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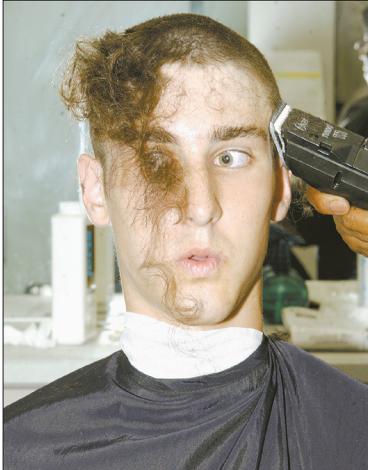
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## INSIDE



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### *Slip slidin' away*

Sixteen-year old Benjamin Johnson takes the plunge June 16 through the new waterslide installed at Delafield Pond here. The waterslide is just one of the renovations at Delafield Pond, which includes the addition of 100 lounge chairs, non-skid, heat-resistant rubber matting that will be put down on the entire deck and hot water for the showers. (See story on Page 12.)

Kathy Eastwood/PV

## West Point prepared for Class of 2010

Compiled by Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Roughly 1,319 cadet candidates are expected to arrive here Monday for Reception Day for the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2010. It is the largest class to enter the academy since 1990 when 1,340 members of the Class of 1994 reported on R-Day.

West Point officials selected the incoming class from a pool of nearly 10,270 applicants. It includes more than 310 minority candidates, 181 women, 14 international cadets and 29 combat veterans who served in Afghanistan, Iraq or both.

West Point Admissions Director, Col. Michael Jones, said the Class of 2010 has what it takes to become our nation's future leaders.

"This class includes some of the best and brightest students in the country," Jones said. "Their overall performance in academics, leadership and athletics is outstanding and provides the necessary foundation for successfully completing the challenging West Point experience."

Security officials said family and friends who escort new cadets here for R-Day should be prepared for the installation security measures

and delays at the gates.

"Everyone over age 16 must show valid identification before entering the installation," Force Protection Officer Charly Peddy explained. "Even though we plan to have extra guards at the gates, some delays will still occur, so everyone should give themselves plenty of time for arrival."

Officials said they expect the traffic to remain heavier than usual at the Thayer Gate area for the rest of the day.

"Drivers with DOD stickers and either the common access card or military ID cards should use Washington Gate Monday to avoid

delays," Peddy added.

Reception Day will affect traffic around the post, starting as early as Saturday. Directorate of Emergency Services officials said they will block traffic at the entrance to Clinton lot and at the intersection of Washington and Jefferson roads Saturday from 2:15 p.m. until the conclusion of the Cadet Basic Training regiment's oath ceremony rehearsal.

On Monday, Military Police will stop all traffic around Trophy Point beginning at 5:30 p.m. until the completion of the oath ceremony. They will also block access to Clinton lot starting at 5

p.m. The MPs said they will allow those with cars parked in Clinton to leave through Doubleday Field parking lot.

"Community members leaving Clinton lot during this time should turn right and go south to either Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates," DES director Lt. Col. Robert Brown explained.

Workforce members will also have a harder time than usual Monday finding parking spaces as the following areas will be closed beginning Sunday night: Eisenhower Hall lots (other than for handicapped and R-Day staff),

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## Summer safety tips for the 101 days of summer

Submitted by  
Post Safety Office

The hot, hazy and humid days of summer are here. Deciding whether or not to take precautionary measures does not need to be a guessing game for our community members, especially our children.

Fortunately, fun in the sun does not have to be a burning issue. Latest statistics show that sunscreens can reduce skin cancer by almost 80 percent.

Children are most vulnerable to the sun's powerful rays, infants less than six months should never be exposed to direct sunlight. Those from six months to two years, should only be allowed limited sun exposure.

The most dangerous time of day is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For protection, sunscreen lotion with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or greater should be used.

For children and adults, apply sunscreen liberally and often, every

60 to 90 minutes. Re-apply if you have been in the water and protect lips with lip-balm.

Now that you are covered, please consider the following for a safe summer:

- Before prolonged physical activity, children should be well hydrated
- Clothing should be light-colored and lightweight
- Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate, such as pools of water, un-covered food or flower blooms

- Don't use scented soaps, perfumes or hair sprays on children

- To remove a visible stinger from skin, gently scrape it off horizontally with a credit card or finger nail

- Insect repellants containing DEET are the most effective (read the label for product application information)

- If mowing, use a mower with a control that stops the blade from turning if the handle is released

- Children under 12 should not be allowed to use walk-behind

mowers

- Wear sturdy shoes, not flip-flops, sandals or sneakers when mowing

- Prevent injuries from flying objects by picking up the yard first and ensure that the operator uses eye and hearing protection

- Everyone on a bike, skateboard or scooter must wear a helmet and other protective gear

Further information on the above topics can be found on our Web site, <http://www-internal.usma.edu/Safety>.

Heat Index information is a click away at, "Determining Your Risk of Heat Injury."

For more information call the USMA Safety Office at 938-3717.

### 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](mailto: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

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See Solution on Page 10

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## Army raises enlistment age from 40 to 42

FORT KNOX, Ky. (Army News Service) -- The Army has raised the enlistment age to 42, made possible under provisions of the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization Act.

The Army raised the active-duty age limit to 40 in January as an interim step while it worked out the additional medical screening requirements for recruits ages 40 to 42. Before January, an applicant could not have reached his or her 35th birthday. The Army Reserve age limit was raised from 35 to 40 in March 2005.

Raising the maximum age for Army enlistment expands the recruiting pool, provides motivated individuals an opportunity to serve and strengthens the readiness of Army units. More than 1,000 men and women over age 35 have already enlisted since the Army and Army Reserve raised their age limits to age 40.

"Experience has shown that older recruits who can meet the physical demands of Army service generally make excellent Soldiers. They are mature, motivated, loyal and patriotic, and bring

with them a wealth of skills and experience to our Army," said Col. Donald Bartholomew, U.S. Army Recruiting Command Assistant Chief of Staff, G5.

"We certainly do not expect for this change to result in a large increase of recruits, however it will allow for those individuals who have the passion for service, but for whatever reason could not serve earlier in their lives, the opportunity to serve the nation now, when the time is right for them," he added.

All applicants must meet eligibility standards, to include passing the physical standards and medical examinations; however those 40 to 42 will be given additional medical screening.

For Shannon D. Morris, 36, of Shreveport, La., enlisting in the U.S. Army was a dream-come-true. She said she had wanted to join since she was a teenager but she didn't get the chance.

"My brother was in the Army and it was always something that I wanted to do," she said. "My

father encouraged me to do it, but I became a mother at a young age and that took the priority."

Morris thought she had lost her chance, but learned that the Army had raised its age limit when her son, Robert McLain, began talking with an Army recruiter. She said the more her son talked about his decision, the more interested she became in doing something for herself.

"When Robert told me I might still be young enough, the wheels started turning and I thought this might just be my last opportunity to get the benefits for my education and see the world."

Although her family was surprised she wanted to enlist and serve, Morris said, they are supportive of her plans. Her mother thought it was a great idea and her husband Rick, a district fire chief who will retire this summer, encouraged her as well.

"My brother thought I was crazy," she joked. "But he also thought it was great that I was



**The Army has raised the enlistment age to 42.**

doing it, and I couldn't believe how supportive everyone was of me. It made me proud to know that they were all behind me."

Morris, who will be a petroleum lab specialist, left for basic combat training May 25 and McLain followed May 30 to Fort Benning, Ga., where he began training to become a Ranger. Recruits of all ages are eligible for the same enlistment bonuses and other incentives based on their individual qualifications.

**Editor's note:** Compiled from releases by the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Headquarters and the New Orleans Army Recruiting Battalion.

### DOD announces deployment of 1st Cav. Div. units

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The Department of Defense announced Tuesday the deployment of the 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters element and the 2nd and 3rd Brigade Combat Teams later this year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The First Team has been preparing for this announcement and is ready to answer our nation's call," said Maj. Gen. Joseph F. Fil, Jr., commanding general of the 1st Cav. Div. "The 1st and 4th brigades will continue to

train and prepare themselves to deploy should they be ordered to do so."

The 1st and 4th BCTs were not included in the announcement.

The Air Cavalry Brigade and the 15th Support Brigade received orders to deploy last November and are also scheduled to depart for Iraq later this year.

The 1st Cav. Div. returned to Fort Hood following a yearlong deployment to Iraq in March 2005. Since their return, the division has transformed to the

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Jefferson Road and Scott Place, Thayer extension road near Trophy Point, Howard Road from the intersection of Howard and Ruger roads to North Dock, the Eisenhower Hall tunnel area, Clinton Place (the road behind Kosciusko's statue) and Pitcher Road.

