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## Dental Health Month poster contest winners

Winners of the Dental Health Month poster contest were announced March 7 at the West Point Elementary School. First place winners were (left to right) first grader Makenzie Yankovich, fifth grader Alinda Newby, third grader Cameron Daddis and seventh grader Karina Wigger. DENTAC Commander Col. Linda Smith and dental hygienist Christine Manupelli were also on hand for the presentation.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## Cadet Math trio named 'Outstanding'

Story and photo by Spc. Benjamin Gruver Staff Writer

The Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications recently announced that a team from the U.S. Military Academy was one of four teams out of 224 worldwide designated as an "Outstanding Winner" of the Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling held Feb. 2-6.

Cadets 2nd Class Adam Seybert, David Ryan and Nicholas Ross made up the USMA team that achieved the "Outstanding" mark for their solution, and are only the third team from USMA in the ICM's eight-year history to attain the highest mark of the contest. Two teams from Duke University in Durham, N.C., and a

team from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., achieved the top honor along with USMA as the top two percent in the competition.

"A lot of our friends would say, 'you are giving up a weekend to do math for fun, on purpose?'" said Ryan, a Newport, Pa., native. "So coming back and saying we did it and we did a good job at it is justification, and I am glad I did this -- it was worth it."

Over a period of 96 hours the cadets mulled over the C problem of the contest and put together a solution over 36 pages long. Most of those hours were spent in a lounge area of the Math Department in Thayer Hall writing on white boards and on butcher block paper to come up with the math models for their solution. The only breaks were for eating, sleeping and going

to an occasional class even though they were excused for the contest.

The cadets did get one extended break to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday evening, but said even when they had a break the wheels in their heads were still turning, thinking about the problem.

"Pretty much all the breaks we had we kept thinking about what our next step was, planning out the rest of the day, what other information we needed to find, what other assumptions we need to make and where do we need to go from here?" said Ross, 20, of Buckley, W. Va.

This year's problem dealt with the science of the HIV virus, how it is spread throughout the world and the economic and policy issues associated with controlling the

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## TSP 'phishing' scam

By Jenny Mandel  
Govexec.com

Thrift Savings Plan officials said Monday that they think few people were taken in by an e-mail hoax targeting participants in the 401(k)-style retirement plan for federal employees.

The scam first came to TSP administrators' attention March 16, when calls began arriving around 2 p.m. regarding a suspicious e-mail, according to a TSP official who asked not to be named. The message guided recipients to a TSP look-alike Web site and sought personal data, including Social Security numbers and TSP personal identification numbers, the official said. Visitors then were prompted for credit card, ATM and account information.

About 500 people called TSP March 16 about the suspicious e-mails, and officials responded around 6 p.m. that evening by suspending online transactions on the legitimate Web site, the official said. The FBI was alerted, and users of the TSP site were warned of the scam.

By the morning of March 17, the link to the fraudulent site no longer worked, the official said, and online access was restored that afternoon. The official said online withdrawals and loans initiated since March 16 are being reviewed internally before being processed, with a delay of up to two days expected.

Plan officials said this is the first known "phishing" scam -- in which perpetrators entice users to divulge confidential data by impersonating a legitimate online business -- to target the TSP. They did not know how the perpetrators developed their e-mail distribution list, which included both TSP members and non-members, some of whom had no connection to government employment.

Plan officials emphasized that individuals should never divulge personal, credit or banking information in response to unsolicited e-mails, and noted that the plan does not store participant

e-mail addresses.

TSP uses e-mail to communicate with members only in limited circumstances in which the member requests one-time e-mail notification, the plan official said, and would never request credit card information or an ATM number.

Plan participants should have been suspicious to receive an unsolicited message regarding their account, the official said, though he noted that the page where users were directed to enter their Social Security number closely resembled a legitimate TSP Web page. Grammatical errors on the second page, where credit card information was solicited, should have been a red flag.

"If you see this message means that your account is blocked and you got a notification email," the page read, directing the user to fill in the requested information. "After that you must wait 5 min. and you will can login to your TSP account ; And please don't say user and password to anybody."

The official said that though few participants had reported falling for the trick and divulging personal information, TSP call center staff members are prepared to assist those who did. Affected plan members should call 1-877-968-3778.

## INSIDE



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## Let your voice be heard: Activities want your ICE comments

**Commentary by  
Bryan McDowell  
Plans, Analysis and Integration**

Have you ever wanted to comment on the great service that you received at West Point but just did not know who to say it to?

Maybe you have a suggestion that could help improve the customer service you just received, but did not think anyone would listen.

Well here is your solution -- the Interactive Customer Evaluation system is a way to get your opinions

and ideas heard.

Make an ICE comment and let managers hear what you have to say. Give them an opportunity to recognize their employees for their hard work or give suggestions a chance to be implemented to make your next experience and the experience of others better.

At the U.S. Army Garrison West Point such services as the Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Directorate of Logistics; Directorate of Public Works; and others want to hear what you have to say.

These activities cover a wide variety of services that the entire West Point community uses, ranging from the Child Development Center to the Cadet Mess Hall, from the Five Star Inn to the West Point Club. These places and more want your feedback to see what you think about the services being provided.

It is as simple as a quick click on the computer. The small amount of time devoted to making a comment can make all the difference.

An example of this is the way that the Directorate of Information

Management has incorporated ICE into their daily workload. DOIM has been a part of this program for 11 months and has received over 400 comments, suggestions and grievances.

One comment that improved a service provided was submitted a few months ago. One of the many services that DOIM provides is a Video Teleconference facility in Thayer Hall dedicated to providing a professional environment.

After attending a VTC, a customer provided feedback to

DOIM stating that a table with a variety of equipment was located within the camera shot. The suggestion was to remove the table out of the shot.

The suggestion was viable and in a short period of time DOIM relocated the equipment, improving the quality of the next VTC.

Examples like this make the ICE program a success.

In the future ICE comment machines will be located in most high-traffic areas around post to make it easy and convenient to submit comments and suggestions about the services that you use.

ICE comments can be sent from your computer, as well, by going to <https://ice.disa.mil> (type USMA into the search field). We hope everyone will participate in this program and let us serve you the best we can.

## 'Thank you for being there' for us, West Point civilians

**Commentary by  
Maj. Carlos C. Huerta  
Jewish Community Chaplain**

Most of us have experienced the death of someone we care about, whether family or friend. Most of us have experienced that sense of loss, the blackness that engulfs us when we are trying to come to grips with the new emptiness in our lives.

Then there are other deaths. Deaths of people we never met, never really personally knew, yet their passing touches us. Maybe somehow we know that without them, the world is a little less special, a little more threatening, a little less beautiful.

The first time I felt that way was when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Then it happened again with the murders of Martin

Luther King and Malcolm X.

More recently, most of us felt it with the death of Mother Teresa or the passing of Pope John Paul II.

However, it hit closer to home a couple of Friday nights ago, as I was leading services at the Jewish Chapel.

There is a part of our service where we pass out little post-its with the names of those brave service men and women who were killed in action during the past week in Iraq and Afghanistan. The cadets or congregants stand up and read the name, rank, unit, state, age and date of the service person who was killed in action. It is a sad part of the service, but an important one because we are honoring those who have given the greatest sacrifice. We honor the sacrifice they made so we here have an opportunity to worship God in whatever way we

wish, free from fear and terror.

I know many civilians have died in the service of their country throughout our history. However, this was the first time I came across a non-military person as I was compiling my list. That made me stop and think about the civilians who work beside us.

If you were to ask most military people what they think of the civilians they work with, they would give the politically correct answer -- they appreciate them and are glad they are here. The death of Daniel J. Kuhlmeier, a civilian who worked for the Department of the Air Force, made me realize that perhaps we really do not appreciate just how important civilians are to us as an Army, nation and members of the Long Gray Line.

Kuhlmeier was killed the way so many of our Soldiers are, by an IED while he was on a mission near Baghdad. Perhaps he was not a Soldier and perhaps he was not killed in action, but he died defending our freedom just the same.

Most of the civilians who work

here may never go into combat, but their influence and importance should not be overlooked or underestimated. They touch our lives and the lives of the cadets in ways that we presently cannot and probably will never know. Their influence not only extends into the here and now, but into the next generation of American leaders of character.

If I had the power, if I had seven stars on my collar, I would reach out and grab all the civilians who work here and say, "Thank you for being there." I would declare a day in the spring as civilian appreciation day and have a great big ol' fashioned barbeque on the Plain for everybody. But even as a chaplain with no power to declare a holiday and no budget for a barbeque, I can still say "Thank you."

"To all West Point civilians: Thank you for in processing us when we come to report, thank you for taking care of the houses we live in, the playgrounds our children

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### SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Maj. Samantha Breton (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Catherine Ruvolo (Dean).

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

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215.

West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

### 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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9	5				4			
					5	6		

Difficulty: Easy

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

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Cadets 2nd Class David Ryan (left), Adam Seybert and Nicholas Ross were one of four teams to achieve the status of "Outstanding" in the Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling held Feb. 2-6, and be among the top 2 percent of the 224 teams that participated worldwide.

pandemic.

The team, according to Seybert, modeled the spread of the HIV virus throughout the world; considered the vaccination and antiretroviral treatment and its affects on the spread of the virus; and considered the virus' contagiousness. The final portion of the problem was to submit a white paper to the United Nations on how to combat the spread of the HIV virus.

"It was such a broad problem we were pulling things from just about every single class we ever had," said Seybert, a 21-year-old from Lagrange, Ind. "For the economics portion we had to pull from our economics classes, for the white paper we had to pull from our International Relations and American Politics classes and the models we put together, a lot of that was pulled from our math modeling classes."

