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Army changing CSL process

By Sgt. 1st Class
Roger Jones
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The Department of the Army is making changes to its Officer Personnel Management System. Beginning with the 2008 fiscal year lieutenant colonel selection board that convenes this fall, all relevant officers, including eligible West Point officers, will compete for command in four revised categories of Operations, Strategic Support, Recruiting and Training and Installation.

Lieutenant Colonel John A. Potts, chief of the command branch and project action officer, said the change was made for two different reasons.

"We wanted to ensure selection of the best possible officers for

command and key billets and we wanted to put like categories together," Potts said. "As a result we are changing the Centralized Selection List process.

"A good example of the change is that we took the categories of Recruiting and Training and grouped them together," he explained.

Before the revision, these two categories were handled separately. However, since they both fall under Training and Doctrine Command, placing them together in the same category just made sense," Potts added.

Though the recruiting and training decision was logical and significant, Potts explained that there were also other significant changes to the new policy.

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DDESS names Cryderman new WPES principal

Submitted by DDESS

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. -- Elaine Beraza, director, Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools and Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Cuba, announced July 20 that Shawne Cryderman has been named principal of West Point Elementary School in the Virginia/New York/Puerto Rico District.

Cryderman is currently the principal of Mannheim Elementary School, Mannheim, Germany, with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools.

Originally from Okemos, Mich., she earned her bachelor's degree from Alma College, Alma, Mich., and her Master's in the Art of Classroom Teaching from Michigan State University.

"Shawne has an excellent working knowledge of Early Childhood Education and is an awesome advocate for children," said District Superintendent Bruce Jeter. "Her numerous experiences will allow her to transition into WPES and gain the trust and respect of all stakeholders in a relatively short amount of time.

"Shawne can always be found wherever the kids are found. Shawne Cryderman and David Rudy will make a wonderful team for the West Point Schools for many years to come," Jeter added.

Cryderman was with DODEA schools for 27 years as a teacher in Seoul, Korea; Naples, Italy; Incirlik, Turkey; Keflavik, Iceland; and Okinawa, Japan; and as an assistant principal at Pusan American School, and Seoul Elementary School, both in Korea, before her promotion to principal at Bob Hope Primary School, Okinawa, Japan.



Community Fair coming Thursday

Community members flock to the information booths at last year's Community Fair in Eisenhower Hall. This year's event is Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. (See story on page 7, part of the Newcomer's pullout, Pages 7 to 10.) KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Congress extends Tricare to Reservists

WASHINGTON (Military Report) -- The relatively new Tricare Reserve Select health care program is about to launch a one-time open enrollment season for two new tiers of coverage.

Until last year, only National Guard and reserve members eligible for Tricare were those who served on active duty for 30 days or more since Sept. 11, 2001.

Congress has extended coverage to all qualified members of the Selected Reserve, with two other tiers of coverage: Tier 2, for reservists not on active duty who are unemployed, self-employed or whose employer does not offer health coverage, and Tier 3, for reservists not on active duty who have other available health care coverage, but prefer using Tricare.

Reservists in those tiers who are eligible for Tricare Reserve Select coverage can sign up between Tuesday and Nov. 25 once their eligibility has been certified.

Since the exact procedures to

qualify for Tier 2 or Tier 3 vary by reserve component, Tricare officials encourage National Guard and reserve members to contact their personnel offices as soon as possible for help on what documentation is needed.

Tier 2 and Tier 3 coverage begins Oct. 1 for members whose request forms and premiums are postmarked between Tuesday and Sept. 25. The coverage ends Dec. 31, 2007. For those with packets postmarked between Sept. 25 and Nov. 25, TRS coverage will begin Jan. 1.

Coverage is locked in for one year at a time, ending Dec. 31, and documentation must be verified every year to renew coverage. But once the information is verified and the reserve component updates its Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, coverage is renewed without the reservists having to again fill out paperwork.

However, those purchasing

Tier 2 or 3 coverage during the 2006 open season who have a service agreement that will remain effective through Dec. 31, 2007, will be automatically renewed for calendar year 2007, at 2007 premiums. Premiums will vary based on tier.

The original Tricare program for drilling reservists remains unchanged. Now known as Tier 1, it is available to those who served 90 or more days of continuous active duty in support of a contingency. Reservists qualify for one year of TRS coverage for each continuous 90 days of active duty in support of a contingency.

Reservists who are otherwise eligible but did not serve 90 continuous days due to injury or illness incurred or aggravated while activated may still be eligible for one year of TRS coverage.

Qualifying for TRS Tier 1 is a one-time opportunity for each period of active duty; if reservists

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Summer Safety: Lightning, thunderstorms

Submitted by the West Point Safety Office

As our summer safety articles continue, today we will address staying safe in a summer storm.

Just take a quick look at the weather conditions nationwide and it seems that any condition is possible. That makes predicting these storms increasingly difficult. However, there are ways to manage the risk and get a better understanding the risks about, lightning and thunderstorms.

Why discuss thunderstorms? They produce: **tornadoes; lightning** (80 fatalities and 300 injuries a year and can occur in all

thunderstorms); **strong winds** (can exceed 100 mph); **flash flooding** and **hail**.

This is the time of year when we are confronted with these storms. The following safety tips provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration can help you prepare for these weather conditions.

LIGHTNING SAFETY RULES

- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent. Use the risk management process to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation.

- Move to a sturdy building or car. Do not take shelter in small

sheds, under isolated trees, or in convertibles. Stay away from tall objects such as towers, fences, telephone poles and power lines.

- If lightning is occurring and sturdy shelter is not available, get inside a hardtop car and keep the windows up. Avoid touching any metal.

- Utility lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug appliances not necessary for obtaining weather information. Avoid using the telephone or any electrical appliances. Use phones only in an emergency.

- Do not take a shower or bath

during a thunderstorm.

- Turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.

IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS WITH NO SHELTER...

- Find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles. Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding.

- If you are in the woods, take shelter under shorter trees.

- If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over

your ears and head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. **DO NOT LIE DOWN.**

- If you are boating or swimming, get to land and find shelter immediately.

- Put your golf clubs down and get away from the golf-cart.

If thunderstorms are predicted, stay alert and listen for storm watches or warnings. Look for towering thunderheads, darkening skies and increasing winds as your signal to take shelter. Be prepared, be safe instead of sorry. Do the right thing and manage the risk.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact the USMA Safety Office at 938-3717.

Criminal mischief

Commentary by Capt. Alan Pearson Operations Officer, PMO

Over the past month the West Point community has experienced an increased amount of vandalism and criminal mischief. This has included the destruction of streetlights and the safety mirror on Merritt Road. Additionally, over the past weekend the Military Police Station received notifications of numerous thefts of private property.

To reduce the amount of incidents, the West Point Military

Police have increased patrols in the housing areas. We encourage the community to properly secure their property. Vehicles should be locked and high value items should be removed from vehicles.

Criminals typically use targets of opportunity when committing crimes. An unsecured vehicle provides criminals this opportunity.

As members of the West Point community we ask that anyone having knowledge of or witnessing suspicious activity to notify the Military Police Desk at 938-3333.

SARP INFO

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

Community members can e-mail McMahan at Jeanette.McMahan@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

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

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

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Very Hard

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

See Solution on Page 12

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Some Soldiers eligible for MGIB benefits transfer

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The Army announced July 21 the implementation of a pilot program allowing Soldiers

in critical skills who reenlist the ability to transfer Montgomery GI Bill benefits to their spouse.