All other lots are available for parking with the following restrictions: Thayer Roof (25 spaces reserved for R-Day activities), Clinton lot (the row closest to Daly Field is reserved for handicapped, tour buses and parent shuttle buses). There will be limited handicapped parking at Ike Hall and Clinton lots.

The Tennis Court Lot will be reserved for handicap parking and 10 spaces along Cullum Road will be reserved for press parking.

A Lot above Michie Stadium will be closed for bus turn-around and candidate/parent pick-up.

For more information on R-Day traffic or parking call Gerry Knapp, DES Plans Officer, at 938-4573 or

Peddy at 938-8845.

Even though R-Day is over Monday, traffic problems for community members will continue as summer training heats up.

Both cadet basic and field training units will be running and marching on post roads throughout the summer. Various size elements will be swarming the areas until early August.

Some key dates for significant traffic delays are: July 14 and 15 from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. for CBT six-mile road marches, Aug. 1 from 5:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. for the CBT march out to Camp Buckner, as well as July 31 and Aug. 7 for the CFT run and the CBT Marchback, respectively.

The Acceptance Parade for the Class of 2010 is scheduled for Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

**Editor's note:** Information in this article was submitted by West Point's admissions, Provost Marshal and Force Protection offices.

# Commandant's change of command ceremony today

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr. has been selected as the 70th Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy. He will assume command from Brig. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti in a ceremony today at 4:30 p.m. at Trophy Point.

Scaparrotti will be promoted to Major General in a private ceremony immediately prior to his change of command. Scaparrotti will move on to work at U.S. Central Command.

Caslen, a native of Jay, Vt., is a 1975 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and holds a Masters in Business Administration from

Long Island University and a Masters in Science from Kansas State University.

Caslen has served in a wide variety of challenging command and staff positions. He was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division as rifle platoon leader, company executive officer and company commander. He served in several positions on the faculty at West Point, including Admission Support Officer for the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics and company tactical officer. He also served as the Senior Brigade Observer/Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center,

Fort Polk, La. Caslen served as the chief of staff for both the 101st Airborne Division and the 10th Mountain Division during his career.

Caslen held multiple joint positions beginning as the director of Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras, executive officer to the commander of the Multi-National Forces; and then to the Commander of the U.S. Forces United Nations Command during Operations Restore and Uphold Democracy. He most recently served as the deputy director for the War on Terrorism, within the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, The

Joint Staff.

There will be parking and road closures due to the promotion and change of command ceremonies.

## Parking restrictions

Parking restrictions include 60 spaces in Clinton Lot for event parking and the Firstie Club and Tennis Court parking lots being closed for VIP and press and handicapped parking, respectively, all day until after the event.

## Road closures

Road closures begin at 3:20 p.m. today before the frocking ceremony with a military police blocking position in front of the commandant's quarters in front of quarters 101 and another blocking position just west of the intersection of Cullum Road and the Thayer Road extension. At the completion of the frocking ceremony the roads will open up to allow work force

traffic on Cullum Road.

For the change of command the MP blocking position in front of the commandant's quarters remains and the other blocking position moves to the west side of Clinton Lot, which stops traffic beginning at 4:20 p.m. and will remain until the completion of the ceremony. Departing work force traffic will be directed south on Cullum Road.

## WPES cutoff date change

The cutoff date for West Point Elementary School preschool and kindergarten students has been revised. The cutoff date for children entering WPES's preschool or kindergarten in school year 2006-2007 are: students entering preschool must be four by Oct. 31; and entering kindergarteners must be 5 by Oct. 31. For more info., call 938-3827/2313.

# U.S. Mint at West Point strikes 24k Buffalo gold coins

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

The United States Mint at West Point made history Tuesday as it struck the first minted pure (99.99 percent fine gold) 24-karat gold coins, which feature the American Buffalo and American Indian.

Congress designated the design and passed it through legislation, and President Bush signed the Presidential \$1 Coin Act Dec. 22, 2005.

The new American Buffalo Gold Bullion Coin's obverse and reverse designs feature images from American sculptor James Earle Fraser's 1913 Type I design of America's five-cent nickel, or more commonly referred to as the "Buffalo Nickel."

According to Mint officials, the bison is widely believed to be modeled after "Black Diamond," a popular attraction at the New York Zoological Gardens. The Native American depiction on the coin's obverse is believed to be based on three different Indian chiefs: Chief Iron Tail, Chief Two Moons and either Chief John Big Tree or John Two Guns.

The U.S. Mint will produce the one-ounce \$50 face value legal tender coin in a bullion version for investors and a proof version for collectors.

"The bullion product is priced at spot plus some margin and that margin will be determined by the person who sells the coin," said David Lebryk, deputy director of

the U.S. Mint. "The proof version will be set at \$800 and can be bought directly from us. It's a higher quality coin and we'll be producing more quantities.

"We will produce 300,000 of the proof and we will mint the bullion on demand," Lebryk added.

Orders for the proof coins have already started as the sales for the coins began Thursday and will be available both domestically and internationally.

The 24-karat bullion product can be bought at coin shops, banks, financial institutions, brokerage firms or retail locations.

The proof coins can be purchased by visiting [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov) or calling 1-800-USA-MINT.

Lebryk and the 125 workers at the West Point Mint facility were excited to be a part of history, especially finishing the product in such a short period of time.

"This is an historic day for the United States Mint. We've never done this before, producing a 24-karat coin and I don't believe we've ever produced a coin of this quantity, this quickly," Lebryk said. "We brought this coin to the market in less than six months and normally it takes over a year to bring a new product to the market. We're proud of the fact that we're able to do this."

The Mint has been producing 22-karat coins at a 91.67 percent fine gold for years, especially its eagle coin version.

The 24-karat proof version of the Buffalo coin is of higher strike



Deputy director of the United States Mint David Lebryk speaks to the media Tuesday about the first time the Mint struck a pure 24-karat gold coin for investors and collectors. The coins, in bullion and proof versions, are one-ounce \$50 face value legal tender coins that depict an American Indian on the obverse side and an American Buffalo on the reverse side.

quality, Lebryk said, which means the proof coin is struck three more times than the bullion, which has a lower luster and finish with less quality to it. The dyes to make the proof coin version are polished more finely.

"The higher quality (of the proof version) for the collector is a

value, so we produce all our coins at proof quality," Lebryk said. "We believe that investors and collectors will find this coin to be attractive, not only because of the beauty of the gold, but also because of the artistry on the coin itself."

Investors and collectors who were highly impressed with the

original 1913 Buffalo Nickel design will find this to be a great investment as well.

"Anyone who finds an American Buffalo Nickel has a really hard time of letting it go," Lebryk said. "We think once people pick up the American Buffalo gold coin that they're going to have a hard time

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Army's new modularity concept where individual headquarters and combat brigades can receive orders to deploy.

"Deployment decisions are made by the Secretary of Defense at the recommendation of military commanders in Iraq

based on ongoing assessments and the conditions on the ground. Changes may be made that could affect units now being identified and advised to prepare to deploy," according to the official Department of Defense announcement.

### Delivery problems?

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## STAND-TO! offers a new way to get daily Army news

By Julie Cupernall

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- For Army news look to STAND-TO!

A free electronic newsletter, STAND-TO! is distributed daily via e-mail. The one-page newsletter serves as a link -- or table of contents -- leading to Army-related news around the Internet. It includes a daily focus, news about the Army and the war on terror, as well as links to blogs and commentaries.

Because it presents readers with two-to-five word pegs describing the linked information, the newsletter saves readers time they'd otherwise spend surfing various news agencies.

The publication shows both favorable and negative opinions of the Army.

"We try to show more than just what the Army thinks of the Army," said Robert Schell, senior

Web developer for Army.mil. "The new section linking readers to different blogs helps us show that full spectrum."

"World View" features articles from around the globe and helps readers get a big-picture look at how other nations' media is telling our Army story.

"The stories we link to in the World View section show how everybody else views the U.S., broadening the narrow picture we get from following our national media alone," said Michael Anastasio III, editor of STAND-TO!

Getting the big Army picture is also part of what drives the "Today's Focus" section of STAND-TO! The focus changes daily, and explains lesser known or complex elements of Army doctrine and programs. It sometimes includes a quote from Army decision makers chiming in on the newsletter's daily topic.

Anastasio canvases military and civilian media sources each morning to find information to include in "News About the Army," "War on Terror News" and "Of Interest." Categorizing the day's news allows subscribers to tailor their news-scanning time to articles that meet their specific interests or informational needs, Anastasio said.

An "Information You Can Use" section rounds out the newsletter with additional links to Web sites covering upcoming events or information outlets. Everything from links to live Web casts to information on the Army Referral Bonus Program can be found in this section.