Overall the competition is a direct application of the kinds of things taught at the academy, explained Capt. Randall Hickman, the ICM team's officer-in-charge and a Department of Math

***"(winning the ICM) really validates West Point's curriculum that teaches cadets to be well-rounded problem solvers,"***

**Capt. Randall Hickman  
ICM officer-in-charge  
Math instructor**

instructor.

"There are lots of universities that are good at training folks in math and training folks in whatever discipline," said Hickman, "but (winning the ICM) really validates West Point's curriculum that teaches cadets to be well-rounded problem solvers."

Seybert attributes his team's success not so much to what they learned in each of their classes, but to the critical thinking process each class has instilled in them.

"That is the focus of every single class," Seybert said. "It is not just teaching us the basic things, but teaching us how to analyze the situation we get ourselves into and think a lot deeper beyond just the surface level. We could've just

developed a linear model for how AIDS spread and be like that is a model and that kind of explains it, but that is not what we have been taught here. We have been taught to go as deep as we can with the knowledge we have and if we don't have enough knowledge to get more knowledge."

Ultimately receiving the high mark was encouraging to the cadets who put so much effort into the contest, spending every moment of their time for four days to complete the problem.

"The biggest thing for me was when we actually got our rating it was rewarding to know that we worked so hard on this one problem for four days and somebody actually thought that we did a pretty good job," Ross said. "So it is intrinsic for me to continue my education."

# Cadet Foreign Academy Exchange Program promotes cultural exchange

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

In a world that is getting smaller and smaller through globalization, the need to foster and maintain good relationships with other countries is more important than ever.

At the U.S. Military Academy, along with the massive amount of academic study and military training, cadets also can get a chance to spend some time in other

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play in and the buildings we work in. Thank you for working our finances and our operational orders, thank you for getting our security clearances and helping take care of us medically and thank you for delivering our babies. Thank you for teaching our children, Thank you for helping getting us promoted and giving us our ID

countries, with other military cadets through the Foreign Academy Exchange Program.

Sixty cadets left for other parts of the world over their spring break from March 10-19 to visit with cadets from 30 countries including Turkey, Greece, Jordan and Senegal.

"The FAEP is in two phases," said Carol Miller, FAEP manager here. "The visit phase occurs during spring break and the host phase,

cards and Thank you for working in the PX and Commissary. Thank you for helping to provide security for us and our families while we live, work and play on post and, when that final day comes, Thank you for preparing our final resting place. But most of all, Thank you for being."

HOOAH!

where cadets from other countries visit the USMA, is March 30-April 8 this year."

Miller said the visits are 10 days in duration and help expose the cadets to other cultures.

"The FAEP is basically a 10-day program that includes a healthy mix of cultural exchange, classroom and military training," Miller said. "The program also includes some fun with touring and seeing the sights."

Miller said the foreign cadets who come to the academy are also treated with a tour of New York City and Washington D.C.

The program began in 1959 as an exchange trip to Mexico and has since expanded to include up to 32 countries.

"Last year, the countries Qatar, Senegal, Thailand and Kuwait were added to the list," Miller said.

All cadets, with the exception of plebes, are able to participate in the

program. Cadets must maintain a minimum of 2.5 GPA, have a working knowledge of the language of the country, be in good standing and get approval from the Dean and their tactical officer, who does the final screening.

Cadet 3rd Class, Jeanne Gorlin said her best memory of her trip to Uruguay was meeting new friends.

"The FAEP was a great experience for me and one of the best parts was interacting with the other cadets and learning about their culture and customs," Gorlin said. "We had the opportunity to visit a few different cities within their country that hold a lot of significance for their people, as well as learning about their history visiting historical sites and



Cadets 2nd Class Edwin Decker (center) and Zach Watson in Kuwait. DFL PHOTO

museums."

Making this program work is ongoing. The country selection process begins in August for cadets who will be leaving during spring break. Once the cadets complete the visiting and hosting phase, the cycle will start all over again.

"It's worth it because this program is a great way to foster mutual understanding and could be one of the highlights of a cadet's military career," Miller said.

# Cadet Ethics Debate Team wins 12th Ethics Bowl

Submitted by  
Ethics Debate Team

Should the government restrict advertising of junk food to America's children?

Should local governments seize private property for public purposes?

Should the NCAA restrict the use of ethnic symbols for athletic teams?

These were just some of the issues that the U.S. Military Academy's Ethics Debate Team grappled with as they won the 12th Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. March 2.

Competing against 39 other teams from colleges and universities across the United States, the cadets reaped the benefit of hard work and extensive preparation in the months prior to the competition.

West Point's team was comprised of a variety of academic interests, were Cadet 1st Class John Amabile (European History), Cadets 3rd Class Ronalee Balog (Management), Sara Drane (Human Geography), Christopher Goeke (Art, Philosophy and Literature) and Cadet 2nd Class Doug Pelletier (American Politics).

Research assistants were Cadet 1st Class Jacob Brady (Foreign Area Studies / Human and Regional Geography), Cadet 3rd Class Jason Mills (Art, Philosophy and Literature) and Cadet 1st Class Eric Suddarth (International Politics).

The team received a set of cases before the competition and spent three months researching and writing positions on each of them. In preparing for the competition, the team members revisited important works in philosophy from as far back as Plato to more contemporary works in ethics.

During each round of the competition, a panel of judges posed an initial question to the teams about one of their assigned cases, to which the teams responded.

The opposing team could then rebut the presenting team's arguments. The judges then asked a series of questions to the competing teams and evaluated their presentation, their debate with the opposing team and their response to the judges' questions.

To win, a team must take these morally difficult subjects and demonstrate excellence in the areas of sound reasoning, clear focus on ethically relevant factors and deliberative thoughtfulness -- all while avoiding ethical irrelevance. Success also hinges on the ability to quickly and fluently present



**The Cadet Ethics Debate Team.** PHOTO BY CADET 1ST CLASS ERIC SUDDARTH

complex ideas. The USMA team did just that.

The competition is a one-day intellectual marathon that lasts from about 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

In the championship round against Union College, West Point articulated positions on the ethics of developed nations recruiting much-needed health care workers from developing nations and also on the morality of closing the bridge between New Orleans and Gretna, La., after Hurricane Katrina.

Describing the competition and the team, Pelletier stated that he was, "amazed at the synergy of the team. Everyone was able to complement each other's arguments throughout the whole competition and my teammates all remained cool under pressure."

"The team was "thoughtful

and rigorous in their arguments," said Maj. Mike Saxon, the team's coach and an Assistant Professor of philosophy in the English Department. "Their eloquence in public presentation was simply astounding."

because it develops the tools for moral problem solving in situations where the answers might not be so clear cut."

Balog said she would return to compete again next year, calling her experience in this year's event "extremely rewarding."

## Carrot and Stick

A wayward Afghan village is wooed with gifts and a show of force. But there is still resistance

Story and photo  
by Kevin Sites  
Special to the Pointer View

AFGHANISTAN -- First Lieutenant William Mariani tends to lead like someone working a yo-yo, rather than an officer who spent four and a half years at West Point.

With his men of the 10th Mountain Division's First Platoon, he is constantly rolling it down, then reeling it back up -- joking, keeping them relaxed, then pulling the cord taut again when circumstances require.

As we head outside the wire of Forward Operating Base Tillman in eastern Afghanistan, at 6:30 a.m., he is chatty and pumped for the mission.

"O'Brien," he tells his driver, "Don't get stuck today or you'll never see your wife again."

"Don't threaten me with a good time, sir," the driver, Pfc. John O'Brien, shoots back.

It's this kind of banter that will characterize the two-hour drive on perilous, barely existent roads, threading multi-ton humvees with nine-foot wheel bases through the needle of sharp-rock canyons, sheep trails and nearly dry riverbeds.

Today Mariani (USMA '03) and his platoon are pulling security for a mission to Guyan, a lawless village near the Pakistani border. The Soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division's 2nd Bn. /87th Inf. Reg., are tasked with bringing the village back on line -- hopefully with carrots, but also with sticks, if necessary.

There are 15 vehicles, 49 Soldiers, four translators and 20 Afghan National Army soldiers when the convoy leaves the compound. In the early morning light, the mountainous countryside has a crisp, hard-edged beauty that is still largely untouched by the modern world.

But for those who live here, it is a life of attrition. Years of manual labor to provide even the most basic of life's necessities can turn people's faces here as deeply creviced and dusty-colored as the landscape. And the work begins early. We pass children leading a donkey laden with water jugs just filled from an icy stream.

The convoy moves slowly. Constant radio chatter blends with the chatter in our vehicle. We are far ahead of the rest and are told to stop momentarily.

*"I'm not here to change their way of life. They have their own culture and you have to respect that,"*

**1st Lt. William Mariani  
10th Mountain Div.  
USMA, 2003**

O'Brien asks Mariani for permission to get out and pee. But when he tries to, the radio comes back to life and Mariani orders him back into the Humvee before he can go. This happens several more times -- to everyone's amusement but O'Brien's.

When we finally reach Guyan, Mariani looks at an open area at the head of the village market. He decides this will be the distribution point for humanitarian assistance items that will be airdropped from a C-130 (for some dramatic effect) later in the morning.

"We'll get the (Afghan National Police) to hand out the stuff," Mariani says, "to put an Afghan face on it. We want them to be out front on all this."

The convoy rolls through the marketplace and into an Afghan National Army Base on a bluff overlooking the city. The base is ringed with large Hesco barriers (flexible wire containers filled with rock and sand) and topped with concertina wire.

