



## Rocket Man

**Brigadier Gen. Patrick Finnegan, U.S. Military Academy Dean of the Academic Board, leads the rocket during an Army tailgate Oct. 4 before the Army/Tulane football game in New Orleans. Army won 44-13. Army returns to action Saturday when they host Eastern Michigan at 1 p.m. at Michie Stadium in the annual homecoming contest. The first 10,000 fans through the gates Saturday will receive a mini-replica of Michie Stadium.**

EMILY TOWER/PV

## Perry to receive Thayer Award

Compiled by Emily Tower

Former Defense Secretary William J. Perry has been selected to receive the 2008 Sylvanus Thayer Award.

The award will be presented by the West Point Association of Graduates Oct. 16 during ceremonies at the U.S. Military Academy to include a cadet review open to the public and a dinner that is by invitation only.

Perry served as defense secretary from 1994-97 and was responsible for reducing the nuclear programs in post-Cold War Russia and streamlining the military by reducing troop strengths by 85,500 and pushing to modernize force structure and equipment.

He also initiated the Pentagon's 1995 Base Realignment and Closure plan, which was designed to save the government money by closing and consolidating less-used military facilities.

He was the first defense secretary to visit China after the 1989 protests at Tiananmen Square.

Perry also led the Defense Department through the early stages of the U.S. military's involvement in Bosnia.

Perry now serves as a professor at Stanford University, senior fellow



**William J. Perry**

at the Hoover Institute and is a co-director of Preventive Defense Project, a research project being conducted by Stanford University and Harvard.

The Thayer Award is presented to a U.S. citizen who is not a USMA graduate "whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify personal devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto -- duty, honor, country," according to the AOG Web site.

Past Thayer Award recipients include Tom Brokaw, Sandra Day See **PERRY, page 3**

## Caldwell, 2007 graduate, dies in hiking accident

Compiled by Eric S. Bartelt

Second Lt. Andrew N. Caldwell, Class of 2007, died accidentally Sept. 30 while hiking in Colorado.

His fatal injuries occurred when he slipped and fell during a hiking trip up Pike's Peak.

Caldwell was a member of 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson, Colo., at the time of his death.

"The Mountain Post Family is deeply saddened by the death of one of our 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division Soldiers," said Col. B. Shannon Davis, Fort Carson Mission Support Element deputy commander and chief of staff. "Our heart-felt condolences go out to the Family and friends of Lieutenant Caldwell. Our Army Family is grieving the loss of one of our own, and we are committed to helping his



**2nd Lt. Andrew N. Caldwell**

Family in any way possible."

The 23-year-old infantry officer from Hampden, Maine, is survived by his parents, Avery and Deborah, and his brother, Matthew.

During his time at the U.S.

Military Academy, Caldwell competed in the Sandhurst Competition.

His experiences at West Point played a central role in developing his reputation as a dedicated, common sense leader, and he will be missed by those who knew him well.

"I had the privilege of teaching Andy in American Foreign Policy," said Maj. Gregory Frey, Superintendent's Speech Writer. "He was a great student, but what made him stand out more in my mind was his easy going and likeable personality.

"He was enjoyable to have in class, and I am certain the personality he shared with us in the classroom served him well as a platoon leader and his Soldiers were proud to have him lead them," he added. "Andy had a great future, and I am saddened by his loss."

Lieutenant Col. Suzanne Nielsen, director of the International Relations Program in the department of Social Sciences, was saddened by the news of Caldwell's passing and knows he will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

"I had the pleasure of teaching Andy in two separate courses and also served as his senior thesis advisor," Nielsen said. "As an international relations major who graduated with honors, he was a thoughtful and very talented student. He wrote an excellent senior thesis on the Cuban Revolution of 1959, drawing interesting theoretical and policy implications from that historical episode.

"In addition to his scholarly ability, what I remember and very much appreciated about Andy was his ready smile and unfailing good humor," she added. "Andy was truly a pleasure to work with and

to be around. I would have loved to have had Andy back in the Social Sciences Department some day as an instructor. I'm sure I speak for all who knew him when I say that Andy will be sorely missed."

A funeral service was held for Caldwell Monday at the Hampden-Gilpatrick Funeral Home in Hampden. His interment took place at Lakeview Cemetery in Hampden.

In lieu of flowers, the Family asks that contributions in Andy's memory be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or Manna Ministries, 629 Main St., Bangor, ME 04401.

Messages of condolence and memories may be shared through [www.hampdengilpatrick.com](http://www.hampdengilpatrick.com).

(Editor's note: This story is a compilation from several news sources.)

# Army football trip a healing journey

By Emily Tower

The knot in my stomach grew the closer to New Orleans we got. I was afraid to look out the airplane's window.

I was selected to travel to New Orleans last weekend to cover the Army football game against Tulane and a ceremony honoring cadets who helped clean a neighborhood after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the city in 2005.

That's when I was last in New Orleans -- three years ago when the place was filled with death, filth and destruction. I embedded with the 1st Cavalry Division and covered the rescue efforts a week after the hurricane hit.

Unfortunately, I have seen plenty of death and destruction in my decade as a journalist. And I have nightmares about a lot of it. But ranking at the top of the most disturbing things -- above the car accidents, murder scenes, house fires, autopsies and autopsy reports I have seen -- is the wake of Mother Nature after that storm.

Yes, there were bodies. Animals were eating them. The entire city was filled with death, fires, floods and the distinct smell of rot. Hopelessness floated around with the stench of disease and the clouds of bugs feasting on the flesh and debris that was everywhere.

And I was flying once again over this city I vowed I'd never return to.

I last flew over New Orleans in a Black Hawk. I knew the airport well because that's where we dropped off the lucky ones we plucked from what little refuge they could find at the Superdome or in the flooded neighborhoods.

"Though they were going to another vile place when they arrived at the New Orleans International

Airport, the organizing point from which refugees were shuffled and sent to shelters elsewhere, many were overjoyed with the tiny bit of hope that came from going somewhere else," I wrote for the Killeen (Texas) Daily Herald, the newspaper for which I worked at the time, after I returned from my last trip to New Orleans.

"Others knew there was nothing waiting for them anywhere. What would they do when they got there? Would they find a job? What happened to friends?

"One girl, probably 15, climbed on the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flown by the 1st Cavalry Division's Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, with nothing but a small handbag. She looked around at the dump she'd lived in for the past week -- the Superdome -- and said she knew life would get much worse before it got better.

"When we took off, and she saw her hometown submerged and destroyed, she clasped onto my leg, burst into tears and buried her face in the neck of the man on the helicopter's floor in front of us.

All I could do was pat her back and hold her hand. How does one comfort someone in such a hopeless situation? How could I tell her everything would be OK?"

I've wondered about her in the last three years and many of the elderly flood victims I knew likely wouldn't survive the ordeal.

I've wondered whether the man who almost killed himself on the spinning rotors of our helicopter to get away from the bodies floating around him has healed from this trauma. I can't describe the look of desperation in his eyes other than it was animal-like.

What ever happened to them? Have their lives returned somewhat



This house remains boarded up and was abandoned after the owners were killed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, as indicated by the X in the window.

to normal?

Just a few days in that mess ripped something out of my heart, and I simply was an observer and got to come home to my comfortable apartment, Family, job and mostly normal life afterward.

In the last month, I had many conversations with my husband, Dan, about returning to the place I was afraid of. Ignorance is bliss, as they say, and I'm scared of knowing more than I already do.

I didn't know what other innocence -- or ignorance I didn't mind having -- would leave me after this second trip to New Orleans.

Dan, who wears a combat action badge, gently told me returning to New Orleans to see what all had changed would be soothing and would help calm the scary thoughts that have lived in my brain since 2005.

He's never been wrong when it comes to things like that, and

I had a job to do, so I carried on. After all, I got to cover the football game, and that's always a highlight for someone like me who grew up in West Texas, the land of "Friday Night Lights." I told Dan I couldn't promise I'd look out the window when we landed, though.

But, as we lowered closer to the ground, I figured I was simply prolonging the inevitable. I mean, I couldn't spend the entire two days in

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## SAPR-P

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

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

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

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Difficulty: Medium

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

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# Local and National News

## Program aims to boost "Voice of the Customer"

### Submitted by Customer Management Services

The U.S. Army Garrison at West Point has a new Customer Management Services program that seeks to increase the "voice of the customer" and uses customer feedback to evaluate and improve the delivery of installation programs and services.