To receive the daily STAND-TO! newsletter, go to <http://lists.army.mil/mailman/listinfo/stand-to>, or view today's edition of STAND-TO! at [www.army.mil/standto](http://www.army.mil/standto).

# Healthwatch: Water is essential to staying healthy

Submitted by  
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Health Nurse



If you're thirsty, you're dehydrated. Thirst is a sign that your body is dehydrated and as a result, is not working at its peak efficiency. To avoid dehydration, drink six to eight glasses of water everyday.

Drinking liquid is so simple that it is easy to forget how important it is to drink enough to stay hydrated. If you do not get enough liquid, you will feel tired. In addition, you may feel extremely hungry leading to overeating. Your body may also store more water, which can show up as extra weight.

Dehydration can cause a variety of uncomfortable symptoms. These symptoms include dry lips, mouth,

and skin; nausea; dark-colored urine or infrequent urination; constipation; headache; increased body temperature or labored breathing.

Keeping yourself hydrated provides many healthy benefits. Most importantly, it helps you maintain your energy level and reduce fatigue. It also helps you rid your body of waste products and helps your body burn fat more efficiently.

Drinking adequate amounts of water can keep you well hydrated. Certain foods can contribute to your daily water intake. Foods with high water content can help you meet your fluid needs. These foods include soups, stews, citrus fruits, grapes and melons. Low fat and fat free milk, 100 percent fruit juice and decaffeinated tea and coffee can count toward your six to eight glasses of fluid a day.

Although it is extremely important for good health to drink plenty of water, too much water can be harmful. Excess water in your body is just as bad as too little water. Hourly intake of water should not exceed 1 and a half quarts. Additionally, your daily fluid intake should never exceed 12 quarts.

Below are tips to help you drink more water every day:

- Measure the amount of water in your usual glass or bottle.

- Fill a container with your water for the day. Drink it plain, or use it to make yourself juice or tea.

- If you are away from home most of the day, fill bottles with enough liquid for the day.

- Keep bottled water in a single serving size in your car, back pack or desk.

- Develop a hydration habit to

include a glass of water when you wake up, one between and at each meal, and one at bedtime to make eight glasses each day.

- Serve water at every meal.
- Check your urine. It should

be clear to pale yellow in color, unless you are taking medications which can turn your urine a dark color.

- You should urinate every 2 – 3 hours.

## Self-monitoring dehydration chart

Monitor the color of your urine to determine your hydration status

Urine color

Body has plenty of fluids. Maintain your water intake.

Clear



Body has adequate fluids. Maintain your water intake.

Light Yellow



Body is low on water. Increase your water intake.

Dark Yellow



## DAPS West Point provides quality customer service to USMA

Story and photos by  
Keith Beebe

PAO, DAPS Communications

Al Pacenza, of the Document Automation & Production Service facility at the U.S. Military Academy, could be called the "mayor" if there was such a designation. Seems like everyone coming into his facility or seeing him on the academy grounds knows him by name.

Pacenza, the supervisor of the DAPS West Point, N.Y. production facility, likes it that way. He personally greets each customer as soon as they come in and asks

how he can help. When taking a job order he says, "don't tell me when you need it, tell me when you want it." He exceeds expectations on a daily basis. Customers remember his name and associate it with that kind of quality service.

Pacenza's e-mail inbox and desk are filled with messages and letters of appreciation from his customers. The latest was from the academy's Associate Dean for Operations and Registrar thanking him for his work on the 2006-2007 Academic Schedule documents.

The academy's mission has remained unchanged since its founding in 1802. The mission statement starts with the words "to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets."

DAPS West Point plays a very key role in that process. Pacenza's facility is responsible for printing some of the books and other study material used in a cadet's four-year long curriculum. The facility also securely prints the majority of the examinations for each course.

More than 1,300 new cadets will enter the academy Monday. Many examples of the types of course materials could be seen in production, just weeks before the start of the new class. The Cadet Basic Training Plan for 2006 booklet was one of the print jobs being readied for delivery. The Range and Specialty Course

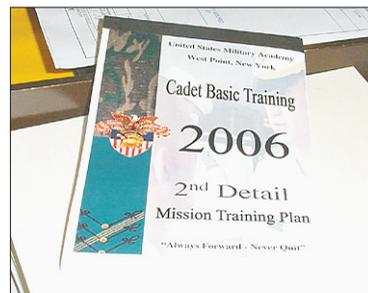
Information Book was another.

"We are in the service business. People do business with people," noted Steve Sherman, the DAPS Director. "Behind all the technology and equipment it's about the personal connection. Pacenza's greatest asset is that he cares as much about the customer's job as they do and it shows every day.

"When DAPS employees read this article, I would like them to say 'I want to be like Al' and the future will be very bright," Sherman added.

Pacenza highly values a role he has at the end of each class. When a cadet graduates, his or her distinctive diploma is printed by DAPS West Point.

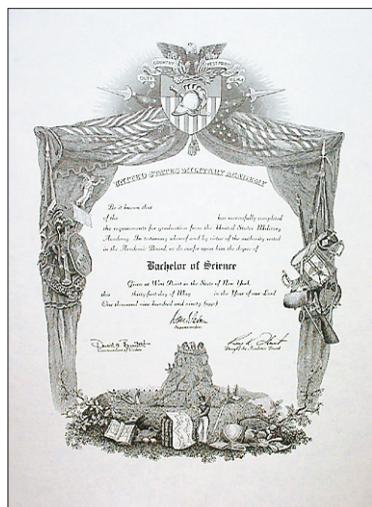
It is a lasting legacy of the type of the work done at the facility and his commitment to customer service.



The Cadet Basic Training Plan for 2006 was one of the recent documents printed by DAPS West Point.



Al Pacenza, left, greets a customer as he signs in and discusses a printing request at DAPS West Point.



The distinctive diploma of the U.S. Military Academy is printed at DAPS West Point.

# History Dept.'s Summer Seminar helps fellows teach history

By Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

History professors from around the country and globe spent most of the month of June at West Point learning new ways to teach military history.

The U.S. Military Academy's Department of History hosted its annual Summer Seminar in Military History giving 20 fellows, who completed or are still working on their Ph.D.s, an intensive three weeks to hone their skills in instruction of the subject.

Seventy-five people applied for the 20 slots funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation this year and four from the countries of Nigeria, South Africa, Spain and Canada were among those selected.

"A lot of these folks are asked to teach or develop military history courses at their respective institutions," said History instructor Maj. Peter Knight, one of the officers in charge of the seminar, who noted that their courses were not only for the general population, but the ROTC cadets as well.

According to Knight that is how the program began, starting out specifically as an outreach for those teaching ROTC programs. It has grown since then.

"There is a high demand for military history courses," Knight said, "so we have this program designed to allow them to develop (an educational) teaching technique

and things that they can add to their skill set to better instruct in the field of military history."

Those techniques and skills were taught by the instructors of the USMA History Dept. during various lectures that journey through time. The three weeks of lectures began with the study of medieval warfare and the French Revolution and continued through every major American conflict from the start of the Revolutionary War right up until present day.

"You can never cover everything," Knight said, "but in the three weeks that we have these fellows here we cover a good portion of it in enough detail where it equips them to be better teachers of the discipline in general."

"It has been very interesting for me to see the West Point way of teaching history and military history in particular and I will be able to take this back home with me and apply it in my own classes," said Ralph Brown III, an assistant professor at the University of Louisiana at Monroe in Monroe, La. "It has been extremely helpful."

For Brown it was the exposure to military history from a military perspective that was beneficial because, as he explained, most of what is taught in civilian universities on military history at the Ph.D. level is war in society and not the operations.

"We don't tend to look at operations and how operations are actually conducted as much,"

Brown said. "That is a weakness if you are going to be a military historian, so what is helpful for me is to have more exposure to that."

He explained that without being in the service it is not as easy to gain that perspective and practical knowledge.

The teaching methods used at the academy were not the only ones explored during the seminar, but so were a variety ways to teach the material, according to Knight. While the Socratic Method, the preferred teaching method at the academy where students read the material ahead of time for discussion, works well in USMA's small classroom settings, he explained, it may not be as easily adapted by professors teaching two or three hundred students at a time.

The participants also toured history and not only at West Point. The seminar took staff rides to Saratoga, Antietam and Gettysburg.

The staff rides, said Knight, are more than just a battlefield tour, but an educational process where one studies the battle prior to and then goes to the battlefield to appreciate what the participants in the battle went through by looking and walking on the same terrain.

"It really helps you visualize what you are reading on the written page," Knight said, "and that is so



The Dept. of History's Lt. Col. Brian DeToy, (left), briefs military history fellowship winners during the Gettysburg Battlefield staff ride earlier this month.