Enlisted Soldiers who have

completed at least six years of service, reenlist for a minimum of four years, qualify for a Selective Reenlistment Bonus, and are entitled to a Zone B or Zone C bonus will have the option to transfer up to 18 of 36 months of their MGIB entitlement. Soldiers can choose between a full SRB or a slightly reduced SRB plus the ability to transfer more than \$18,000 in benefits.

The fiscal 2006 basic MGIB monthly benefit for fulltime training is currently \$1,034. This benefit is also available but prorated for part-time enrollment.

Soldiers who elected the Army College Fund as an enlistment option and/or have enrolled and paid toward the \$600 MGIB Additional Opportunity can include their expanded benefit (MGIB, ACF and MGIB Additional Opportunity) in the transferability program.

The Army will study the results of the program with the possibility of making it a permanent part of the Army's reenlistment policies.

"The Army continues to focus on and provide support to Soldiers' families because it is the right thing to do, and because we know that we recruit Soldiers, but retain

families," said Maj. Gen. Sean Byrne, director of Army Military Personnel Management.

Education benefits are a key component of the incentive package used by the Army to attract and retain quality Soldiers. At the foundation of these benefits is the MGIB.

The transferability of MGIB benefits is an additional lever being used to retain Soldiers with critical skills.

Soldiers interested in participating in the program should visit their Army retention career counselor for information.



GC CSM assumes command

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Violet C. McNeirney assumed command July 21 during a ceremony at the Great Chain on Trophy Point. She replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Muriel who left in June.

SPC. BENJAMIN GRUVER/PV

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do not purchase TRS before the deadline, they forfeit the benefit until their next period of active duty.

Questions about qualifying for TRS should be directed to reserve component personnel offices, Tricare officials said. But answers to general questions about the program are online at www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve.

Several proposals are on the table in Congress to modify the TRS program. The House version of the 2007 defense authorization bill would do away with the three tiers and open TRS to any drilling reservist willing to pay premiums that cover 28 percent of the cost of health benefits.

The Senate version of the bill would open coverage at a 50-

50 cost share to reservists who work for small businesses with 20 or fewer employees and reduce Tricare premiums for reservists who have available employer-provided health care but choose to use military coverage.

A compromise bill that will resolve those issues likely will be finalized in September or October.

California starts 'Helmets to Hardhats' direct-entry program

SYLMAR, Calif. (Army News Service) -- California joined 21 states enrolled in 'Helmets to Hardhats' statewide direct-entry program July 20.

'Helmets to Hardhats' is a national program that connects transitioning active-duty and reserve-component members with training and employment opportunities with the construction industry.

"The building and construction industry in California is booming and we need as many trained and disciplined workers as possible to keep up with all the growth," said California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who signed the proclamation with retired Maj. Gen. Matthew Caulfield, executive director for 'Helmets to Hardhats.'

The statewide direct-entry program provides a common agreement between Building and Construction Trades, Joint Apprenticeship Training Councils,

locals (at their discretion) and 'Helmets to Hardhat' leaders to support candidates in that state.

The program allows candidates to start construction careers soon after they apply, and also gives them credit for military training and experience.

"By supporting the 'Helmets to Hardhats' program, we are helping our returning veterans find high-quality careers. This program puts our veterans at the top of the list to enter qualified apprenticeship programs in fifteen trades and eight contractor associations. This is a great partnership between the building trades and our armed forces and veterans," Schwarzenegger said.

More than 16,000 military candidates have registered in California for the 'Helmets to Hardhats' program, and 1,482 employers and local trade unions have posted 3,356 career

opportunities on the 'Helmets to Hardhats' Web site.

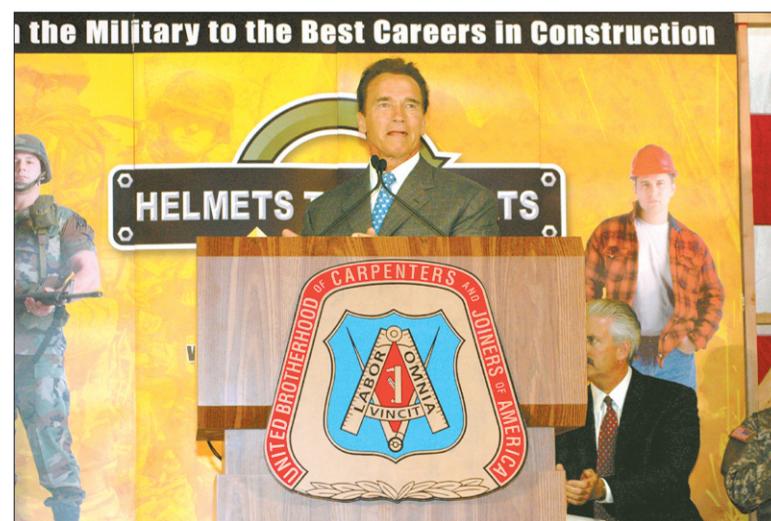
Kristina Reinholtz of Las Vegas, registered with the program after leaving the Army because of a knee injury.

"When I was getting ready to leave, I knew that I had to find another career that I could count on," she said. "I did not want a dead-end job. I needed a career that would enable me to support my family."

Knowing she enjoyed working with her hands, Reinholtz applied for a carpentry position through 'Helmets to Hardhats,' and was hired almost immediately.

"I appreciate that I had the opportunity to get into not just a job, but a great career," she said.

Direct entry programs also exist in 21 other states: Indiana, Ohio, Connecticut, West Virginia, Illinois, Washington, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Iowa, New Hampshire,



California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a proclamation for 'Helmets to Hardhats' statewide direct-entry program July 20.

COURTESY PHOTO

Vermont, Virginia, Missouri, Maine, Kentucky, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Delaware, Hawaii, Wisconsin and New Jersey.

Military personnel interested in a construction career should visit www.helmetstohardhats.org or call (866) 741-6210.

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"Additionally, Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery and Engineer colonels, lieutenant colonels and lieutenant colonel selects, who have multi-skilled competencies and experiences, will now be afforded

the opportunity to compete for command and key billet slots of certain units and organizations," he said.

"Historically, a portion of the Heavy Brigade Combat Teams, as well as, Infantry and Stryker BCTs were coded so that only certain officers could command them," Potts explained.

However, now at the battalion level, the Department of the Army will allow Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery and Engineer colonels to compete for command of Infantry Stryker and Heavy Brigade Combat Teams," he added.

The new CSL process for command and key billets is focused on identifying the best officers to fill identified vacancies in the next fiscal year. The change, according to Potts, came as a result of a coordinated recent review by proponents, units and the Human Resources Command.

"The review panel defined command and key billets and then compared all positions on the lists

against these criteria to validate their inclusion on the CSL."

Potts said the new process affords officers an opportunity to choose their career paths up front.

"We want officers to commit early to compete in one of the four revised categories," he explained. "Once the officers have chosen their category, the Department of the Army does its best to accommodate their wishes."

Although the majority of the new policy changes are positive, there is one other significant change that could be perceived as negative.

"Before the policy was revised, officers could decline their positions on the selection list within the first 30 days, without prejudice," Potts said. "However, that option is no

longer on the table.

"Since we've asked the officers to commit early, once they have chosen their category they are locked in," he added.

Potts said officers who turn down their selection with the new policy in force would no longer be able to compete in the category at that rank.

CBT, CFT movements to cause Route 293 delays

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2010 will participate in a ruck march to Camp Buckner Monday and will cross Route 293 in the vicinity of Round Pond Road beginning at 7:30 a.m. until approximately 11 a.m. The march is in conjunction with the final phase of Cadet Basic Training.