CMS is all about customer feedback and issue resolution. Everyone who conducts business on West Point is a customer in one way or another. The customer service officer is the person to ensure that the voice of the customer is always heard.

The new CSO will facilitate the new CMS program by implementing

all CMS program initiatives, processes and procedures. The program includes training installation service providers, marketing customer feedback mechanisms and facilitating focus groups.

The CSO also is responsible for collecting and analyzing customer data to use when consulting with the garrison leaders, directors and constituent groups and in prioritizing customer needs and issues.

The feedback system of CMS works in three ways:

- Through the Interactive Customer Evaluation, which allows customers to submit comment cards to individual service providers (there are about 170 service providers at West Point that range from the

Cadet Mess to the West Point golf course) for a response to their concern. The standard for response time is three days.

ICE cards can be found in several locations around the installation (a goal of this new CMS program is to upgrade these locations and the ICE program in general) or directly through a computer by using the USAG -- West Point Web site and click on the ICE logo found in the upper right corner ([https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site\\_id=540](https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=540)).

- Through the Community FIRST process, which involves using existing focus groups (e.g. CAC, BOSS, Teen Council, Retirees' Council) that will raise and prioritize issues to be presented

at an Installation Action Council.

This council, chaired by the Garrison Commander, will meet quarterly to act on unresolved issues from these forums.

It will work in partnership with Army Family Action Plan Steering Committee to effectively solve issues at the local and higher levels. The IAC will not meet during the first quarter of the fiscal year when the council will yield issues to the AFAP yearly symposium.

Focus groups will attempt to represent the needs of Soldiers, Families, teens, retirees, Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers, veterans, civilian workers, spouses and cadets.

- Customer service assessments, which are annual surveys conducted in conjunction with IMCOM and reflect the overall customer satisfaction in the areas of performance and importance.

Assessments will be made on two levels -- corporate assessments made by West Point leaders and constituent assessments that will be conducted with the various focus groups. The CSO looks forward to serving the West Point community and being the "voice of the customer" for this installation and all who live, work, visit and serve here.

Call the CSO at 938-0627 with questions or concerns.

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New Orleans with my eyes closed. So, I opened the plane's window shade.

I saw cars on the highways that were abandoned and largely submerged the last time I flew over them. People were everywhere, and life seemed to be normal. But, I had to blink back tears as I remembered where fires burned the last time I saw New Orleans. I remembered that death smell as we flew over the Superdome. I saw several buildings that still were destroyed and abandoned.

As we rushed to our downtown hotel from the airport, I was afraid we were going to drive into a big flooded area and all drown. I realized how silly that was, but I still wasn't completely comfortable until I was safely locked in my hotel room -- on the 35th floor.

I had a free afternoon until my first assignment of the trip. I had what has been called one of the most exciting cities in the country at my feet. I stayed in my room. Nothing was on TV except for "Judge Joe Brown" and the like. I didn't mind. I chatted with Dan on the phone and flipped through several court shows all afternoon. Hearing about Dan's week TDY in Gettysburg -- and

even boring TV -- certainly beats wandering around in a place that has haunted my mind.

The next morning, we headed over to the ceremony to honor the cadets. I recognized some of the landmarks. Well, the tops of them, anyway -- the parts that weren't covered by the flood.

I couldn't help but wonder how many people died in this neighborhood and how long it was before someone found them and laid them to rest.

After the ceremony, the official party went to a reception. I decided to stay behind to take a few photos of the area the cadets cleaned up. It wasn't hard to find abandoned homes. Nor was it difficult to find homes with an X on the front.

An X means someone was found in the house after the flood had gone away. As I walked up to a boarded up house painted with a big white X, I felt like I was violating sacred ground.

Someone died there, and I was an uninvited guest at their home. Then I realized we shared something. I had been through part of their ordeal, too. I was there when Soldiers came to rescue people. Obviously, they couldn't make it to this house.

I put my camera down and gently touched the board closing off the house's front door. I had no idea what I was doing until I remembered the last time I had tried to comfort someone with that touch -- the crying girl in the Black Hawk. I realized I can't comfort the dead. But, I can tell them goodbye.

I have no idea who once was living in that house. I don't know what good saying goodbye to them does. But, looking around at the bright green grass in the front yard and the tiny trees the cadets planted reaching up toward the sky made it obvious. There is always hope, and if New Orleans can recover from such a horror, so can I.

### AAA launches Black Knight Buddies

The Army Athletic Association is proud to announce Wednesday the launch of Black Knights Buddies, an all new children's club for children ages 13 and younger. A \$25 membership fee per child will admit those young fans free of charge to a wealth of Army home events, along with several other perks and giveaways.

Along with a host of other exclusive benefits, new membership will include free admission to Army's home football game versus Louisiana Tech, four select hockey games, all home men's and women's basketball games, all home wrestling matches and all home lacrosse games.

All Black Knights Buddies will be given an official T-shirt, membership credential and lanyard and exclusive video messages from Army head coaches. To join Black Knights Buddies, fans can sign up online by clicking on the Marketing tab located on the left side of [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com).

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O'Connor, Henry Kissinger, retired Gen. Colin Powell, Walter Cronkite, former President George H.W. Bush, former President Ronald Reagan, retired Lt. Gen. James Doolittle, retired Gen. of the Army

Omar Bradley, Neil Armstrong, Bob Hope, retired Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur, retired Gen. of the Army and former President Dwight Eisenhower and Henry Cabot Lodge.

# Community Features and Photos

## A living history of military memorabilia

Story and photo by  
Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
PAO

Duffle Bag Associates, a non-profit historical preservation group, displayed a variety of military memorabilia from the Spanish-American War through the Vietnam War at the West Point Museum Oct. 4.

The annual event coincided this year with the Highland Falls' Fall Foliage Festival, and drew people of all ages curious to discover how troops lived and worked in America's most infamous conflicts.

"(People) have a hard time understanding the Revolutionary War and the Civil War," said Brian Benedict, Duffle Bag Associates director. "This is the stuff the adults grew up with and know."

Duffle Bag members served as "living history interpreters" and presented history with the aid of authentic artifacts and stories told through Family and life experiences.

Many of the members are present and past military, and others are avid civilian collectors of wartime material.

Many of the interpreters almost literally set up camp on the path leading to the museum where, dressed in uniform with displays in tents and camouflage netting, they offered visitors a look into

the past.

"I think it can take on a very personal feeling when you go see things that were actually (used) by a Soldier," said David Reel, director of the West Point Museum.

Unlike the exhibits in the West Point Museum that are kept behind ropes and glass, the interpreters' items on display were there for the public to touch and see close-up, ranging from small pieces such as medals and booklets to vehicles such as a World War II-era staff car and Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

"It was a chance to do something more lively for the visitors, to try on a helmet or pick up a rifle," said Michael McAfee, curator of history at the West Point Museum. "The vehicles are certainly one of the main draws, and the motorcycle enthusiasts are certainly glad to see that."

In addition to the American combat material, there were also interpreters who represented the role of allied nations in war, such as the Russians, British and Italians.

There was also a display dedicated entirely to the home front in war, with personalities such as Rosie the Riveter immortalized on magazine covers.

Benedict cites Family as "the most universal thread" in conducting the event, that many of the interpreters were prompted by the service of a Family member or



Norm Dauerer, in period World War II uniform, allows a youth to sit in his restored "Bantam" cavalry combat Jeep and man the mounted machinegun at the Duffle Bag Associates' living history event at the West Point Museum Oct. 4. Dauerer was a young boy living in Germany when his town was liberated by the 106th Cavalry Group of the Illinois National Guard near the end of World War II.

close friend to carry on the tradition of preserving history for generations to come.

"So much of what we see in TV and movies is make-believe," Benedict said. "That's why these guys keep it alive."

Duffle Bag Associates holds events free of charge to the public along the East Coast.

One of their other major events takes place on Memorial Day weekend at Franklin Roosevelt's mansion in Hyde Park.

In addition to the displays, a demonstration of movement to contact is performed with restored World War II military vehicles.

"It's certainly not every day you get to see this kind of stuff," Reel said.