Inside, Lt. Col. Chris Toner, commander of the 10th Mountain Division's 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry, and Capt. Chris Nunn, commander of Alpha Company based in the region, prepare to meet with local village elders as well as their counterparts in the Afghan military and police.

In groups of twos and threes, grizzled men in large turbans and senior military officers in crisp green uniforms and berets gather in the courtyard of the base, seating themselves cross-legged in an expanding circle on the ground. Pitchers of hot tea are served in small, clear glasses. As much as a handful of sugar is placed in each before pouring.

"What we're going to offer them," says Toner, "is an entire package. We will provide the funds for a new government center, a police station, cobblestone roads and solar lights."

The idea, Toner says, is to provide an infrastructure which helps with not only physical improvements in the quality of

life for people here, but also helps to create a psychological barrier against Taliban insurgents infiltrating from Pakistan.

"The more people feel the Afghan national government is here for them," he says, "the less likely they'll be to let the insurgents back in."

He says this is backed by success stories of using the same formula in other eastern border villages.

"And we're not asking anything from them in return," he says, "only to help us and the ANA to secure the area."

The money, he says, comes from a Pentagon program called CERP ("Commander's Emergency Relief Program"), being used both in Iraq and Afghanistan. Under the program, regional U.S. military commanders have access to funds that can help in the process of community building.

Meanwhile, Mariani is coordinating with a Civil Affairs officer, Capt. Paul Lohmann, to get the Afghan police and military to help recover the air-dropped supplies and also to help with distribution.

When the C-130 appears overhead, two large containers are pushed out the tail and float to the ground on green parachutes. One hits the targeted landing zone but another ends up in a gulch about 300 meters away.

The first container is broken down and loaded into one of the Afghan police pickup trucks. It contains blankets, bags of rice and flour, toiletries and -- strangely enough -- dozens of pairs of white women's pumps.

More police officers head into the gulch to retrieve the other container, breaking it down as well, then hauling the items out on their backs like pack mules.

The whole process has delayed the distribution by about an hour. The open area at the mouth of the marketplace now has filled with eager villagers hoping for some of the bounty that has just fallen from the sky.

Also included in the airdrop are medical supplies, which the Army medics use to treat dozens of locals lining up for care.

One boy is diagnosed with a urinary tract infection, which can be easily cured with antibiotics provided by the medics, but is painful with potentially serious complications if left untreated.



**First Lt. William Mariani (USMA '03) oversees the recovery effort of air-dropped humanitarian supplies in Afghanistan.**

Mohammed Gul, 65, says his knees are bad and he can barely see. He had his grandson Akram lead him here, hoping to get help from the Americans.

"We're glad they are here," he says. "They bring more security and this kind of help."

I ask the other men waiting in line if they would take the same kind of help if it came from the Taliban. They all laugh in a knowing way.

"We like the Americans," one of the other men, Pir Gul, says with a sly smile.

Each person comes forward to receive items that arrived in the airdrop: a bag of flour, a carton of tea, a plastic tarp, blankets, bags of coal -- or even a pair of white pumps. Regardless of what is put in their hands they seem to leave smiling.

Lohmann, the civil affairs officer, draws a line with a black marker on the right hand of each person who has received aid, to prevent them from getting back in line for more.

Nearby, Sgt. Jeremy Robertson, platoon sergeant for Mariani's team, organizes security around the perimeter to keep a growing army of children at bay.

The Soldiers give them candy. But the children, more than anything else beg, plead and demand pens from the Soldiers.

Ahmad Shah, who teaches math and English in the village school, looks on knowingly. School supplies here are as rare as hot fudge sundaes.

"They are so poor," he says. "They have nothing."

After the distribution has been going on for about an hour, Mariani gets a call on the radio. He tells the civil affairs captain that they have to cut the distribution short.

His platoon needs to secure a Humvee that was hit by an improvised explosive device, while leaving the village. Only the driver was slightly hurt, with a cut on the bridge of his nose.

"The whole vehicle heaved into the air," says Lt. Col. Eric McGraw, who was riding in the passenger seat at the time. "It was like a roller coaster. My head hit the roof of the Humvee, but I was wearing my Kevlar. The explosion still knocked me out for a few seconds."

At the location of the attack, First Platoon inspects the stricken Humvee, which apparently was disabled with a bomb made from a 107mm rocket. It was command detonated, meaning someone exploded the device manually. In this case, ANA soldiers detained a man who looked suspicious on the ridgeline, starting to walk away just after the incident.

Mariani's team baby-sits the Humvee for two hours until it's decided that the ANA will guard it until arrangements can be made to have it airlifted out by a Chinook helicopter the next day.

As they drive back to their base in the dark, the mood is a bit more somber. It's unsaid, but there is a feeling that they've just been slapped -- possibly by the same people they were trying to help. If nothing else, it reinforces the notion that the mission of taming Guyan will take more than an afternoon of medical aid and household handouts.

Is it time for the stick, I ask, in Guyan's case?

"Not yet," Toner tells me later. "We have to give them something first. We have to move ahead with the program then we can demand accountability after we've followed

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# Cadets pay tribute to fallen at Vietnam Memorial

Story and photo by  
Master Sgt. Lisa Gregory

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- As the solemn masses of people searched for names, left mementos behind, or wiped away a tear, the sounds of "America the Beautiful" echoed from a hillside nearby.

Members of the U.S. Military Academy Glee Club made an unscheduled stop at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C., March 11 to pay tribute to those

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through on our promises."

The next day, Mariani seems unfazed by it all, seeming to keep in perspective the incremental nature of his own impact here.

"I'm not here to change their way of life," he says. "They have their own culture and you have to respect that. Some people back home might think they are ass backwards. I don't agree with that. This country has been at war for 30 years. We're here to do what we can to help."

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named on the wall. In town to give an evening performance at the Library of Congress, the cadets first stopped at the memorial to pay their respects.

## Chairman relates history

On hand to familiarize them with the history of the wall was Jack Wheeler, the chairman of the board for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund from 1979 through 1989 and currently the special assistant to the secretary of the Air Force.

"The names are placed on the wall in chronological order in which the service members died. And at the vortex we chose the words Duty, Honor, Country because they represent what these comrades believed in and what you live by," said Wheeler, a 1966 USMA graduate.

"Once the wall was completed

and we looked at the names placed there, we noticed how if you placed your hand a certain way on the wall, you would touch over so many men you knew," Wheeler said. "During the war, you didn't know how important you would become to the person next to you, but you remember that when you see the way these names have been placed here."

## Memorial gives lessons on life

Wheeler explained that he learned a great deal about life as the memorial took shape. "The black granite used is like a mirror where people can reflect not only on the names on the wall, but on themselves. Many are surprised by the impact of that.

"Also, once the memorial was completed, there were many people who would come here at dusk and

would use lighters and matches to search for names and we knew we needed to add lights. When I looked to see how much we had left in the memorial fund, it was exactly the right amount to complete the lighting. I realized then that at every point in your life you keep learning, no matter what the circumstance is in front of you," Wheeler said.

## 'Inspirational performance'

For the cadets this visit was a visit of inspiration and honor.

"I've been to the wall before as a visitor and knew its history and meaning, but to be able to sing for the crowds who were there truly inspired me," said Cadet 4th Class Jeffrey Bordenave. "It brings a new realization to what I'm doing at the academy."

"Being here and singing 'America the Beautiful' is truly an honor and a privilege," added Glee Club President Cadet 1st Class Jonathan Andrade. "The music tells the story of these men."

The cadets were also honored to be able to sing "Mansions of the Lord," which was sung by members of the Glee Club for the movie "We Were Soldiers," and to their surprise in the audience at the wall was John Herron, class of 1958 and



**Cadets 1st Class Jonathan Andrade (left) and Aaron Cross and Cadet 3rd Class Liliane Delva sang at the Vietnam Memorial March 11.**

a company commander during the battle of the Ia Drang Valley which was depicted in the movie.

"It's hard to describe the emotions that you feel, being able to sing a song like that at the wall and knowing that someone who served with some of the fallen is in the audience," Bordenave said.

The visit to Washington was the Cadet Glee Club's first stop on their spring concert tour. While here they also performed on the Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center.

From there the cadets traveled throughout Virginia, North Carolina and Florida before returning to West Point.

# Community teen voices issues at Army Teen Panel

**Story and photo  
by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer**

Being a teen is difficult, but being a military teen presents problems no ordinary teen needs to face. Changes of address every few years, going to different schools and long absences from a parent or parents tend to put a lot more stress on teens in the military. And the need to talk to other Army teens about teen problems or issues on the military level is what the Army Teen Panel is all about.

Sixteen-year-old Marielle Ness has participated in the program for two years and went with the teen panel to Washington D.C. in January to speak with the Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey.

"It was great to meet the Secretary of the Army," Ness said. "We were allowed to pick the top teen issues to speak to him about, issues like teen employment."

Ness said the issue of employment is a big issue because Army teens prefer to gain employment near their installation, but must compete against non-military teens.

"We talked about a variety of other Army teen issues such as improving our after school youth programs, establishing special facilities for teens and developing programs to communicate with other Army teens," Ness said.

The need to establish a way to network with other Army teens is an issue that already has a solution.

"The ATP will be launching an Army teen Web site in April, partnered with the Big Brother Big Sister organization and using the Army Knowledge Online as a means of a secure logon," she said. "That way, Army teens all over the world can log on and talk to other

teens to help ease military life."

To be a member of the ATP takes a lot of hard work, dedication and leadership abilities; all skills demonstrated by Ness.