PHOTO BY MAJ. JASON PALMER/HISTORY

valuable in the study of history."

Ending the three-week-long seminar and brand new to the program was the West Point Military History Symposium. For two days the 20 fellows heard from four panels of well-known historians in positions of influence to our nation's policy makers discussing the topics of insurgency and counter insurgency, nation building and the influence of historians on American policy.

"It is showing that History can inform current policy," Knight said. "The insurgency that we deal with

in Iraq today certainly isn't the first American experience to counter insurgency -- there is our whole experience in Vietnam and in the Philippines where we actually won an insurgency. There is utility not so much in lessons learned as much as thinking through the intricacies and knowing that every case is different. You have to evaluate every case on its merit, but the process of doing that becomes so much better to a person who has studied history and thought through that in multiple cases."

## Summer training here with a 'Bang'

Story and photo by  
Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

The first delivery of artillery rounds arrived Saturday and the clatter of cadet summer training along with it.

Two semi-trucks full of 1,260 rounds for the 105 mm Howitzers were off-loaded at West Point's Ammo Supply Point at Range 2 by members of the 8th Ordnance Company out of Fort Bragg, N.C., here augmenting the ASP staff for the summer.

The echo of artillery, simulators and small arms are expected to be heard by the surrounding communities of the West Point training grounds during the months of June, July and August.

"We don't fire to be firing," said Bill Thompson, the ASP manager. "We fire for the program instruction ... for the future lieutenants. We are getting them ready for when they

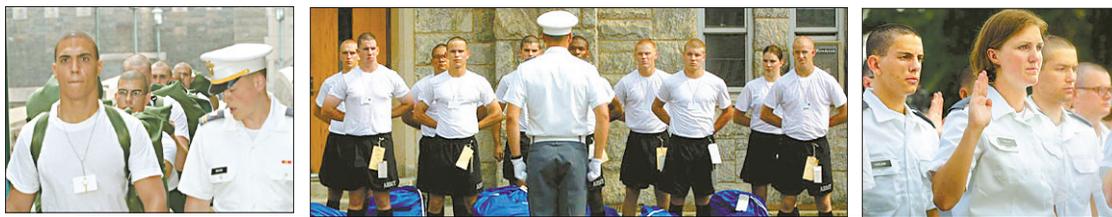


Two truck loads of ammo were delivered Saturday.

go to their units so they are already familiar with the functions of the munitions and the functions of the operations of firing that weapon, so when they get to their unit they are already trained."

Thompson, a retired sergeant major who spent his 23 years of service in the Army working with ammunition, explained that you don't get the same affect from practice ammo like you do with the real thing, and said every precaution is taken to ensure safety in the use

AMMO cont. on 11



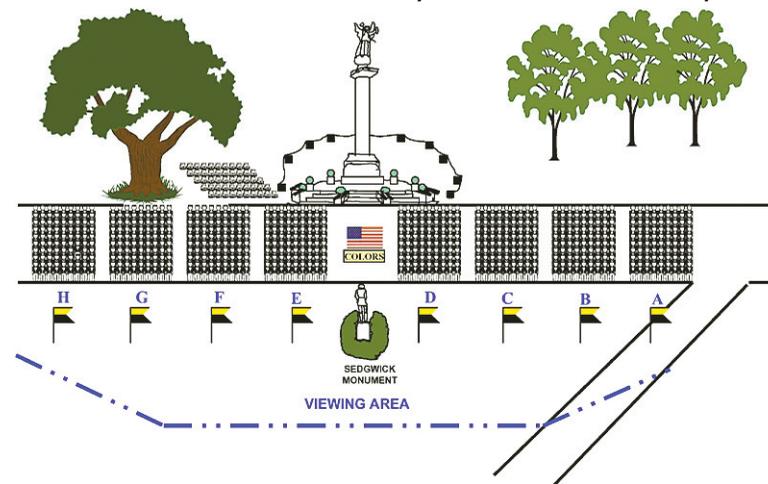
## R-DAY SCHEDULES

- 6-11:30 a.m. Parent Shuttle operational from parking lots to Eisenhower Hall
- 6 a.m. Eisenhower Hall Restaurant open
- Candidate Report Times:**
- 6:30 a.m. **SSN ending 0, 1, 2, 3**
- 7:30 a.m. **SSN ending 4, 5, 6**
- 8:30 a.m. **SSN ending 7, 8, 9**
- 6:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Parent Information Center open in Eisenhower Hall
- 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Military equipment static display at Daly Field
- 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Open House & Gift Shop open (until 4:30) at Herbert Hall Alumni Center
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tours of West Point; Ike Hall, last pick-up at 1 p.m.
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Constitution Island Tours (South Dock)
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Self-tour Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cadet Chapel, Catholic Chapel and Jewish Chapel open
- 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. West Point Museum open (Pershing Center, Highland Falls)
- 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Fort Putnam Historical Site open
- 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Visitors Center & Gift Shop open (Pershing Center, Highland Falls)
- 11-11:45 a.m. Catholic Mass at Most Holy Trinity Chapel
- 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lunch Shuttle runs
- 1-1:45 p.m. Organ Recital at Cadet Chapel
- 3-4:30 p.m. Superintendent's Welcome in Eisenhower Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Families move to the Oath Ceremony
- 5:40 p.m. Oath Ceremony at Trophy Point\*
- After ceremony Parent Shuttle from Daly Field to parking lots resumes and continues through 8 p.m.

*\*Inclement Weather Plan, Eisenhower Hall Theater Obtain tickets (2 per new cadet) at the Parents Reception Center in the morning.*

## OATH CEREMONY

- 4:30 p.m. Families move to the Oath Ceremony
- 5:40 p.m. Oath Ceremony begins\*
- Parent Shuttle from Daly Field to parking lots resumes after the ceremony, continues until 8 p.m.*



GUIDONS WILL BE IN PLACE TO GUIDE PARENTS TO THEIR CADETS COMPANY LOCATION

*\*Inclement Weather, Eisenhower Hall Theater Obtain tickets (2 per new cadet) in the morning at the Parents Reception Center.*

**Medical Aid Stations:** Located at Eisenhower Hall area and Doubleday Field.

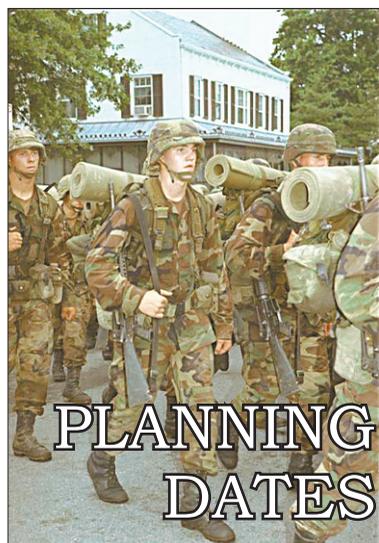
**\*\*Parent Shuttle Buses:** 6 a.m.-3 p.m. to Eisenhower Hall from lettered parking lots (A-F).

**\*\*Post Shuttle Bus:** 6:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m. - run every 30 minutes along post route.

**\*\*Lunch Shuttles:** 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. loop from Eisenhower Hall tunnel to West Point Club, Thayer Gate/Visitor's Center, Parents and guest parking Lots A-F, Post Exchange and K Lot.

**Parent Bus Tours:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Eisenhower Hall to Trophy Point around The Plain, South Dock, Herbert Hall, Cadet Chapel and back to Ike Hall.

**\*\*Shuttles will have appropriate signs**



| 2006      |              |  |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| Aug 7     | 9 a.m.       | CBT Regiment returns (Marchback)                                     |
| Aug 12    | 10 a.m.      | Acceptance Day Parade -- Class of 2010                               |
| Sep 1-4   | Labor Day    | Cadets with pass privileges may depart after completion of last duty |
| Sep 4     | 7 p.m.       | Cadets must be present for accountability formation                  |
| Sep 9     | TBA          | Home Football Game vs. Kent State                                    |
| Sep 16    | 9:15 p.m.    | Football Game vs. Texas A&M (San Antonio, Texas)                     |
| Sep 30    | TBA          | Home Football Game vs. Rice  |
| Oct 7     | TBA          | Home Football Game vs. VMI (Homecoming)                              |
| Oct 9     | Columbus Day | Classes in session   |
| Oct 13-16 | PPW          | Plebe Parent Weekend -- No classes Oct. 16                           |
| Oct 21    | TBA          | Home Football Game vs. Texas Christian Univ.                         |
| Nov 3     | 8 p.m.       | Home Football vs. Air Force  |

| Nov 10         | Veterans Day             | No classes   |
|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Nov 22-26      | Thanksgiving             | Cadets must be present for accountability formation, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.                           |
| Dec 2          | 2:30 p.m.                | Army-Navy Football Game @ Philadelphia   |
| Dec 9-16       | TEEs                     | Term End Exam Week   |
| Starts Dec. 17 | Winter Leave Ends Jan. 2 | Cadets must be present for accountability formation, Jan. 2, 6 p.m.                            |
| 2007           |                          |  |
| Jan 15         | MLK Day                  | No classes   |
| Feb 16-19      | Presidents Day Weekend   | Cadets with pass privileges may depart after completion of last duty; acct. form. 2/19, 7 p.m. |
| Mar 9-18       | Spring Leave             | Cadets must be present for acct. form. at 7 p.m., 3/18   |
| May 14-19      | TEEs                     | Term End Exam Week   |
| May 20-26      | Grad Week                | Graduation Week for Class of 2007  |
| May 26         | Graduation 9 a.m.        | Class of 2007  |

# How do I get

## to Constitution Island?

If you are at Ike Hall, take the Parent Bus Tour to South Dock and then the boat to Constitution Island. Upon your return from the Island, you can catch the next bus and take the rest of the tour.