## British Army Benevolent Fund America Remembrance March

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
PAO

The British Army Benevolent Fund America kicked off its 225-mile Remembrance March Oct. 3 to encourage support and donations for the organization.

Retired British Army Maj. Stephen Cain, the honorary vice chairman of BABFA in the New York area, began the march from West Point to Boston, meeting active duty and former military along the way while increasing awareness of the American and British partnership in caring for troops.

The British Army Benevolent Fund, like the U.S. Army's own Army Emergency Relief, is a United Kingdom-registered charity that provides emergency funding to British Soldiers and their Families in times of crisis during service, British Army Capt. Shaun Chandler, British exchange officer in the Department of Military Instruction, said.

"If you think about it, for the last 50 years the United States and United Kingdom have stood shoulder-to-shoulder (in times of war)," Chandler said.

Cain and Chandler stepped

off from Thayer Gate at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 3. The march continued on to reach Ridgefield, Conn., on Oct. 5, a distance of 42 miles.

"There are three aims of this march," Cain said. "First, to raise national awareness of BABFA within the United States. Next, to raise funds for BABFA through sponsorship of the march.

"And finally -- and probably most critically -- to demonstrate the unbreakable and traditional special relationship between the military forces of the United States and United Kingdom ... that are being currently tested in Iraq and Afghanistan," he added.

The march will resume this weekend and will continue through the next seven weekends, culminating on Armistice Day weekend Nov. 8 with a memorial event on the Boston Common directly across from the State House.

As a memorial tribute during his march, Cain will carry lists of American and British troops who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At various points during each weekend, he will be joined by supportive civilians, active duty and retired military who wish to show support and appreciation for the Allied efforts both past and



Retired British Army Maj. Stephen Cain, honorary vice chairman of British Army Benevolent Fund America in the New York area, gets ready to step off on the 225-mile Remembrance March from Thayer Gate Oct. 3. He marched on to reach Ridgefield, Conn., on Oct. 5, and met with civilian and military supporters to increase awareness of the British Army Benevolent Fund. COURTESY PHOTO

present.

Cain is a graduate of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the London College of Law. Retired from the Royal Fusiliers and Parachutes Brigade, Cain is now a recognized expert in counterterrorism.

The fund, which has been in place since the end of World War

II, gives about \$4.5 million annually in grants to individuals, and gives another \$4.5 million each year to smaller charities dedicated to the needs of the British Army community.

Charity organizers have an annual fund-raising goal of about \$11 million, and in doing so point

out, "the need never diminishes."

Cain's march will be documented in his blog with photos on the BABFA website at [www.babfa.org/wp\\_march.htm](http://www.babfa.org/wp_march.htm).

To find out how American citizens can support the charity, please see the BABFA Web site at [www.babfa.org](http://www.babfa.org).

# FMWR introduces the Brick Fitness Class

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood

The Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness center here introduced a new cross-training class that is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in the wee hours of the morning at 5:40 a.m.

"This is the first year we have offered this class," said Dana White, fitness instructor and triathlon enthusiast. "We are trying to generate more interest in the triathlon and offer workout options."

Brick workouts are often used in triathlon training, according to [www.beginnertirathlete.com](http://www.beginnertirathlete.com) and can incorporate bike/run or bike/swim workouts.

"This class starts with a spinning or bike workout for a 30-minute challenging ride," said Erin McCormack, group fitness instructor. "There is a quick one or two minute recovery time and then they are off the bikes and out onto the pavement for a 30-minute run."

The course sounds grueling for this three-mile run, which begins at the fitness center lot via the back entrance, to Lee Gate where they will turn around and head down Lee Road.

They will then turn right on Bowman, back onto Lee, right on Barnard and again back on Lee Road. They will turn right on Barry Road; continue uphill between the West Point School complex toward Washington Road. They will turn right; continue up Washington to West Moore Loop, then turn left on to Winans.

They then will turn right on East Moore, continue past Benedict. Another left turn onto Connor Road, then to Merritt. A left turn again, then a right on Buckner Loop and finally, a return to the fitness center.

Specialist Jerome Dean from MEDDAC said he thinks his first fitness class gives him a good workout.

"I think it helps with my physical training," he said. "I have a PT test in three weeks."



Participants run three miles beginning at the FMWR Fitness Center as a part of a new cross-training class called the Brick.

# Soldier Show coming to West Point Oct. 19

By Emily Tower

The 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show is all about opportunities.

Not only does the West Point community have an opportunity to be entertained, a U.S. Military Academy graduate and instructor have the chance to try new skills and adventures Oct. 19 when the show comes to West Point.

When 1st Lt. David Drew tried out for the show, he hoped to be selected to play keyboard.

The Soldier Show is a traveling exhibition of Soldier talent and features an all-Army cast and crew in a variety musical performance. But this year, there is no instrumental section like in years past.

But he told judges when he tried out that if they could teach him to dance and help him with his singing, he was willing to try.

"I hoped it to be a learning experience, and that's what it is," Drew, a 2006 USMA graduate, said

last week in a telephone interview.

Also gaining a new opportunity is Maj. Diana Loucks, a USMA physics instructor, who is performing a solo in the show's finale. While she has been singing most of her life, a solo in front of a large audience is a new experience.

Loucks will join the show's cast to sing Michael Bolton's "I Can Go The Distance." Loucks said she vaguely remembered the song after she was selected to perform in the finale but has been practicing with Joel Flowers, recreation specialist with West Point's Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"It's nice to be able to get out there and show you are interested in many different things," Loucks said. "It's showing people there are so many things other than just being a Soldier and it's OK to be talented in other ways and express that talent."

Drew had about six weeks to

develop his singing and dancing talent before going on the road with the Soldier Show.

He sang in the Glee Club while he was at West Point but had no other formal singing training until the show.

"This is one of the few opportunities as an officer I knew I could try out for and actually be able to do something musical in the Army as my job," Drew, who was a platoon leader assigned to the 54th Signal Company, III Corps, at Fort Hood, Texas, before being accepted to be in the show, said. "It's all new to me ... I never trained as a soloist. I never danced before."

But, Drew said he has grown into his new role, and that helps Drew, who majored in information systems engineering with a computer science track, fulfill his mission.

"It's not a typical Army assignment, but we have a mission--to motivate and inspire the Soldiers that come to the shows and their



Cast members of the Soldier Show will perform at West Point's Eisenhower Hall at 5 p.m. Oct. 19.

TIM HIPPS/FMWR

Families," Drew said. "I hope the performance will give them some hope and inspire them."

The show, which is free to attend, begins at 5 p.m. at Eisenhower Hall.

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**OCTOBER weekly changes (as of 10/06)**

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I FUND	- 1.73 percent
S FUND	- 2.10 percent

## Flu shot schedule update

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Oct. 17  
Where: Thayer Hall Room 144  
Who: Active Duty (only)

When: 6 a.m.-noon Oct. 24  
Where: Keller Army Community Hospital  
Who: Keller staff, Dentac, WTU and Vet

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 27-30  
Where: Eisenhower Hall  
Who: Active Duty (only)

\*\* Check Keller Corner (page 10) for more details.

# West Point holds motorcycle safety classes

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood

With gas prices continuing to increase many people are turning to the motorcycle for gas economy not to mention a little bit of fun.

Many bikers tell of the exhilaration and freedom they feel riding in the open air. But, like with any other vehicle, safety is always a concern, especially with motorcycles since there is no structure or safety harness that could help protect an individual if involved in an accident.

West Point held a motorcycle safety course Monday at A Lot behind Michie Stadium.

Anyone riding a motorcycle on or off post must take a 16-hour safety class according to Department of Defense regulation 385-10.

"We have held safety classes for several years," said Bob Cohen, safety specialist. "It used to be taught by a volunteer from the New York Air National Guard at Stewart Airport. Now it is taught by Cape Fox Professional Services out of Manassas, Va. Generally, there are six students per instructor. The course consists of five hours of classroom work and 11 hours of practice."

David Backert and Alton Stevens, instructors from CFPS were on hand to teach a class of six, some of whom have several years experience on a bike and some of whom are just beginning.

"Some students already know how to ride and some don't," Stevens said. "I prefer those

who are just beginning because they haven't had time to learn bad habits."

Stevens said some of the bad habits they often see are people who drag their feet while riding or braking.