At the same time Monday, the Class of 2009 will run back to the academy grounds from Camp Buckner in formation beginning at 6 a.m. to mark the conclusion of Cadet Field Training by running from Buckner along Route 293. They are expected to enter Washington Gate around 7:05 a.m. before heading to the Plain and will end on the apron in front of Washington Hall.

Motorists should be alert and prepared for the possibility of intermittent road closures and delays. Please allow adequate time to reach your destination.

Route 9W construction until Aug. 4

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

West Point workers who travel route 9W between the towns of Cornwall and New Windsor should expect minor delays due to road construction.

Roadwork is expected to take place through Aug. 4 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the

road will be reduced to one lane within the work zones.

For updated information on accidents and construction within your driving area, go to www.hudsonvalleytraveler.com and click on incident and congestion reports.

This service is provided by the New York State Department of Transportation and New York State Police.

No free credit monitoring for veterans

By Beth Reece

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The White House withdrew its funding request July 18 for free credit monitoring services for the 26.5 million veterans and family members whose information was thought to be impacted by the May 3 theft of a Department of Veterans Affairs computer.

Veterans Affairs Secretary R. James Nicholson announced the recovery of the stolen computer

OPM to loosen retiree rules

WASHINGTON (Fed Times) -- Retired employees would be able to return to government work without a pay cut in more situations than currently allowed, under an Office of Personnel Management proposal.

Salaries for retirees who rejoin the federal work force typically are reduced by the amount of their annuities to prevent them from earning both a full salary and full annuity.

However, OPM currently can waive this so-called dual compensation requirement on a case-by-case basis or allow agencies to waive the requirement when they need to hire retirees to meet emergencies that pose "an immediate or direct threat to life or property or emergencies resulting from other unusual circumstances."

Under the proposed rule change, published July 21 in the Federal Register, OPM would allow such waivers when agencies need to address unusual circumstances that aren't related to an emergency. Such circumstances could include meeting new or expanded mission requirements by a certain date under a congressional mandate.

It also could include other unforeseen developments that would adversely affect an agency's ability to carry out its mission.

The new policy will take effect sometime after the agency reviews public comments, which are due by Sept. 19.

OPM said the proposed change "will make it easier for agencies to re-employ annuitants when faced with unusual circumstances."

June 29, eight days after he announced that the agency would provide one year of free credit monitoring to those whose Social Security numbers and birthdates were feared stolen.

"The FBI has a high degree of confidence -- based on the results of the forensic tests and other information gathered during the investigation -- that the sensitive data files were not accessed or compromised," said White House

Budget Director Rob Portman in a letter to House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert.

"On the basis of the FBI's analysis, the administration has concluded that credit monitoring services and the associated funding will no longer be necessary," Portman added.

Despite good news that the database was uncompromised, VA continues soliciting bids from companies that provide data-breach

analysis to ensure information is kept secure in the future, according to VA spokesman Matt Burns.

"The VA has funds in its budget that can be used for this purpose," Burns said, "and there will be no diminution in the quality of health care and other services provided to veterans as a result of this expenditure."

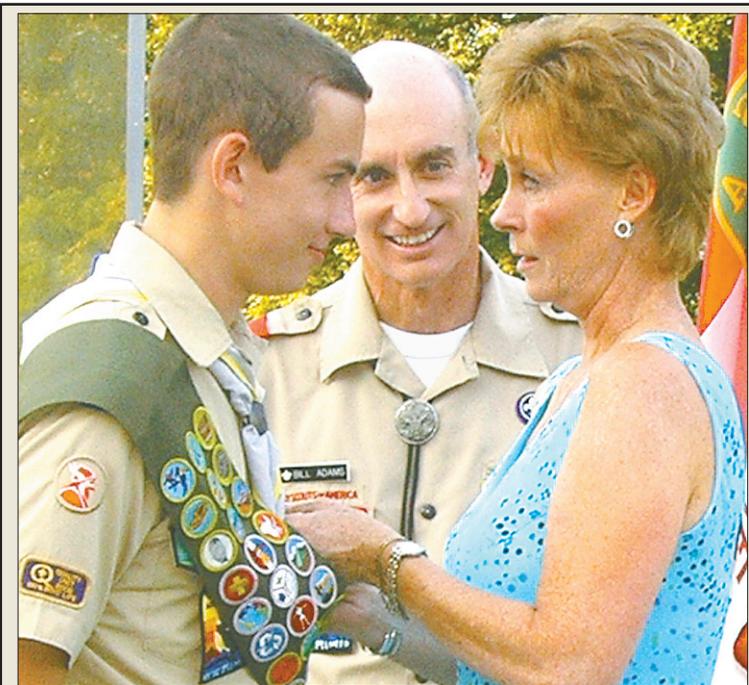
Since the theft, numerous personnel changes have taken place in the Office of Policy and Planning, where the breach occurred. VA has also hired a special advisor for information security and re-energized its cyber security and

privacy awareness training.

As FBI's "high degree of confidence" is not 100 percent assurance that veterans' personal information is safe, Army officials recommend Soldiers continue monitoring their credit reports.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the nation's consumer reporting companies -- Equifax, Experian and Trans Union -- to provide one free credit report a year to each citizen, per the individual's request.

To receive a free credit report, go to annualcreditreport.com or call (877) 322-8228.



Eagle Scout

Patrick Adams, left, is pinned by his mother, Deborah, Monday at Trophy Point Amphitheater, while his father, Lt. Col. William F. Adams, looks on. Patrick, who joined West Point's Troop 23 in the spring of 2002, earned his rank in June.

PHOTO BY DANIEL ADAMS

Community Features and Photos

Army Research Laboratory, Math Dept. hold "Bot language" workshop



Engineer Alan J. Lawson shows off his air vehicle Nighthawk during the "Bot language" workshop.

Story and photo
by Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

"Danger, Will Robinson!" Movies and science fiction have taken robots a long way since Robot B9 proclaimed that phrase on the television show "*Lost in Space*," and now, according to some, robots may be on the verge of catching up to their fictional counterparts.

The Army Research Laboratory, in conjunction with the U.S. Military Academy's Department of Mathematical Sciences, hosted a "bot language" workshop here July 19 to 21 with the purpose of initiating the design of a language

for machines.

"Right now we talk to machines through specialized programs, but what we want to do is talk to machines like I am talking to you," said retired Brig. Gen. Chris Arney, a program manager at the Army Research Laboratory at Research Triangle Park, N.C.

That means thinking. Robots will be able to make decisions and express what it sees or senses through language.

That is the vision of Arney, a former head of the Department of Mathematical Sciences here, who strongly believes that the development of a precise language could empower robots to hear, talk, remember, be smart and be aware.

The 50 attendees at the workshop, which included scientists from several universities as well as researchers from Army, Navy and Air Force, gathered not only to discuss this topic, but will be used

as a source of ideas for the study that the Army will be funding to develop the "bot language."

The full capability of communicating with robots is still decades away, according to robotic experts, but with thousands of possibilities the military is pushing forward.

"A robot could be a doctor, a communication expert and an engineer all at once because we can program all of that into a robot," Arney said, "and as long as we have the language that they can interface with people then they can do that. In 10 to 20 years that is what I expect to have happen."

For the Army, Arney sees how this technology would be good for things such as pursuit and evasion and reconnaissance. While the military already has unmanned drones and a newly developed recon plane the size of a bird known as the Nighthawk, with this technology a robot could simply tell its handler what it sees and make decisions on its own.