## back to my car?

If you are at Ike Hall, go back to where you left the Parent Shuttle Bus and catch the bus back to the parking lots **OR** from 11:30-2:30 take the Lunch Shuttle Bus **OR** after the Oath Ceremony, take the Parent Shuttle from Daly Field.

## to the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center?

If you are at Ike Hall, walk to the top of the hill, cross Washington Road and you will see signs near the Dean's Quarters directing you to the Pool.

## to the Museum and/or Visitors Center?

If you are at Ike Hall, you can catch one of the southbound Post Shuttle Buses at the bottom of the hill **OR** from 11:30-2:30 take the Lunch Shuttle Bus.

## to the Association of Graduates (AOG)?

If you are at Ike Hall, take the Parent Bus Tour and it will drop you there. When you are done, you can catch the next bus and take the rest of the tour.

## to the Static Display?

If you are at Ike Hall, walk to the top of the hill, go left on Washington Road past Trophy Point and cross the road just after Battle Monument. You will see the display on Daly Field.

## to Fort Putnam?

If you are at Ike Hall, take the Parent Bus Tour and ask to be dropped at the corner of Mills and Stony Lonesome Roads (by Michie Stadium and Lusk Reservoir). Hike up Stony Lonesome Road to Delafield Road (on your right) and follow it to the entrance to the fort and follow the path up the hill **OR** catch the bus back to the parking lots, walk down the hill to Delafield Road and follow it to the fort **OR** from 11:30-2:30 take the Lunch Shuttle Bus and ask to be dropped off at Delafield Road and follow it to the fort.

# Things to do at West Point

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

As parents see their children off to the U.S. Military Academy during Reception Day Monday and before watching the 'swearing in' at the Oath Ceremony at Trophy Point, family and friends can take advantage of the many events taking place in the area. This is a good chance to get acquainted with the history and traditions of West Point where your children will be spending the next four years.

## Concert at Trophy Point

The U.S. Military Band continues the tradition of 'Music under the Stars' concert series throughout the summer until Sept. 2.

Sunday, the Jazz Knights will perform a tribute to the vocalists

at 7:30 p.m. at the Trophy Point Amphitheatre.

Guest vocalists are Joe Francis and Rob Zappulla, with selections by Sergeant's 1st Class, Laura Bradley and Mary Kay Messenger.

## Visitors Center, Gift Shop and Museum

The Visitors Center and Gift Shop are excellent starting points near the West Point Museum at Pershing Center in Highland Falls, N.Y.

The Visitors Center offers historical and informational videos, parking, rest rooms, gift shops, maps and a movie theater and continues to attract, educate and inform the public about the academy and the surrounding area.

Videos are shown every half-hour on cadet life and the history of West Point. The Visitors Center

is also accessible to those with special needs.

The Museum is considered to be the oldest and largest public collection of military history in the Western Hemisphere. Its collection represents nearly all aspects of military history and encompasses the history of West Point and the U.S. Military Academy, the evolution of warfare and the development of the American Armed Forces.

The Visitors Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Museum is open Sunday and Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

## USMA Cadet Library (self-tour)

A self-guided tour of the Cadet Library includes cadet study areas, archives and special collections including rare books from the 16th and 17th centuries. A display of

cadet class rings will be available for viewing.

The Library is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## West Point Cemetery and Old Cadet Chapel (self-tour)

There are more than 6,000 men and women buried at the West Point Cemetery, including those who died in virtually every armed conflict the United States was involved in. The history of the academy can be seen in the graves of former superintendents as well as Generals Custer, Buford and Clay.

The Old Cadet Chapel is the repository for many unusual plaques and other memorabilia including a plaque to the infamous Maj. Gen. Benedict Arnold.

The cemetery and Old Cadet Chapel is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

## Historical must sees: Museum, Fort Putnam, Constitution Island

Story and photo by  
Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

For those here to say goodbye to their loved ones entering the U.S. Military Academy for the first time there is no need to just sit around and wait for the Oath Ceremony because there is a plethora of things to do.

The oldest military installation in America is full of historical must sees including one only available to the public on Reception Day.

Fort Putnam, one of the few surviving forts of the Revolutionary War that overlooks the Plain and the Hudson River, will only be open to the public on R-Day, according to Michael McAfee, the West Point Museum curator of history. It will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The fort, located between Michie Stadium and Delafield Pond, was built in 1778 by the 5th Massachusetts Regiment under the direction of Col. Rufus Putnam, and was a key fortification in the interlocking network of forts and redoubts in the defense of West Point. Originally it was a wood and earthen redoubt that later evolved into a stone fortification.

"The fort itself was restored around 1910-1912 and what you see up there is mostly the restoration from that point," McAfee said. "Then in the 1970s, for the (nation's) bicentennial, the cannons and plaques explaining various things were added and the small artillery museum was built up there to help explain what Fort

Putnam was all about."

Another place of interest off the beaten path is Constitution Island. It can be seen when looking across the river from Trophy Point.

The island contains the first fortifications built in the West Point area during the Revolutionary War and was the location to which the Great Chain was stretched out across the Hudson River.

In the 1830s the island was bought by Henry Warner whose two daughters, well-known authors of their time, inhabited it for the duration of their lives. Anna, who is credited for writing the song "Jesus Loves Me," and her sister Susan were also known for conducting the Sunday school classes for cadets. In 1908 the island was donated to USMA.

Tours are available to Constitution Island Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and leave from South Dock. The main points of interest on the island are the Warner House, which is furnished with the family's original possessions, and the Revolutionary War fortifications.

If there is still time to kill after going to Fort Putnam and Constitution Island or you are looking for something to do indoors and out of the heat, another historical must see is the West Point Museum.

The museum, located just outside of Thayer Gate behind the Visitors Center, is normally open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. It was first opened to the public in 1854 and holds the largest, most diversified collection of



The West Point Museum is located on South Post.

military artifacts in the Western Hemisphere.

It is an especially good place for parents of new cadets to visit, McAfee explained.

"They'll want to gain some idea of the history and the traditions of West Point which they can do here at the museum," McAfee said. "We have one gallery dedicated to just West Point and its history."

The museum has six exhibits total on display, only 5 or 6 percent of its collection, and, according to McAfee, is a good reason for parents to keep coming back to the museum throughout their cadet's 47-month experience here.

"It is impossible to see every single exhibit in one day if you really stop and look at things," McAfee said, explaining that there are a lot of important things that could be easily missed. "We

have everything from a pair of pistols and a sword belonging to Napoleon to Custer's last message. (We have) all sorts of flags and we cover a whole range of warfare in the western world from ancient times right up to the present. There is a lot of time to cover and it is too much to take in just one visit."

New on display this summer is an exhibit surrounding the Civil War era artillery piece known as the Parrot Rifled Cannon.

It was the most widely used cannon by the U.S. government during the war and was named after an 1824 USMA Graduate Robert Parker Parrott.

"It was so widely used that it was described in one of the West Point publications as 'conspicuously serviceable as a gun,'" McAfee said.