"Riders should never drag their feet; they should always use the brake. This isn't a 'Flintstone-mobile'."

Other safety issues taught is good posture and getting out of the habit of turning the head on corners, which is when riders should be looking ahead. Countersteering, which is required to increase or decrease lean angle in every curve is done by pressing forward on the handgrip in the direction of the turn and it's also an important safety lesson.

Learning the proper way to mount a bike is another lesson taught in safety courses. It seems simple enough, but many people may forget to look at the fuel gauge to ensure that it is turned on and to check the cycle out before mounting.

Learning to brake properly is also often done wrong, such as when riders will put their feet down to help stop.

The rider should use both brakes (hand brakes and foot brakes) together and bring the bike to a full upright position before stopping.

Backert and Stevens taught the students how to use the hand controls, checking the bike before mounting and learning how to power walk their bikes, which is walking the bike instead of riding it.



Sergeant Charles Williams demonstrates power walking with a cycle during a motorcycle safety class Monday at A Lot behind Michie Stadium.

Power walking allows the rider to get a feel for the hand controls and how to balance a bike. The next safety course will take place

Oct. 16-17 in Rm. 8 at the Army Ed Center Bldg 683. For more information, call Bob Cohen at 938-3730.

# West Point hosts fall bi-annual yard sale

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood

In this day and age where malls and mega stores are everywhere, it's a wonder that yard sales, those sales out of private homes with items strewn around the yard or garage for sale, still find plenty of curious customers interested in bargains along with the secret hope they will find a gold mine in something that is an antique.

West Point held its bi-annual community yard sale here Oct. 4. Community members enjoyed the clear blue sky with just a hint of an autumn chill in the air to look over the treasures for sale that included imported butterfly hair clips, baby clothes, candle sticks, frames and a plethora of interesting objects.

"I really don't look for anything in particular," said Teri Morris of the U.S.

Adjutant General's Office here. "If I see something I like, I pick it up."

Major Jimmy Smith, an instructor in the math department, just moved here in May from California and hosted his yard sale for the first time.

"This is very much like we used to have in Monterey," he said. "It was always a big deal. This is the kind of weather we had in Monterey, it was always about 60 degrees and sunny."

Yard sales are a win-win situation because they provide benefits to both the seller and the buyer. The seller often finds items that they need, want or simply fancy. The seller also makes more room by getting rid of clutter or things clogging up the closet or basement.

"My wife is usually the one that tasks me to find stuff to sell," said Chris Kennedy, DMI instructor. "It's a great way to make more



Kathy (left) and Jack Lennon and Emma Gilliam look through an array of butterfly clips during the West Point bi-annual yard sale.

room with the square footage I have to work with by getting rid of stuff."

James I. O'Neill High School students,

junior Anthony Golden and senior Billy Williams were friends when they both lived in Ithaca, and renewed their friendship when Williams recently moved to West Point manned their booth of items for sale, which consisted of several varieties of picture frames.

"Mom had a lot of frames," Golden said.

More than one customer found a bargain in groups of picture frames, some for five dollars and others for less.

# Cadet learns about women leaders, inspires hopes

By Emily Tower

Just a few years ago, Firstie Justine Swift wondered if she would ever go to college. Now she's facing the possibility of becoming prime minister of her home country.

Well, maybe she won't be persuaded by her friends' suggestions to run, but she hopes to perhaps help someone else win the election.

"That's what I see myself doing," Swift said. "I would be working behind the scenes and setting up some kind of an educational process."

Her summer Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to New York City to work with the White House Project taught her how motivation is all someone needs to create change.

The White House Project encourages women to become leaders and helps them get into politics.

During Swift's three-week internship at the organization, she helped organize a Go Run event, which featured speakers, advice about forming a campaign, political fundraising and other topics.

More importantly, however, Swift learned from the event she has the power to make a difference and already is proving what happens with a little will power.

Swift, one of eight children, grew up in a small town in Belize. Her Family members either married after high school or went straight to work. Swift joined the military and began working on an associate's degree when she learned she could apply to the U.S. Military Academy.

She was one of two students from Belize to be accepted to USMA the year she applied.

She had never left Belize before and was used to a simple life. Her hometown didn't have electricity until a few years ago. But she learned how to navigate airports and eventually the New York City subway system and has acclimated to American life.

When she graduates next year, she will return to Belize for at least five years of military service. And she is bringing along the inspiration she gathered at the Go Run event she attended.

She organized an event that took place in Georgia but attended one in New York City where she worked for the White House Project.

At the event, she met several legislators, judges and businesswomen. Many said they failed the first time they ran for office or tried to achieve other goals but continued trying until they succeeded.

Others noticed a need for change and took it upon themselves to make that change rather than standing idly by.

One woman whose story touched Swift was worried about her son's future.

"She lost her mother and her father to AIDS and was pregnant at a young age, I think 17," Swift said. "She sent her son to high school, and they only had a 30 percent graduation rate. But that's all she could afford."

So, she ran for office so she could improve the school's situation, Swift said.

Swift has taken these stories to schools and prisons in Belize to teach others they can improve their lives with a little will power.



Firstie Justine Swift (left) is pictured with Jamie Peters, her supervisor during her summer Advanced Individual Academic Development internship at the White House Project in New York City. Swift organized a Go Run event, which featured influential women speaking about how to become leaders and get into politics. Swift learned from the event that she has the power to make a difference and is proving what happens with a little will power.

COURTESY PHOTO

"This is not the end of the road," she tells the prisoners. "You can change your life, but you have to make the first step."

She has shown videos of her Army training to high school students in Belize who

have told her they want to be just like her.

That is why she would like to set up a system similar to the White House Project in Belize so others will know how to create change if they are so led.



## Walk for Cancer

Firsties Erin McConaughy, Erin Hanley and Margaret Staun, Cow Cassandra Ellington and Yearling Melissa McDonald, collectively known as the West Point Warriors, walked 39 miles of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Oct. 4-5 in New York City. The team raised about \$9,000 for breast cancer research.

PHOTO COURTESY OF FIRSTIE ERIN HANLEY

# Cadets honored for hurricane relief efforts

Story and photos by  
Emily Tower

NEW ORLEANS -- When Firstie Alex Bowling, Cow Steven Nelson and Yearlings Brittany O'Connell and Joterrica Williams returned to the New Orleans neighborhood where they had volunteered just a few months earlier, they were stunned at the improvement.

Families had moved back into homes. Bushes were flowering.

The picture was much different than the abandoned houses still stained with water lines and dead plants they had seen during Spring Break.

"It meant a lot to see the improvements," Williams said. "I had a part in this. I was able to participate in something to bring back a community. For us to come from where we are at West Point and from all parts of the world because cadets are from all over and go to that one place and help them come back meant a lot."

The cadets represented two groups from West Point who volunteered in New Orleans since 2007 to help clean a neighborhood destroyed by Hurricane Katrina during a recognition ceremony Oct. 4.

A grassroots organization formed to clean the Lakeview neighborhood dedicated a seven-mile portion of the neighborhood around the intersection of Harrison and Canal Boulevard to volunteers who planted more than 1,200 trees and 2,500 flowering bushes and those who raised the \$200,000 used to purchase the plants.

A plaque in a green portion of the neighborhood so full of plants it looks like a park recognizes the West Point cadets in particular, and the four cadets who attended, as well as several members of West Point's leadership, were invited to the ceremony while they were in New Orleans for Army's football game versus Tulane.

"The long gray line at West Point has not let us down on the battlefield and has not let us down in peacetime either," Louisiana State Rep. Nick Lorusso said at the dedication.

The idea for volunteer-powered beautification came from a lack of funding within the city government.

And, frankly, trees were not the priority of the hurricane-ravaged city's leadership, Ann Macdonald, director of New Orleans' Department of Parks and Parkways, said.

Bowling got the idea the neighborhood's residents decided to do the work themselves because they did not trust the government to do it.

"It sounds like nobody in New Orleans trusts any level of government whatsoever, and they wanted to see what the community can get done together," Bowling said. "They wanted to find a way to do it without the government. They actively don't involve the government."

The result was gathering volunteers from across the country to clean yards, helping residents plant gardens and planting trees and bushes in common areas such as road medians.

These efforts have turned a community completely around, the cadets said.