"A robot will be out there and send a question back: 'I just saw

a bunch of troops going into the woods, should I watch for that or do you not want to do this?'" Arney said. "If it can't hear you at the time it is going to make up its own mind. A drone is only going to go out there and do what you tell it to do and if it doesn't know what to do it has to return."

The development of "bot language" will not be without ethical concerns. Many of them already brought up through blockbuster movies such as "*AI*," "*I, Robot*" and "*The Matrix*," depicting robots replacing the workforce and taking over the world.

"Right now it is all fiction," Arney said, "so we are trying to figure out which part we are going to make nonfiction."

Arney, (USMA '71), who taught at the academy for roughly 20 years out of his military career, brought the robot experts, whose ideas he is seeking, to the academy because of his connections, but said it really is the vision of the cadets he wants to know about.

"They will actually be the ones who do this stuff," Arney said.

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DPW's Housing Division can help you deal with summer moving

By Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

West Point's Housing Division is busy every summer dealing with the moving frenzy that occurs this time of year with the comings and goings of roughly one-third of the military families on post.

Housing officials said residents need to be patient during the busy season when setting up

appointments to enter quarters. They also want to remind everyone about the Army-wide limitation of funds.

"Our funding situation is still very tight," said Jim Kennedy, chief of the Housing Division. "Next year is probably going to be worse."

That means less can be done to get quarters ready for new residents. For example, there will

be no upgrading of porcelain in bathrooms, redoing of floors or painting units.

"There was a rumor going around that senior officer quarters were being painted when nobody else's was -- it is a rumor," said Martha Hinote, a customer service representative for the Directorate of Public Works. "So far this summer, with no money, housing is being painted only when absolutely necessary."

Twenty-five homes were painted on that basis and were evenly divided between the ranks, which did include three senior officers, according to Hinote.

Residents will also see less supplies available at the Self-Help Center, most notably for projects such as fences, sheds and patio

blocks.

"It is tough for the residents, but it is tough for us too," Hinote said. "We want to be able to say yes, but we just can't. We've got to be good stewards with what we've got and, unfortunately, we don't have a lot."

Ultimately, according to Hinote, during this time of stretched funds, the focus of renovations and repairs is primarily on dealing with health, safety and the integrity of structure issues in housing.

One thing that is continuing are service orders and Hinote said, residents should call in necessary repairs.

"I want people to call in service orders," Kennedy said. "A lot of people don't and then three or four years later we get the house back

and the ceiling's falling in -- no joke."

The service desk is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but unless it is a maintenance emergency people are encouraged to call during regular duty hours.

There are also things residents can do to keep damage to a minimum.

Taking the time to locate water turn off valves, electrical fuses and circuit breakers can lessen the damage that occurs during maintenance emergencies, Hinote said.

"Before we can get somebody to the broken pipe can do a lot of site damage. But if they know where those valves are they can

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Community Fair, one stop shopping for newcomers

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The 14th annual Community Fair will take place Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom at Eisenhower Hall. The fair, sponsored by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Army Community Service, offers newcomers a wealth of information of goods and services in the community.

"At this time, we have 92 vendors including 28 Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery businesses, 38 USMA agencies, 11 clubs and organizations and 15 quarters home businesses," said Megan Calero, administrative assistant at ACS here.

The Community Fair is just one of the many ways for newcomer's to become familiar with West Point.

"There will also be a briefing by U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck and Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford

in the Eisenhower auditorium from 6 to 7 p.m.," she added. "They will also take questions after the briefings."

The Community Fair continues to be a popular attraction because of the informative atmosphere. Nearly 250 people attended last year's event, Calero said.

West Point Pizza and the Sushi King from Highland Falls along with the Directorate of Cadet Activities will provide free food samples. Community member and licensed massage therapist Susan Wardynski will provide a five-minute massage for participants and water will also be provided at no charge.

"There will be free child care available at the Children's Development Center in bldg. 1207 for children six weeks to five years from 7 to 9 p.m.," Calero said. "Youth Services, at bldg. 500, will offer free activities and refreshments from 7 to 9 p.m. for children ages six and up."

For more info., call 938-3487.

WEST POINT MWR: AT YOUR SERVICE

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs are vital to mission accomplishment and form an integral part of the Army community world-wide. MWR programs and activities at West Point support the military community by providing for the physical, cultural and social needs of service members and their families. The priority of MWR is to provide community members with economical leisure activities so that everyone here can relax and enjoy life.

For the most current and up-to-date information regarding MWR events and activities, visit online at: www.usma.edu/mwr or pick up a flyer located at various distribution points post-wide.

The following are brief descriptions of the services and activities available through West Point MWR:

Army Community Service

(Bldg. 622, 938-4621/2519) -- ACS is the primary resource agency delivering support services tailored to the needs of the extended West Point community by providing a broad range of services including educational opportunities, employment readiness and transition assistance programs to Soldiers, their families and the West Point community.

Arts & Craft Shop

(Bldg. 648, behind the Post Office, 938-4812) -- The Arts & Craft facility offers equipment for matting and framing as well as classes in stained glass, framing, stepping stones and 3D stars. The highly-trained staff is always available to assist you in your projects. The staff can arrange for special classes on request. Purchase party balloons for any occasion from Mylar, Latex and balloon bouquets.

Hours are Tues. & Thurs. 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sun.

Auto Craft Shop

(Bldg. 648, next to the Arts

and Craft Shop, 938-2074) -- The West Point Auto Craft Shop conducts NYS inspections and no appointment is necessary. Hours for inspection: Tues.-Thurs. 1 to 4:30 p.m., Fri and Sat. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours of operation: Tues.-Thurs. 1 to 9 p.m. and Fri and Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The facility is closed Sundays and Mondays. They also offer same-day vehicle repair service such as tune ups, exhaust replacement, brakes and radiator repair, flush and fill or do-it-yourself. The facility offers space, tools and equipment and the staff will be happy to assist you.

BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers)

(Bldg. 628, 938-6497) -- The West Point BOSS program supports the overall quality of single Soldiers and identifies with issues and concerns by recommending improvements through the chain of command. BOSS offers trips to baseball games, cruises, dinner in New York and tours. Call them for more information and hours.

Bowling Center

(Bldg. 622, near Buffalo Soldier Field 938-2140) -- The West Point Bowling Center is an air-conditioned and smoke-free, 10-lane bowling facility complete with a pro shop and 'Lil' Skeeters BBQ and Primos Express snack bar. Leagues and open bowling are available or have fun with Galactic bowling Fridays and Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m. with the special effects of black lights and glow-in-the-dark pins while bowling to the music of today's hits. The West Point Bowling Center is available for parties. West Point Bowling center is closed on Tuesdays.

Community Recreation Division

(Bldg. 681, Administrative Office, 938-8249) -- Operates Auto Crafts; Arts & Crafts; Post Library; Ski area; intramural sports; Information, Ticketing and Registration; MWR Fitness Center; Morgan Farm and Kennel; Round Pond; Bull Pond; Delafield Pond and all outdoor recreation programs.

The ITR office offers registration for leisure travel, including airline tickets and cruises, defensive driving classes and hunting and fishing license.

Bull Pond

(Route 293, five miles south of Round Pond, 938-2503) -- Bull Pond offers fishing, boating, hiking and swimming. Two cottages by the lake are available for rent through a lottery system conducted in early April.