## JUNE/JULY MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |   |  |
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| <p>ACS, bldg. 622 • 938-4621<br/>                     AEC, bldg. 683 • 938-3762<br/>                     Arts &amp; Crafts, bldg. 648 • 938-4812<br/>                     Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 • 938-2074<br/>                     BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 • 938-6497<br/>                     Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 • 938-2140<br/>                     CDC, bldg. 1207 • 938-4798/4523<br/>                     CDS, bldg. 1207 • 938-2092/2035<br/>                     Community Rec Div • 938-2401<br/>                     Delafield Pond • 938-5139/5158<br/>                     Fitness Center, bldg. 683 • 938-6490<br/>                     Golf Course • 938-2435/2327<br/>                     Holleder Center • 938-4236</p> |  | <p>ITR, bldg. 695 • 938-3601/2401<br/>                     AVC, bldg. 2104 • 938-3655<br/>                     Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 • 938-3926<br/>                     Outdoor Rec • 938-2503<br/>                     Post Library, bldg. 622 • 938-2974<br/>                     Round Pond • 938-2503/3860<br/>                     School Age Services, bldg. 1207 • 938-8530<br/>                     West Point Club, bldg. 603 • 938-5120, 446-5506<br/>                     Ski Lodge • 938-3726/3727<br/>                     Youth Services, bldg. 500 • 938-3727<br/>                     Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 • 938-3817<br/> <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p> |   |  |  | <p><b>West Point Bowling Center</b></p> <p><b>Open Bowling:</b><br/>                     Sun.-1300-1800<br/>                     Mon. 1600-2100<br/>                     Tue. Closed<br/>                     Wed. &amp; Thur. 1130-1900<br/>                     Fri. 1130-2300<br/>                     Sat. 0900-2300</p> <p><b>Galactic Bowling:</b><br/>                     Every Fri. &amp; Sat. 1700-2300</p> <p><b>Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ &amp; Primo's Pizza</b></p> | <p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Pony Softball Tournaments,</b><br/>                     MWR Sports, 0700-Dusk (Jun. 23-25)</p> | <p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Coney Island Mermaid Parade,</b> ITR, 1000-1800</p> |
| <p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Tour NYC,</b> ITR, 0900-1700<br/> <b>Bosu Strength, 1600, Butts &amp; Guts, 1700,</b> MWR Fitness Center Every Sunday</p>   | <p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Golf Course Closed for Outside Event</b><br/> <b>Wee Ones Play Group,</b> ACS, 0930-1100</p>  | <p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Crayola Factory,</b> ITR, 0830-1530</p> <p><b>Preparation Briefing, 1400, Family Readiness Group Information Session, 1900,</b> ACS</p>   | <p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Overseas Briefing, Germany, 1500, Korea, 1330,</b> ACS</p> <p><b>General Parenting Overview, 1130, Marketing Yourself for a Second Career, 1630,</b> ACS</p> | <p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Theater Van to Broadway,</b> ITR, 1700-2330<br/> <b>Targeting Stress,</b> ACS, 1130-1300</p>            | <p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Mongolian BBQ,</b> WP Club, 1700-2100</p>                         | <p><b>JULY 1</b></p> <p><b>Bosu &amp; Core, 0900, Spinning, 1000,</b> MWR Fitness Center<br/> <b>Open Bowling, 1130-2300, Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300,</b> WP Bowl</p>  |   |  |
| <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>4th July Fireworks &amp; USMA Band Concert at Trophy Point, 2000</b><br/> <b>Bosu Strength, 1600, Butts &amp; Guts, 1700,</b> MWR Fitness Center</p>   | <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Wee Ones Play Group, 0930-1100,</b> ACS, Mondays in July</p> <p><b>Dollar Night, 1600-2100,</b> WP Bowl<br/> <b>Independence Day Collage, 1600,</b> YS</p> | <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>4th of July Holiday</b></p> <p>All MWR activities closed except for Round Pond, Morgan Farm, Delafield Pond &amp; Bowling</p>  | <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Newcomer's Welcome, 0930, Re-Entry Workshop, 1030,</b> ACS<br/> <b>Teen Night, 1800-2100,</b> YS (grades 9-12)</p>  | <p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Theater Van to Broadway, 1700-2330,</b> ITR<br/> <b>School Age Night, 1800-2000,</b> YS (grades 3-5)</p> | <p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300,</b> Fridays at the Bowling Center</p> | <p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Creative Movement, 0900, Jazz &amp; Tap Combo, 1000, Ballet, 1115,</b> YS<br/> <b>Bosu &amp; Core, 0900, Spinning, 1000,</b> MWR Fitness Center</p>   |   |  |

## DPW Notes

### Scheduled electrical shut-down

There will be a scheduled electrical outage in the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics housing on Worth Place Thursday beginning at 8 a.m. and will last roughly two hours.

The outage is to accommodate contractor repair and upgrades to the electrical transformer.

The following buildings will be affected:

- Public Buildings: 146, 683, 697 and the U.S. Mint
- DIA Housing: 1003 - 1013 and 1050
- Army Family Housing:
  - New Brick, Buildings 525-589
  - Lee Area, Buildings 150-298

■ Dunover Court, Buildings 134, 136, 139 and 142

■ Washington Road, Buildings 336, 340, 344, 348 and 352

The work will be done weather permitting.

For more info., call Directorate of Public Works, Customer Relations at 938-4407.

## 5th annual West Point

### Pet Fair Saturday

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Vet Clinic, Bldg. 630, (Parking at J Lot)

**Pets welcome. All pets must be on a leash or in a pet carrier. Call 938-3817 for more info.**

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday -- RV, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday -- The Wild, G, 2 p.m.**

**Saturday -- Poseidon, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**June 30 -- RV, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**July 1 -- Mission Impossible 3, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**July 7 -- The Da Vinci Code, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**July 8 -- Over the Hedge, PG, 2:30 p.m.**

**July 8 -- X-Men: The Last Stand, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

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

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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# What's Happening

## AOG Open House

The Association of Graduates invites all family members and friends of the Class of 2010 to an Open House at the Herbert Alumni Center Monday during Reception Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be complimentary refreshments, USMA parent bumper stickers and 2010 key chains.

The event is sponsored by the USMA Class of 1960.

## Highland Falls events

All senior citizens in Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery and West Point are invited to Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio's barbeque luncheon at Long Pond Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m.

The luncheon is free. If anyone needs a ride or you need more info call 446-3400/3828.

## Summer playground fun

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host weekly summer playground fun Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the New Brick playground.

Call 859-4182/446-5307 for more information.

## Red Cross volunteers needed

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to help in process new cadets during Reception Day,

Monday.

Call 938-4100 to volunteer.

## Ladies' Golf Clinic

The West Point Ladies' Golf Club is hosting a golf clinic Thursday for interested lady golfers. The lessons are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Golf Course with golf pro Shawn Kapusinsky.

E-mail Barbara Fletcher at [yb1956@usma.edu](mailto:yb1956@usma.edu) to sign up.

## Community welcome

The West Point Women's Club and the Daughters of the U.S. Army are having a Community Welcome for Judy Hagenbeck and Shelly Caslen Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cullum Hall.

There will be refreshments and no RSVP is required.

For more information call Gwenn Wallace at 446-5708.

## Fourth of July volunteers needed

The Town of Highlands Ambulance Corp is looking for dedicated and responsible volunteers on the Fourth of July to help at their fundraiser booths.

Call Gen at (845) 446-3101 to sign up or e-mail [THACVolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:THACVolunteer@gmail.com).

## ID card facility closure

The ID card facility at 622 Swift

Road will be closed July 11 and 12 for an upgrade of their software and equipment.

Call Earl Vass at (845) 938-8474 for more information.

## Civilian ID card renewal

All civilian employees whose Common Access Cards will expire in 2006 can renew them no earlier than two weeks prior to the expiration date. Issue will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 622.

## Family Day in the Park

The local chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. are sponsoring their 7th annual Family Day in the Park July

8 from noon to 8 p.m. at Downing Park in Newburgh, N.Y. There will be live music, games, races, arts and crafts, vendors and food. For more info. call (845) 838-7848.

## New Cadet Visitation Day

The U.S. Corps of Cadets will conduct New Cadet Visitation Day July 16 from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Sing-ups for staff and faculty sponsors is now open on the USCC Web page at [www-internal.uscc.usma.edu](http://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu).

Sponsors should report to the bleachers on the Plain no later than 1 p.m. and should look for seating in the sections according to their last names.

Call 938-8804/8145 for more info.

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of the \$6 million of ammo that is received for summer training.

"There are double and triple checks," Thompson said. "When the ammunition comes from the depot it is inspected to make sure that it is serviceable, and when the ammunition reaches West Point it is inspected again."

The ammo also gets re-inspected as units return live rounds not used on the range. After re-inspection it is given a seal of approval that says it is exactly the same as when it came from the depot before it can be reissued out again.

There are also safety precautions for the vehicles transporting the ammo as well.

"Every vehicle that comes in here is inspected for the serviceability, to make sure there are no safety violations," Thompson said. "They have got to have two fire extinguishers, no oil leaks, no gas leaks and all the lights and brakes work. If a vehicle shows up and the vehicle can't pass the ammo inspection then they don't get loaded up. They have to go back and get another vehicle."

Other safety precautions include storing the high explosive ammunition in 16 explosive proof containers. Each container, weighing 22,000 pounds empty, is locked and protected by an alarm system.

