest of the team," McMahand said. "My role as the starter is to be the one to make plays. I'm confident that if I get tired or hurt that we have a solid group of guys who can step in, but it's an honor [to get the start]."

On defense, the return of senior



Senior quarterback David Pevoto [left] won the starting quarterback job over sophomore Carson Williams [right]. Junior running back Wesley McMahand [#23] will start at running back. However, Army head football coach Stan Brock will use a committee for his backfield.

safety Caleb Campbell is important to the makeup of the entire defense. He's expected to return to the field Saturday after tearing knee ligaments against Tulane Oct. 28 last season and he is more than ready to hit some Akron receivers this weekend.

"I'm anxious to get back on the field," Campbell said. "The coaches kept me out of things initially, but my knee feels great now and I think it is because of the slow process [of getting me back into action]."

Brock wanted to take it easy on Campbell through training camp because he knew if he went full speed from the start that they could have risked losing him for part or all of the season.

"We've kind of kept him in check all through training camp, mostly to protect him from himself," Brock said. "He is one of those high-motor guys who likes to stick his nose into [everything]. He had a good camp and we feel good with where he is and his progress through his rehabilitation."

Army will be looking to win its first opener since 1996 when they defeated Ohio. The last time the Black Knights faced Akron, in

2005, they defeated them 20-0 as former running back Carlton Jones ran for 162 yards, caught three passes for 54 yards and added two touchdowns.

Saturday's game will be aired in the New York metropolitan area by SportsNet New York [DirecTV Channel 625 and check local listings for Time Warner Cable channel] and is also included on the ESPN Game Plan pay-per-view package.

The Army game can be heard on the Army Sports Network through WABC 770-AM New York and Sirius Satellite Radio on Channel 123 beginning at 7 p.m., with John Minko and Dean Darling as the play-by-play man and color analyst, respectively.

The 90-minute "Army Football Tailgate Show," hosted by Rich DeMarco and Bob Outer begins at 5 p.m., with pre-game coverage starting at 6:30 p.m.



New Army head football coach Stan Brock oversees summer training camp as he anticipates his first collegiate game as head coach versus Akron.

QUARTERBACK LUNCHEONS

Army Football Quarterback Luncheons are Thursdays at the West Point Club at noon. Each luncheon is a pep rally before the week's game and will involve a Q & A with Coach Stan Brock and comments from the players.

The lunch menu offers a choice of the Salad Bar or Sandwich Bar, and you can also get a hot entree, soup, chips, coffee, tea and cookies.

For reservations for your department or group, call 938-5120 or 446-5504.

The food lines will open at 11:45 a.m., with the luncheon activities beginning at noon. All luncheons will take place Thursdays, except for Nov. 7 before the Nov. 9, a Friday night, Rutgers game.

Eisenhower Hall will host the Quarterback Luncheon for the Air Force and Navy games only.

Bull on target by achieving President's Hundred

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Marksmanship is vitally important during a combat situation -- knowing that in the heat of the moment you can focus on the job at hand, breathe and shoot at your target.

The President's Match or the National Trophy Match, which are National Rifle matches that have been held since the late 1800s, are not the same as a dire combat situation, but offer a way to improve shooting in a competitive environment.

Major Geoffrey Bull, course director for Nuclear Weapons and Weapons Effects in the Physics Department here, achieved a long time goal July 30 and 31 when he received the President's Hundred tab while competing in the President's Match at Camp Perry, Ohio, an Ohio National Guard base.

The matches included a series of small bore, rifle, pistol and high-

powered rifle events. Bull shot the high-powered rifle and finished 53rd out of 1,250 participants. Finishing in the top 100 earned him the President's tab, established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1904.

Although these national matches are open to both civilian and military by the Civilian Marksmanship Program, Bull can wear his President's Hundred tab on his uniforms.

He is now among a half dozen Army officers who currently can wear this tab and is excited by what it means.

"I'm very proud," Bull said. "I expect when I start wearing it that people will ask what it is. It will be absolutely exciting to explain about the Civilian Marksmanship Program. It's intended to enhance the marksmanship of everyone in this country and in the military that should be one of our top priorities -- advanced marksmanship."

Bull scored 287 out of 300 and 11 Xs, which are considered bull's

eyes, in the President's Match. That included shooting 30 rounds with 10 coming from 200 yards while standing, 10 from 300 yards in the prone position and the final 10 are shot at 600 yards, also from the prone position.