"The reason that Ness was chosen by the Northeast Regional Office is due to her confidence, intelligence and the fact that she relates well to others," said Renee Podolec, a technical specialist from the Installation Management Agency's NERO in Ft. Monroe, Va. "Ness demonstrated her leadership skills at our youth leadership forum as Junior Advisor and role model for our Regional Teen Panel youth in July 2005."

The ATP began in 1995 as a way to allow Army youths to communicate directly with the highest levels of Army leadership to talk about issues that impact Army teens.



**Marielle Ness, 16, has been West Point's Teen Panel representative for the past two years. In January she traveled to Washington, D.C. for the annual Army Teen Panel and met Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey.**

ATP members are between the ages of 14-17 years old and

are nominated for a two-year term. Members must have strong leadership skills, be in the 9th, 10th or 11th grades, maintain at least a C average and meet the challenges of a rigorous annual schedule. Meetings are held in Washington D.C. with follow-up through e-mail, internet forums and teleconferences.

"It was hard work to get on the ATP," she said. "We apply to the installation and region, and then

write an essay; if everything is okay then you are appointed for two-year terms."

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center sponsors the ATP and many of their concerns have become Army Family Action Plan issues.

"I've enjoyed my time on the panel because we've become like a big family and I always speak with a few members at least once a day," Ness said.

# Local parishes collect, distribute food, clothes to NYC homeless

Submitted by  
Teen Fellowship Group

It is 8:45 p.m. on a Friday night in early March, and a half dozen cars wait in the parking lot next to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Highland Falls. The cars are stuffed with items gathered by parishioners at Sacred Heart and Most Holy Trinity Church: food, blankets, clothes, toiletry items and shoes, including more than a 100 pair donated by Groos Shoes in Middletown. Sub-freezing temperatures and a brisk northern wind encourage our party of two dozen O'Neill High School students and adult volunteers to wait in the cars while the last supplies are collected.

When the final jugs of coffee arrive, courtesy of Schades' Restaurant and the local McDonald's, the convoy headed toward the George Washington Bridge and the southern tip of Manhattan.

This project, sponsored by the Teen Fellowship Group of Sacred Heart and Most Holy Trinity Parish, supports a larger volunteer program

known as Midnight Run. The program was founded in 1984 after volunteers at a New York City soup kitchen noticed that many homeless people were reluctant to come to the soup kitchens. Rather, a few of the homeless had organized an informal system to distribute excess food to their friends on the street. Those volunteers decided to take a more direct approach to helping the homeless.

Midnight Run, headquartered in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., orchestrates the efforts of over a 100 groups and 5,000 volunteers, plus in-kind donations from hundreds of organizations. On designated evenings, these groups deliver food, clothing and blankets to homeless people at designated locations throughout the city.

The staff of Midnight Run coordinates these deliveries to ensure maximum coverage within the city. That staff consists of one full-time executive director and one or two part-time clothes-sorters, plus an active board of directors, half of whom have lived on the streets, including the current executive director, Dale Williams.

As the group from Highland Falls headed south toward the city, several other groups from surrounding areas convoy toward Manhattan with the same purpose.

By 10:30 p.m., the Sacred Heart group arrives at Battery Park, dodging construction crews and concrete barriers in an effort to find a safe place to park. The Staten Island Ferry terminal has become an impromptu shelter for many of the homeless in southern Manhattan. Police allow us to park on the curb and announce our presence inside the terminal, but we are not allowed to distribute food or clothes inside.

The initial response is slow, perhaps because of the 10 degree temperature outside. Eventually, more than a dozen men bundled in layers of clothing make their way out to the street curb. Volunteers ask them what they need, and direct them to the appropriate car. Shoes, blankets and gloves are popular, but the big seller is hot coffee, with a couple of men coming back for third and fourth cups. One of the homeless men asks where we are going next, like most of the others



Volunteers from O'Neill High School, Sacred Heart and Most Holy Trinity parishes gather before departing on their midnight run March 3.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW JAYE

at this stop, he seems familiar with Midnight Run operations.

By 11 p.m., the trickle of customers disappears, and the volunteers pile back into the cars and head uptown, heaters at full blast. The next stop is a street corner on the western edge of Central Park, across from the Museum of Natural History. Only three men come over to investigate. This appears to be their first encounter with the Midnight Run program, and they gratefully accept armloads of food and clothing. One says in broken English that they are from Mexico and came to New York to find work.

It takes a few minutes to find the next stop, a church on the upper west side. It's now midnight, but several men and women come over to accept hot coffee, bag lunches and new clothes. Part of the Midnight Run program includes simply talking with the homeless in order to provide some interpersonal contact, but the extreme cold and the late hour keep conversation to a minimum, and this group soon

retreats back to their blankets and sleeping bags on the steps of the church.

By 1:30 a.m., the traffic on the streets of Manhattan finally starts to thin. At our last stop, another church front on the West Side, a man lying in a doorway, bundled in blankets, politely declines our offer of food and clothing. The convoy turns south toward midtown, where we drop off our leftovers at the St. Agnes Parish homeless shelter.

By 2 a.m., the group is headed back across the George Washington Bridge toward West Point. Everyone is tired and ready for bed, but as the lights of Manhattan fade in the rearview mirror, it's hard to forget the men and women who will spend this night sleeping in doorways and on park benches.

Teen Fellowship's next Midnight Run will take place in late summer. Volunteers and donations are welcome.

For more info. on the Midnight Run organization, visit their Web site: <http://www.midnightrun.org/>.

## Scouts enjoy winter fun across the Hudson

By John J. Smith  
Scoutmaster, WP Troop 23

Sixteen Boy Scouts from West Point's Troop 23, along with four Webelos from Cub Scout Pack 23, and their adult leaders crossed the Hudson River March 3-5 to enjoy three days and two nights of camping at Clear Lake Scout Reservation in Putnam County, N.Y.

Though Scouts are no strangers to "roughing it" in pup tents pitched on the frozen ground, this time they decided to stay in a wood-stove heated log cabin.

The event was a way for the Scouts to enjoy winter sports such as snowshoeing, sledding and snowboarding.

"The late-winter snowfall we got the day before the campout came just at the right time, and we give credit for that to our Troop Committee Chair, Chaplain Keith Goode," remarked Asst. Scoutmaster Rick Metro. "We would have had a great time without snow, but the boys were really counting on using their sleds and snowboards one more time this winter."

Clear Lake Scout Reservation is part of the Westchester-Putnam Council of New York. It has over 14,000 acres of land which remains mostly undeveloped to provide

Scouts with ample room to discover nature and hone their outdoor skills. In addition to its own two lakes and 18 miles of hiking trails, it adjoins Fahnstock State Park and the

Appalachian Trail.

This was the second year in a row that Troop 23 has journeyed to this camp, and has quickly become a unit favorite.



### PX guitar winner

Cindy Anderson, (left), is presented with an electric guitar autographed by the country music group Alabama, Wednesday by PX manager Nadine Collins. Anderson, the wife of Army retiree Nils Anderson, of USCC, entered the AAFES worldwide drawing over the holidays.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## NYS Science Olympiad draws 700 HS students

Story and photos by  
Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

Biology, astronomy, chemistry and physics are subjects that make the average student cringe, but March 10 and 11 at West Point those subjects were made exciting by high school students from across New York State.

The space left empty in Thayer and Bartlett Halls and Gillis Field House by cadets, who left in mass for spring break March 9, were quickly filled the day after by roughly 700 students participating in this year's New York State Science Olympiad, held on the grounds of the U.S. Military Academy for the 22nd time.

Teams from 45 high schools and 11 different regions across New York went head to head in events such as Don't Bug Me, Robot Ramble, Scrambler, Tower Building, Astronomy, Rocks and Minerals and Wright Stuff. There were 25 events in all that challenged the competitors in a wide variety of sciences.

"There are 23 events recommended by the national competition and we do them all here," said Harold Miller, the Science Olympiad state supervisor. "Not all states do, but we do them

plus two."

"I enjoy science. I like to build things," said senior Ian Matts, an 18-year-old from Spakenkill High School in Spakenkill, N.Y.

Matts entered his robot, El Diablo, into the Robot Rambler event and came away with top honors.

"I had a similar design last year, but it didn't work nearly as well," Matts said. "I just used foresight to predict all the problems and then fabricated it based on the problems."

Participants David DiVincenzo and Matt Purvis from Norwood-Norfolk High School in Norwood, N.Y., put their catapult to the test during the Storm the Castle event. Though they didn't win they were excited just to be a part of the Olympiad at West Point after doing well at the regional level.

"We are a little bit out competed by some of the other schools because they are a lot bigger than we are and spend more time on it," 17-year-old DiVincenzo said.

Though they didn't win the experience was worthwhile.

"It is good so we can get a head start next year," Purvis said, who was checking out the designs from the teams that did well.

The object of the Olympiad, according to Miller, is not just for

individuals to win in their specific event, but for the overall team to do well in order to get to the next level.

"(One) thing I like about this," explained Miller, "is that a student can go over here and be the best student in physics and take the gold medal, but soon realizes that it doesn't mean a thing -- its how the team did and they develop a team spirit that really means something."