Round Pond

(Route 293, three miles from Washington Gate at West Point, 938-2503) -- Round Pond Recreation Area offers playgrounds, picnic areas, log cabins and campsites. Twenty-eight RV Campsites with water and electrical hook-up are available. Boating, hiking, swimming, and volleyball are available. You can refill propane gas, purge and purchase hunting and fishing licenses. Round Pond is open daily from April 1 to Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lake Frederick

(Route 293 or Smith Clove Rd, Highland Mills, N.Y., 938-8811/2503) -- This spring-fed lake on the West Point Reservation offers camping, Scout camping and cadet training. Ten A-frame cabins, a sandy beach with floating docks, grills and free use of boats make this an ideal place for family camping.

Delafield Pond

(Delafield Rd., West Point, 938-5139) -- Delafield Pond is open from June 10 through Labor Day weekend from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delafield offers a newly installed water slide and a kiddie pool for toddlers.

Crandall Pool MWR Indoor Recreational Swim

(Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, 938-2985) -- Offers recreational indoor swim programs for ages 3-13, cadets, enlisted personal and civilians. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of 14 must pass an administered swim test before they can be allowed in the pool. Punch cards can be purchased at Round Pond, Delafield swim areas and ITR (Bldg. 695).

Hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sun. from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Child and Youth Services Division

(Bldg. 681, Administrative Office, 938-2023) -- CYSD includes Youth Services, located at Bldg. 500, Washington Rd., is open to youths and teens, grades 6 through 12 and offers a variety of middle school and high school programs. The Child Development Center (Bldg. 1207) is a full-day program and includes center-based services that meet the needs of working parents requiring child care. School Age Services is designed to meet the specialized needs of children between grades first through fifth who are enrolled in school on a full-time basis.

Five Star Inn

(Bldg. 2113, Pershing Center, South Post and Bldg. 785 on post, 446-5943) -- USMA's Army Lodging Facility, Bldg. 2113, South Post has 18 family rooms and 16 suites. Bldg. 785 on West Point has 11 family rooms and 24 efficiency apartments. Call 24 hours a day for reservations.

West Point Golf Course

(Route 218 and 9W, 938-2435) -- Features an 18-hole 'spikeless' facility, pro shop and clubhouse.

The clubhouse features a full-service snack bar with a complete breakfast and lunch menu. Open April through Nov. Hours are: Mon. Noon-Dusk, Tues.-Thurs. 7 a.m. to Dusk, Sat. and Sun. 6:30 a.m. to Dusk.

Information, Ticketing and Registration

(Bldg. 695, West Point, 938-3601/2401) -- Cruises, tours, vacations, hotel reservations, car rental and air transportation can be yours by calling ITR. ITR also offers trips to New York City, Saratoga Raceway and other destinations.

Morgan Farm Stables and Kennel

(Bldg. 2026, three miles south of Thayer Gate, 938-3926) -- Offers horseback riding lessons in both Western and English style, by the hour or with a trail guide. Morgan Farm also offers three- and five-day summer camps, boarding for horse owners and kennel services for cats and dogs. Open Mon.-Sun. from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MWR Fitness Center

(Bldg. 683 at the Old PX, 938-6490) -- The fitness center offers a variety of free weights, strength equipments and cardiovascular machines. Classes offered include spinning, belly dancing, kick-n-box and body sculpting. Hours are: Mon.-Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sundays 1-6 p.m.

Post Library

(Bldg. 622, West Point, 938-2974) -- The library offers a large collection of fiction and non-fiction books, paperback exchange, audio cassettes, books on tape, copy machine and computer access. The library also offers summer reading programs for children and story hour during the winter months.

West Point Club

(Bldg. 603, Cullum Rd, West Point, 938-5120 or 446-5504) -- The West Point Club offers lunches Mon.-Fri. from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner is served Thursday and Friday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m. Brunch is available Sundays



from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Banquet rooms are available for private functions. A social hour with free snacks is every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. The club also features on and off premises catering and party facilities. Rental of the Class of '49 lodge, a log house on a knoll overlooking the woods and Delafield Pond, Class of '57 Train Station at South Dock, Buffalo Soldier Pavilion at Bldg 626, Victor Constant Ski Slope, Rt. 218 and 9W and the Golf Course Club House can be leased for private functions with catering service.

Appointments for the West Point Club Barbershop can be made Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 938-2749. Summer hours from June 1-Aug. 7 are Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to noon.

Affiliated DMWR activities include:

American Red Cross

(Bldg. 622, Administration Office, 938-4100/4365) -- The West Point chapter of the American Red Cross hosts three annual blood drives a year and offers safety classes, disaster education and leadership programs. The American Red Cross is always looking for volunteers.

Army Education Center

(Bldg. 683, next to the MWR Fitness Center, 938-3762/3360/3464) -- The Army Education Center offers great opportunities for adult continuing education with colleges such as Long Island University, John Jay College, St. Thomas Aquinas College and Mount St. Mary College. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

West Point Veterinary Clinic

(Bldg. 630, Hodges Place, West Point, 938-3817) -- The West Point Veterinary Clinic offers immunizations, pet care products for flea and tick control, health certificates for travel and microchip implantation. There is a Monday evening vaccination clinic once a month. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Animals are seen by appointment only. The Primary food inspection office is located in the Commissary. Call 938-2405/7114 for food inspection service.



Dept. of Public Works helping make life easier

Submitted by DPW

NOTIFICATION OF DPW ACTIVITIES

Whenever possible, the Directorate of Public Works will make every effort to notify members of the USMA community of pending utility outages and other DPW information.

Due to emergency situations or man power shortages, the delivery of a written notice to each resident and public building occupant is, at times, not possible nor timely.

Whether a pre-planned activity or an emergency situation, where prior notification can not be made, DPW will always attempt to contact the community mayor and/or area coordinator, and building commandants on issues involving their areas.

We rely on building commandants to notify affected activities within their building and area coordinators/mayors to help notify their residents. Therefore, it is important and to your advantage to ensure that we have your home phone number and your home e-mail address, if you are not on the USMA Global System.

In addition, we use all public media available within time constraints to distribute a public information notice.

All community members are urged to regularly check e-mail bulletin boards, DPW Web page, www.usma.edu/dhpw, Channel 23, *Pointer View*® and Daily Bulletin for messages that pertain to them.

For more info., contact the DPW Customer Service, 938-4407.

DPW SERVICE DESK

The DPW Service Desk (938-2316/4031) is operational Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. to process all of your routine maintenance and repair needs. During non-duty hours, including weekends, nights, holidays and when the post is closed (Code Red), contact the Service Desk for

emergency issues only, using the same phone number.

Please keep in mind that during non-duty hours, it might take time to call in the appropriate maintenance personnel, and for them to arrive on post, to address your problem.

Routine service requests will not be addressed by emergency maintenance personnel during non-duty hours and will be referred to the Service Desk on the next business day.

The best and quickest way to get routine issues handled is to call the Service Desk during normal duty hours. This will ensure that a service order is entered into the system and is sent to the shop for scheduling and needed action quickly.

WHAT TO DO IN A MAINTENANCE EMERGENCY

If you suddenly have a water leak, clogged toilet, backed up drain, electrical outage, strong sewage smell, flooded basement or other maintenance problems contact the DPW Service Desk, 938-2316.

During non-duty, weekend and holiday hours, that same phone number will connect you with emergency personnel.

The emergency service desk has access to other support services, such as water removal pumps and vacuums in the event of a flood, to help you in an emergency.

Take the time now to locate your water turn-off valves and your electrical fuse/circuit breakers. Being able to find these locations quickly can save additional damage in an emergency situation.