"When we arrived, we were struck by the still-empty houses with waterlines above the doorways, with boats and trees sitting in houses and with a sense of half-emptiness," Nelson stated in an e-mail. "Many of the houses had not been touched since Katrina, and the neglect showed."

What few plants were around were weeds or dead, Bowling said.

And cleaning up the neighborhood has resulted in a noticeable life put back in the community.

About a third of the buildings were occupied when the cadets volunteered over Spring Break, and a good half of them are occupied now, Bowling said.

He credits the volunteers' efforts with why people moved back to the neighborhood.

"In other parts of town, it's overgrown with weeds," he said. "You can tell nobody really wants to move back into those areas."

The neighborhood organization has invited cadets to return in the coming years, and many cadets have expressed interest in going.

It was a life-changing event for Nelson.

"Helping out in New Orleans has truly been one of the most important experiences in my life," he said. "I have a much greater appreciation for the impact it can have on a



Yearling Brittany O'Connell accepts a certificate of appreciation from the daughter of Louisiana State Rep. Nick Lorusso during a dedication ceremony Saturday recognizing West Point cadets' help in beautifying a neighborhood in New Orleans that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



A plaque was unveiled during a dedication ceremony Oct. 4 recognizing West Point cadets' help in beautifying a neighborhood in New Orleans that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Rebuilding efforts continue even three years after the storm.

## DPW NOTES



### Black and Gold Awardees

The Black and Gold Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held Oct. 2, and the awardees were (front row left to right) Dr. Pete Hanlon, Valerie Fehlman, Meredith Kilby, Katherine Henderson, Rebecca McNabb and Lt. Col. Scott Nestler. Back row (left to right) Garrison commander Col. Dan Bruno, Kathy Hanlon, Sang-Hui Molin, Margaret Moten and Sgt. 1st Class Jermaine Malone. The Volunteer of the Month for October was McNabb, who was recognized for her volunteer service as Treasurer for the West Point Parent Teacher Organization. PHOTO PROVIDED

### NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

- Friday -- Mirrors, R, 7:30 p.m.**
- Saturday -- Disaster Movie, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Saturday -- Traitor, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 17 -- Traitor, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 18 -- Babylon A.D., PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 18 -- The House Bunny, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER OPENS 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO START TIME. FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE THEATER.

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

### PBS wants your impressions

Did you attend the Marina concert Sept. 25? PBS would like to hear your impressions of the concert.

Please forward your comments directly to [Marinainformation@gmail.com](mailto:Marinainformation@gmail.com).

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

### Water Flushing

The water department is conducting its semi-annual fire hydrant flushing during October with the following schedule:

- Central Area, Thayer Road, Washington Road, Wilson Road, Buffalo Soldier Field area, Ruger Road, South Post – weeks of Oct. 13 and 24;
- Lee Area, Merritt Road, Old PX Area and Stony Lonesome – week of Oct. 13;
- Lusk, Holleder Center, Michie Stadium, areas south, New Brick, Gray Ghost, Hospital, Laundry, Maintenance and the Mint – week of Oct. 20.

During flushing, high velocities in the water mains may create colored water to flow from the faucets.

Some quarters/buildings might experience low water pressure, which will become normal in about two hours.

Some of these dates may change because of weather and operational delays or changes.

For more information, call Greg Jones, Water/Wastewater Treatment Branch at 938-2109.

(possibly today), we expect to have heat to all buildings on the Laundry Boiler Plant System, which includes Keller, WPS, Motor Pool, etc.

By Sunday, heat to public buildings in the Central Area (Mahan Hall, Cadet Barracks, Thayer Hall, Lincoln, Hall, etc.) will be activated.

The last section of post to be energized will be the quarters and buildings from Arvin Gym, north to the Uniform Factory. This northern portion includes Quarters 100-109; Chapel; Eisenhower Hall; Bldgs. 667, 681 and 685; Gillis Field House; Rifle and Pistol Range; DIA Building, etc.

DPW is currently making emergency repairs to the steam line in front of Arvin Gym, which feeds this entire area.

DPW expects to have the work completed and the line energized by Oct. 20.

Questions can be addressed to Chris Miller, DPW Operations, at 938-0300.

### Erosion Damage Repair -- Sinclair Pond Brook

A DPW contractor is expected to begin work the week of Oct. 13 to repair storm-related erosion along Sinclair Pond Brook, which is the small stream running between Merritt and Washington Roads, parallel to Sladen Place, next to the Youth Activity Center (Bldg. 500).

It is estimated the project will take three to four weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Since the contractor will be using heavy construction equipment, the area along the stream bank is off limits to all community members during the project.

In addition, the contractor will be temporarily storing the equipment and materials on site in a fenced area. Parents should supervise their children so that they remain clear of the stream and the construction vehicles performing the work.

For more information, contact Martha Hinote, DPW Customer Relations, at 938-4407.

### Energizing Heating Systems

The following is an update regarding the heat for those buildings and quarters on the central steam heating system.

The central steam heating system is being energized in the following sequence:

DPW began energizing the system Oct. 4 from the Power Plant south to Buffalo Soldier Field.

Next, DPW will be energizing the individual quarters (Thayer Road south of Mahan Hall).

The public buildings on the southern line (such as Bldgs. 618, 622, 624, 620, 626, Thayer Hotel, Post Office, etc.) will be energized after the quarters.

The above quarters and public buildings are expected to be fully energized and have heat by Tuesday.

By the middle of this week

# What's Happening

## Book Signings

Bill Murphy Jr. is scheduled to sign copies of his book "In a Time of War" from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Friday.

The book tells the proud and perilous journey of West Point's Class of 2002.

Richard Berry is scheduled to sign copies of his book "A Missing Link in Leadership, The Trial of Lt. Col. Allen West" from 9:15 a.m.-noon Oct. 16.

West is scheduled to accompany Berry, whose book is about current leadership theories.

The book signings will take place at USMA Bookstore, Thayer Hall, fourth floor.

## Moms and Tots

West Point Women's Club Moms and Tots will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the CYS Bldg. 500 gym for its new Fun Gym program.

Fun Gym is a great way to keep toddlers and babies active. New members always welcome.

For information, call Andrea at 859-4567 or e-mail [usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com](mailto:usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com).

The next event is Oct. 16 at Lee Playground -- Spooky Safety.

## Hispanic Heritage Festival

The West Point community and cadets are invited to the Hispanic Heritage Festival scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at Trophy Point.

Free food, Latin music, dancing and other live performances are planned. There is no charge to attend.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Michael Dotson at 938-8456.

## Vet Clinic Closure

The Vet Clinic will be closed next week for training.

Because of the post veterinarian's PCS move, appointments are limited until the new vet arrives.

The clinic will have a visiting vet available for appointments from

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17

Call the Vet Clinic at 938-3817 for more information.

## Cornwall-on-Hudson Village-wide Yard Sale

Cornwall-on-Hudson is holding a village-wide yard sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 18.

They invite their neighbors at West Point to come and shop.

## University of Buffalo Bus Trip

The West Point Parents Club of Western New York is running a round trip bus to Buffalo for the Army versus University of Buffalo football game.

The bus will depart West Point Oct. 17 from Daly Field and will return Oct. 19. The bus is open to West Point community members.

The round trip ticket is \$70. The Parents Club must fill at least 36 seats in order for the bus to run. If you'd like to ride the bus, please contact Pam Koss at [pnk2183@msn.com](mailto:pnk2183@msn.com).

The game is scheduled during Family weekend at UB, so there are many activities planned.

The Parents Club is sponsoring a tailgate with the West Point Society of Western New York before the game Oct. 18.

Tailgate details and registration are available at [www.westpointaog.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=2888](http://www.westpointaog.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=2888).

Cadets may attend the tailgate for free.

## Apple Time Fair

The Cornwall Presbyterian Church is holding its 33rd Annual Apple Time Fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 18, rain or shine.

The church is located at 222 Hudson St. in Cornwall-on-Hudson.

The West Point community is invited to come shop for homemade apple pies, baked goods, crafts, holiday items, toys and jewelry.

There also will be children's

activities, a food tent and a coffee corner.

Call 534-2903 or visit [www.CornwallPresby.org](http://www.CornwallPresby.org) for more information.

## Basic Motorcycle Rider Course

The West Point Safety Office is offering the basic motorcycle rider course.

Riders must attend both days of the two-day course and complete the course to register a motorcycle at West Point.