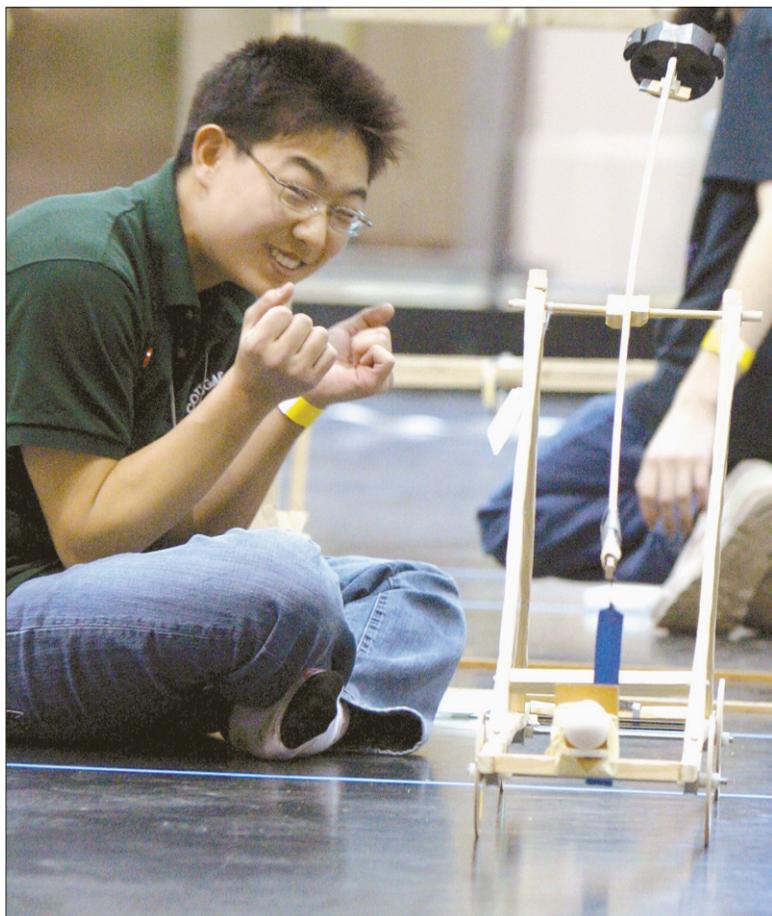
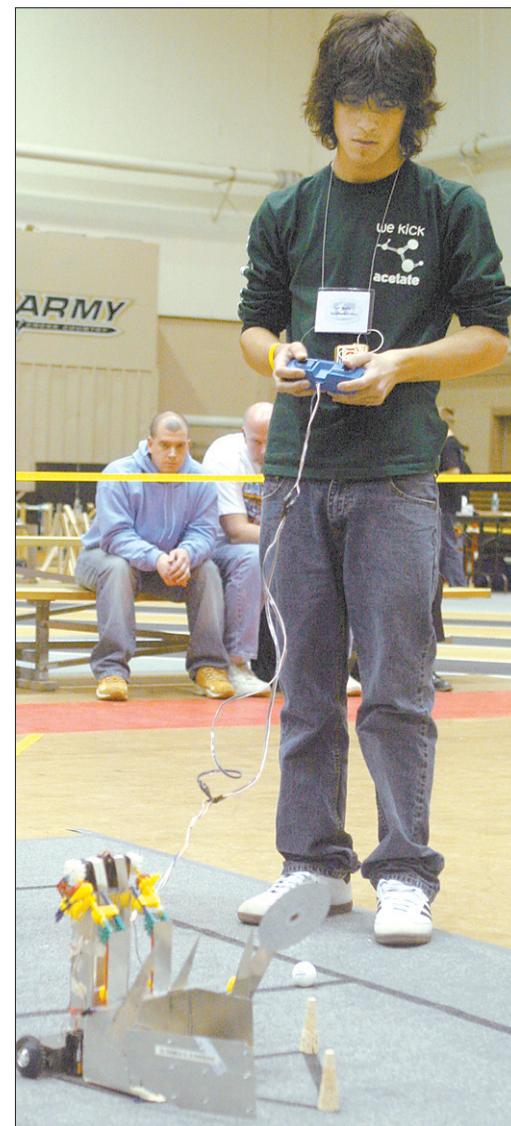
This year Fayetteville-Manlius High School from Manlius, N.Y., won first place and will move to the national competition for the fourth year-in-a-row. Maine-Endwell High School from Endwell, N.Y., took second place and will also move to the national competition which, this year, is held at Indiana University May 20.

What Miller says the best part of the Science Olympiad is that the students are learning science. Many of the students may just participate in the activity because their friends are doing it, but as they do the events they have to study subjects such as biology, earth science, astronomy, physics or whatever the event requires, explained Miller. It is not uncommon for Olympiad participants to move on to many of the nation's prestigious

institutions.

"There is nothing sensational about this really, not like watching somebody run up and down the basketball court," said Miller, "but in the long run these students are better off because they are getting an education they can take into college."

**Senior Ian Matts, 18, of Spakenkill High School in Spakenkill, N.Y., puts his robot, El Diablo, into action. The robot had to pick up a series of items and place them in a goal box during the Robot Rambler event, part of the New York State Science Olympiad held here March 11. Matts' robot won the event at this year's competition, which was held for the 22nd time at West Point.**



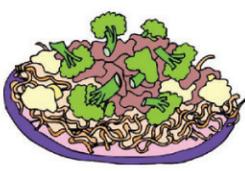
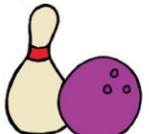
Joe Kim, 17, of John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore, N.Y., watches his scrambler, with a front attached egg, head toward its goal -- a wall. Kim's entry came in third.



Seniors Micol Marchetti-Bowick (left) and Tom Wormer of Jamesville-DeWitt High School in DeWitt, N.Y., load up a bucket with sand to test the strength of their tower. The Tower Building event, held in Robinson Auditorium, was one of 25 events students participated in at this year's New York State Science Olympiad.

## MARCH/APRIL MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at [www.usma.edu/mwr](http://www.usma.edu/mwr)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 • 938-4621 AEC, bldg. 683 • 938-3762 Arts &amp; Crafts, bldg. 648 • 938-4812 Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 • 938-2074 BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 • 938-6497 Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 • 938-2140 CDC, bldg. 1207 • 938-4798/4523 CDS, bldg. 1207 • 938-2092/2035 Community Rec Div • 938-2401 Delafield Pond • 938-5139/5158 Fitness Center, bldg. 683 • 938-6490 Golf Course • 938-2435/2327 Holleder Center • 938-4236</p>	<p>ITR, bldg. 695 • 938-3601/2401 AVC, bldg. 2104 • 938-3655 Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 • 938-3926 Outdoor Rec • 938-2503 Post Library, bldg. 622 • 938-2974 Round Pond • 938-2503/3860 School-Age Services, bldg. 1207 • 938-8530 West Point Club, bldg. 603 • 938-5120, 446-5506 Ski Lodge • 938-3726/3727 Youth Services, bldg. 500 • 938-3727 Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 • 938-3817 <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>		<p><b>West Point Bowling Center</b></p> <p>Open Bowling: Sun.-1300-1800 Mon. 1600-2100 Tue. Closed Wed. &amp; Thur. 1130-1900 Fri. 1130-2300 Sat. 0900-2300</p> <p>Galactic Bowling: Every Fri. &amp; Sat. 1700-2300 Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>  <p><b>Kiss Me, Kate Dinner Theater, WP Club, 1730</b></p> <p>Dinner in Little Italy/ Chinatown, 1700-2300</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 0615-0745 Youth Bowling, YS, 0900-1130</p> 	
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Tour NYC, ITR, 0900-1700 Open Skate, Tate Rink, 1530-1700</p> 	<p><b>27</b></p>  <p>Monday Night League, WP Bowl, 1800-2130</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Family Readiness, ACS, 1900-2000 Winter Story Hour, WP Library, 1000 &amp; 1330</p> 	<p><b>29</b></p>  <p>Overseas Briefing, Korea, 1330, Germany, 1500, ACS Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 2115-2245</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Targeting Stress, 1130, ACS Theater Van to Broadway, ITR, 1700</p>  <p>Mixed League, WP Bowl, 1830-2100</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>  <p>Mongolian BBQ, WP Club, 1700-2100</p>	<p><b>APRIL 1</b></p> <p>Round Pond Opens for the Season, 0800-1700</p>  <p>Trout Season Begins Golf Course Opens, Weather Permitting</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Open Bowling, WP Bowl, 1200-1800</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Golf Course Closed, Dawn till Noon, Mondays in April Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Spring Story Hour, Post Library, 1000 &amp; 1300</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Executive Tap (Apr. 5 &amp; 6, 0830-1630, Apr. 7, 0800-1300) Newcomers Welcome Brief, 0930, Re-Entry Workshop, 1000, ACS Bowling Center Open House, 1600-1900</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p>  <p>Budget/Debt Liquidation, 0830, Insurance, 0945, STOMP Workshop at the Jewish Chapel, (Apr. 6 &amp; 7) 0830-1600, ACS Theater Van to Broadway, ITR, 1700</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Firearm Hunter Safety Course Day 1, Register @ R. Pond, 1800-2200</p> 	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Firearm Hunter Safety Course Day 2, Register @ R. Pond, 0900-1600</p> 

### WPS Book Fair

West Point Middle and Elementary Schools will host a Scholastic Book Fair April 3-6 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Book Fair will be in the New Gym Lobby.

There will be a community event April 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

### West Point Yard Sale April 8

The West Point Post Wide Spring Yard Sale is April 8. The rain date is May 13. The local VFW is asking families to donate shoes, games and books to those in need at local VA centers. The collection point will be in the vicinity of the Red Cross Center. Call Bob Maher at (845) 268-7262 for more info.

### DPW Notes

**De Russy Loop closure**  
De Russy Loop, from the intersection with De Russy Road, in the vicinity of the Cadet Chapel, down the hill behind Arvin Gym to the intersection with Stony Lonesome Road will be closed beginning Monday until about May 5.