Remember, there is always the option to call 911 in a dangerous maintenance emergency situation. Examples of this type of an emergency are gas odors, burning smells, water running through an electrical fixture or activated carbon monoxide or smoke alarm.

YARD MAINTENANCE

All residents are reminded that they are responsible for all routine yard maintenance tasks such as fence and shed repairs, mowing, trimming, raking, re-seeding, filling in holes and divots and weeding. Residents must also clean up after their pets.

All of the above is considered to be the "standard" for routine yard maintenance and upkeep.

It is the resident's responsibility to ensure that this work is accomplished at all times, including when you are away from your



quarters on leave or TDY. It is this standard that must be obtained before you will be allowed to clear post with the Housing Division.

ATTICS AND BASEMENTS AS LIVING SPACE

Attics and basements in quarters at West Point are not considered adequate living space because they do not meet minimum Army, state and federal regulatory and life safety codes.

Work required to repair and maintain items such as floors, ceiling tiles or bathrooms in these areas will not be done. Bathroom fixtures needing repair will be removed or deactivated to prevent further damage.

Housing funds are limited and must be used wisely to continue to provide quality living. Investing in attics and basements takes away our ability to maintain the living space of others.

Please do not compromise the safety of family members by using space that is unfit for adequate living.

If you have any questions please contact the Facilities Management Branch at 938-4500.

MODIFICATIONS TO QUARTERS

Residents are reminded that all modifications, both interior and exterior, made to their quarters must be approved prior to the alterations being made, by the Housing Division, Facilities Management Branch.

This includes modifications to the exterior yards, fences and sheds.

Modifications such as tree houses, swimming pools, hot tubs and all exterior painting, etc., will not be approved.

Items such as flower boxes, awnings, satellite dishes and other devices that attach to the exterior of the quarters are not allowed.

Questions on modifications should be addressed to the Facilities Management Branch at 938-5189.

MECHANICAL ROOMS

Residents are reminded not to store personal property in mechanical rooms. In fact, some residents have damaged the doors to these rooms to allow for access to a personal storage space.

Mechanical rooms are not intended to be used for storage. Storage of cardboard boxes, old paint, and other household products produces a fire hazard when placed near furnace or hot water heaters. Residents must remove all personal property from mechanical rooms. Additionally, our mechanics need ready access to the equipment in the room. This need is particularly important during the winter heating season.

OPENING OF MECHANICAL ROOMS

Residents who have arranged for the installation of phone, Internet, cable TV or satellite services are reminded that the vendors for these items need access to your mechanical room to complete the installation. Since all mechanical rooms are locked by DPW to ensure the safety of personnel and equipment, the resident must contact the DPW Service Desk, at least 48 hours in advance of the appointment, to ensure the mechanical room is opened for the installation.

Unfortunately, we can not guarantee our ability to open the mechanical room if this advance notice is not received.

SATELLITE DISHES

Satellite dishes, not exceeding 18" in diameter are allowed in family housing as long as the following provisions are met:

- (1) The resident is responsible for the installation, maintenance and removal of the dish.
- (2) It is the residents responsibility to remove the dish and restore the premises to its original condition at their own expense.
- (3) All work, including installation and removal of the dish is subject to inspection by the Housing Division.
- (4) Dishes may not be attached to the outside of any permanent structure or part thereof, including storage sheds and fences.
- (5) The satellite dish will be placed inconspicuously so that it maintains the historical and cultural character of the neighborhood and West Point.
- (6) The placement of the dish is subject to the approval of the DPW cultural resources coordinator and

the Housing Division.

EMERGENCY LOCKOUT PROCEDURES

The Housing Division maintains an emergency key for all housing units. Residents who lock themselves out of their quarters or are unable to locate their keys may come to the Housing Division Office, Bldg 626, during normal duty hours (Monday -- Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to check out a key. Keys will be signed out for one hour to residents only with proper identification.

Residents must come to pick up a key; we do not have the manpower to respond to the quarters during the normal duty day to unlock your quarters.

During non-duty hours, residents should contact the Emergency Service Desk, 938-2317. A member of the emergency crew will respond to unlock the quarters.

SWIMMING POOLS

Kiddie pools are allowed in family housing areas to help alleviate the heat and humidity for the children living on post. Pools must be no more than 12" deep and no larger than 6' in diameter.

Additionally, they must be emptied after each use to ensure the safety of children in the area and to prevent standing water, which is known to attract mosquitoes.

Residents are reminded that supervision of the use of the pool is required, at all times when filled with water.

Larger sized pools and hot tubs are not allowed in the housing areas.

TRAMPOLINES

Trampolines are allowed in housing areas provided the following rules are obeyed: The preferred location is the back yard, with the second choice the side yard of a resident's own quarters.

They are not allowed in the front yard, along any main post road or in common areas.



Youth Center expands, adds age appropriate summer hours

Story and photo
by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Youth Services here have expanded their summer hours and age appropriate programs to provide for the large contingent of youths who are off for summer vacation.

"We have more than a thousand children registered here," said Lisa Gesztesi, Child and Youth Services facility director. "Our summer camp is full so the expanded hours help us to provide more open recreation for each age group."

Youth Center summer nights is a program that runs Thursday nights until Aug. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. for third, fourth and fifth grades. In their last class, the youths baked an apple pie.

"The children play computer games, learn how to cook, play soccer or create art projects," Gesztesi said. "There is a middle school night on Tuesdays until Aug. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. where they can play pool, foosball or play basketball or soccer in the gym."

A teen summer night is on Wed. from 6 to 9 p.m. until Aug. 19 and Friday nights there are teen trips.

"We took a trip to Mountain Creek Water Park last week in Vernon, N.J.," she said. "We take a different trip every Friday and although this is a teen activity, we adjusted to accommodate a few younger youths who wanted to come."

Trips and programs are flexible and can be changed from time to time as directed by the needs and requests of the

children, Gesztesi said.

"We like to keep the children actively engaged and to open them up to new experiences and skills such as cooking or working with digital cameras, digital film creation and computers in the technology center," she said.

The technology center allows teens to learn how to create cover letters, resumes, learn PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher software and Internet searches.

Younger children learn ballet, jazz, tennis, swimming and ice skating through YS programs.

Youth Services are affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club of America, who facilitate the annual art and photo contests here and the 4H Club. These programs will begin in the fall.

For more info., call 938-3727.



Youth Services' Elizabeth Blackman, right, shows Harold Magana, 12, a few computer tricks at the technology laboratory at the facility. Youth Services' have expanded their age appropriate summer hours to accommodate children on summer vacation from school. They now have activities geared to specific ages groups in the evenings.

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help out," she explained.

There are many other ways residents can help themselves and the community. One is energy conservation, not leaving doors open with the air conditioner on and turning off lights when they are not in use.

"If we pay less in energy we could do more painting of houses and stuff like that," Kennedy said.

Kennedy also suggested

residents try and do minor work before calling in a service order. There still is going to be a stock of supplies at Self Help available for that purpose.

Two things every resident needs to do when they arrive here, Hinote said, is read the New Resident Handbook and be aware of who the area coordinator is in their area.

"We encourage people to read (the handbook)," Hinote said, who explained it sets the standard for what residents are responsible for.

Things such as the rules

for recycling, the standards of yard maintenance, the schedule for trash pick up, the rules for mechanical rooms and basements and attics, the rules on satellite dishes, how to call solid waste management and how to call in a service order are all found in that handbook.

Finally, Hinote said all residents should pay attention to the DPW notices posted in the newspaper, on the command channel, through organizational e-mail and on the DPW Web site www.usma.edu/dhpw.