The BMRC dates are:

- Oct. 16-17
- Oct. 18-19 (Cadet class, others if space available)
- Oct. 20-21
- Nov. 8-9 (Cadet class, others if space available).

For more information and to sign-up, call the Safety Office at 938-3717.

## RCI/Balfour Beatty Communities Town Hall Meeting

All housing residents are invited and encouraged to attend the RCI/Balfour Beatty Communities Town Hall Meeting from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 21 at the West Point Club.

Refreshments will be served. The town hall will be televised on the Command Channel for those unable to attend.

A call in number will be provided to have your questions answered. The telephone number is 446-5504.

## PWOC Spa Day

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are sponsoring a spa day from 8:45-11 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop.

During the busy fall season, take a break and bring a girl friend for a morning of pampering and rejuvenation for body and spirit.

## Hispanic American Heritage Month Fair

The Hispanic Employment Program and West Point EEO present an Employment and Education Fair

from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Post Exchange.

The event will offer educational updates, interview techniques, ESL-BOCES, League of Latin Americans, cultural enrichment and food for those who attend.

Call 938-4478 or 938-8193 for more information.

## Spookyspectacular Halloween Party

Sacred Heart School of Highland Falls is hosting its Spookyspectacular Halloween Party from 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 24.

Pizza and other refreshments will be available for purchase. DJ Pat Flynn's Party Time Productions will provide entertainment.

Anyone who donates a cake to the cakewalk will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to Spectacular Sweets & Party Supply.

No gory or excessively scary costumes please. Don't miss this Family-friendly event.

## Memorial Run/Walk

The public is invited to participate in a memorial run/walk being held Nov. 9 at PNC Bank Arts Center off Garden State Parkway in Holmdel, N.J., in honor of 1st Lt. Dennis Zilinski, U.S. Military Academy class of 2004, who was killed in Iraq in 2005.

Register by Oct. 31 to get reduced registration fees or register at the event.

Proceeds are donated to various programs important to Zilinski.

Registration forms and more information can be found at [www.runwithdennis.org](http://www.runwithdennis.org).

## Highland Falls Farmers Market

The Vision-sponsored Farmers Market in Highland Falls, located in the Municipal Parking Lot across from Sacred Heart Church on Main Street, is open 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 26.

## NCO Induction Ceremony

West Point will conduct its quarterly NCO Induction Ceremony at 3 p.m. Oct. 29 in Crest Hall at Eisenhower Hall.

Guest speaker for the event is New York State Senator William J. Larkin Jr., R-New Windsor.

The community is invited.

## West Point Class of 1929 Gallery

The West Point Class of 1929 Gallery is presenting an exhibition by Newburgh watercolor realist artist Mary E. Whitehill through Nov. 9.

Located on Eisenhower Hall's fifth floor, the Gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and before all Eisenhower Hall Theatre performances. For more information, call 938-6772.

## West Point Club Breakfast

A Family-style breakfast takes place 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Sunday at the West Point Club.

Treat your Family to Sunday breakfast without breaking the bank. Children 6 years old and younger eat for free. For more information, call 938-5120.

## Combined Federal Campaign

The West Point Combined Federal Campaign runs Monday through Nov. 14.

To make a contribution to FMWR, please use these codes:

ACS - 73037, BOSS - 70022, CDC - 25121, SFAC - 18445, CYYS - 70117.

# Keller Corner

## KACH Closure

All Outpatient Clinics, Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology will be closed Monday for Columbus Day. The Emergency Room will remain open.

## Influenza Vaccine

There will be a mass immunization clinic for all active-duty personnel at Thayer Hall Room 144 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Oct. 17.

The influenza vaccine is an annual requirement for active-duty Soldiers.

All KACH, WTU, Dentac and Vetcom personnel will receive their vaccine at Keller Hospital Oct. 24 from 6 a.m.-noon.

If you have any questions,

contact Capt. Kerry Garth at 938-5834 or 938-2676.

## DEERS

When life changes, you need to update DEERS.

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

Re-enlisting, commissioning, separating, retiring or PCSing all require changes to DEERS. And those are just professional changes.

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

Call 938-3746 to make sure

you have the proper documentation before visiting the ID Card Section in Bldg. 622 for most DEERS changes.

Simple address changes may be e-mailed to [www.tricare.osd.mil/deers](mailto:www.tricare.osd.mil/deers).

## Childbirth Education

There are childbirth education classes available Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

The four-week sessions are designed to educate expectant parents about the labor and delivery experience at Keller Hospital, which includes postpartum and newborn care and a unit tour.

Please call 938-3210 to sign-up. Classes fill up fast, plan to start by your 30th week of pregnancy.

## Command Channel 8/23

Oct. 9 - 16

Thursday-Friday

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

Saturday-Monday  
No Programming

Tuesday-Wednesday

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

Oct. 16

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

The West Point Band presents

Music at West Point

Clarinet Recital: Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Herndon, Sunday, October 12, 3:00 p.m., Jewish Chapel.

Jazz Saxophone Recital: Master Sgt. Gary McCourry, Sunday, October 19, 3:00 p.m., Egner Hall Band Bldg.

Bassoon Recital: Master Sgt. Chris Eberle, Sunday, November 2, 3:00 p.m., Egner Hall Band Bldg.

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

## Delivery problems?

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS CONTACT MATT O'SULLIVAN AT THE TIMES HERALD-RECORD AT (845) 346-3214 OR BY E-MAIL AT [MOSULLIVAN@TH-RECORD.COM](mailto:MOSULLIVAN@TH-RECORD.COM).

# FMWR Blurbs

## Post Library Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will begin its fall story hour Tuesday.

The sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Daily sessions are open to all West Point community children ages 3-5.

Pre-registration is required each week. For more information, call 938-2974.

## Golf Scramble

The Garrison Golf Scramble shotgun time is noon Oct. 17. It is an 18-hole, four-person team scramble tournament and open to all active duty and retired military and DOD civilian employees.

Register now through Wednesday. To register, call 938-2435.

## Spin-a-Thon

Join the FMWR Fitness Instructors for a two-hour Spin-a-Thon Oct. 18.

Bring a friend and come ride with us from 8-10 a.m.

The class is free. All fitness levels welcome. Bikes are limited. Please sign up at the Front Desk of the FMWR Fitness Center. For more information, contact 938-6490.

## U.S. Army Soldier Show

The 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show comes to Ike Hall at 5 p.m. Oct. 19. The event is free to the general public.

The show is scheduled to feature West Point physics instructor Maj. Diana Loucks and 1st Lt. David Drew, USMA class of 2006.

Reserved seating for Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers and Families of deployed Soldiers is available. For more information, call 938-6497.

## Newcomers' Orientation and Bus Tour

USAG Newcomers' Orientation and Bus Tour is from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 21 at Army Community Service, Bldg 622.

It is open to Soldiers, civilian employees and Family members.

Call 938-5839 for more information and to register.

## Haunted Hayride

The Haunted Hayride at the Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond is from 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 30.

Childrens' activities and refreshments are available. Come in a Halloween costume and get half off admission. For more information, call 938-2503.

## Hockey Program

West Point Sports Office Staff and Facility Hockey Program has begun.

Sessions are 9-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays.

For more information call 938-3066.

## Sealed Bid

FMWR Services Division is holding a sealed bid sale Oct. 13-16 and has two items for sale: a 1991 and a 1993 Dodge pickup truck sold as is.

For more information, call 938-4915.

## CYSS SKIES

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Instructional Program Registration for Session 2 began Monday.

Check the CYSS Web site for flyers at [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com) or call 938-3727/8893 for more information.

## Child Care Co-op

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

Parents must complete a brief VCCUS Training administered by the CDC, and children must be registered with CDC/CYSS.

For more information, call 446-5140.

## Krafts 4 Kids

Krafts 4 Kids takes place 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays at the Craft Shop, Bldg. 648.

To pre-register or for more information, call 938-4812.

## Hunting Lottery

The hunting lottery for opening day rifle season starts at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Ski Lodge and is for all active duty military, retired military, DOD civilians and dependents.

You must bring New York State and West Point hunting licenses to the lottery.

To register, call Round Pond at 938-2503.

## Employment Readiness Program

The Employment Readiness Program offers weekly job listings to military Family members living on West Point and in the surrounding community.

