

## Academy chosen as 'best public college'

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- A report released Aug. 14 by [www.Forbes.com](http://www.Forbes.com), America's Best Colleges, ranked the U.S. Military Academy the sixth best of all American colleges on the quality of faculty, academics and graduates.

As the "best public college," as well as the most "surprising" top pick, West Point may be the finest, yet most undervalued, educational experience in America.

The Center for College Affordability and Productivity staff gathered data from a variety of sources basing 25 percent of the rankings on 7 million student evaluations of courses and instructors, as recorded on the Web site [RateMyProfessors.com](http://RateMyProfessors.com).

Another 25 percent depends on how many of the school's alumni, adjusted for enrollment, were listed among notable people in Who's Who in America.

The other half of the ranking

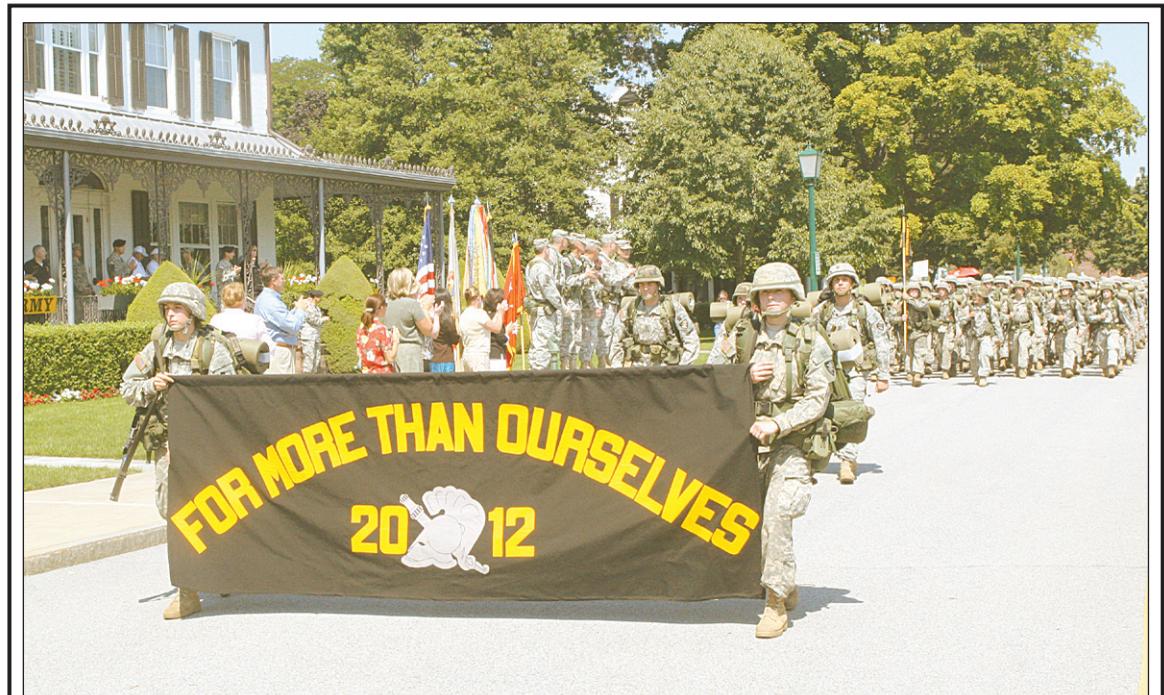
was based equally on three factors: the average amount of student debt at graduation held by those who borrowed, the percentage of students graduating in four years and the number of students or faculty, adjusted for enrollment, who have won nationally competitive awards such as Rhodes Scholarships or Nobel Prizes.

Today, *U.S. News & World Report's* 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges" that comes out on newsstands Monday chose West Point as the "best public liberal arts college" in the country.

West Point is considered the 14th overall best liberal arts school in the country of all 265 liberal arts colleges public or private.

The academy also got a top 5 nomination in the category of "undergraduate engineering program."

To view the rankings online, visit [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).



## Welcome back Class of 2012

Members of Hotel Company, the Cadet Basic Training honor company, proudly display the Class of 2012 motto, "For More Than Ourselves," as they and more than 1,200 other new cadets march past Quarters 100 Monday at the end of "Beast Barracks." The new cadets survived a grueling seven-week CBT and will now join the Corps of Cadets Saturday during the Acceptance Day parade. (See related story on pages 8-9.)

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

## Army celebrates AFAP's 25th anniversary

By Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- In the coming months, the Army will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Army Family Action Plan, senior leaders said, citing an ongoing commitment to Families, which is embodied in the Army Family Covenant.

The Army Family Covenant declares Soldiers' strength comes from their Families.

It pledges to provide for and support those Families, increase the accessibility and quality of healthcare, improve Soldier and Family housing and standardize and fund Family programs and services.

Then-Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham signed a groundbreaking "white paper" titled "The Army Family" Aug. 15, 1983. It

identified the need for the Army to increase support to its Families. Wickham and his staff asserted that a healthy Family environment allows Soldiers to concentrate more fully on their mission.

"The readiness of our all-volunteer force depends on the health of the Families," said Secretary of the Army Pete Geren. "I can assure you that your Army leadership understands the important contribution each and every one of you makes. We need to make sure we step up and provide the support Families need so the Army Family stays healthy and ready."

The Army was in transition in 1983. It was moving from an organization comprised mostly of draftees and short-term enlistees to an all-volunteer, professional force consisting of more than 50 percent married personnel. Wickham set a

new vision and course for Army Families that carries on to this day.

AFAP was created with an initial planning conference in 1984, the Year of the Army Family. Its mission was to help Army leaders address the needs and concerns of Family members.

The program uses Family representatives from around the world to identify issues that will improve the standard of living for Soldiers and their Families. This feedback to leaders provides for policy changes that become tangible end-products for the Army Family.

AFAP beneficiaries include Soldiers, retirees, Department of Army civilian employees and all their Family members. Delegates meet and vote on the Top 5 conference issues every

year. These issues are briefed at the next general-officer steering committee.

The process involves the voicing of what's working and what isn't and provides a recommended solution to fix it. Senior Army leadership is alerted to areas of concern that need their immediate attention.

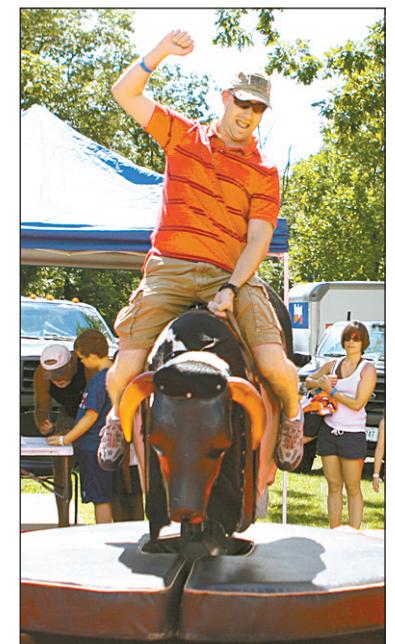
More than 600 issues have been identified in the past 24 years. AFAP has driven 101 legislative changes, 147 Army policy and regulatory changes and 165 improved programs and services.

"We recognize what it takes to be an Army Family and that our Soldiers draw great strength from their Families," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

"The welfare of Army Families is increasingly important to all of

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# Force Protection set for Acceptance Day AFAP, con't from page 1

By Joe Senger  
Directorate of Plans, Training,  
Mobilization and Security

In support of the Cadet Acceptance Day Parade on the Plain at 10 a.m. Saturday to accept the Class of 2012 into the Corps of Cadets, the following parking, traffic and force protection measures will be in effect.

Parking will be allowed in the central post area, to include Clinton parking lot throughout the day. Cars parked in the vicinity of Clinton lot or other lots around Trophy Point will be free to exit during the ceremony.