"The days of distributing flyers

are gone," Hinote said. "We don't have the staff or money to do that."

High urgency notices are put

out to all of the U.S. Military Academy's organizations and to the area coordinators to send out to residents, she added.

Community Leisure

JULY/AUGUST MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at www.usma.edu/mwr

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 ♦ 938-4621 AEC, bldg. 683 ♦ 938-3762 Arts & 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 PLEASE NOTE: For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>		<p>West Point Bowling Center Open Bowling: Sun.-1300-1800 Mon. 1600-2100 Tue. Closed Wed. & Thur. 1130-1900 Fri. 1130-2300 Sat. 0900-2300 Galactic Bowling: Every Fri. & Sat. 1700-2300 Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ & Primo's Pizza</p>	<p>28 Mongolian BBQ, 1700-2100, WP Club Teen Trip, Gasho/Woodbury Commons, 1800 (grades 9-12)</p> 	<p>29 Creative Movement, 0900, Jazz & Tap Combo, 1000, Ballet, 1115, YS</p>  <p>BOSS Aloha Cruise, 1600-1900 Bosu & Core, 0900, Spinning, 1000, MWR Fitness Center</p>	
<p>30 Tour NYC, 0900-1700, ITR</p> 	<p>31 Beginner Mini Western Riding Camp, 0900-1500, M Farm, Jul 31-Aug 2</p>  <p>YS Swim Lessons, 1000-1145, session 3 (Jul 31-Aug 25)</p>	<p>AUGUST 1 Middle School Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 6-8)</p> 	<p>2</p>  <p>Re-Entry Workshop, 1030, Newcomer's Welcome Orientation, 0930, ACS Teen Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 9-12)</p>	<p>3 West Point Community Fair, 1800, Ike Hall</p>  <p>Targeting Stress, 1130-1300, ACS</p>	<p>4 Dinner in Little Italy/Chinatown, 1700-2200, ITR</p> 	<p>5</p>  <p>Bike Rodeo, 1000-1200, PX Parking Lot Dance Awareness, Ballet, Tap, & Jazz, 0900-1200, YS (age 3 & up)</p>
<p>6 Sunday in NYC, 1000-1700, ITR Bosu Strength, 1600, Butts & Guts, 1700, MWR Fitness Center Family Night Bowling, 1800-2100, WP Bowl</p> 	<p>7 Wee Ones Play Group, 0930-1100, ACS, Mondays in August</p> 	<p>8 Preseparation Briefing, 1400, ACS</p>  <p>Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg., 1300-1400, AVC Middle School Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 6-8)</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Bronx Zoo/NY Botanical Gardens, 0900-1530, ITR Teen Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 9-12)</p>	<p>10 Total Army Sponsorship Training, 0930-1111, ACS</p>  <p>NY Mets vs San Diego Padres, 1000-1600, ITR School Age Night, 1800-2000, YS (grades 3-5)</p>	<p>11 Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300, Fridays at the Bowling Center</p> 	<p>12</p>  <p>The Boston Pops Open Rehearsal at Tanglewood, 0800-1700, ITR Dance Awareness, Ballet, Tap, & Jazz, 0900-1200, YS (age 3 & up) Defensive Driving, 0800-1500, Register at ITR</p>

MWR Blurbs

Red Cross certification cards

Anyone who has taken an American Red Cross course in the last year can stop by the Red Cross office to pick up their certification cards.

Bike Rodeo Aug. 5

The West Point Bike Rodeo is Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Point Post Exchange parking lot.

The rain date is Aug. 6.

The rodeo is open to all children who reside at West Point and Highland Falls.

Meet McGruff and learn bike safety and security.

For more information call 938-3312.

Boston Pops Open rehearsal

Tickets are available for the

Aug. 12 trip to Stockbridge, Mass. to see the Boston Pops Open Rehearsal and have lunch at the Red Lion Inn.

Experience a rehearsal for "Film Night at Tanglewood" with John Williams conducting; Yo-Yo Ma, cello and with James Earl Jones as narrator.

The trip will leave West Point at 7:30 a.m. and leave Tanglewood at 4 p.m.

For more information call 938-3601.

Quarterback luncheon tickets

Quarterback luncheon tickets go on sale Aug. 14 at the West Point Club.

For more info., call 938-5120 or 446-5506.

MWR Week is coming

Enter to win a trip for two to New York City during MWR Week Aug. 21-25. Exciting specials and prizes at MWR activities all week long.

For more info., go to the Web at www.usma.edu/mwr or call Liz Harrington at 938-8186.

USMA 5K/10K, Kids Fun Run

Registration for the annual USMA 5K/10K and Kid's 1-mile Fun Run, Aug. 26, is on the Web at www.active.com. (Keyword: USMA or West Point.)

Bowling Center

Sign up for a '101 Days of Summer' game card at the Bowling Center and your child will receive one free game for every paid game, all summer long until Sept. 4.

Arts & Crafts classes

West Point Arts & Crafts offers two new classes for the summer.

Stepping Stones: Saturday and Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3D Stars will be offered Aug. 8, 15 and 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Materials are included in the cost for both classes.

Call 938-4812 for more information and prices.

Youth Services

Does your teen need to learn more about the employment process and money management? West Point Youth Services is now offering a Teen Job Shop on Friday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. for eighth to 12th graders.

Teens will learn the basics of job application, resume writing, budgeting, stocks and more.

Call Youth Services at 938-3727 for more information.

CVSG

ACS hosts the Combat Veterans Support Group 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 information call Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Persaud at 938-4114 or Capt. Bobby Sidell at 938-3441.

YS wrestling coach needed

Child and Youth Services is currently looking for a youth wrestling coach.

For more information call 938-3550.

What's Happening

Summer playground fun

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will not host weekly summer playground fun Wednesday because of next week's Vacation Bible School.

They will have their final summer get together Aug. 9 at New Brick playground from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Call 859-4182/446-5307 for more information.

Orientation of Newly Assigned Personnel

Monday and Tuesday

A historical tour of West Point Fortifications

7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reservations are required.

Call the Dept. of History at (845) 938-3561.

Child care available at CDC.

Pre-registration and shot records required prior to use of CDC (845) 938-3727.

Thursday

Superintendent's Seminar

8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Robinson Auditorium

Please be seated 10 minutes before the seminar.

Attendance is **mandatory** for all newly assigned personnel.

Lunch 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
(on own)

Small Group Discussion

Thayer Hall, Third Floor, Classrooms

1 to 3 p.m.

Attendance is **mandatory** for all personnel attending the Supe's Seminar.

Community Fair

6 to 9 p.m.

Grand Ballroom, Eisenhower Hall.
(Spouses invited)

The Superintendent's and Garrison Commander's Welcome -- Question and Answer session

7 to 8 p.m.

Eisenhower Hall Theater.

Attendance is **mandatory** for all newly assigned personnel and spouses are invited.

August 8

Superintendent's Reception

3 to 6 p.m. at the West Point Club, Grand Ballroom (SGS/Protocol provides MAD/activity report times)

Child care available.

Children six weeks to 5 years call (845) 938-4458.

Children 6 years and older call (845) 938-3727.

Quarters 100 Tours

3 to 6 p.m.

There will be transportation from the West Point Club to Quarters 100

At Your Leisure

Vacation Bible School

A Vacation Bible School with the theme "Fiesta" will take place from Monday through Aug. 4.

Register at the Post Chapel or call 938-2003.

All children are welcome and there is no cost.