The area will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic to allow for the reconstruction of the curbs, sidewalks and roadway. For information, contact DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

**Public Building occupants**  
All office workers are reminded that it is each person's individual responsibility to use the small blue recycling toter to collect recyclables at their work site and to insure that the contents of the toter be placed in the designated recycle collection areas in your building. This task is not designated for the custodians who are only responsible for the emptying of trash containers. If you are not aware of the location of your building's recycle collection area, please contact your building commandant.

For information on the USMA Recycling Program, contact John Dopler, USMA Recycling Coordinator, 938-4281. Remember: that the savings generated by your recycling efforts is returned to the community through West Points MWR Programs.

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

### NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday -- Annapolis, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday -- Big Momma's House 2, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday -- Underworld: Evolution, R, 9:30 p.m.**  
**March 31 -- When a Stranger Calls, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**April 1 -- The Pink Panther, PG, 7:30 p.m.**  
**April 1 -- Final Destination 3, R, 9:30 p.m.**  
**April 7 -- 8 Below, PG, 7:30 p.m.**  
**April 8 -- Curious George, G, 7:30 p.m.**  
**April 8 -- Firewall, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

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

# Keller Corner

## Pharmacy construction

The pharmacy will be under construction from April 28 to May 2 and from May 9 to 12.

Please plan on the possibility of extended wait times during the construction.

## TRICARE Service Center

The Highland Falls TRICARE Service Center will undergo extensive renovations from April 7 to 14. Disruption of services will be minimal, however the TSC will have to close at 12:30 p.m. on April 7 and 14.

A TSC representative will be available in the Keller front lobby from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Do you have other health insurance?

If you receive medical services at KACH, you may have received a mailing or been asked about any other health insurance you may have. This may seem strange since you are entitled to care at no charge because of your own or your sponsor's military service. Over 10 years ago, Congress enacted Public Law 191-510 directing military

treatment facilities to bill private insurance companies for the cost of care provided in the MTF.

Under the Third Party Collection Program, Keller's Business Office will bill your OHI for the inpatient and outpatient care as well as pharmacy, radiology and lab services you receive here. It is very important for you to understand that by providing your OHI information, KACH can help you satisfy your annual deductible with no out of pocket expense to you.

The much broader benefit is that KACH uses OHI collections to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment and services.

In fact, many of the recent

upgrades to KACH were paid for with money collected through this program.

Updating your OHI helps the next GI.

For more info. call the Hospital Business Office at 938-3306.

## Correct information

Do we have your correct address and telephone number? In order to better serve you, report any address changes, or new telephone numbers to the A&D office located on the first floor in the Patient Service Center.

## Clinical breast study

Women ages 30 to 45 with military benefits are invited to

participate in an ongoing clinical breast study.

The study is intended to test a new non-invasive scanning device to identify women at risk for breast cancer. Call 938-8387 for info.

Contact Joyce Epstein-Ross for more information at 938-8387.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-7992.

You may participate once or on a yearly basis.

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

## Radiology appointments

If your Keller healthcare provider determines that you need an MRI, ultrasound, CT or a fluoroscopic study patients need to wait 24-26 hours after seeing their providers, not including weekends,

prior to calling Radiology to schedule an appointment.

This is to allow the Radiologist time to review all requests and ensure proper scheduling.

If your outside provider determines you need an appointment the provider or the patient may fax the request to Radiology, then call to confirm the fax was received.

Patients may also hand carry their requests, but will be asked to call back 36 to 48 hours later.

Routine x-rays are done on a walk-in basis Mon. through Fri. from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

To schedule an MRI, ultrasound, CT or fluoroscopic study call (845) 938-4840/4849.

To schedule a mammogram call (845) 938-2714.

The Radiology fax number is (845) 938-6399.

## Spring Cleanup April 1-30

Spring clean up runs from April 1 to 30. The date for housing area and family quarters clean up is April 20 with a rain date of April 27. Do not plan your clean up during these times.

Directorate of Public Works Roads and Grounds assistance can be requested to pick up large volumes of leaves or bundles of cut branches and limbs by calling Steve Morgan at 938-4522/4074 or Leon Grable at 938-3318/8479.

To request a dump truck from Solid Waste and Recycling call 938-4074.

## Command Channel 8/23

March 24 - March 31

### FRIDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. Brigade Open Boxing

### MONDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. Brigade Open Boxing

### TUESDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. Brigade Open Boxing  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. Brigade Open Boxing

### THURSDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. Brigade Open Boxing  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### MARCH 31

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. Brigade Open Boxing

## Military Council of Catholic Women events

**March 24** -- MCCW Mary's Stations of the Cross. Catholic Chapel at 6 p.m.

**March 27** -- MCCW Book Club "The Scholar." Catholic Chapel rectory at 7 p.m.

**March 28** -- MCCW Program "Our Passover Heritage." Post Chapel from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

# What's Happening

## Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart School will present the "Sound of Music" today and Sat. at 7 p.m. in the SH School Auditorium.

Tickets are available at the school or rectory. Call 446-2674/4609 for more info.

## DUSA employment opportunities

Seeking full-time (35-40 hours/week) business manager for two non-profit gift shops. Responsible for all merchandise decisions, inventory and store employees. Retail experience necessary.

Mail resume to: DUSA, c/o Melissa Rowse, 3154E Heath Loop, West Point, NY 10996

For more info. call, (845) 446-0331.

DUSA is also looking for a part-time sales clerk to work in their Museum Gift Shop Thurs. and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Call 446-0566 for more information.

## WPWC

The WPWC Shoppe is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. until noon during March.

For more information, call 446-8798.

WPWC has a party tent, table decorations and other party items to rent for your next event.

Call 446-1187 for a complete list of rental items.

The "Kick Up Your Heels West Point Women's Conference", hosted by DUSA and WPWC is Saturday at Thayer Hall.

Sign in and packet pickup is from 8 to 8:30 a.m.

For info and registration call 446-1290/3555.

## Organ recital

The Class of 1964 Cadet Chapel organ recital series will present Kenneth Drake Sunday at 3 p.m.

Drake is the organist and music director of Marble Collegiate Church in New York City.

He will be playing works of Bach, Mendelssohn and assorted American composers.

## Book signing

Texas senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson will be signing copies of her book "The Spirited Women Who Shaped Our Country" at the USMA Bookstore, March 31 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

## Free Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus Fellowship will host a free Fish Dinner March 31 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Sacred Heart School Gym

Reservations are requested. Call 446-4609.

## Cadet photo exhibit

A photography exhibition of the work of cadets Sean Flachs, Justin Haug, Matt Bebo and Trent Burgess will open March 31 with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall's

1929 Gallery on the 5th floor.

## "In the Mood" spectacular

The Hear the Music Foundation will hold a Broadway musical review of music from the WWII era called the "In the Mood" spectacular April 5 in the Newburgh Free Academy Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Call Gary VanVoorhis for more info at (845) 565-7333.

## Free baby clothes

Spencer's, Inc. an infant and children's clothing company, has partnered with the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services to offer a complete layette for babies born of military service personnel deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The layettes will include a variety of infant apparel appropriate for the age and size of each baby up to 20 pounds.

For more info. call the West Point Red Cross chapter at (845) 938-4100.

## WPS Pre & K registration

Pre-school and Kindergarten registration at the West Point Elementary School will be the week of April 3 from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m.

If your child is presently attending WPES pre-school, a re-registration packet will be sent home with your child.

Preschoolers must be four and children entering kindergarten must be five on or before Nov. 1, 2006.

The schedule for registering is by last name, so please try to come on your scheduled day.

Items needed to register are: official birth certificate, shot record and social security number.

Last names beginning with A-E, should come to register April 3; F-L, on April 4; M-Q, on April 5 and R-Z on April 6.

## MWR Blurbs

### BOSS Poker/Spades Tournaments

BOSS is holding Texas Hold'em Poker and Spades tournaments at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-register by calling 938-8063/6497, or by e-mailing [jermaine.malone@usma.edu](mailto:jermaine.malone@usma.edu).

### Public skating returns to Tate Rink

Public ice skating at Tate Rink is wrapping up Sunday.

Come enjoy free admission from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Skate rentals will not be available. Skaters need to bring their own skates.

ID will be required to obtain entry and skate guards will be monitoring skaters and controlling the ice.

For more info., call the MWR Sports Office at 938-3066, or go to the MWR ice skating Web page at <http://www.usma.edu/mwr/activity/skate/skate.htm>.

### Easter Brunch at WPC

Tickets are now on sale for Easter Sunday Brunch at the West Point Club April 16.

Seatings will be at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A cash bar will be available and children 6 and under eat free.

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

Call 938-5120 or 446-5504 for info and to make a reservation.

### Spring Sports Lucheon

Tickets are now on sale for the Spring Sports Luncheon April 18 at the West Point Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Army Community Services

The ACS Family Readiness Group one-year birthday celebration is Tues. at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Bowling Center for all family members of deployed Soldiers.

Call Galatea Badger at 938-5654 for more info.

### Combat Veterans Support Group

ACS hosts the CVSG for all service members at West Point who are veterans of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The group meets on the third Thurs. each month at the ACS, Bldg. 622, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For more info. call Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Persaud at 938-4114 or Capt. Bobby Sidell at 938-3441.

### Brigade Run Saturday

The U.S. Corps of Cadets will have a brigade run from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Sat. It will affect traffic on Washington and Lee roads and will first affect traffic at the Jefferson Road intersection and continue north to Lee Gate.

# Army and Community Sports

## Enright nets 21, Army downed by Vols in NCAAs

NORFOLK, Va. -- Army's magical season came to an end Sunday as the Tennessee Lady Volunteers handed the Black Knights a 102-54 defeat in the 2006 NCAA Tournament First Round at the Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk, Va.