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

Traffic will be free to continue along Cullum Road during the ceremony.

However, large or extremely loud vehicles that may detract from the reverence of the parade will be stopped or diverted by military

police personnel at traffic control points before entering the Plain area until the conclusion of the parade.

Traffic control points will be established on Cullum Road near the entrance to the Thayer Hall roof parking lot, at the Thayer and Mills Road intersection and at the intersection of Stony Lonesome and Washington roads beginning at 9 a.m.

Everyone is reminded to stay off of the Plain. Every person should use the sidewalks or Diagonal Walk to ensure the Plain retains its splendor as a historical landmark on West Point.

The Cadet Barracks and cadet formation areas are restricted to authorized personnel only as is reflected by signs posted along the various walkways.

For more information about these areas or other places of interest on West Point, please contact the West Point Visitors Center at 938-2638.

If you have any questions, call Joe Senger at 938-8845.

us," he continued, adding that the Army was committed to building a partnership with Families, which is expressed in the Army Family Covenant.

Child care in the Army, officials point out, exemplifies the success of the AFAP process. For example, there was no funding for child care construction in 1981. Between 1983 and 2006, 132 child care facilities have been built or renovated at a total cost of \$325 million.

Examples of Family support programs and services impacted by the AFAP process include:

- Family readiness groups are currently funded, staffed and a unit requirement as a result of policy changes made through the AFAP process;
- The Family Advocacy Program, created after an AFAP issue identified the need to assist Families in crisis, provided training and support to more than 164,000 Soldiers or Families in fiscal year 2006;
- Financial Readiness Program managers conducted more than 110,000 financial readiness courses and provided individual support to nearly 50,000 people;
- More than 50,000 spouses



AFAP participants discuss dental and medical issues at the 2006 AFAP Conference. This year's West Point AFAP Conference is Nov. 18-19 at the West Point Club. The teen conference is set for Nov. 15 at Child and Youth Services. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

have found employment through the Army Spouse Employment Program;

• Army garrisons now provide an average of more than 50 support programs/activities ranging from Army Family Team Building classes to Youth Services activities designed to ease the burden on the spouses of deployed Soldiers.

Leading up to the AFAP national meeting in Alexandria, Va., in January, installations and garrisons around the world will

conduct AFAP meetings to identify key issues to be addressed by Army leadership.

The West Point AFAP conference is scheduled for Nov. 18-19 at the West Point Club.

The teen conference is set for Nov. 15 at Child and Youth Services, Bldg. 500. To submit an issue to be discussed at the conference or for more information about how to participate in the conference, visit [www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm](http://www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm).

## CORRECTION

There is a correction to the Aug. 15 Pointer View within the Page 1 RCI story. Due to an editor's error, the sentence that reads, "Those who live in the neighborhood and will have to move by next summer already have been notified," should read "will be notified." We apologize for the inconvenience.

## 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: Medium

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

SOLUTION, see page 13

## SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahan, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Sicoletti (Dean).

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

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

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# Force Protection, parking for Army/Temple opener

**By Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security**

In order to enhance West Point's force protection posture for its residents, the Corps of Cadets and guests traveling to the installation for the home football game against Temple at 7 p.m. Aug. 29, special parking restrictions and increased force protection measures are necessary.

Because the game takes place during a week day, the parking restrictions below apply.

Significant portions of Clinton Field and Doubleday parking lots will be blocked from workday parking for the entire day.

Parking on the level of the Plain including the remaining open areas of Clinton Field and Doubleday parking lots, the tennis courts and along Kosciusko monument will be restricted after 3 p.m. Aug. 29.

**In order to accommodate these measures, supervisors:**

- Will, consistent with a liberal leave policy and mission requirements, grant leave after noon to employees requesting it;

- Should allow alternate tours of duty at supervisor or employee's request from Monday through Aug. 29 only (e.g.: let employees work four, 10-hour days and then take Friday off without leave);

- Canvas their workforce for any special problems to ensure that everyone is able to get to his or her car or bus.

**Supervisors also will provide the following information to employees:**

Employees are strongly encouraged to park in K-Lot (MWR Fitness Center lot) or Buffalo Soldier Field hardstand, and then take the regular or the CPA express shuttle bus to their work locations Aug. 29.

Employees who choose to park in the Central Area parking lots must move their vehicles no later than 3 p.m. Aug. 29 to either K-Lot or Buffalo Soldier Field. Shuttle bus operations will follow normal hours of operation, allowing employees to take the shuttle bus back to their place of duty.

Employees who elect to work normal duty hours are granted time to move their vehicles, but they must report back for duty.

The western portion of the Buffalo Soldier Field parking

lot will be blocked to workforce parking.

Employees and visitors to Bldgs. 622 and 626 should park in the marked parking spots along Swift Road.

Handicap/Disabled parking in the vicinity of the Plain will remain Handicap/Disabled parking for the employees throughout the duration of the day.

There will be no changes to Handicap/Disabled parking privileges.

Military staff and faculty, particularly those residing on post, are strongly encouraged to carpool, walk, shuttle or bicycle to work to help reduce potential parking and traffic congestion on post during game day.

Beginning at about 4 p.m., Stony Lonesome Road will be blocked at the Flight Memorial Monument just west of the Lusk housing entrance to the Delafield Road intersection.

Personnel may still access the Lusk housing area by traveling up Stony Lonesome Road, but will not be able to continue further. Delafield Road will remain open. After 3 p.m., workforce personnel are advised to use Washington and Thayer gates to exit the installation.

**The following areas are "No Parking Areas" in support of football operations and Force Protection. ANY VEHICLES REMAINING AFTER 3 P.M. AUG. 29, WILL BE SUBJECT TO BEING TOWED:**

- Brewerton Road
- Scott Place
- Doubleday Lot (portions not barricaded)
- Clinton Lot (portions not barricaded)
- Cullum Road
- Tennis Court Lot
- Kosciusko Statue Lot
- Lettered Lots AAA, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, WP School, and J Lot
- K Lot (MWR Fitness Center)
  - Bldg. 639 Lot
- South Dock (All Areas) to include Williams Road
  - Lots surrounding Garrison Headquarters (Building 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

• Buffalo Soldier hardstand lot (portions not barricaded)

• Laundry Plant (Bldg. 845) and TMP

- Thayer Road

The first 14 parking slots on Thayer Road beginning at the Mills intersection traveling north will be blocked off at 10 p.m. Thursday to support the Yellow Jacket pay for parking plan.

In order to facilitate the building of Black Knight Alley, Mills Road will be blocked from the Stony Lonesome intersection to the Howze Place intersection beginning at 1 p.m. Aug. 29.

Vehicles may still utilize Howze Place until 4 p.m. when the stadium blocking positions go into effect.

As with previous football operations, vehicles without an exemption pass distributed by the DPTMS' Force Protection Office will not be permitted entry through

the blocking positions into the stadium area.

Military police will patrol the housing areas throughout the day. Housing area residents are requested to notify the Provost Marshal of any suspicious activities or unidentified vehicles remaining in the housing area during and after the completion of the game and related activities.

**General Information:**

1. Michie Stadium gates open at 5 p.m.

2. The Cadet Review will begin at 4 p.m.

3. Black Knight Alley will open at 3 p.m.

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

Each security point will have an "EZ Pass" lane set aside for DOD personnel (both military and civilian) with DOD ID.

They must accompany Family members and guests. Family

members and guests must present photo ID (16 years of age and older).

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

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

7. RV parking is available at North Dock beginning on Thursday. All RV's must leave the North Dock area no later than 11 a.m. Saturday because of the 1812 Overture Concert that takes place Saturday evening.