"These are designed where if they didn't sustain the blast internally then the doors would blow off and then the ammo would go out that way," said Thompson, who explained that throughout his entire 36-year career in ammunition he has never had an incident.

A big part of ensuring that safety comes from the help of the



**Spc. Jason Laurencelle inspects ammo at the ASP.**

members of the 8th Ordnance Company who were tasked here to assist in the handling of the munitions.

"We couldn't do the mission unless we had the augmentees from the 8th Ordnance," said Thompson, explaining there are too many procedures and steps to do the operation without them.

"We will actually be doing the storage, the downloading and uploading, the issue, the receipts and the shipments outside of the West Point area," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Craig Hancock, an ammo technician and the operations officer in charge of the West Point ASP.

Working with the ASP is not a usual thing for the ordnance Soldiers, according to Hancock, as most ASPs are now civilian run.

"It actually gives the Soldiers coming straight out of (advanced individual training) and some of those who haven't deployed down range a real world experience," Hancock said. "It is hands on experience that they wouldn't get back in the rear."

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

**Music Under the Stars**

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Jazz Knights, *Tribute to the Vocalists*, June 25, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Knights "Little Big Band," *Legends of American Music*, July 9, 7:30 p.m.

Concert Band, Fireworks and Cannon, *Happy Birthday USA!*, July 2 (Rain date: July 3), 8:00 p.m.

Jazz Knights, *Jazz Americana: Diverse and Popular*, July 16, 7:30 p.m.

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# Delafield Pond slides just part of 'new look'

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

There is a new look to Delafield Pond here. A new, bright yellow water slide was completed in May and introduced to the community with a Grand Opening June 16.

"The water slide was constructed over the winter," said Thane Kelley, chief of the recreation division of the directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation here.

To ensure the safety of the children, there are regulations regarding the age of children using the slide.

"If a child is under the age of 14, he or she will need to take a swim test," Kelley said. "They will get a wrist band and then they will be allowed on the slide."

A lifeguard is posted on top of the slide to regulate the timing of the children's plunge. There is a lifeguard on a surfboard in the

water in the plunge area and a lifeguard on deck.

"All lifeguards share responsibility to ensure the safety of the children," Kelley added.

Thirteen-year-old Danny Trainor said he enjoyed going down the slide.

"Once you go around the turns you slide faster and faster," he said. "It's really cool."

Other renovations include the addition of 100 lounge chairs and rubber matting that will be put down on the entire deck area, including the slide area.

"We also renovated the bath house, electrical system, painted and we now have hot water for showers," Kelley said. "The matting is non-skid and it is heat resistant."

Delafield Pond hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until Labor Day.

For more information, call 938-5139.



The new slides at Delafield Pond opened June 16 and seem to be a hit.

## MWR Blurbs

### West Point Club

There will be a Reception Day Buffet at the West Point Club Monday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

For more information, call 938-5120 or 446-5504.

### Youth Services

The Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America and the Allstate Foundation are seeking short essays, poems, stories and personal reflections about diversity from Club members of all ages for inclusion in a book.

Contest winners will receive a personal copy of the book and a \$50 gift card.

Please turn in entries to Julie Vanderberg at Youth Services by

Monday.

For more info., call 938-8184.

### Youth Services

Free overnight summer camp for military kids at Kamp Kiwanis in Taberg, N.Y., from July 2 to 7, ages 8 to 14.

Must be active duty military residing in New York State.

Apply at YS or call (315) 336-4568.

### West Point Club

The West Point Club Barber Shop summer hours from now until Aug. 7 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will resume Aug. 7.

For more information, call 938-2749.

### USMA 5K/10K, Kids Fun Run

Advance registration for the annual USMA 5K/10K and Kid's 1-mile Fun Run, Aug. 26, has begun on the Web at [www.active.com](http://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 summer.

Stepping Stones: July 8, 22, 29

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 for prices.

### Army 10-Miler

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be sponsoring four runners to represent West Point for the 22nd Annual Army 10-Miler Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C.

The runners must be active duty military.

Categories include: one male and one female in the open division and one male and one female in the master's division.

All runners will be funded through official TDY orders, from Oct. 7 to 9, including transportation and lodging.

Interested runners need to submit three finishing times from 10K races completed over the past 12 months to be eligible.

Selections will be based upon average times of all three races.

The deadline for submission is Aug. 8 at noon.

Submit information to Connie Woodley, MWR Special Events Coordinator, Bldg. 681, 2nd floor.

For more information go to [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com).

### ITR cruises

More great military cruise rates just came in to the Installation

Ticketing and Registration Office, including an eight-day cruise leaving from New York City.

"Friends and Family" cruise rates run until June 30.

Call Deb at ITR for more information at 938-2401.

### ACS needs your feedback

Army Community Service wants to hear from you. Log on to the ACS homepage <http://www.usma.edu/mwr/ACTIVITY/ACS/Wpacs.htm>, by today and click the "ACS Needs Assessment" link, or stop by the center in Building 622 to pick up a copy.

West Point ACS will use the information gathered from the survey to evaluate current services and to assist in future programming initiatives.

### 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.

A scholarship opportunity will be available to participants 16- to 18-years old.

Call Youth Services at 938-3727 for more info.

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

## Command Channel 8/23

June 23 - June 30

### FRIDAY

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

### MONDAY

7 a.m. to 2 p.m. USMA in the News  
Every hour on the hour  
6 p.m. 2006 Oath Ceremony  
(Live)

### TUESDAY - JUNE 30

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

# Keller Corner

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## Sponsoring an incoming family?

If you are sponsoring an incoming family, please ensure that they are informed about TRICARE Prime if they intend to use Keller as their primary source of medical care.

You can also refer them to the TRICARE Service Center in Highland Falls so they can fully understand their options for health care.

A Healthnet customer service

representative is also available at the Keller Hospital front lobby on Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. until noon to assist with enrollment or other TRICARE questions.

This is the only way to guarantee that they will have a primary doctor at Keller and to guarantee that they will be seen for routine medical care, such as well woman exams, school physicals and routine care of chronic medical problems.

Patients who are not enrolled in TRICARE Prime will be seen in the

Primary Care and Speciality clinics on a space-available basis.

## KACH Closures

All Outpatient Clinics, Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology will be closed July 3 and 4.

The Emergency Room will remain open.

## YS grants

The Department of Education has announced two new grants for the 2006-2007 school year.

The Academic Competitiveness and National SMART grants will provide high performing college students with up to \$4,000 a year for maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA. For more info., call 938-8899.

# Army and Community Sports

## DIA wins second IM Softball Tournament

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics' shortstop Todd Powers smashed three homers and drove in six runs in the championship game of the Staff and Faculty Intramural Softball Tournament Monday to power DIA past West Point Security 20-10 at Buffalo Soldier Field.

DIA (5-1) had to battle back against W.P. Security (6-2) as Security took game one 15-5 to give Intercollegiate Athletics their first loss in the double-elimination tournament.

DIA jumped out early in the

deciding game as leftfielder Chris Hollender singled home third baseman Kevin Schoepfer and Powers to give his team the 2-0 lead. First baseman Eric Bartelt followed with a triple that scored Hollender and right-centerfielder Pete Boyer knocked home Bartelt with a double to stake DIA to a 4-0 top-of-the-first lead.

W.P. Security cut the lead in half at 4-2 in the bottom of the first, however, DIA added another run on catcher Gene McIntyre's RBI single in the top of the second to take a 5-2 advantage.