WPWC Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shop is open by appointment during the summer.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

For more information call 446-8798 or 446-1099.

WPWC has table decorations and other party items to rent. Call 446-2974 for a complete listing of rental items.

WPWC is looking for community organizations, local and home-based businesses to participate in the WPWC's Super Sign-Up Sept. 18.

Call Heidi at 446-2615 if you are interested in having a table.

PX Beauty Salon closed

The PX Beauty Salon will be closed for renovation from Monday to Thursday and will re-open Aug. 4.

Bike Rodeo volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help at the annual West Point Bike Rodeo Aug. 5.

Contact Volunteer Corps coordinator, Christine Knight, at 938-3655 for more information.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Fri. -- Garfield: A Tail Of Two Kitties, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. -- Nacho Libre, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 4 -- Click, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 5 -- Superman Returns, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 11 -- Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 12 -- The Devil wears Prada, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

Keller Corner

As you arrive to West Point

Don't forget to enroll in Tricare Prime. All Active Duty and family members need to complete necessary paperwork to be assigned a Primary Care Provider at Keller Army Community Hospital. A customer service representative is available for assistance at the front lobby of Keller on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon.

You may also visit the Tricare Service Center at 273 Main St., in Highland Falls, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Aug. 4 for Organizational Day. The emergency room will remain open.

Blood Drive Aug. 21-24

Hudson Valley Blood Services will be conducting a Blood Drive Aug. 21 to 24 at Eisenhower Hall, 4th Floor Ballroom from noon to 7 p.m. Aug. 21 to 23 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 24.

For an appointment to donate whole blood, please call Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD).

Apheresis services will be available for those individuals who wish to donate platelets.

Apheresis donors will be seen by appointment only and may call 914-760-3177, or e-mail *BLOOD.LADY@JUNO.COM* to book an appointment.

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program will be able to do so at the times of the drive.

Picture identification is mandatory for whole blood and apheresis donations.

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.

You may participate once or on a yearly basis.

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

Epstein-Ross' office is located on the KACH second floor in the OB/GYN clinic.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-7992.

Command Channel 8/23

July 28 - August 4

FRIDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

MONDAY - AUGUST 4

9 a.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Army and Community Sports

Hill shines as Team USA defeats Germany 10-3

Army names Wender new swim and dive coach

ATHENS, Ga. -- Senior Army left-hander Nick Hill's development on the USA National team took another step in the right direction July 19 as the southpaw made his first start of the summer, throwing five solid innings and picking up the victory in the team's 10-3 triumph over Germany at Foley Field.

Hill (2-0) gave up one run on five hits in five innings of work. He struck out four batters and did not allow a walk. The Bluff City, Tenn., native picked up his second win of the summer to go along with a save.

J.P. Arencibia's (Tennessee) RBI double in the first opened the scoring for Team USA.

Team USA added four more runs in the second to take a 5-0 lead. Darwin Barney (Oregon State) led off the frame with a single to left, stole second and scored on a RBI single by Tim Federowicz (North Carolina).

Zack Cozart (Mississippi) followed with a single and both scored on a triple by Julio Borbon (Tennessee). Jemile Weeks (Miami) capped the inning with an RBI double to left to score Borbon.

Germany got on the board in the second when Hill hit Markus Geinger with the bases loaded.

Team USA got the run back in the fourth when Borbon reached on a bunt hit, stole second and scored on an RBI single by Jemile Weeks. Barney's two-run double in the seventh pushed Team USA's lead to 8-1.

Tommy Hunter (Alabama)

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Nick Hill is 2-0 with a save for Team USA.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson announced the hiring of Long Island native Mickey Wender as the next men's and women's swimming and diving head coach at the U.S. Military Academy July 19.

Wender becomes the ninth men's head coach in the program's 85 years of existence and the sixth head coach of a women's squad that enters its 28th season of intercollegiate competition. The 16-year collegiate coaching veteran comes to West Point after spending the past eight campaigns in charge of the men's and women's swimming teams at the University of Washington, where he authored an impressive dual-meet record of 155-60.

"He has excelled at the highest level of his field, helping to develop countless All-Americans over the years in one of the most competitive swimming conferences in the country," Anderson said. "Complementing his vast success in the pool, he brings an impressive record of leadership development that has remained constant throughout his illustrious coaching career. We feel Mickey will serve as an outstanding role model for our cadet-athletes, providing them the best experience possible."

The Setauket, N.Y., native restored the Washington Huskies program to national prominence



Mickey Wender ARMY PHOTO

in his tenure on deck at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatics Center and Husky Pool while competing in the Pacific-10 conference. The Huskies' women's program has appeared in the national rankings two of the past three seasons, and the men's squad earned national recognition from 2000 to 2005.

"I'm honored and humbled to have been selected as the next swimming and diving coach at the United States Military Academy," Wender said. "I really feel that coming to West Point is a perfect fit for me and my family."

"I know the Army program has a ton of potential and presents a unique opportunity to compete at a very high level in a competitive league," Wender added. "Growing up in the area, I've always been fascinated with West Point, and to be able to work (here) is going to be an amazing privilege."

Hill shines, cont'd from 14

came on in the sixth and pitched two scoreless innings of relief with three strikeouts and two walks.

Germany plated two runs in the eighth via a double by Dominik Wulf off of Daniel Moskos (Clemson) to make it 8-3.

Unit Ultimate Frisbee sign-ups

Sign-ups for the second sports competition of the 2006-2007 Superintendent's Trophy season will be Unit Ultimate Frisbee.

A one-day tournament will be held Aug. 12 at River Courts.

Participation is restricted to active duty personnel from MEDDAC, 1/1 and the Band.

Teams wishing to enter should contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail him at *Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu*.

Todd Frazier (Rutgers) capped off the scoring for the USA with a two-run homer, his second of the summer, in the ninth inning to make it 10-3.

Barney led Team USA with three hits, while Borbon and Weeks each chipped in with two hits on the night.

Hill has forged a 2.92 earned run average in four appearances with Team USA this summer. He has allowed just four earned runs on 10 hits while striking out 15 and walking five in 12.1 innings.

The National team moved to 13-0 with the two-game series sweep of Germany, however, the team is 15-2 now after games against Korea and Japan. The team will continue its five-game series against Japan this weekend.

S&F Ultimate Frisbee sign-ups

Sign-ups for Staff and Faculty noontime Ultimate Frisbee run until Aug. 11.

Play will begin around Aug. 14.

Teams wishing to enter should contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail him at *Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu*.

Games will begin at 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, but will not be held on days there are Quarterback Luncheons.

Locker rooms

Currently, the Department of Physical Education will accept Staff & Faculty requests for semi-permanent lockers in Hayes basement. The locker rooms will open Tuesday.

Lockers will be available to active duty (Sergeant E-5 and above) and to permanent civilian employees (GS-5 and above).

Locker request forms can be obtained from the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center front desk. Please complete/sign the form and return back to the front desk. **E-mail's will not be accepted.**

Lockers will be assigned on a first come, first served basis by Roger Miller, Arvin security supervisor. No other recreation assistant or security guard will assign a locker. You will be notified by e-mail with your locker number and combination.

Staff & Faculty personnel that were assigned a locker prior to the renovation will utilize the same locker and combination. If you have trouble remembering your locker number or combination, e-mail Miller for assistance.

Day use lockers will be available in Hayes basement for those who are not authorized a permanent locker.

The day use lockers located on the Crandall Pool deck will be for pool use only.

The locker rooms located in the Crandall Pool basement are for cadet day use only.