8. Walking and using shuttle buses are highly encouraged.

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

## TSP TICKER

**AUGUST changes (as of 08/19)**

C FUND	- 0.21 percent
I FUND	- 0.52 percent
S FUND	- 0.31 percent

# Parade, Pre- and Post-football game shuttle routes

## By Directorate of Logistics Vehicle Operations Division

Army Black Knight football fans who enjoy the gameday experience at West Point are offered the optimum comforts of getting to the Central Post Area or Michie Stadium through the shuttle bus system.

The shuttle bus transports spectators from outlying areas to the Central Post Area for the Cadet Review.

Buses begin operating an hour-and-a-half before the start of the review. Return trips to the outlying areas and stadium will commence immediately after the review.

Shuttle bus services will be operated by contract school buses. No fares will be collected.

### Parade Shuttle Routes

**1.) Handicapped Route** (Handicapped Parking is located in H-Lot/Commissary parking lot): Buses will stage in front of the Commissary.

The route is Stony Lonesome Road to Thayer Extension and The Plain. After the parade, handicapped buses will return to H Lot, making drops at Gates 1 and 6 at Michie Stadium.

**2.) Blue Route** (North Parking Areas): Buses will stage at the north area parking lots (Ski Slope, Keller Hospital, Elementary School, old post exchange K-Lot and North Athletic Field).

The route is Washington Gate to Thayer Road Extension. After the parade, spectators will be picked up at Thayer Road Extension and returned to the north parking areas.

**3.) Red Route** (Upper Lots): Buses will stage at H lot/Commissary. The route is Stony Lonesome Road to Thayer Extension.

After the parade, spectators will be picked up at Thayer Extension

and returned to upper lot parking areas.

**4.) Green Route** (Two routes cover South Area):

- South Dock Area. Buses will stage at Williams Road. The route is Williams Road to Thayer Extension.

- Buffalo Soldier Field. Buses will stage at Buffalo Soldier Field, in front of the Post Office.

The route is Thayer Road to Thayer Road Extension.

**5.) Housing Shuttle: Parade shuttles start 45 minutes before the parade.** (Three routes cover the housing areas):

- Lee Area -- Buses will stage at Lee Gate. The route is Lee Road to Washington Road to Thayer Road Extension.

- 500 Area -- Buses will stage at the intersection of Connor and Merritt Roads. The route is Connor Road to Moore Loop to Merritt Road to Washington Road to Thayer Extension.

- Stony Lonesome Area -- Buses will stage on Continental Road/ Bldg. 3001. The route is Continental Road to Stony Lonesome Road to Mills Road (south) to Thayer Road to Thayer Extension.

After the parade, there is no shuttle bus returning to the housing areas. Housing buses will be used to transport housing occupants and spectators to the stadium.

### Pre-game Stadium Shuttle Routes

The stadium shuttle bus transports spectators from outlying areas to Michie Stadium. The shuttle will begin immediately following the cadet review.

**1.) Handicapped Shuttle Service** (Handicapped Parking Area): Handicapped buses will transport to Gates 1 and 6 at Michie Stadium from H-Lot/ Commissary parking lot.

**2.) Blue Route** (North Parking Areas, Target Field and Thayer

Extension): Spectators will be transported from Ski Slope, Keller Hospital, Elementary School and along Washington Road, from Target Field and Thayer Extension onto Washington Road, to Bruckner Hill Road, left onto Merritt, right onto Delafield Road. Left turn onto Stony Lonesome Road (as you pass thought the Blocking Point), then the bus moves into the far left lane to discharge passengers in the vicinity of the Flight Memorial.

**3.) Red Route** (Upper Lots): Spectators in Commissary parking/ PX lot and upper lots will be transported southbound on Stony Lonesome Road, continue to F-Lot entrance, then makes a three-point turn. The bus also travels northbound on Stony Lonesome Road, discharge passengers in the vicinity of Gate 6.

**4.) Green Route** (Two shuttles, South Dock and Buffalo Soldier Field): Pick-up points for spectators are Williams Road and Buffalo Soldier Field.

Travel northbound on Mills Road, discharge passengers at the intersection of Mills and Howze Place. The bus goes left onto Howze Place southbound on Fenton Place.

**5.) Housing Shuttle Service: Stadium shuttles start one hour before the kickoff.** (Three routes in housing): Pick-up points for spectators are Lee Road and 500 areas, discharging passengers in the vicinity of the Flight Memorial.

Stony Lonesome buses will travel along Continental Road and discharge passengers just north of Gate 6.

### Post-game Shuttle Service

The post-game shuttle bus service transports spectators from Michie Stadium to the parking and housing areas.

Buses will be staged at the stadium and will depart when fully loaded.

**1.) Handicapped Shuttle Service** (H-Lot/Commissary lot): Spectators will be picked up at Gate 1 and Gate 6. Buses will transport handicapped spectators to the Commissary parking lot via Stony Lonesome Road.

**2.) Blue Route, Lee and 500 Area:** Buses will stage in the vicinity of Flight Memorial and transport spectators to Thayer Extension,

Target Field, old post exchange, Lee Housing, Elementary School, Keller Hospital, Ski Slope and along Washington Road for the 500 Housing area.

**3.) Red Route and Stony Lonesome Housing:** Buses stage in front of the Kimsey Center and transport spectators to upper Lots and Stony Lonesome Housing.

**4.) Green Route** (South Areas): Buses will stage on Howze Place and transport spectators down Mills Road to Swift Road.

The bus continues onto Thayer Road to the rear of Taylor Hall (in the MOAT), and into South Dock area.



**Rabs greet "Iron Mike"**

The Rabble Rousers and Black Jack (above) pose in front of the Iron Mike statue near the XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters at Fort Bragg, N.C., Aug. 15. They made a brief stop at Fort Bragg and visited the famous statue that honors "the world's finest fighting Soldiers."

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JIM WILT/82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION PAO

## Voting Assistance

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

For additional information about absentee voting, you can also go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

# Community Features and Photos

## 'Grounded leader' named new First Captain

Story and photo by  
Emily Tower

Firstie Benjamin Amsler thought back to an interesting program he saw on the Discovery Channel about West Point about 10 years ago. After his initial awe, he hardly gave it a second thought.

He often watched war movies and played with toy guns and had known the life of an Army officer was for him since he was a little boy.

As he grew up and learned how satisfying helping and leading others was to him, he began to consider ROTC -- until a card in his guidance counselor's office caught his eye.

Amsler's mind drifted back to the program he'd seen, and his future was decided right then and there.

He picked up one of the cards and returned it to the U.S. Military Academy for information. And now, just a few years later, Amsler is the highest-ranking cadet at West Point.

He recently was named First Captain for the 2008-09 academic

year.

"It's a great feeling," Amsler said about his new designation. "It still hasn't sunk in yet. But, it's a great honor. I'm very optimistic and happy, and I'm ready to get started."

Amsler would rather lead than follow and now has about 4,400 cadets in his care.

He hopes to make the next year a motivational one for the cadets.

"I have no problem following, but anybody who has done it will probably agree it's a lot easier to lead someone through a hard time than to just go through that hard time," Amsler said.

"Anytime something (is hard), you can look to the person on your right and your left and help him (or her) instead of worrying about how (hard the situation is)," he continued.

Because of this desire to lead, coming to West Point was the right decision, the Titusville, Pa., native said.

His parents questioned him before he came to West Point about whether he really wanted to wear a uniform every day and if he wanted to give up some of the freedoms traditional universities offer.

His father was commissioned into the Air Force via ROTC, and his mother asked him about

whether this was the right path for his life and to consider the Family he hopes to have some day.

Amsler admits one of his deepest desires halfway through his plebe year was simply to wear a pair of jeans.

But he has no regrets about embarking on a career of service and commitment.

Besides, being a Soldier allows him to keep dirt on his boots, where he says it belongs; to stay outside often, where he belongs; and to keep sharp on his shooting skills, which he has loved since he was a child.