Army ends the 2005-06 campaign with a 20-11 record. Tennessee (29-4) advances to the tournament's second round and awaits the winner of the Old Dominion - George Washington game.

Sophomore guard Cara Enright led Army with 21 points, four steals and four assists. Freshman guard Alex McGuire added eight points, and sophomore forward Stefanie Stone led the Black Knights on the boards with six rebounds, one block and chipped in four points.

The game also marked the end of four Black Knights' collegiate careers.

Forward Megan Vrabel finished with four points and grabbed a rebound, while forward

Ashley Magnani pulled down three rebounds and two points. Guard Adrienne Payne also scored for the Black Knights with a bucket, and guard Micky Mallette swiped a steal.

A quick start enabled the Black Knights to pull out to an early 5-2 lead at the 18:17 mark as junior guard Jen Hansen began the Army scoring with a three-point basket and Vrabel added a layup.

Over the next 1:25, Tennessee then held Army scoreless as Candace Parker and Tye'sha Fluker combined for nine points and the Lady Vols took an 11-5 advantage with 16:45 remaining in the half.

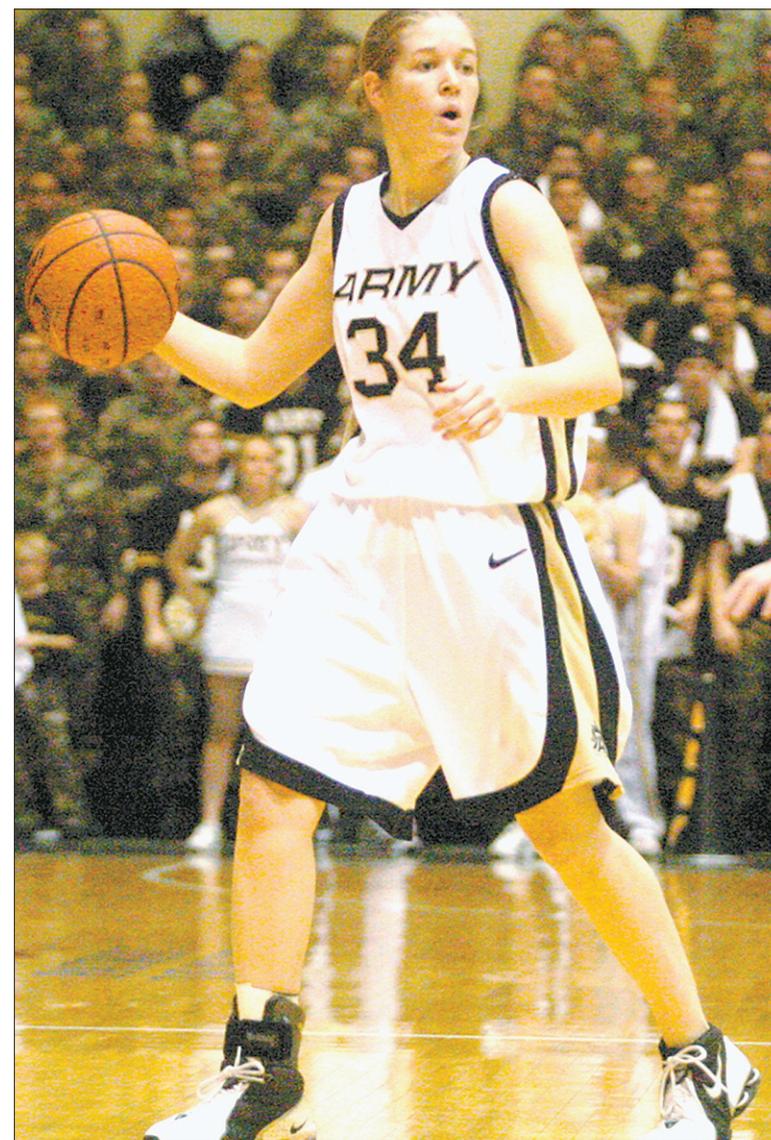
Enright scored nine straight points for the Black Knights as they retook the lead, 14-13, with 14:31 to play in the first half. But, the Lady Vols offense clicked into gear as Tennessee exploded on a 34-6 run over 11:09, taking a 47-20 lead with 2:37 left before intermission.

The Black Knights strung together a 6-3 run during the final 1:28 of the first half, and the Lady Vols held a 50-26 advantage at the half.

Enright scored the first basket of the second stanza by either team as she sunk a three-pointer drawing the Black Knights as close as they would be the rest of the afternoon, 50-29.

Tennessee already held a 62-33 advantage with 15:47 remaining in the contest when the Lady Vols used a 17-2 run to quickly push ahead 79-35.

Freshman center Sarah Anderson made a layup with 2.2



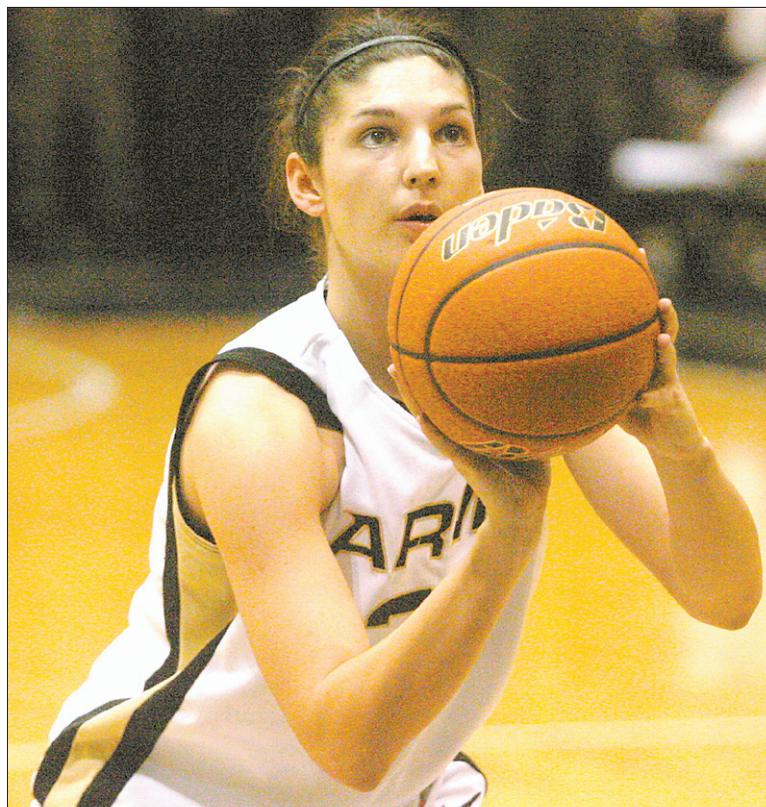
Junior guard Jen Hansen's opening three-pointer was Army's first points ever in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. She finished the game with five points.

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seconds on the clock to run the final margin to 102-54.

The Lady Vols, who shot 60 percent and outrebounded Army

40-21, got 26 points, five rebounds and seven assists from Parker and 15 points each from Tye'sha Fluker and Shanna Zolman.



Sophomore forward Stefanie Stone, whose free throw put Army into the NCAA Tournament, led the Black Knights on the boards with six rebounds while adding four points versus Tennessee.

## West Point Triathlon signups now open

By Lt. Col. Mike Johnson  
Triathlon Team

August 13 marks the anticipated return of one of West Point's most popular community events, the 17th annual West Point Triathlon.

Scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., the race will consist of three legs: an 800-meter swim in Lake Popolopen, a 25-km bike, and ends with a 5-km run. A Kid's triathlon will be held Aug. 12, the day before the main event.

Both events will most likely fill up by early June. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the end of the summer season with your family, friends and neighbors and

get a great workout.

This year's triathlon, as in years past, benefits the USMA Triathlon Team as well as other cadet clubs. A pasta dinner the evening before the main race will help raise funds for the Nordic Ski Team. Army Crew will also be involved selling concessions on race day. The race always includes a great deal of cadet support and participation, because around 100 compete each year, which is a good reason to register early before the slots fill up.

The course and the sprint format of the West Point Triathlon are friendly to both first-timers and experienced triathletes alike. Prizes will be awarded to the top three

overall winners and in 15 other categories.

In addition to the usual age categories, racers can compete in special categories: Military, Cadets and Clydesdales/Athenas.

Again this year, the race is open to three-person male, female and co-ed teams.

The course, traversing through and around Camp Buckner, is ideal for spectators who will have the opportunity to cheer on the triathletes multiple times from a central location.

For those who wish to help out with the race day festivities, there are plenty of volunteer positions open, ranging from body marking

to manning water stations.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Lt. Col. Mike Johnson by e-mail at [WPTri@earthlink.net](mailto:WPTri@earthlink.net).

For more information and a

link to registration visit the official Web site at <http://www.usma.edu/opa/wptri>.

Don't wait and miss out on the fun. The event is already one third of the way full.

# West Point grads earn boxing medals

By Tim Hipps

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Army News Service) -- The All-Army boxing team struck gold, silver and bronze in the 2006 U.S. Championships, marking its best showing since 2002 in the nation's premiere Olympic-style boxing tournament.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs, a light heavyweight boxer in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, won a gold medal March 11 at the Sheraton Hotel's grand ballroom. The referee stopped Downs' 178-pound championship bout against Alfonso Lopez of Huntsville, Texas, in the first round.

First Lt. Boyd Melson, a WCAP welterweight stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., won a silver medal in the 152-pound division.