This is a free Service. To list your available openings with the Employment Readiness Program please e-mail [amyjo.johnson@usma.edu](mailto:amyjo.johnson@usma.edu).

## ITR Trips

Register now with ITR for a trip to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Nov. 27.

Tickets are also now on sale at ITR for Radio City's Christmas Spectacular.

Performance dates are Dec. 1 and Dec. 8. Both shows are at 5 p.m. Call 938-3601 for more information.

## CYSS Babysitting Classes

West Point Child, Youth and School Services is offering babysitting classes at ITR, Bldg. 695.

The classes run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 30-31 for ages 12 and older. To register, call 938-3921.

## CYSS Coaches Needed

CYSS 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.

For more information about volunteering, 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 938-5654 for more information.

## Fitness Instructors Needed

Les Mills Body Combat instructors are needed.

Contact the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490 for more information.

## CDC Football Child Care

The West Point Child Development Center is offering child care for Army home football games for a fee. For more information, call 938-3921.

**Despite Navy loss, golf headed in right direction**

By Eric S. Bartelt

It was a tough pill to swallow, like a dagger through the heart, as a picturesque Sunday afternoon ended in defeat for the Army golf team.

Army faced its rival Navy on the West Point Golf Course, and the Midshipmen walked away with its third-straight victory against the Black Knights. It marked the first time that the series went to extra holes with a playoff to decide the 5.5-game deadlock.

Army's talented Yearling Matt Krembel was outplayed by one shot on the playoff hole by Navy senior Ryan Wielgus, who sunk a birdie to win Navy the Star Match.

"We had some tough finishes and when the match is that tight, it ebbs and flows back and forth," said Army head coach Jimmy Ray Clevenger. "This is the tightest match I've had in my 19 years of coaching. It hurts.

"But I'm proud of the guys," he added. "We took a big leap forward, even though we didn't get a 'W.' Good things are around the corner for us."

Turning the corner is the theme of this year's squad as "Rebuilding Tradition" is the key slogan to a team looking to get back on course.

Krembel is one of the guys who can lead the team in the right direction as is Firstie captain Sam Walenz.

Walenz is one of three seniors on the squad to have experienced an NCAA Regional appearance and is hungry to return the team back to a place it has been 10 times in the last 19 seasons.

A former Kansas high school state golf champion, Walenz has matured from a plebe who was an integral part of the 2006 Army team that made the NCAA Regionals to a seasoned veteran on this year's team.

"He's been a number one or two player for us the last two years," Clevenger said. "Leadership wise, he's grown a lot since last year."

The team has re-tooled since last year, and Walenz is a big part of it, Clevenger said, and Krembel has a chance to be something special. The team has a lot of surprises in store in the tournaments ahead with some of the talent they have on the course.

"Our biggest surprise player for us right now is Adam Renfroe, a firstie who has not played much for us since his plebe year," Clevenger explained. "He played at the NCAAs his plebe year, but he ended up having a few swing problems ... He came out during the summer and wanted to give it a really good shot, and he got himself back onto the varsity team.

"His maturity and him being

here is a nice surprise because we needed that (with our youth)," he added.

Clevenger has touted the early season play of Plebes Zach Garrison and William Park, but the team's success does come back on its leader, Walenz.

While there are areas in Walenz' game that need improvement such as his putting, he is counted on to put up a good score each time he goes out on the course.

"His biggest strength is that it doesn't matter if he's playing good or playing bad, he always finds a way to bring a (good) score in," Clevenger said. "That separates the good players from the bad ones with golf because in the game of golf, you're not always going to be on, and if you're able to adjust your game during tournament play to bring a score in -- that's huge. So no matter how he's playing, he's going to bring in a solid score."

Walenz believes the team can surprise this year because they have good team chemistry and are focused at the task at hand. Walenz would like the team to experience what he got to experience his plebe year -- making the NCAAs -- even though it came as a surprise at the time.

"It was a great year. It was a lot of fun that year playing on that team and having all the success we had," Walenz said. "We surprised many because we didn't win the conference championship. But, I'm looking forward to even better moments this year."

Walenz felt the team lost its way the last couple of seasons because it lacked a veteran presence, but he is honored to take that mantle this year and lead this team back on track as captain.

"It's a great honor," Walenz said. "I remember last fall when Coach K (Mike Krzyzewski) came to the school to speak, and I remember he mentioned that one of the greatest honors he ever had in his life was being named captain of the Army basketball team as a cadet.

"It didn't really resonate with me then, but I definitely feel the weight of what he said now and how real of a statement that really is," he added. "When something like that comes from a guy like Coach K, who is not short on honors or awards in his life, it means a lot. It's really a big deal, and I've enjoyed it, and it's an honor to work with the guys on the golf team."

The Hutchinson, Kan., native who hopes to branch either military intelligence or armor after he graduates has come a long way from his youth.

Golf was always Walenz' game as he would always steal his dad's golf clubs and swing them in the backyard, and by the age of 10 his dad bought him his first set of golf



**Firstie Sam Walenz makes a putt during Army's match versus Navy. Walenz is one of three firsties to have participated in an NCAA Regional, which happened when he was a plebe in 2006 and the last time Army reached the NCAAs.**

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clubs.

Although his dad knew his son had a talent for golf, he didn't quite feel the same about his son's ability to get through West Point.

"Before my senior year of high school, I had never given West Point a thought and then I got a letter from Coach Clevenger," Walenz said. "But, my dad told me that was probably the one place he would recommend me not to go to because he didn't think I could make it through here because I wasn't tough enough.

"I thought, 'well, I guess that's where I'm going then,' so regardless of whether I came to West Point for the wrong reasons like to play golf -- and to spite my dad -- I ended up

staying for all the right reasons," he added. "It's been a good decision. It's a good feeling to show that I am tough enough, and it's a good story to laugh and joke about with my dad."

Walenz is just another in a line of special young men that Clevenger has coached in his 19 years at the helm of the golf team.

He's been blessed with some very good teams and some very good athletes in his time at West Point, and he hopes to continue that for years to come.

"Every day I feel very blessed to be doing this job. It's been the most rewarding and, sometimes, the most challenging job," Clevenger remarked. "It's difficult sometimes

to coach here because there are a lot of hurdles you have to jump, but I think the one thing I've learned over the years is you still have to get the job done.

"The one thing I hope to pass along to my players when they leave here is no matter what the situation is they still have got to get out there and get it done," he added. "I've stayed here because I have a lot of respect for the school, the players, and the job challenges me from year-to-year and with the facilities we've been building, I look forward to be able to see this through. I hope the hand the keys off down the road to a young coach and give him a great program to take to the next level."

# Soccer takes PL opener 2-0

By Mady Salvani  
Athletic Communications

Cow Elizabeth Betterbed scored late in the first half, and Plebe Dymon Washington tallied with 19 minutes left in the second half as Army blanked host Lafayette, 2-0, in the Patriot League women's soccer debut for both teams Oct. 4 at Metzgar Fields in Easton, Pa.

The win is Army's third straight and fourth in the last five outings as it improved to 8-4, while the Leopards fell to 2-8-2. The Black Knights stretched their unbeaten streak to four in conference openers while extending their overall mark to 14-3-2.

With just fewer than eight minutes left in the opening half, Betterbed notched what would prove to be all the scoring needed when she tallied in close following a cross field pass from Firstie Amelia Janoski that was misplayed by the goalkeeper.

The Black Knights held a 12-4 shot advantage along with a 3-2 margin in corner kicks. Yearling goalkeeper Alex Lostetter was tested just once, punching away the Leopards' lone shot on goal early in the second half in recording her fourth shutout of the season and Army's fifth overall.

"We had several other scoring chances in the game as the ball hit the crossbar and goal post more than once," said Army head coach Gene Ventriglia. "We controlled the tempo of the game, and I am pleased to start off league play with a 'W.'"

Picked sixth in the league's preseason poll, the Black Knights will be tested this weekend when they visit Colgate Friday and Bucknell Saturday.

The Bison, ranked second in the preseason, are the defending regular-season league champions, while the Raiders finished third in the voting.