He has struggled with his choice of branch but ultimately plans to pick the infantry over engineers because he predicts he'll be most successful there.

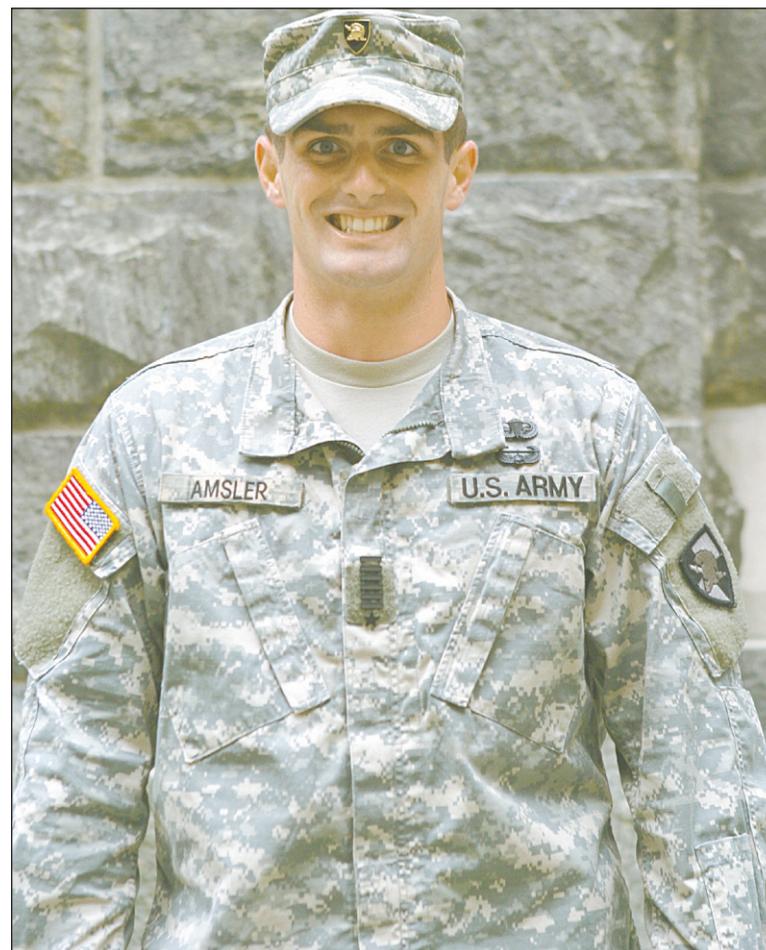
Being an infantry officer would incorporate many of his favorite hobbies -- shooting and studying firearms, being physically active and being outdoors.

Until he leaves for officer basic course after graduation, however, Amsler is looking forward to working with his command team to create a successful year.

"We need to be working together as a corps, a staff and a team to continue to move forward," he said.

"We always want to move the corps forward. I think there is room to move forward and some things we want to continue to do right," he continued.

Amsler said he wouldn't be in the position of leadership he has without the support of his parents; his brother, a University



Firstie Benjamin Amsler recently was named First Captain.

of Pittsburgh student; his sister, who is in middle school; and his friends; mentors; instructors; and sponsors.

"At the end of the day, I didn't get here by myself," Amsler said. "That's why I'm not overly nervous (about the responsibility of being First Captain). I have a great staff, friends and great mentors to help me along the way."

Amsler's ability to inspire cadets and his proven leadership skills are why he was chosen to be First Captain, Col. Mark McKearn, brigade tactical officer said.

McKearn expects Amsler to

have a positive impact on cadets.

"He will succeed because he is a grounded leader who understands the needs of the corps and will represent their best interests with the West Point leadership," McKearn said.

Amsler said he will know his time as First Captain is a success when he can stop any cadet he sees around West Point and that person reports everything is going well. He looks forward to a prosperous year.

"We have an amazing lineup in the staff," Amsler said. "They have set the corps up well."

# Participants go Hog Wild at Party

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood

The second annual Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the Family and Morale,

Welfare and Recreation Hog Wild Party was held at Round Pond Saturday.

Two roasted pigs were provided by the Hudson Valley Pig Roasters, 300 corn-on-the-cob, 50 chickens,

hot dogs and cheeseburgers were served up with soft drinks for children and adults.

"We had roughly 250 people come to the inaugural party last year, and it looked like we had a lot more this year," said Thane Keller, recreation division chief for FMWR.

There were roughly 400 participants this year, said Sheryle Miller, BOSS/Special Event Coordinator.

All the proceeds from the Hog Wild Party are given back to the FMWR for other events. This year, something new was added in the form of a mechanical bull that children and adults enjoyed.

"That bull is pretty cool," said 11-year-old Connor Heaney. "This is the first time I've been on one of those."

Activities included a beach volleyball tournament, BOSS poker, swimming, blind rowboat

race, watermelon race and pony rides.

Balfour Beatty, U.S. Family Health Plan, a soft drink company and beer company sponsored the BOSS/FMWR event.

Miller and April Anderson, Commercial Sponsorship Coordinator, were instrumental in getting this party off the ground by finding sponsors, volunteers and the overall coordination of the event.



Seven-year-old Megan Vollbrecht rides the mechanical bull during the Hog Wild Party at Round Pond Saturday.

# 'Les Miserables' comes to West Point

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood

Atlanta's Theater of the Stars touring company will perform their inaugural production of "Les Misérables" at Eisenhower Hall Saturday and Sunday here.

The company will be producing a total of 35 performances of "Les Misérables" and will be heading to Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna, Va., after this performance.

"It's a rather new concept for this show," said Brian Frey, production general manager. "Instead of having to move pieces of furniture around, we have a kind of split scene depicting different scenes in the musical. Instead of moving furniture into each scene, all the pieces go together. We are also using projections of many of Victor Hugo's paintings in the background along with other period paintings."

The scenery in this production is massive and takes three semi-trucks to carry it all from place to place.

"There are a total of 60 different scenes in this production," said John Calder, production stage manager. "We also have a total of 33 performers on stage with two who are also in the ensemble. Four are children, and 18 are teens. We pick up crew in each city we perform in. We will be getting teens for this performance from Washington, D.C., as this is only two performances, but have chosen people from the Hudson Valley Philharmonic to play in the orchestra."

Calder said teens and children help fill out the show by playing towns people, etc., and they choose local people to become part of their cast and crew in nearly every city in which they perform.

The touring company asked to perform at Eisenhower Hall because of the size of the stage.

"This stage is about 65-70 feet wide, and there are very few stages in the country that (have) the size we need for this performance," Frey said.

Many of the actors and actresses were members of the original cast of Les Misérables on Broadway or in the revival of the show on Broadway.

Anderson Davis was an understudy in the Broadway revival and plays Marius in this

production.

"Marius is usually played by someone smaller than me because he gets carried around a lot when he gets shot, but this was an opportunity to play a role I always wanted to play."

Davis has been acting for 10 years and loves this area.

"I am intrigued about eating in the Mess Hall and to talk to some of the cadets. It's hard to think of this as a military college because it looks like a kind of utopia around here."

Davis also thought about what the cadets will be facing after graduation.

"I was standing here on campus and thought about one of the songs Marius sings in the show called 'Empty Chairs, Empty Tables,' which is about all of his friends that he lost, and I thought about the cadets who might be facing the same thing," he added. "I am sure many of them have lost (former) classmates and friends."

There are many touring

companies that head out on tour from a hit Broadway play or musical.

"Touring companies can go on the road even before a Broadway show closes if it is a hit," Frey said. "They want to get that product out there to as many cities as possible. There can be three or four touring companies doing one show."

"Les Misérables" is based on the 1862 novel penned by

Victor Hugo and set in early 19th century France. It follows several intertwining stories of various characters struggling for liberty, revolution and redemption.

"Les Misérables" won eight Tony awards and a Grammy. As of Oct. 6, 2006, it became the longest running musical in the world.