Second Lt. Khara Keegan (left), seen here boxing in the 2005 Brigade Open, earned a bronze medal in the women's 114-pound division at the 2006 U.S. Boxing Championships. ERIC BARTELT/PV

A 2004 world military champion, he lost a 32-21 decision to two-time U.S. champion Demetrius Andrade of Providence, R.I.

Second Lt. Khara Keegan of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., won a bronze medal in the women's 114-pound division.

A 2005 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., she dropped a 27-16 decision to three-time light bantamweight national champion Sacred Downing of Trenton, N.J., in the semifinals March 9 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Melson, 24, a 2003 West Point graduate, received post-fight fanfare rarely exhibited for a defeated fighter.

Several fans grabbed and hugged Melson after he climbed from the ring.

"He deserves the same amount of love," Melson said of Andrade. "He's a class act and a he's good sportsman. That fires me up more than anything else: having a good-sportsmanship match -- no foul play, mutual respect for each other, and he gave me his all."

Melson, who landed more power punches, admitted that the quicker Andrade threw more scoring blows.

"I knew I got hit more," Melson said. "I hit him with some good, hard shots, but they weren't all scoring. He's very crafty inside and he has very fast hands. But I'm still a baby in this sport with my experience. I think this was my 32nd fight and I hear he's been boxing since he was about 7 or 8. I'm closing the gap pretty quickly, but he's a tremendous boxer."

Melson said his girlfriend, quadriplegic Christan Zaccagnino, 23, is his divine inspiration. She broke her neck during a diving accident at age 10 and was at the U.S. Championships cheering on Melson from her wheelchair.

"Being with my girlfriend puts everything in perspective for me," said Melson, who met her at West Point. "The fact that I can walk out of the ring, I won. I've been with her for almost four years now, watching her not being able to walk. The fact that I can walk out of the ring and compete again the next day, still the same way, I've been blessed."

Keegan, 24, a native of Sioux City, Iowa, who is nicknamed "The West Point Assassin," fought



First Lt. Boyd Melson, WCAP welterweight and 2004 world military boxing champion, won a silver medal in the 152-pound division. He lost a 32-21 decision to two-time U.S. champion Demetrius Andrade. JIM FOX/PV

valiantly in her U.S. Championships debut.

"She gave me a tough fight, but I went in there and just tried to wear her down and punch with her," Keegan said of Downing. "I'm still happy with the outcome. She's been here before so she has a little better idea of what to expect."

"I was very pleased with her effort," All-Army boxing and

2004 U.S. Olympic coach Basheer Abdullah said of Keegan. "She executed everything we asked her to do to perfection. We just didn't have enough force behind our punches to get credit for our work."

(Editor's note: Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office.)

## Women's Pistol third at Nationals

Submitted by Army Pistol Team

The Army Women's Pistol Team competed in the National Collegiate Pistol Championships at Fort Benning, Ga., March 16-17. Based on Sectional qualifying scores, the top five women's teams and the top 15 women are invited to compete in each of two events.

In the Women's Aggregate National Collegiate Pistol Championship, Army claimed the bronze medal with a score of 2647. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy was first with a 2661 and Ohio State was second with a 2652. In the women's Individual Aggregate National Collegiate Pistol Championship, freshman Kim Schultz placed sixth.

The Lady Knights competed in Women's Air Pistol and Sport

Pistol, both Olympic events. Women's Air Pistol is a 40-shot precision event using .177 caliber air pistols. Competitors have one hour and 15 minutes to fire 40 record shots at a very small target at 10-meters distance.

Army's team of senior Lindsey Bishop, junior Melanie Mansbach and Schultz won the team gold medal with a combined score of 1081. Schultz led the scoring with a 366 out of a possible 400. Mansbach fired a 358 and Bishop shot a 357. The Coast Guard Academy was second with a score of 1072 and The Ohio State University was third with a 1067.

Bishop was selected as a member of the All-American second Team in Air Pistol.

Schultz claimed the individual silver medal with a combined preliminary and finals match score

of 458.8. Teresa Meyer of Ohio State took first with a score of 461.1 and Kristina Kask of Garrett College claimed bronze with a score of 455.8. Bishop finished seventh overall with a score of 449.1 and junior Hannah Leadbetter was eighth with a 446.5.

March 17 the women competed in Sport Pistol -- a 60 shot event where they fire a semi-automatic .22 caliber pistol identical to the one used in Standard Pistol at a target 25 meters away.

Army struggled in this event and took fourth with a score of 1566 behind MIT's 1592, Coast Guard's 1589 and Ohio State's 1585. Navy was fifth at 1512. Army junior April Furr led the team with a score of 525 out of 600. Schultz shot a 521 and Bishop fired a 520. Schultz was the only Army shooter to qualify as an individual and placed 12th.

# Men's Pistol wins National Championship

## Submitted by Army Pistol Team

Army Pistol was invited to attend the 2006 National Collegiate Pistol Championships held at Fort Benning, Ga., March 14-18.

Army won the Aggregate National Collegiate Pistol Championship with a score of 6358. Navy was second with a score of 6299 and The Ohio State University was third with a 6283.

Army senior team captain Maxwell Pappas was selected as first Team All-American in Standard Pistol, second Team All-American in Free Pistol and second Team All-American in Air Pistol.

Junior Jameson Boscow was selected as a first Team All-American in Free Pistol. Sophomore Casey Miller was honored as a first Team All-American in Air Pistol.

The top 10 college teams and top 30 collegians are invited to compete in Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Air Pistol.

Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to the top three teams

and individuals. Scores from the three events are tallied to determine the overall team and individual National Champion.

The Free Pistol Event was fired March 16 at the Army Marksmanship Unit's 50-meter Range. Competitors use a single shot .22 caliber pistol to fire 60 precision shots in two hours at a very small target 50 meters away.

"Free Pistol is our strongest event," said Army Pistol Team Coach Duston Saunders. "We felt if we performed well in this event we had a good chance at winning the overall championship."

Pappas led Army's four-person team with a score of 528 out of a possible 600. Boscow shot a 524; Miller shot a 523; and senior Sean Cattanach shot a 492 for a team score of 2067.

Army took the team gold medal with their best Free Pistol score of the season. The Ohio State University shot a 2010 for the silver medal and Navy claimed the bronze medal with a 2009.

Based on the results of the

60-shot preliminary match, the top eight individual scorers out of the 30 competitors shoot a 10 shot Final Match.

The 10 finals shots are scored to the tenth of a point and are added to each individual's 60 shot score to determine medal winners.

Pappas, shooting for both team and individual honors, claimed the individual bronze medal.

The Standard Pistol Event was fired March 17.

Competitors used a semi-automatic .22 caliber match pistol to fire at a target that was 25 meters distance.

"Standard Pistol has been our weakest event all season," Saunders said. "But it is traditionally Ohio State's strongest event. We hoped our 57 point lead over the Buckeyes would be enough to maintain our overall first place position after the first two events."

Again, Pappas led the Army Team with an outstanding score of 555 out of a possible 600. Boscow shot a 530; sophomore Marc Eskew shot a 511 and Miller shot a 500 for a team score of 2096.

The University of Utah surprised everyone and claimed the team gold medal with a score of 2103 for their first ever team gold medal.

Navy claimed the silver medal with a score of 2100, narrowing Army's lead over them to 54 points. Ohio State tied Army with a 2096 for third place, but Army won the bronze medal on tie breaker rules.

Pappas claimed the individual gold medal with his score of 555.

The final event, Air Pistol, was fired Saturday morning on AMU's 10-Meter Range. Air Pistol is a precision event where competitors have 1 hour and 45 minutes to fire 60 record shots from a single shot .177 caliber air pistol at a very small

target at 10 meters distance.

"Air Pistol is Navy's strongest event and they are capable of shooting very impressive scores," Saunders said. "We're pretty good at Air Pistol, too, but if just one of our shooters had a bad day, Navy could easily make up the 54-point difference and claim the overall national championship. The pressure on both teams was intense."

Miller led Army with an impressive 561 out of 600. Pappas shot a 557; Boscow shot a 543; and senior Drew Curriston shot a 534 for a team score of 2195. Navy succumbed to the pressure and shot a 2190. Army - gold; Navy - silver. Ohio State claimed the team bronze medal with a score of 2177.

In individual Air Pistol Competition, Miller claimed the

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# Hudson Valley Orienteering

An orienteering instruction and competition will take place Sunday on the Spook Swamp map from the Sebago Beach parking lot in Harriman State Park.

The Hudson Valley Orienteering Club will set both beginner and advanced courses.

Free instruction will begin at 9:45 a.m. and the orienteering starts will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

Youth groups must have signed parent permission forms, which are available on the HVO Web site.

The event will be held rain or shine.

For directions, call the HVO information line at 973-625-0499 or log on to the HVO Web site at [www.hvo.us.orienteering.org](http://www.hvo.us.orienteering.org) for more details and other scheduled meets.

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individual Bronze Medal with his 561 preliminary score and a 95.2, 10 shot Finals score for a total of 656.2 - only two tenths of a point out of second place. Pappas was fourth with a combined score of 655.3 - only nine tenths of a point behind Casey.

Other teams competing were MIT, the defending 2005 National Champion, Utah, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, The Citadel, Texas A&M, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and Missouri State University.

Pappas won the individual Aggregate National Collegiate Pistol Championship with a combined score of 1640 (528 - Free; 555 - Standard; 557 - Air). Army's Casey Miller was ninth overall with a 1584.

"Winning the Team National Championship is sweet," Pappas said. "Winning by pulling away in the final event is especially sweet."

Army Lacrosse vs. Air Force,  
April 1 at 4 p.m. at Michie Stad.