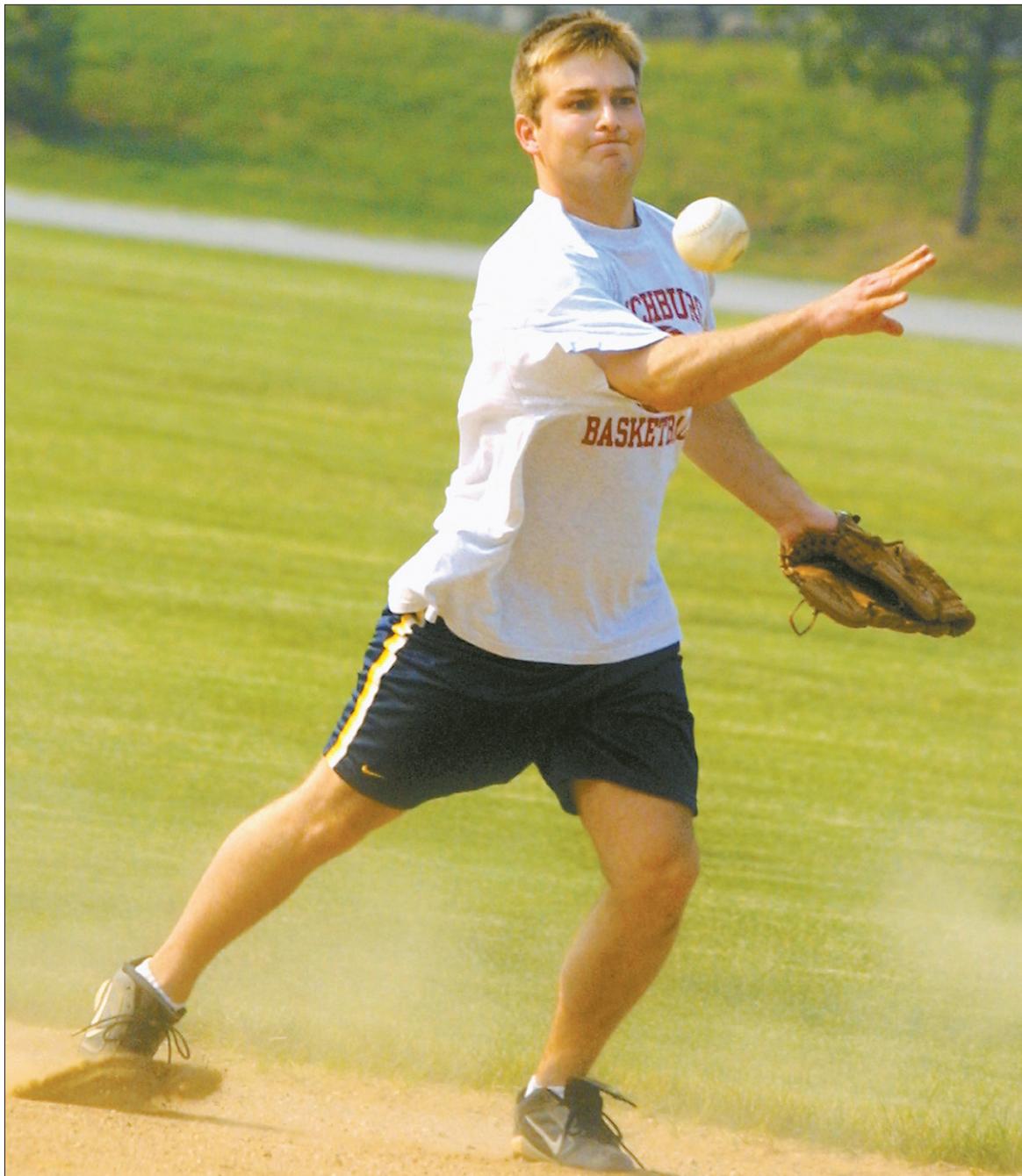
Intercollegiate Athletics would explode for six runs in the third inning led by Hollender's leadoff

double and then capped by a two-run home run by rightfielder Jason Heiar and a double and run scored by extra hitter Annie Holliday.

"My first at bat I grounded out, so I felt I needed to redeem myself," Holliday said. "I was pretty excited that I got it over their heads because this whole tournament it took me a while to find my groove."

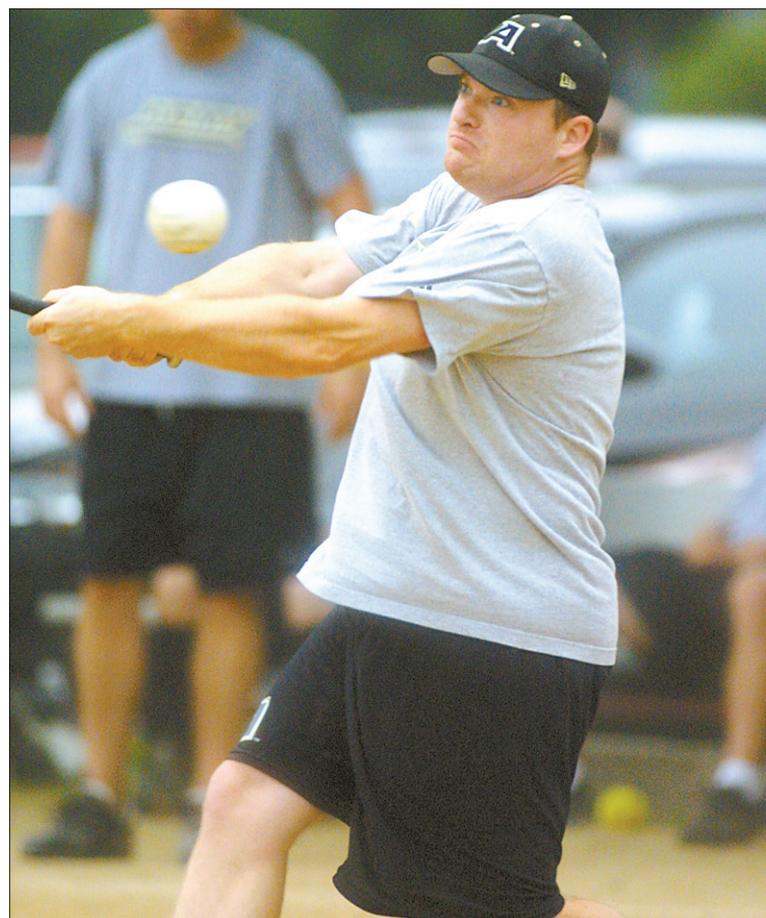
W.P. Security drew closer over the next two innings to make it 13-9, but DIA would add to its lead with a two-run shot by Powers and RBI singles by Boyer and pitcher Jim Fox to give them a 17-9 lead.

Fox would continue to limit the damage of the strong W.P. **SOFTBALL, see page 15**



Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics' second baseman Matt Borman makes a throw to first base during game one of Monday's Staff and Faculty Intramural Softball Tournament at Buffalo Soldier Field. DIA lost the first game to West Point Security 15-5, then won the deciding double-elimination game 20-10.

PHOTOS BY MADY SALVANI



DIA rightfielder Jason Heiar helped his team in the deciding game of the IM Softball Championship Monday by ripping a triple and then knocking a two-run home run.



West Point Security catcher Daryl Woods catches a pop up off of DIA Jason Heiar's bat.

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Security bats as they only scored one run in the sixth to make it 17-10.

Powers then ended the game with a three-run blast to give DIA the championship in the second IM Softball Tournament.

"(W.P. Security pitcher Joe Senger) threw me an outside pitch that I could hit to right field and it felt good to hit a home run to win the tournament," Powers said.

Powers was a strong hitter throughout the tournament as he helped DIA ten-run each opponent in the first four games until W.P.



**DIA shortstop Todd Powers had a big finish in the deciding game of the IM Softball Tournament as he powered three home runs, including the three-run homer that clinched the tournament, while knocking home six runners to help lift DIA to the 20-10 victory.**

Security halted the streak with a 15-5 victory in the first game Monday.

"The first game was a little disappointing. They had the bats going in the first game and placed the ball really well," Powers explained. "They had a great defense in the first game and kept us to five runs which is great considering we beat everybody previously by the ten-run rule.

"The second game they played really well, but we got our bats rolling," Powers added. "They had a great pitcher and great shortstops in both games and it's a credit to them for beating us like that the first game."

W.P. Security did break out the whooping sticks in game one as leftfielder Aaron Cichon belted a solo shot in the first inning to get his team rolling.

Cichon would also lift his team in the third inning with a leadoff single to begin a succession of hits by shortstop Pete Talavera, third baseman Bill Lewis and Senger that led to Security's 7-2 lead.

Second baseman Jason Torpey smacked a home run to begin the top of the fourth and right-centerfielder Miguel Masso added a run to put W.P. Security up 9-2.

Both teams traded multiple runs in the fifth inning as W.P. Security added four and DIA scored three runs.

W.P. Security would complete their game one dominance by scoring two runs in the sixth as first baseman Kevin Mignone sacrificed home the winning run.

Despite losing the first game,

Powers felt his team had enough in the tank and had a strong bench to complete the championship run.

"We have a really good team. We mixed and matched people the whole tournament and came together using many different players," Powers said. "It truly showed what a team sport is all about and DIA did that well."

## Volkksmarch and USMA 5K/10K

Volkksport Club of West Point invites everyone to a 10K walk of the year-round trail in Highland Falls Sunday.

All walkers are invited to a pre-walk breakfast at Park Restaurant at 9 a.m. Walk registration will be at 10:15 a.m. at the West Point Visitor's Center. For more information, call 446-4709.

The USMA 5K/10K takes place Aug. 26 at West Point. The 5K race starts at 8 a.m. while the 10K race starts at 8:30 a.m. A kids' one-mile fun race will take place at 7:45 a.m.

To register, go to [active.com](http://active.com) and type in keywords "West Point" or "USMA 5K/10K."