He scored his best on the 600-yard target by getting 99 out of 100 points. However, he says his tendency is to do much better at the short targets which got him concerned at first.

"I reversed my scores because I tend to be very good at the short ranges," Bull said. "I was worried after my 200 yards stage because it was much lower than normal [91 out of 100], but I stuck with it and managed to pull out those other two stages of the match. I kept those scores high enough to keep me in."

Now that Bull has achieved his President's tab, he is looking toward his next goal -- earning his Distinguished Rifleman Badge, which takes a lot longer to achieve.

A day after earning his President's tab, he shot in the National Trophy Match and got 478 out of 500 points. Earning the DRB involves shooting in a series of matches to receive points toward the badge. Thirty total points are needed to earn the badge. The shooter must place in the top 10 percent a number of times to show proficiency. Bull received eight points this year.

Just like the President's tab, Bull has been working on his DRB for three of the past four years. However, he did participate twice in the President's Hundred while in high school.

Bull was introduced to competitive marksmanship by his father, Russell, a former infantry officer, while growing up in Vichy, Mo.

His father competed during the Vietnam era when, according to Bull, every Army post had its own rifle team. Bull's competitiveness toward shooting the rifle continued during his time as a cadet as a member of the Army rifle team from 1992 through 1996.

While shooting for the Army team didn't necessarily give Bull the upper hand in performing well at the President's Match and National Trophy competitions, it did help because it offered Bull many opportunities to shoot.



Major Geoffrey Bull holds up President's Hundred tabs that he will wear on his uniforms. He earned the tabs by shooting a 287 out of 300 with a high-powered rifle at the President's Match held at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 30.

"Shooting at the academy helped a great deal, although I didn't shoot a high powered rifle while here," Bull said. "But, it did help in getting the basics of marksmanship down and well ingrained."

The Civilian Marksmanship Program focuses on the service rifle as participants shoot match-grade versions of the M-16, although according to Bull, these weapons are much more accurate than the military M-16 version.

Achieving any of these awards does not excuse Bull from having to qualify with his service weapon, an M-9 pistol. And, for as well as he shot this year, he really doesn't get enough chances to practice before the national competitions.

"With the scarcity of ranges, the nearest non-military range is in Albany. There's not enough time to practice," Bull said. "From the end of April through the first part of October, in this part of the country, you can usually find a match every weekend, if you are willing to

travel. I went to two matches before I went to the national matches, which isn't a lot."

The former physics major, when not competing at marksmanship, is deeply involved with nuclear engineering as he teaches courses on nuclear weapons and basic nuclear weapons design.

"Within the course, we talk about contemporary issues ranging from policy, effects of nuclear weapons, a history of how nuclear weapons affected politics, society and how it affected the military," Bull stated. "Also, in the spring, I teach the core physics program."

Bull is also currently the officer representative for the Army rifle team and is happy to spend his extra time with those cadets, while dreaming of his own exploits as a marksman.

"If I could shoot all the time and get paid for it -- that would be great," Bull said. "But I really enjoy teaching. I love being here and working with the cadets."

Staff and Faculty Bowling Signups

The renovated MWR Bowling Center will host the 2007 Staff and Faculty Bowling League.

Department or unit teams can enter by e-mailing Graig Arms, Bowling Center manager, at Graig.Arms@usma.edu or calling him at 938-2140.

The League will play every Tuesday, games starting at 6:30 p.m., from Sept. 11 through Dec. 11 and then Jan. 15 through Feb. 26. It'll be a duration of 21 weeks. There is a small fee of \$6 per person to cover lane fee costs. Shoe rentals, if needed, are for free.

The League will be handicapped. Deadlines for team entries is Tuesday.

Volkssport Club of West Point

The Nyack Street Fair is the location of a 10k volksmarch, sponsored by the Volkssport Club of West Point, Sept. 9. The trail will be paved sidewalks and streets passing through the towns of Nyack, Upper Nyack, South Nyack and through the popular street fair.

This walk will qualify for three AVA special programs: Lighthouses, Riverwalk America and Railroad Heritage. No awards will be available. The walk is free. AVA credit is \$3.

Walkers may register at 9 a.m., but must finish the walk by 2 p.m. Registration and the start/finish line will be at Franklin Street Park at the corner of Cedar Hill Avenue and South Franklin Street.

Pets are not permitted. Restrooms will be available. The trail is suitable for strollers. For further information, call Peggy Goetz at 945-268-2215.