"Les Misérables" will perform Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. at Eisenhower Hall.



Les Miserables crew brings part of a set onto the stage at Ike Hall.



New cadets make their way up the Victor Constant Ski Slope near the end of their 12-mile road march from Camp Buckner Monday to complete their Cadet Basic Training. SPC. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO

By Spc. Vincent Fusco PAO

The new warriors of the Class of 2012 marched with pride past Quarters 100 Monday, marking their triumph over Cadet Basic Training, or "Beast Barracks."

Jovial parents and Family members lined the streets with signs congratulating their cadets for making it through CBT.

Walter Ruis and Manuel Ruis came from Humble, Texas, to catch a glimpse of their grandson and son, respectively, Christopher Ruis, returning on the march back. The Ruis' Family traveled all the way from Texas to see him march.

"This is the greatest thing that has ever happened," said Walter Ruis, an Air Force veteran.

They showed their pride in their cadet by holding signs in the shape of Texas that declared, "Congrats you have slain the beast."

"It's not about traveling or money," Manuel Ruis said. "It's about being proud of an accomplishment by your child."

Janice and Patrick Colvin of Vernon, N.J., came to see their son, Daniel, complete his summer training.

Patrick said that of all his son's achievements, from learning to walk through graduating high school, watching his son march back is

what makes him the proudest.

"This is the biggest step he's taken," Patrick Colvin said.

Daniel's mother was also very excited for her son's triumph "over the beast" and reaching the first major milestone of his cadet career.

"We are happy he succeeded," Janice Colvin said. "This is a big accomplishment for him -- the first of many. We like to set the bar high."

The cadet cadre was impressed with their underclassmen's achievements as well, said Firstie Thaddeus Fox, 1st Platoon Leader for C Company CBT. The cadets endured long foot marches, heavy rucksacks and bivouacs with limited amounts of sleep throughout their last week of training.

"I think they really had good interaction with the cadet cadre, 10th Mountain and National Guard Soldiers," Fox said.

The cadets' training was fast-paced and stressful. Missions such as convoy operations pushed them to their mental limits. Also this year, CBT focused more on platoon-level training, rather than squad operations as practiced in the past.

"The cadets had more opportunities to interact as a platoon," Fox said. "They were exposed to a lot of new things

without their prior knowledge."

Fox said there was a fair share of injuries from the bivouac and ruck marches, but "the cadets have done a good job sticking with it."

The class achieved another pungent first for Beast: no showers for six days.

In the coming weeks, the cadets will have to readjust from the conditions of field training to structured academic training. Though wary of his cadets' performance in the classroom setting, Fox expects that they will adapt to it while maintaining their bearing.

"I think they're used to a laid-back field environment," Fox said. "But, I expect them to uphold all the military customs and courtesies (during the academic year)."

Tyler Nathaniel Hash, from Helena, Mont., who was a private first class in the National Guard before his appointment to West Point, witnessed differences in discipline during his training as he recalled discipline being a more physical aspect in enlisted basic training, while at CBT he used a more mentally-focused approach.

"They're really trying to put you in more stressful situations of the mind," he said. "There are a lot of things you have to be constantly doing and thinking about."

Hash served as a squad leader

during convoy operations training with which he was already familiar. But while he was familiar with many tasks -- such as basic rifle marksmanship -- he did not expect to accomplish them at such a fast pace. His basic training BRM was a week-long event, but in CBT it took only two days.

"It's so accelerated," he said. "It's not just Soldier tasks you're learning here, it's all the things associated with West Point itself."

He and his classmates spent a lot of time in the field learning about the professional military ethic (PME2), a task he was not nearly exposed to in Initial Entry Training as much as in CBT.

He said he's looking forward to participating in sports, trying out for the parachute team, attending military schools like Airborne and Air Assault schools and deciding upon his major. As the cadets face the next chapter in their careers at West Point, Sean McCoy, from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., draws from his class motto as a source of inspiration, which he feels he's a part of something greater.

"It's not about myself," he said. "It's about the people to your left and right, and the nation as a whole."

(Editor's note: Staff Writer Emily Tower contributed to this story.)



New cadet Shaun Callahan from Upper Saddle River, N.J., cleans his rifle while resting at the ski slope during the Cadet Basic Training 12-mile road march from Camp Buckner Monday. Callahan and the rest of the new cadets will join the Corps of Cadets Saturday during the Acceptance Day parade that is scheduled for 10 a.m. SPC. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO



New cadet Samantha Greeno from Fort Jackson, S.C., pauses for a moment to rest and reflect at the ski slope during the 12-mile road march from Camp Buckner Monday. SPC. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO



(Above) A father, Col. (Ret.) Tom Snukis, USMA Class of 1978, and son, T.J. Snukis, from Chesapeake, Va., discuss the rigors of Beast Barracks. SPC. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO

Walter Ruis (left) hopes his two Texas-shaped signs will catch the eye of his grandson, a cadet in the class of 2012, during Monday's March Back. EMILY TOWER/PV

# Duties may expose Soldiers to skin cancer risk

By Mary Katherine Murphy  
**Health Information Operations**  
**U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine**

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Melanoma is the third most common skin cancer and the most dangerous among young people. Melanoma killed 7,952 people in 2004 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Skin cancer is also the most preventable of all types of cancer and, if diagnosed early, is highly curable.

Melanoma is the most dangerous form of skin cancer because of its ability to metastasize (spread to other parts of the body). Nonmelanomas (skin cancers that are not melanoma) are dangerous as well; they are responsible for 95 percent of all skin cancer cases, according to the American Cancer

Society.

Soldiers are at risk for skin cancer because of their duties. Their risk increases if deployed or training because of the time spent outdoors.

### Protect yourself

Soldiers can protect themselves from the sun and decrease their chances of developing skin cancer by following these rules:

Seek shade during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun's ultraviolet rays are strongest and do the most damage.

Cover up, roll down the sleeves of ACUs and wear a wide-brimmed hat where authorized.

Wear protective eyewear -- the most protective wraps around the face and blocks out as close to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays as possible.

Rub on sunscreen with a sun protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher, and both UVA and UVB protection. Apply at least every two hours.

Soldiers should be particularly

vigilant in protecting themselves from the sun if they have any of the following risk factors:

- Family or personal history of skin cancer;
- lighter natural skin color;
- getting sunburned as a child;
- blue or green eyes;
- blond or red hair;
- skin that burns or freckles in the sun;
- having a large number of moles;
- spending large amounts of time in the sun.

### Check your skin

Soldiers should check their entire body once a year for suspicious moles. If moles, freckles, lesions or spots on the skin have any of the following signs, they should be

checked by a physician:

**Asymmetry:** If you draw a line through a mole, and the two halves do not match.

**Border:** If a mole or other mark has a jagged or blended border.

**Color:** If a mole is made up of multiple colors or changes colors.

**Diameter:** If a mole is greater than 5 millimeters in diameter (bigger than the end of a pencil eraser).

**Evolving:** If a mole changes in size, shape, color or elevation, or if it becomes cracked or infected and does not heal within a month.

Over-exposure to sunlight increases the aging process. Cumulative exposure to the sun weakens the skin's elasticity, leading to sagging cheeks, deeper

facial wrinkles, leathery skin and skin discoloration later in life. The sun's effects can be pleasant and attractive at first; however, Soldiers should understand the long-term effects will not be as pleasant.