## Unstoppable

Firstie fullback Collin Mooney (#30) rushed 19 times for a career-high 187 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Black Knights to a 44-13 victory Oct. 4 over Tulane at Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans. Army improved its record to 1-4 on the season. Army returns to action Saturday when they host Eastern Michigan at 1 p.m. at Michie Stadium in the annual homecoming contest. The first 10,000 fans through the gates Saturday will receive a mini-replica of Michie Stadium.

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## Volleyball ups record to 15-2

By Tracy Nelson  
Athletic Communications

Senior right side hitter Briana Stremick totaled 15 kills and a season-best seven block assists to lead Army in a 3-1 victory over Colgate in Patriot League volleyball action Oct. 4 at Gillis Field House.

Army struggled through a 25-16 loss in the opening set, but rebounded to take the next three sets, 25-22, 25-17, 25-19. The Black Knights improved to 15-2 overall and remain perfect at 4-0 in the Patriot League. Colgate fell to 6-10 and 2-2 against conference opponents.

The Army win avenged a 3-2 Colgate victory in the 2007 Patriot League Tournament semifinal round that eliminated the Black Knights from a chance at an NCAA berth.

"We came out a little timid, and that's understandable in a rematch of this significance," said second-year head coach Alma Kovaci. "After the nervous jitters went away, we played tough and attacked the ball smarter and more effectively."

Stremick led all players with a .481 (15 kills, two errors, 27 attempts) hitting percentage, while also adding two service aces in an impressive all-around effort. Fellow Firsties Rachael Breinling and Jamie Clark added 13 and 10 kills, respectively, while tallying five block assists apiece. Breinling led all players with a season-best three service aces. Cow setter Maureen Bannon amassed 46 assists, while matching Cow libero Shara Hoffman with a team-high nine digs.

"I was very pleased with our blocking and covered our assignments well," Kovaci said. "Briana (Stremick) was a big part of that. She played amazing today and showed a lot of leadership. Of course we can always count on Jamie (Clark) to pull through, and I thought Maureen (Bannon) distributed the ball to the offense very well."

Army came out slow in the first set, allowing Colgate to take control early, 11-5. The Black Knights never really found their rhythm as the Raiders led by at least six points the rest of the way to capture a 25-16 win in the first set.

Fans in attendance at Gillis Field House witnessed 15 ties and eight lead changes in a thrilling second set that saw Army



Firstie middle blocker Jamie Clark (#4) got 10 kills and five blocks in Army's four-set victory over Colgate to go 15-2 on the season and a perfect 4-0 in the Patriot League.

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gut out a 25-22 win to even the match.

Army came out after the break and made a statement early. Three straight Army kills -- one each from Firstie outside hitter Elizabeth Lazzari, Cow outside hitter Rachel Dunn and Stremick -- to establish a 16-8 advantage midway through the set. The Black Knights led by as many as 10 points and maintained at least a six-point cushion en route to a 25-17 win.

The teams traded points to start the fourth set, but Army kept control throughout as they finished on a 8-3 run to close the match.

Army returns home after a non-conference mid-week match at New Jersey Institute of Technology Oct. 8 to host Holy Cross at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

# Sports calendar

Oct. 9-18

## Corps

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY -- RIFLE @ NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEB., 9:30 A.M.

FRIDAY -- SWIMMING AND DIVING, ALUMNI MEET, CRANDALL POOL, 6 P.M.

FRIDAY -- SPRINT FOOTBALL @ PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, 7 P.M.

FRIDAY -- WOMEN'S SOCCER @ COLGATE, HAMILTON, 7 P.M.

SATURDAY -- FOOTBALL VS. EASTERN MICHIGAN, MICHIE STADIUM, 1 P.M. (ESPN CLASSIC)

SATURDAY -- MEN'S SOCCER @ BUCKNELL, LEWISBURG, PA., 7 P.M.

TUESDAY -- VOLLEYBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 7 P.M.

OCT. 17-18 -- SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. SYRACUSE & MARIST, CRANDALL POOL, 4 P.M. (17TH) AND 10 A.M. (18TH).

OCT. 17 -- RIFLE VS. MISSISSIPPI, TRONSRUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 3 P.M.

OCT. 17 -- VOLLEYBALL VS. LEHIGH, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 7 P.M.

OCT. 18 -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY @ NAVY, ANNAPOLIS, MD., (MEN'S) 10:30 A.M. AND (WOMEN'S) 11 A.M.

OCT. 18 -- RIFLE VS. WEST VIRGINIA, TRONSRUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 9 A.M.

OCT 18 -- FOOTBALL @ BUFFALO, AMHERST, 3:30 P.M.

OCT. 18 -- VOLLEYBALL VS. LAFAYETTE,

GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 4 P.M.

OCT. 18 -- HOCKEY VS. MERRIMACK, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.

## Club

FRIDAY -- BOXING, FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, NORTH BOXING ROOM (ARVIN GYM), 4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY -- MEN'S RUGBY VS. FORDHAM, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, NOON.

OCT. 17 -- BOXING, FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, NORTH BOXING ROOM (ARVIN GYM), 4:30 P.M.

OCT. 17 -- WOMEN'S ARMY RUGBY VS. UMASS, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 6 P.M.

OCT. 18 -- MEN'S RUGBY VS. NORTHEASTERN, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, NOON.

# CLUB RESULTS

• **West Point Marathon team** -- The West Point marathon team competed Sunday in Army Ten-miler in Washington. In a field of thousands, cadet runners exhibited tremendous skill in endurance and pacing as well as pack-running solidarity.

Most of the men's team finished within two minutes of one another and the two West Point marathon teams, Team Black and Gold, took first and third, respectively, in the Military Academy Division.

Contributing to the team's two-year dominance of the Military Academy Division was Cow Matt Cincotta who finished with a blistering time of 59:13 and 115th place overall.

West Point marathoners who followed were Firsties Spencer Garrison and Paul Knudsen tying at 59:35, Firstie Chris Jacobsen coming in at 59:47, Cow Mike Fanelli finishing at 1:00:34, Yearling Jake Chaput at 1:01:44, Cow Brett Black at 1:01:59, Yearling Kyle Cobb at 1:02:18, Cow Bill Groves at 1:03:23, Yearling Josh Wohlers finishing at around 1:03 minutes and Cow John Bassette finishing at 1:13:02. The team's female runners also put in a spectacular showing with Firstie Amanda Raulerson coming in 846th overall with a time of 1:09:22 and Firstie Michelle Miller scoring a solid 1:14:46.

• **Men's Rugby** -- Army Men's Rugby faced Connecticut Oct. 4 and destroyed the Huskies 57-11 in Storrs, Conn.

Try scorers for Army were Firsties Dan Geib (2) and Austin McNaull and Cows Lant Fogarty, Matt Wasilewski (2), Mark Wilson, Mike Sheehan and Josh Minton.

The Men's Rugby team remains undefeated in league play as Geib had another great offensive game, scoring two tries for the Black Knights.

Wasilewski subbed for injured Cow Jeremy Huggins and did exceptionally well, scoring two tries as well. The Black Knight flankers accounted for 20 out of 57 points for the team.

The team's next match is at Dartmouth College at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hanover, N.H.

## Ultimate Frisbee Standings

### \*Standings through Monday

	W - L
1. DPE/EECS	13 - 0
2. BTD	11 - 2
3. DMI	10 - 3
4. SOC. SCI.	9 - 4
5. C/ME	9 - 4
6. SYS. ENG.	7 - 6
7. PHYSICS	6 - 7
8. DFL/GENE	6 - 7
9. MATH	6 - 7
10. HISTORY	5 - 8
11. ENGLISH	4 - 9
12. C&LS	3 - 10
13. BS&L	1 - 12
14. MEDDAC/CHAP	1 - 12

## Flag Football Standings

### \*Standings through Monday

	W - L - T
1. ODIA	6 - 0 - 0
2. MPs	4 - 3 - 0
3. STEWART MAR. #2	4 - 3 - 0
4. MEDDAC	4 - 4 - 0
5. STEWART MAR. #1	2 - 4 - 1
6. USCC/BTD	2 - 4 - 1
7. 105TH ANG	2 - 6 - 0

## Noontime Basketball Signups

The D/FMWR Sports Office is currently conducting Noontime Basketball team sign-ups through Tuesday. The season will start Oct. 20 and run through March 13. All games are played at Arvin Gym. Contact James McGuinness at 938-3066 or [Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu](mailto:Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu) for more information.