Army Game Day Top Football Tradition

Army's Game Day experience was considered top spot in ESPN's top five College Football Traditions. Go to <http://sports.espn.go.com/broadband/video/videopage?videoid=2988207>, to see the video.

WEST POINT 5K/10K DRAWS 450 PARTICIPANTS

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Roughly 450 men, women and children participated in the annual Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored 5k/10k races and fun run for children here at Buffalo Soldier Field Saturday despite the heat, haze and humidity. Many participants returned here for the second and third times.

This is Newburgh, N.Y., native Troy Kelleher's second year. Although he enjoys running, he is not on a running team at his high school. He opted for the crew team instead.

"It took me about an hour to finish the race last year," he said. "I hope I can do better this time. I just run for fun and hope to try the triathlon next year."

Kelleher placed 155th overall in the 10k and finished at 59:13.

Patrick Hagan came all the way from Santa Cruz, Calif., to be in

the race. Hagan is originally from this area.

"I run often and I think I first ran this race in 2000," said the 54 year-old. "I really love West Point and used to attend most of the Army sports games. That's why I'm here."

Hagan placed 185th with a time of 1:05:45 overall in the 10k.

The overall winner in the 5k was Capt. Andy Jugan, an instructor in the Chemistry and Life Sciences department. Jugan's time was 18:17. Sixteen-year-old Jeromy Rex placed second overall with a time of 19:58 and 13-year-old John Baranik placed third with a time of 21:16.

Overall winners in the 10k were Cory Reed from Eldred, N.Y., who placed first with a time of 34:34; Cadet 3rd Class Joseph Grimm was second with a time of 36:43 and Christy Nichol Gelineau, an instructor in the Systems Engineering department, placed third with a time of 37:02.



Children took part in the 1k Kids' Fun Run Saturday at West Point. Chancey Anderson [ages 0-4], Zach Randall [ages 5-9] and Josie Econom [ages 10 and up] took Gold in their respective age groups during the Fun Run.

The male overall winners in the 10k were Reed, Grimm, and Cadet 4th Class Austin Coleman with a time of 37:45.

Female age group overall winners in the 5k were 36-year-old Kimberly Chalfin from Nanuet, N.Y., with a time of 21:18; 16-year-old Lindi Fielitz was second in 23:01 and 39-year-old Kristen

Crino placed third with a time of 23:44.

Female age group overall winners for the 10k were Gelineau in first with a time of 37:02; 30-year-old Sarah Joehl in second with a time of 43:48 and 20-year-old Cadet 2nd Class Amanda Raulerson who finished in 47:44

Teams Les Poissons, Geller 3

and Dillman placed first, second and third, respectively, in the 5k race and teams DSE/HIST/DPE placed first in the 10k with the Red Raiders placing second and the Flying Squirrels placing third.

The top finishers for the 1k Kids' Fun Run were: ages 0-4; Chancey Anderson [Gold],

See 5K/10K on page 19



Cadet 3rd Class Joseph Grimm [front] finished in second place in the 10k with a time of 36:43 during the West Point 5k/10k Saturday at Buffalo Soldier Field.

**5K/10K,
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Kiana Royster [Silver] and Connor Anderson [Bronze].

Top finishers in the Ages 5-9 category were: Zach Randall [Gold], Chandler Rittenhouse [Silver] and Jack Econom [Bronze].

Finally, the top finishers in the Ages 10 and up category were: Josie Econom [Gold], J.P. Hornbarger [Silver] and Drew Pearson [Bronze].

For full results go to <http://www.doitsports.com/results/page.tcl?id=179748>. For additional photos of the event, go to <http://www.westpointmwr.com/EVENTS/10K/photoalbum.htm>.

**2007 Army football
schedule**

SEPT. 1 vs. AKRON IN CLEVELAND
 SEPT. 8 **RHODE ISLAND**
 SEPT. 15 @ WAKE FOREST
 SEPT. 22 @ BOSTON COLLEGE
 SEPT. 29 **TEMPLE**
 OCT. 6 **TULANE**
 OCT. 13 @ CENTRAL MICHIGAN
 OCT. 20 @ GEORGIA TECH.
 NOV. 3 @ USAFA
 NOV. 9 **RUTGERS**
 NOV. 16 **TULSA**
 DEC. 1 vs. NAVY IN BALTIMORE

HOME GAMES IN BOLD