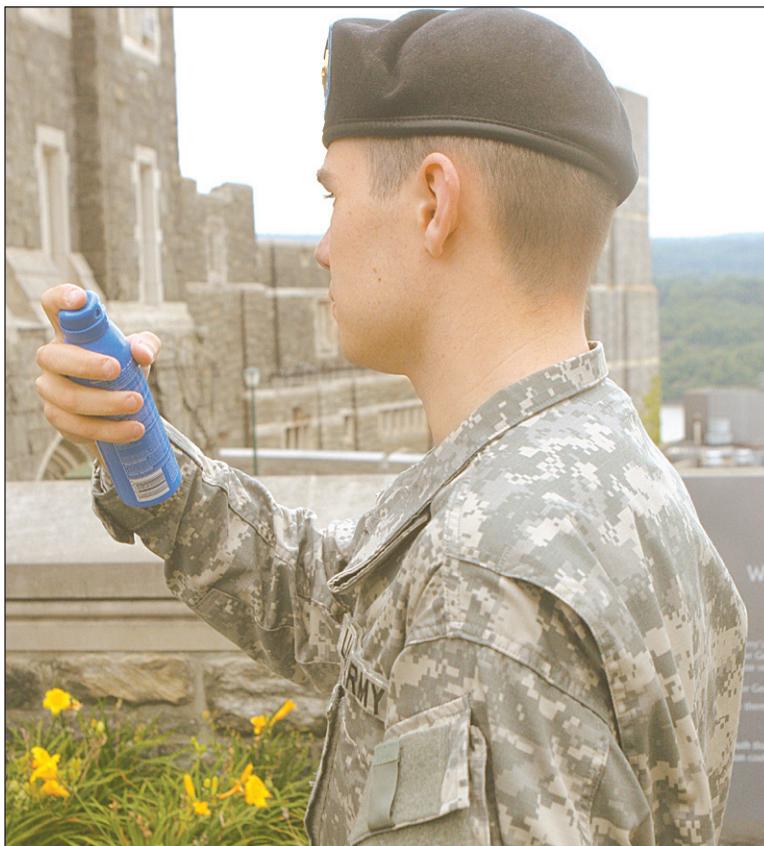
### More information:

CHPPM, <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil>.

American Academy of Dermatology, [http://www.aad.org/public/publications/pamphlets/sun\\_skin.html](http://www.aad.org/public/publications/pamphlets/sun_skin.html).

American Cancer Society, [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/ped\\_7\\_1\\_What\\_You\\_Need\\_To\\_Know\\_About\\_Skin\\_Cancer.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/ped_7_1_What_You_Need_To_Know_About_Skin_Cancer.asp).

Skin Cancer Foundation, <http://www.skincancer.org/melanoma/index.php>.



Soldiers should put on sunscreen before spending time outside during this time of the year.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

# Community Leisure

## What's Happening

### Cub Scout Sign Up

West Point Cub Scout Pack 23 will have their August Pack meeting and annual sign-up at 7 p.m. today at the West Point Elementary School Multi-purpose Room. For more information, call 446-3851.

### West Point Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shoppe will be open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 446-2950.

Normal hours, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays, resume Sept. 3.

### Constitution Island

The Constitution Island Association is presenting a Revolutionary War re-enactment from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Constitution Island.

The re-enactment highlights the 225th anniversary of the mustering out of the commander in chief's guard in 1783.

For more information, contact Richard de Koster at (845) 446-8676.

### Women's Equality Day Event

The West Point/USCC EO Office and AAFES are sponsoring a free matinee showing of *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl* at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Mahan Hall movie theater in Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

The movie is part of Women's Equality Day celebration.

The entire West Point

community is invited to come.

### WPCF River Court Service and Picnic

The West Point Christian Fellowship is holding its annual River Court Service and Picnic starting at 10 a.m. Sunday at the South Docks River Court area.

For more information, call 938-6726/3412.

### Free College Course

The Army Education Center is offering a free class for NCOs, corporal and above, from 5-8:30 p.m. Monday through Aug. 29.

The class, MTBC-1176, Stress Management, meets at the Army Education Center.

Registration information is available at 938-3464/5389.

### Catholic Religious Education Catechists Orientation

There will be a catechist orientation at 7 p.m. Monday in the Cloister Room of Most Holy Trinity Chapel.

If you are interested in teaching religious education, contact Cindy Ragsdale at 938-8761 or [Cynthia.Ragsdale@usma.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Ragsdale@usma.edu).

### West Point Federal Women's Program

The West Point Federal Women's Program is celebrating Women's Equality Day with a buffet luncheon from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday at the West Point Club.

The guest speaker is Cecilia Solomon, Director of Resource

Management here.

Her topic is how she shattered the "glass ceiling."

Make reservations by Monday by contacting Kim Ambar via e-mail at [Kim.Ambar@usma.edu](mailto:Kim.Ambar@usma.edu) or call at 938-2023.

### West Point Hunting Club

The West Point Hunting Club monthly meeting is noon-1 p.m. Tuesday at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion across from the Crafts/Auto Shop.

For more information, call Raymond Parrot at 938-3773 or Master Sgt. Edwin Gargas at 938-2883.

### Wyldlife Sign-Up

Parents may stop by the Post Chapel Annex between 5-7 p.m. Wednesday to register children for Wyldlife and to volunteer to help with an event this fall.

Students in grades 6-8 are welcome.

For more information, visit [www.oneill.younglife.com](http://www.oneill.younglife.com).

### La Leche League Meeting

The Highland Falls La Leche

League will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at 534 B Winans Road.

The discussion topic is "Nutrition and Weaning."

All women interested in breastfeeding and their babies are welcome.

Call Katrina at 446-1398 for more information.

### Go Army/Beat Temple Tailgate

The West Point Association of Graduates and the West Point Society of the Mid-Hudson Region are hosting a GoArmy/Beat Temple tailgate 4-7 p.m. Aug. 29 at Herbert Alumni Center.

To register, go to [www.westpointaog.org](http://www.westpointaog.org) and click on Army Football Tailgates in the "Events" box.

### 2008 West Point Engineering Expo

The West Point Engineering Expo will be held from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 5 at Eisenhower Hall.

All cadets, staff and faculty and their Families are invited. A free pizza dinner will be provided for the cadets.

The event offers a chance to learn about engineering opportunities from regional engineers, West Point engineering faculty and cadet engineering majors.

## On-Post Lawn Care Schedule

**Monday** -- Lee Housing, Band Quarters and Junior NCO.

**Tuesday** -- New Brick, Old Brick, Gray Ghost, Bldg. 126, Senior NCO.

**Wednesday** -- Professor Row, Complete Old Brick and New Brick and Old English North.

**Thursday** -- Lusk, Wilson Road, Old English South, Quarters 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and Bldg. 378.

**Friday** -- Stony I, Stony II and General's Quarters.

## — DPW NOTES —

### Buffalo Soldier Field construction

The curbs, drainage and parking lights along the north end and west side of Buffalo Soldier Field are being replaced.

Construction has begun, and the estimated completion date is Sept. 30.

Parking areas along the west side will be closed off to all vehicles until curbs and drainage work are completed. Handicap-designated parking spaces will be relocated during construction in front of Bldg. 626.

All parking will be open for football games. For information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

## Delivery problems?

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

## REMINDER

New Central Area Parking stickers go into effect Saturday. Make sure you go to the the Old Library or PMO and get your sticker. See the July 25 *Pointer View* for details at [www.pointerview.com](http://www.pointerview.com).

The West Point Band presents

## Music Under the Stars

Jazz Knights: "Music of Buddy Rich & Maynard Ferguson," Sunday, August 24, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Knights & Concert Band with TV and Broadway stars Matt & Christina Ashford: "1812 Overture" with cannon salute & fireworks, Saturday, August 30, 6:30 p.m.

Raindate: Sunday, August 31

### Trophy Point Amphitheatre

Free and Open to the Public  
845-938-2617  
[www.westpoint.edu/band](http://www.westpoint.edu/band)

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# FMWR Blurbs

## Quarterback Luncheon

### Tickets

Tickets for West Point Club Quarterback Luncheons go on sale Monday, and the first luncheon is Wednesday in preparation for the Temple game.

The food line opens at 11:30 a.m., and the luncheon begins at noon. For more information, call 938-5120.

## FMWR Fitness Center Step Class

FMWR Fitness Center is holding a free step class at 10 a.m. Wednesday. To sign-up, call 938-6490.

## Right Arm Night

Right Arm Night, starting at 4:30 p.m., is Thursday at the West Point Club's Benny Haven's Lounge and features complimentary snacks and a carving station.

A cash bar will be available, and it is open to all departments and directorates. Bring your "right arms." For more information, call 938-5120.

## CDC Football Child Care

The West Point Child Development Center is offering child care for Army home Football games (for a fee).

Reservations are required nine days before gameday. For more information, call 938-3921.

## Soldier and Family Assistance Center Open House

Soldier and Family Assistance Center Open House is 1-3:30 p.m. Aug. 29, in Bldg. 626, 2nd floor.

See the SFAC in its new location and meet the staff.

Tours will be conducted every half hour and are open to the entire West Point community. For more information, call 938-0630.

## Beginner's Running Group

FMWR Fitness Center announces a beginner's running group from 9-9:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 24.

Meet at South Dock. Strollers welcome. Beginning runners will work toward a two-mile goal.

Runs will be led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

Contact [everywomanfitness@hotmail.com](mailto:everywomanfitness@hotmail.com) or the FMWR Fitness at 938-6490 to sign up or to get more information.

## Create your own Haunted Hayride scene

Create your own scene for the 2008 FMWR Haunted Hayride that will be held 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Round Pond Rec Area.

This is open to departments, Families and Town of Highlands residents.

E-mail scene concepts to [peter.spinning@usma.edu](mailto:peter.spinning@usma.edu) no later than Sept. 1.

For information about other ways to get involved, call 938-2503.

## Boot Camp Returns

Boot Camp returns to the FMWR Fitness Center at 9 a.m. Sept. 8.

Class will be held every Monday. This one-hour class is ideal for anyone who wants a more challenging workout.

## Bow Hunter Course

The Bow Hunter Course at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond is 6-10 p.m. Sept. 10-11.

Participants must attend both nights. To register, call 938-2503.

## Fine Wine Dinner

A fine wine dinner at the Historic West Point Club is set for 7-11 p.m. Sept. 12.

Experience exceptional cuisine paired with a variety of fine wines.

Open to the general public.

For reservations, call 938-5120.

## Employment Readiness Fair

Army Community Service Employment Readiness is hosting its first career fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 17, at ACS, Bldg. 622.

The career fair is designed to maximize the connection between military Family members and the career opportunities that West Point and local businesses provide.

For more information, call 938-5658.

## Employment Readiness Workshop

Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program

is hosting a workshop about careers in real estate from noon-1:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Reservations are required. Call 938-5658 for more information.

## 2008 Soldier Show

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

You must be active duty to be eligible. Deadline for the competition entry is Sept. 15.

Contact Sheryle Miller at 938-6497 for more information.

## CYS Coaches Needed

CYS Sports is currently looking for volunteer coaches in the following sports for the fall/

winter seasons: soccer -- all levels and ages, PeeWee hockey and wrestling.

If interested, call 938- 8896.

## Army Family Team Building

Volunteers are needed for the Army Family Team Building program.

Opportunities are available for AFTB instructors and master trainers. Call 938-3773 for information.

## Fitness Instructors Needed

Les Mills Body Combat instructors are needed.

Contact the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490 for more information and instructor certification dates.

# Keller Corner

## Refractive Surgery Seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service will be conducting a refractive surgery seminar Sept. 2 in Robinson Auditorium from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The seminar is open to firsties, cows and active duty Army personnel interested in obtaining laser vision correction.

Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated at West Point.

For more information, call 938-2207.

## Free Developmental/Hearing Screenings

Not all children develop the same way. Some need extra help.

If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior and/or social interactions, please join us at our free developmental/hearing screenings.

The screenings will be conducted at the CDC in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point School for children ages birth to five years.

They will be held 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Sept. 30 by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-6868/2698.

## See Your PCM

It's a good idea to schedule an appointment with your primary care manager after you've had any kind of emergency care.

This is especially important if you were hospitalized after visiting a civilian emergency room.

Your PCM can help you continue on the trip to good health by entering referrals for Health Net Federal Services to process.

Make that primary care appointment by calling (845) 938-7992.

## Conserving Medical Appointments

You can help conserve a valuable Keller resource -- medical appointments.

Here's how you can help the situation: Have your calendar handy when you call to record your appointment and allow enough travel and parking lot search time to arrive at your appointment 15 minutes early.

Finally, as soon as you know you can't keep an appointment, cancel it by calling 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907.

Your cancelled appointment just might be the ticket to good health for another Keller beneficiary.

# Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Services is having a Blood Drive at Eisenhower Hall, Fourth Floor Ballroom from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday.

Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments to donate whole blood can be made by calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD).

Apheresis services will be available for those who wish to donate platelets. Apheresis donors will be seen by appointment only and may call (914) 760-3177 or sign-up online at [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

Those wishing to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program will be able to do so at the times of the drives.

Photo identification is mandatory for all donations.

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday -- Journey to the Center of the Earth, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday -- Kit Kittredge: An American Girl, G, 2 p.m.**

*(This free matinee showing is sponsored by AAFES and the West Point/USCC EO Offices as part of the celebration for Women's Equality Day.)*

**Saturday -- Hellboy II: The Golden Army, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 29 -- Closed**

**Aug. 30 -- Kung Fu Panda, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 30 -- The Incredible Hulk, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM)

## FOURTH CLASS SPONSORSHIP

The Fourth Class Sponsorship sign-up page is active on the USCC internal Web page at <http://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu> to begin the sign up process. There are two added links on the sign up page -- the 4th Class Sponsorship Handbook and the Commandant's Message. Cadet and Sponsor sign-up is through Wednesday.

As with the Ice Cream Social, sponsors must meet the following criteria:

- Rank -- Sergeant First Class to Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer 2 and above, Captain and above; Civilian Title 10 Instructors, GS-9 and above or competitive sport head coaches.

- Living on West Point or within the following (Walking Privileges) geographic boundaries of North -- Main post limits; South -- Bear Mountain traffic circle (intersection of Routes 6 and 9W); East -- West bank of the Hudson River and West -- Route 9W.

- Exceptions to Policy may be requested through, and approved by, the USCC Chief of Staff.

Contact Melissa Holstead at 938-8804 for answers to questions and sign-up support.

## Command Channel 8/23

**Aug. 22-29**

Friday & Monday - Aug. 29  
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

# Army and Community Sports

## Football Preview: *Will strong defensive front keep pressure off young secondary?*

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt

With this year's offense undertaking a different look with the option, Army's defense will remain status quo with its base schemes although its altered appearance will come from its defensive personnel.

The defense as a whole returns five players who started last season; however, the secondary has drastically changed with the graduation of all four starters from a year ago, so the team will rely heavily on its young blood.

Yearling Jordan Trimble is making a giant leap this year as he will start at boundary cornerback. Trimble deems it important to get off to a good start as a secondary to squash any opponent's thoughts of taking advantage of an "inexperienced and vulnerable group" of cornerbacks and safeties.

"Teams will probably doubt

(our abilities) because we don't have that much game experience," Trimble said. "So it's important for us to put in the work at practice, and that's where we're going to gain our experience and then apply it to the field during games."

Trimble envisions the new group of secondary men, which includes Firstie safeties Markenson Pierre and Lowell Garthwaite and Cow cornerback Mario Hill, gelling together nicely during fall practices. Trimble has markedly improved during the off-season by trying to build on his skills.

"I've been able to build off what I did last year, and I'm trying to improve on all my techniques, my skills and my knowledge of the game," Trimble said. "I'm also not just learning what my job is but what the other defensive players are doing as well."

In the front seven, that's where Army has its experience although only Firstie middle linebacker Frank Scappaticci started all 12 games last

year. However, Scappaticci is also making the move to the middle from the weakside linebacker position, but he has faith that he's more than ready to compete against the big guys upfront.

"I feel right now that I'm a better middle linebacker than I was an outside linebacker," Scappaticci explained. "I know it's better for the team because personnel wise it works out best, and as a middle linebacker, I get to make more plays and I'm looking forward to that."

Scappaticci (6'1", 224) is suitable for the job as he added muscle and weight this off-season to take the pounding in the middle and he feels the strongest he has since he arrived at West Point. With the inexperience in the secondary, he knows the linebackers have to be the difference makers in the defense, especially if the opponent's running backs get through the defensive line.

"We don't want our safeties having 100 tackles each this year, so it's important for the linebackers to keep everything in front of us whenever we can, so we need to be sure tacklers," Scappaticci said. "We don't want anybody getting to the second level at any time."

Scappaticci's partners this season will be Firstie strongside linebacker John Plumstead and Yearling weakside linebacker Joshua McNary. While McNary will try to make a name for himself this year, Plumstead made a splash last year when he was pressed into a starting role following a season-ending injury to Charlie Rockwood.

Plumstead made two sacks in his first start last year at Georgia Tech, and he will fit in nicely with McNary and Scappaticci. Scappaticci thinks the most important thing the linebackers have that will help them immensely on the field is camaraderie.

"Plumstead and I are very close, so we can be totally honest with each other," Scappaticci said. "We were in the same beast platoon during CBT, so if I need to do something better he's going to tell me, and if he needs to do something better I'll tell him ... so we'll make each other better, but at the same time we will remain good friends."



**Cow defensive end Victor Ugenyi is looking to build on what he learned as a starter of eight games in his yearling year. Ugenyi finished the season with a team-high 7 1/2 tackles for a loss to include one sack.**

Scappaticci said McNary is the best athlete of the group and feels confident the linebackers will be the "strength of the team."

The strength of the defense, though, is up for debate because Army head football coach Stan Brock looks at his defensive line in high regard.

"The defensive line is the strength of the defense right now," Brock said. "The depth there is spectacular, and the fact I think that the second unit will really push the first group of guys is important."

"If somebody gets tired or winded, we can get them out there, and it's not like we're hurting as a team," he added. "I feel real good about the defensive line, and they're working real hard right now, and they went through a great off-season of strength and conditioning, and I feel strongly (they will play great)."

The defensive line is set with all cows this season as Ted Bentler (6'2", 280), Mike Gann (6'2", 270), Nick Emmons (6'4", 265)

and Victor Ugenyi (6'3", 253) will provide much needed size to Army's defense.

Bentler is the star of the group; however, Brock calls him a "Blue collar-type" who never stops going until the whistle blows. Bentler, who transferred to Army from the University of Iowa two years ago, led the team in sacks last year with three and had the most tackles (42) of any returning linemen.

Although Scappaticci feels strongly about his group's chances of being the "strength of the team," he also recognizes the importance of the defensive line to his job at linebacker.

"A good defensive line makes it easier for us to play, and they can keep the offensive linemen off of us," Scappaticci said. "For the defense, it is amazing to have Ted, Victor, Nick and Mike, and we expect them to be a strength as well, if not dominant."

The whole defense is excited to vindicate themselves after finishing

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**Starting Firstie strongside linebacker John Plumstead started only three games a year ago but finished sixth in tackles with 43. He also got two sacks in his first start against Georgia Tech Oct. 20 last season.**

# Get your parking pass before gameday

By Bob Beretta  
Athletic Communications

With a week remaining before the Army football team opens its 2008 campaign against Temple at Michie Stadium Aug. 29, the Army Athletic Association would like to remind fans about new parking policies in effect on game days this year.

Army "A" Club members, season ticket holders and those purchasing Army football mini-plans, will receive accompanying parking passes as part of their respective packages.

The parking passes are being mailed separately from season tickets so fans should not be alarmed that they did not receive their parking passes along with their season tickets. All parking passes should be received before the Temple game.

Parking pass locations are

allocated based on current "A" Club donation level and priority points. In a newly implemented policy this fall, those purchasing single-game tickets will be required to pay a \$10 fee for a parking pass.

Fans should make every attempt to secure their parking passes before arriving at West Point. This will make the process of getting through the security gates and into the parking lot much smoother and more efficient for everyone.

Single-game passes are \$10 per game and can be purchased in advance by calling the Army Ticket Office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY. The passes also can be ordered online at [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com).

Season tickets, mini plans and single game tickets to all Black Knight home games can be purchased at the Army Ticket Office, by calling 1-877-TIX-ARMY or online at [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com).

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last season, giving up more than 30 points in each of the last six games. With nearly a new full-time crew, the first three games of the season, which are all played at home, will be the most important games of the season.

"It's definitely important to start off strong with a couple of wins because we want that confidence going into the middle of the season," Scappaticci remarked. "We want to push through strong and feel good about where we are going ... so the games against Temple, New Hampshire and Akron, we need to

take charge right away and make sure we get W's and play stellar defense."

## SPORTS NOTES

\*2008 Staff and Faculty Flag Football sign-ups are currently ongoing. The deadline for sign ups is Aug. 29. The league is open to all USMA departments and units. Flag football season begins Sept. 8. Those interested in forming a team may contact James McGuinness at 938-3066 or [Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu](mailto:Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu).

# Challenge moves to Christl Arena, Army meets USC

## Live Stadium blogs this football season

By Tracy Nelson  
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Volleyball fans and teams participating in Army's 2008 West Point Challenge will have a new venue to visit as the two-day tournament moves to Christl Arena Sept. 18-19.

The first collegiate volleyball match to take place at Christl Arena, which is home to Army's women and men's basketball teams and an occasional wrestling match, will feature Army versus Hartford at noon Sept. 18.

The Army volleyball team typically plays its matches in Gillis Field House, but a matchup with national powerhouse and 2008 Final Four contender Southern California made the 5,043-seat Christl Arena more appealing.

Dartmouth rounds out the four-team field.

The event culminates in the Army-USC match, which will be played at 5 p.m. Sept. 19. ESPN is set to air the match live.

"We are unbelievably excited to be playing in Christl Arena," said second-year head volleyball coach Alma Kovaci. "It will be a great atmosphere for fans and teams alike. We're hoping for a great turnout, and I can promise some high-quality volleyball for those in attendance."

The Black Knights finished last season with a record of 24-5 and 14-1 at home.



Firstie outside hitter Elizabeth Lazzari is a force in Army's lineup. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

By Bob Berretta  
Athletic Communications

Continuing to expand on an initiative that began last winter, the Army Athletics Communications staff will provide live Web blogs during all home football games this fall.

Fans will have the opportunity to follow along with the action by logging onto [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com) and clicking on the top headline.

Users may have to refresh their browser to read along, and they will have the opportunity to provide feedback during the game.

The blogs are an effort to have a rapport with Army fans throughout the game and also expand the content on the official Army Athletic Association Web site, [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com).

The Army Athletic Communications staff debuted the popular practice last winter,

filing nearly 100 live blogs from events such as men's and women's basketball, hockey, gymnastics, men's and women's track and field, baseball, softball and lacrosse.

Readers are encouraged to write in real-time during the course of the event and interact with the Athletic Communications staffer conducting the blog.

Write-in details will be provided during each event within the blog itself.

The first live football blog will be conducted when Army opens its 119th season of intercollegiate competition Aug. 29, when it hosts Temple at Michie Stadium.

The game will be televised live by ESPN Classic with the kickoff slated for 7 p.m.

Season ticket packages, mini-plans and individual tickets are on sale now by calling the Army Ticket Office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY, or go online to purchase tickets at [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com).